



# **Territorial Impact Assessment**

## **Committee of the Regions**

# Objectives



- allowing CoR **rapporteurs** to have access to specific analysis and information
- improve the **quality of policymaking** by ensuring that territorial impacts are taken into account by the European Institutions
- to improve the **visibility of territorial impact assessment** as an important element for better legislation

# What criteria to select legislative initiatives?

- Initiatives should present a **clear political interest** for local and regional authorities;
- Initiatives should touch on **competences of local and regional authorities**;
- Initiatives should bear a **potential territorial impact**

Priority will be given to legislative proposals on which the CoR issues an opinion

**Political governance:** Subsidiarity Steering Group

# Selection of the initiatives

## Phase I



**Cooperation with  
the European  
Commission**

Before publication  
Impact Assessment phase

## Phase II



**Cooperation with  
the CoR  
Rapporteur**

After publication  
For the needs of CoR

## Phase III



**Evaluate existing  
legislation that is  
up for revision**

CoR Opinion exists  
New CoR opinion is expected



# **TIA QUICK SCAN Methodology**

# Preparation steps



## ➤ **Before the workshop**

- Choice of ESPON moderators
- File note request
- Preparation of content together with DTC
- Preparation of documents and guidance with ESPON

## ➤ **After the workshop: Report**

- Communication of results and evaluation

- **Quick Scan TIA workshops**
  - experts discuss cause and effects chains
  - basis for data calculations
  - regional mapping of possible impacts
  - In-depth report
  
- **Consultations and structured interview**

# Workshop deliverables



What counts is the **PROCESS!**

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# **Other TIA approaches**

# Public consultation

**if the data is unavailable or insufficient for a legislative proposal to be assessed**

- **Targeted** (EGTC database, Europe 2020 Monitoring Platform, INTERREG database, SMN, regional offices in Brussels, national associations)
- **Focussed** on the territorial impacts (might be organised as addition to impact assessment or public consultation of the European Commission)
- Aimed to provide **input from regional and local level**

Duration of the TIA exercise: c.11 weeks

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# Structured Interviews

**to compliment a workshop or public consultation, to get a deeper insight**

- **Targeted** (e.g. small group of regional experts)
- **Focussed** on data for certain regions / indicators which cannot be obtained through public consultation, desk research or TIA workshop
- **Complimenting** workshop or consultation findings

Duration of the TIA exercise: c. 4 weeks

# Combined approach (W+PC+SI)



## The most complete form of the TIA exercise

- Workshop based on Quick Scan to grasp potential impacts
- Public consultation to get a broad picture in regions
- Structured interviews (e.g. small group of regional experts) to get a deeper insight
- Example: the ex-post TIA on Birds and Habitats directives

Duration of the TIA exercise: c. 24 weeks



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**JRC models – RHOMOLO  
Target TIA**



# Conclusions

# Other methodologies



- **Need for a methodology like ESPON Quick scan**
- **Need for a further development of such a tool**
- **Lack of data needs to be addressed**
- **Needs to be systematically implemented in EU and national policy making**





# Thank you for your attention

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