



PRO-REG Newsletter

PRO-REG Newsletter is the communication channel on issues relevant to improving the quality of regulation in Brazil. Therein it will inform about the latest activities of the Program and progress experienced by the Brazilian regulatory system.

Training on Regulatory Impact Analysis (RIA)

One of the cornerstones of PRO-REG is to promote discussion and training of Brazilian Federal Civil Servants from regulatory agencies and ministries on new techniques to improve regulatory quality. From this perspective, one of the PRO-REG strategies for improving the decision-making process is the introduction of Regulatory Impact Analysis (RIA), a tool to assess and analyze the possible impacts of new regulations.

A group of 90 Federal Civil Servants from regulatory agencies and ministries have been trained since March 2010 on RIA. They have gathered basic knowledge about this policy tool and best international practices, as well as experiences on data collection strategies, different RIA methodologies, consultation techniques and new strategies to improve social participation in the regulatory process. These courses have been essential to create core facilitators within regulatory agencies and ministries who will be implementing RIA through pilot projects.

Parallel to the training process, a group of representatives from regulatory agencies, ENAP, IPEA, Ministry of Planning, Finance Ministry and the Civil House of the Presidency has been established, whose main task is to accompany the RIA implementation process in Brazil. This group is currently discussing the draft legal proposal for introducing RIA in the Brazilian regulatory system, which will subsequently be submitted to the agencies and ministries for analysis and evaluation. The group will discuss criteria for using the tool and user manuals. As the RIA is deployed, it is expected that the group, initially informally, act as a forum for coordination of quality of the analysis, according to international best practices recommended by the OECD.

RIA Pilot Projects

Two regulatory agencies are already participating in the RIA pilot projects: ANVISA and ANEEL. A working group has been set up in each of these agencies which is being trained to implement the tool, specifically within the area of activity of the institution.



These working groups, which are receiving technical assistance from PRO-REG, are discussing a particular case of interest for the agency. The goal is also to fit the tool into the institutional framework of the agency, as well as to involve various sectors of the regulator to improve internal coordination, to close information gaps, to revise and improve the form and timing of public consultation, and to introduce new techniques for data collection to be used in the analysis, etc.

Technical visit to UK

The Brazilian government, through the Civil House of the Presidency of the Republic, signed a cooperation agreement with the United Kingdom to support the work of RIA implementation in Brazil. As part of this cooperation agreement, a technical group, coordinated by the PRO-REG and composed of experts from regulatory agencies (ANAC, ANEEL, ANS, ANTT and ANVISA), ENAP, IPEA and Civil House, participated in a technical visit to London to learn about the British RIA system and efforts made by that country on "better regulation".

The visit facilitated the exchange of knowledge and ideas about a regulatory model that has been very successful with extensive experience in the use of RIA and the measurement of costs and benefits of regulation.

Under the cooperation agreement and as a result of the technical visit, a Workshop on RIA methodologies will take place in Brasilia. It will be held at ENAP from September 27 to October 1, 2010. Participants of the workshop are Civil Servants who have been trained already on RIA. The consultants Matthew Cocks and Delia Rodrigo will conduct activities that will include the revision of British and Brazilian cases where the tool can be applied.

Course on Regulation: Theory and Practice

The third edition of the course "Regulation Theory and Practice" was held on July 12-16, 2010. It brought together over 100 professionals working in the field of regulation at federal, state and municipal governments and private sector. The course was divided into two parts: in the morning, teachers Martin Lodge (London School of Economics and Political Science) and Kai Wegrich, (the Hertie School of Governance in Berlin) ministered theoretical sessions on regulation; in the afternoon, specific cases experienced in government agencies and other entities were discussed, with the objective to provide



participants with a moment of reflection, dialogue and exchange of experiences. Under the auspices of the ANP, this course was repeated quite successfully in Rio de Janeiro.

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