



ReSPA

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REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON THE PRESENTATION OF THE PRACTICAL RIA PACKAGE

30 September-01 October 2021, Tirana, Albania

Provisional Programme and Agenda

Venue: TBC

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Background

The Regional School of Public Administration has continuously supported its members in the **domain of Better Regulation and Regulatory Reform**. One of the objectives of the ReSPA Strategy is to improve the implementation of PAR and PFM Strategies in the Western Balkans through, among others, alignment of policy making and legal drafting with the EU Better Regulation agenda. In that regard, in 2018 ReSPA developed a Regional [Study on Better Regulation](#) and has formalized the [Ministerial Document entitled “Western Balkans Recommendations on Public Participation”](#) which was endorsed by Ministers in charge for public administration from Western Balkan in November 2017. The Working Group on Better Regulation meets periodically and continues to offer programmatic streamlining of ReSPA's activities within these intervention areas and enables peer exchange among the member countries.

Based on the findings and recommendations of various available analysis and papers in the domain of Better Regulation in the Region, ReSPA, through the engagement of an external expert, **prepared the so-called “Practical RIA package”**, which will serve to the public administrations in the Region to improve their competences and capacities in the domain of Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA). The package is composed of the followings:

- Standardized, updated and all-inclusive **RIA Template**, including brief explanations (practical tips) on how to fill it;
- Standardized, updated and all-inclusive **Standard Cost Model (SCM) template**, including brief explanations (practical tips) on how to fill it;
- Standardized, updated and all-inclusive templates for **cost-benefit analysis (CBA); cost-effectiveness analysis (CEA) and multi-criteria analysis (MCA)**, including brief explanations (practical tips) on how to fill them;

The administrations from the WBs may rely on these documents and embed all or some of them, into their internal RIA frameworks, in line with their respective needs. In order to make a thorough presentation, explanation and initiate a debate on the “Practical RIA package” and the way how to utilize it, ReSPA will organize this regional workshop with the participation of various officials from the administrations from the Region who deal with preparation and/or oversight of RIA processes within their administrations. In addition, ReSPA expert will provide a presentation on the usage of these kind of templates (or similar) in EU countries, state of art of RIA frameworks in EU Member states, best examples, potential recommendations, etc.

The Expert

Erik Akse is an expert in EU decision-making and policy development. Since 2002, he implements Better Regulation policies such as ex-ante Impact Assessment, ex-post Evaluation, Stakeholder Consultation, Administrative Burden Reduction, and Legislative Simplification. He worked, among others, at the Dutch administration, the European Commission and the Western Balkans. He is co-founder and non-executive Director of Training at the Impact Assessment Institute. He published several books and articles on EU decision-making, the EU policy cycle, and EU Impact Assessment.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

DAY I: Thursday, 30 September 2021

08.45	<i>Welcome coffee and registration of participants</i>
09.00 – 09.15	Welcoming speech and introduction of ReSPA focus on Better Regulation and Policy Coordination <i>Dragan Djurić, Programme Manager Coordinator, ReSPA</i> <i>Gentian Xhaxhiu, Programme Manager (Legal), ReSPA</i>
09.15 – 09.30	Opening of the workshop by setting the agenda and introduction of all participants <i>Gentian Xhaxhiu, Programme Manager (Legal), ReSPA</i>
09.30 – 11.00	Session 1: State of art of Better Regulation and RIA frameworks in EU Member states as well as in Western Balkans, best examples. <i>Erik Akse, External ReSPA Expert</i> <i>Followed by questions, answers and discussion</i>
11.00 – 11.30	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.30 – 13.00	Session 2: The practical RIA Package. What is it? Why is it helpful? Presentation of the Standardized RIA Template <i>Erik Akse, External ReSPA Expert</i> <i>Followed by questions, answers and discussion</i>
13.00 – 14.30	<i>Lunch</i>
14.30 – 15.30	Session 3: Presentation of the standardized, updated and all-inclusive Standard Cost Model (SCM) template <i>Erik Akse, External ReSPA Expert</i> <i>Followed by questions, answers and discussion</i>
19.30	<i>Social gathering</i>

DAY II: Friday, 01 October 2021

09.15	<i>Welcome coffee and registration of participants</i>
09.30 – 09.40	Recap of Day I
09.40 – 10.40	Session 4: Presentation of the standardized, updated and all-inclusive templates for cost-benefit analysis (CBA); cost-effectiveness analysis (CEA) and multi-criteria analysis (MCA). <i>Erik Akse, External ReSPA Expert</i> <i>Followed by questions, answers and discussion</i>
10.40 – 11.00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.00 – 11.50	Session 5: Capacity development for better regulation, comparison of experiences, presentation of the successful practise <i>Erik Akse, External ReSPA Expert</i> <i>Representatives of the national administrations share their experiences in their home administrations</i> <i>Followed by questions, answers and discussion</i>
11.50 – 12.40	Session 6: Recommendations for strengthening better regulation in the Western Balkans Closing remarks <i>Erik Akse, External ReSPA Expert</i> <i>Gentian Xhaxhiu, Programme Manager (Legal), ReSPA</i> <i>Questions, answers and discussions</i>
12.40 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
	End of the workshop