ReSPA

Regional School of Public Administration

BUILDING TOGETHER GOVERNANCE FOR THE FUTURE

Consultative Meeting on Better Regulation

18 October 2023, Vienna, Austria

Provisional Programme and Agenda

Venue: Co-Innovation Factory

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Background

ReSPA achieves its strategic objectives through the organization of high-level political dialogues, conferences, networking events, working groups meetings, working visits, mobility schemes, the delivery of capacity-building activities (workshops, seminars, training, seasonal schools), production of analytical papers, studies, and research, followed by policy recommendations based on the best regional, European and international practice, and other innovative methodologies. Through this kind of activity, ReSPA transfers new knowledge and skills and facilitates the exchange of experiences and best-practice examples within the Region and between the Western Balkan administrations and the EU Member States.

Since the beginning of the implementation of the current EC grant previous Working Group on Better Regulation was integrated in the newly established Policy Development and Coordination regional thematic group, which serves as the main framework through which the activities related to policy development and the alignment of policy-making and legal drafting with the EU Better Regulation agenda are realized.

The growing awareness in the administrations in the Region that the efficiency and quality of regulations affect economic performance has led to their more strategic approach to regulatory reform. 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" endorsed by Ministers in charge of public administration. Also, in 2021 ReSPA, published the so-called "Practical RIA package", which serves the regional public administrations to improve their competences and capacities in the Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) domain. The package is composed of the following:

- 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;

At the end of 2022, an inclusive regional Executive learning programme on Better Regulation tools and methods was also implemented.

The specific topics of the Better Regulation area were included and involved in almost all ReSPA activities devoted to broader area Policy Development and Coordination. Nevertheless, particular aspects of checking the quality of RIA implementation, like concrete experiences with the utilization of Practical RIA Package in ReSPA Members, challenges within the administrations regarding the public consultations processes etc., were not discussed separately. Therefore, ReSPA is organizing a consultative workshop with the heads of RIA control units in ReSPA members (one per administration) to jointly define future activities in Better Regulation.

Purpose of the meeting

The purpose of this consultative meeting is:

- To inform the heads of RIA control units in ReSPA Members on the Programme of Work 2023;
- To enable the exchange of information on the developments in the area of better regulation and discuss challenges and plans that the national authorities face;
- To present the use of ReSPA on-demand support mechanism as the means to address concrete needs of ReSPA Members in the area of Better Regulation;
- To present Better Regulation practices across the EU and the Western Balkan region;
- To jointly define potential future supporting activities of ReSPA in the area of Better Regulation.

The invited representatives of RIA structures are expected to prepare their presentations on the Current developments and needs for Better Regulation.

The expert during the RIA Training will be **Ms. Dragana Aleksić**, a professional with more than 16 years in the Better Regulation area. Miss Aleksić worked as a high-level civil servant in the public administration for more than 10 years on evidence-based policy-making methodology development and implementation, with a particular focus on introducing Better Regulation principles and tools and particularly - RIA and its full implementation in Serbia.

Agenda:

Wednesday, 18 October 2023

09.15 – 09.30 *Registration*

09.30 - 10.00 Introduction and presentation of the Programme of Work 2023 related to area of Better Regulation

Gentian Xhaxhiu, ReSPA Programme Coordinator

10.00 – 11.00 Current developments regarding Better Regulation practices in the EU and Western Balkan Region

Presentation by Dragana Aleksic, ReSPA expert

11.00 – 11.30 *Coffee break*

11.30 – 13.00 Discussion on the needs of ReSPA Members in area of Better Regulation

Presentations by participants

Moderated by Gentian Xhaxhiu

13.00 – 14.30 *Lunch*

14.30 – 15.00 Potential supporting activities of ReSPA in Better Regulation area

Dragana Aleksic, ReSPA expert

15.00 – 15.15 Concluding Remarks

Gentian Xhaxhiu, ReSPA Programme Coordinator