

IMPACT ASSESSMENT INSTITUTE

PROVIDING CREDIBLE SCRUTINY
OF EVIDENCE FOR POLICY-MAKING



The Institute conducts detailed impartial scrutiny of evidence for policy-making, in particular analysing Impact Assessments, as a contribution to the EU's Better Regulation Agenda.



New IAI Analytics facility for clients: this year we have extended our activities to studies commissioned by stakeholders and governmental institutions, scrutinising Impact Assessments and other evidence.



We provide training courses and information seminars about how to work successfully with Impact Assessments as a key part of the EU legislative process, to support better policy-making.

OUR PROPOSITION

In the new legislative period and Commission mandate, scrutiny will be more valuable than ever. With our new Analytics facility for clients, we provide credible assessments on the accuracy and robustness of evidence for EU policies.



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OUR MISSIONS

FROM FOUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES...



...WE HAVE DEVELOPED 3 MAIN MISSIONS:

IMPACT ASSESSMENT INSTITUTE

The name "Impact Assessment Institute" was chosen as a reflection of our core mission: the scrutiny of evidence for policy-making contained in impact assessments. We cover the entire policy process, from inception of a policy, Ex-ante Impact Assessments accompanying policy/legislative proposals, institutional amendments and Ex-post evaluations. We scrutinise the evidence to evaluate its robustness for EU decision-making and verify compliance with Better Regulation principles. We also conduct analyses of cross-cutting issues relevant to Better Regulation. The Institute's studies are self-selected and conducted pro-bono as a contribution to EU policy making.

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New facility for clients

analytics

The Impact Assessment Institute Analytics division performs an equivalent service tailored for clients, compiling detailed scrutiny of impact assessments, studies and other evidence.

We accept commissioned studies from public and private organisations when their requirements are compatible with our guiding principles. Working according to an agreed deadline and framework, IAI Analytics performs the commissioned scrutiny objectively to provide a credible assessment of the evidence in question.

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training

The European Union is a complex organisation characterised by lengthy and comprehensive decision-making processes.

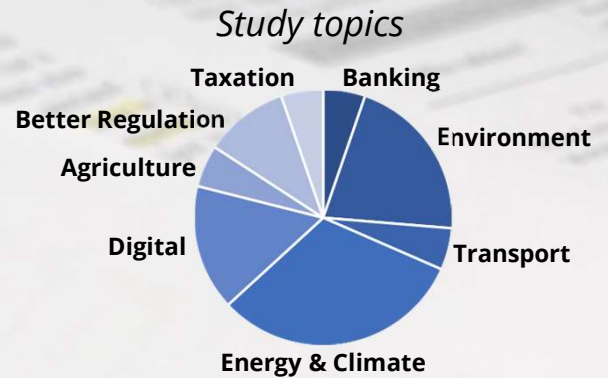
The Training division of the Institute provides courses and information seminars that explain how EU policies are developed and how stakeholders can contribute to the evidence base of these decisions. In addition, we provide trainings on the Better Regulation Agenda and can advise on the approach to specific Impact Assessments.



OUR STUDIES

We have compiled 20 studies scrutinising:

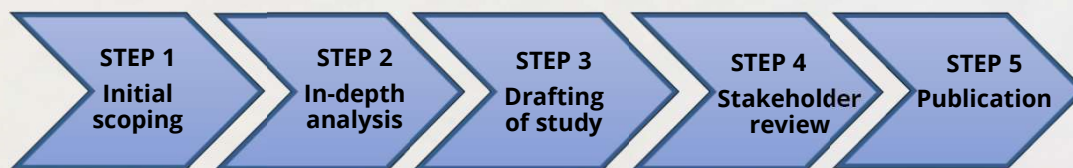
- Ex-ante Impact Assessments
- Inception Impact Assessments
- Staff Working Documents
- *Cross-cutting aspects of Better Regulation*



METHODOLOGY

Aligned to the legislative timeline, we assess the robustness of Impact Assessments according to six criteria: rhetoric, assumptions, data, analysis, results and the coherence with the legislative proposal. We consult expert stakeholders to gain insight into the impacts. At the final stage, we request and respond to stakeholder feedback on our draft study. Our reports deliver credible conclusions on evidence for policy-making and provide a consistent incentive to the institutions to improve EU Impact Assessments.

Our Scrutiny Process



CASE STUDIES ON IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

Energy Efficiency Directive



Our main findings:

- Mostly neutral rhetoric.
- Range of economic modelling assumptions too broad.
- Little or no supporting data presented to provide context for the results.
- Economic modelling unavailable for detailed scrutiny.
- Little analysis of how necessary consumer investments can be realised in practice.
- Price elasticity assessments would have enhanced the analysis.
- No clear case for the 30% energy savings policy option.

ePrivacy Regulation

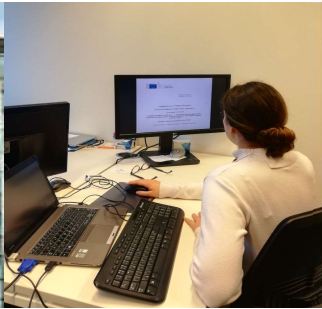


Our main findings:

- Time for the review and Impact Assessment not sufficient to generate robust evidence.
- Policy Options were designed before the end of the data-gathering process.
- Potential incompatibility of ePrivacy with GDPR not addressed.
- Data and methodology not robust enough to support conclusions.
- Impacts on Fundamental Rights were not fully assessed.
- Inconsistencies between impact assessment and proposal.



ABOUT US



Dr. Simon Godwin

Founding Chairman and
Managing Director

"Through careful planning, consultation and the execution of studies, we have ensured that the Institute's structure and procedures support its impartiality and credibility, creating the added value that it brings to EU regulatory policy."

Erik Akse

Founding Vice-Chairman and
Director of Training

"The Institute works to create confidence in EU decision-making. It rigorously screens the robustness of the facts and figures that underpin EU legislation and policies. The IAI works for all stakeholders and is uniquely open and transparent."

Brussels Office

A growing team of dedicated individuals committed to the Institute's principles

Our Research Associates are high-quality graduates from the College of Europe. They assess the evidence, carry out additional analysis and draft the reports for our scrutiny studies. They work for the Institute's original mandate and for the new Analytics division.

We are committed to the evidence



Feel free to contact us to discuss how we can further support evidence-based policy making

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