



Implementing EU Policy & Procedures

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Role of the BRE

- To ensure that new and existing regulation is necessary, imposes the minimum burden – and meets the principles of good regulation
 - Proportionality
 - Accountability
 - Consistency
 - Transparency
 - Targeted

Role of BRE in dealing with EU regulations

- Improving **HOW** EU legislation is made
- Improving how **UK HANDLES TRANSPOSITION** of EU legislation
 - Transposition Guide – “How To”

Why is improvement important?

- Over 50% of significant UK regulation is EU-originated
- Lisbon Agenda
- Better governance
- Negative media and business views
 - “Gold-plating”
 - Volume

UK Presidency

Better Regulation in Europe:

- Impact Assessments
- Simplification proposal
- Improving consultation
- Administrative Burdens - pilots

Shaping EU proposals

- Starting early:
 - When? Before proposal published by Commission
 - Why? Greater influence
 - What to consider? Policy and practical implications
 - How? Team approach: lead department, UKRep, Commission, EP and other member states

How to shape proposals

- Commission's Better Regulation Action Plan:
 - Impact assessments
 - Improved consultation
- Opportunities for national officials:
 - Contribute data
 - Respond to consultation
 - Encourage stakeholders

UK RIA process - key questions:

- Why is change needed?
- How can we get there?
- What are the alternatives to regulation?
- Enforcement & monitoring?
- *Do the benefits justify the costs?*

Transposition project plan

- Identify and engage stakeholders
- Objectives, timescales and resources
- Risks to not achieving objectives and deadlines
- Agreed by Ministers

Transposition checklist

- Develop range of options
- Set out risks and related costs/benefits
- Avoid over-implementation (gold-plating)
- Likelihood of legal challenge to options
- Transposition notes – for Parliament and available on departmental websites

How this helped...

- Rail Interoperability: Dealing with complexity
- Foodstuffs: Appropriate definition and interpretation

How this has helped...

- Transfer Pricing: Protecting small business
- Vehicle Emissions: Keeping sense of proportion

How this can help...

- Water Framework Directive (“Catchment sensitive Farming”): Better Outcomes
- REACH Chemicals Directive: Devolved Goals

More information ?

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