

## **Institutional Cooperation vs Institutional Resistance in Better Regulation:**

How to incite the former and overcome the latter  
in order to facilitate smooth adoption of innovation

16 March 2022, 9.00 – 12.00 (CET), MS Teams

The efforts to improve regulatory decision-making have a number of dimensions. The essential tools are administrative simplification, public consultation, evidence-based policy, and consideration of regulatory alternatives. Over the last decades, regulatory impact analysis has become a complex procedure that provides an incentive framework for incorporating those innovative instruments into regulatory policy.

However, the implementation of RIA and other better regulation processes into national practice has often been faced with a certain degree of institutional resistance from key players. Even after the formal adoption of various sets of rules, in practice better regulation tools face many substantial challenges and efforts towards sole formal implementation. The clear political demand and support is of key importance.

Experience of RIA pioneers and flagship implementation models may provide valuable insights and inspiration for future enactment of innovative approaches to regulatory policy. The workshop aims to learn from examples of past successes and explore ways to achieve smooth adoption of innovation in the future.

### **Agenda**

09:00 **Welcome and Introduction by RIA Board, Czechia** (10 min)

09:15 **Tour de Table for Self-introduction of all Participants** (5 min)

#### **Part I**

*Two distinguished speakers who stood at the very beginning of the Regulatory Impact Assessment process in Czechia and made a significant contribution to its establishment. Both have successfully “exported” their expertise abroad and will share their experience with putting new better regulation tools into practice.*

09:15 **Presentation: Daniel Trnka – OECD** (15 min)

09:30 **Presentation: Zdeněk Kudrna – New Zealand Treasury** (15 min)

09:45 **Discussion and Q&A** (20 min)

10:05 – 10:15 Coffee break (breaks will be flexible)

## **Part II**

*The speakers will present their experience with institutional cooperation as well as institutional resistance to change. Best practices and not so good practices will be unveiled and discussed.*

10:15           **Presentation: Jan Kravčík – Government Office, Czechia (15 min)**

10:30           **Presentation: Richard Juřík – Ministry of the Environment, Czechia (15 min)**

10:45           **Presentation: Peter Kováč – RIA Commission, Slovakia (15 min)**

11:00           **Discussion and Q&A (15 min)**

11:15 – 11:25 Coffee break (breaks will be flexible)

## **Part III**

*All participant will be divided into three separate groups to discuss selected topics and issues in more detail. The designated rapporteur will then present the main findings and experiences that emerge from discussions to the plenary.*

11:25           **Discussion in Breakout Groups (20 min)**

Breakout Group 1:   ***Garnering political support for innovation.*** *Should we approach decision-makers and how? What are the risks? Does your institutional culture enable it? Do politicians benefit from the status-quo?*

Breakout Group 2:   ***Institutional openness / resistance to innovation in administrations.*** *No politician says no to innovation. But to truly implement it is a completely different thing. What are the major causes of change resistance? Do you have experience in overcoming it?*

Breakout Group 3:   ***Creating incentives to promote change in bureaucratic systems.*** *How can regulatory oversight bodies contribute to adoption of quality set of rules which directly affects them? Does your institutional set-up allow you to push through useful changes from a bottom-up perspective?*

11:45           **Reports Back to the Plenary and Final Summary**

12:00           Meeting ends