



“Support the Palestinian Authority to enhance Governance and the Rule of Law”

Implementing Regulatory Impact Assessments (RIAs) to deliver more effectively for citizens

Carmel Hotel, Ramallah

27-28 February 2023

Agenda

The project

The programme is organised in coordination with the Prime Minister’s Office (PMO) in the framework of the EU-funded project* “Support the Palestinian Authority to enhance Governance and the Rule of Law” (2020-2024) implemented by the OECD. The overall objective of the project is to support the Palestinian Authority and contribute to achieving a more effective, transparent and participatory policy- and law-making process set in a clear normative framework, and thus enhance citizens and businesses trust in their government’s action. More specifically, the project will aim at enhancing the capacity of law and policy-makers to:

- Produce clear, effective and transparent primary and secondary legislation,
- Use efficient public consultation mechanisms as part of the policy development process, and
- Develop (and improve) online tools providing access to adopted and draft legislation.

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The activity

This builds on two sets of capacity-building activities organised in 2022 to support relevant staff from policy and legal units across public institutions as well as representatives from non-governmental organisations to enhance the early stages of policy- and law-making process (i.e. institutional coordination, problem identification and assessment, policy formulation). It is also set in the continuity of the on-site coaching programme, conducted with the Ministry of Justice, on regulatory impact assessments for draft regulations in the judicial sector. In addition, the activity is in line with the priorities and needs set out by the PA during the High Level Conference on Rule of Law, Governance and Public Administration in Palestine on 27-28 September 2022 and the project’s Stakeholders Advisory Group meeting of 29 September 2022.

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This programme will be organised between 22-23 February 2023 and will focus more specifically on ex ante regulatory impact assessments for draft policies and legislations, to support the uptake and effective implementation of the Review’s recommendations (especially in Chapter 8) and Manual’s practices (especially Practice 2). The primary objective is to strengthen capacities within the Palestinian public administration in conducting impact assessments for draft regulations, with a particular focus on financial, social and transversal impacts, such as on the environment or specific groups (women, youth, etc.).

The activities will be delivered by a local expert (in-person). Peers from OECD member countries will intervene remotely to share best practices from OECD countries in terms of policy and legislative development.

Day 1 – Workshop on applying RIA to draft legislation

Content Day 1 – 27 February 2023	Time (Ramallah time)
Registration	08:30 – 09:00
Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Estephan Salameh, Prime Minister’s Office (tbc) • Mr. Ahmed Thabaleh, Deputy Minister of Justice (tbc) • Mr. Thomas Kirchner, Office of the European Union Representative (tbc) • Ms. Miriam Allam, MENA-OECD Governance Programme (tbc) 	09:00 – 09:30
Pre-training evaluation Session 1 – Presenting current RIA procedure and practice: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by the Ministry of Justice of the Legislative Drafting Guidelines, existing guidance and current RIA template • Presentation by the Ministry of Justice of the piloting of RIA for draft legislation relevant to the judicial sector with EU support 	09:30– 11:00
Coffee Break	11:00– 11:30
Intervention from OECD peer on best practices and lessons learned in OECD countries & Q/A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Peter Kováč, Senior Counsellor, Secretariat of RIA Commission, Ministry of Economy, Slovakia 	11:30– 12:30
Session 2 – Determining the necessity and level for RIA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presenting relevant Recommendations from Chapter 8 of the OECD Review and guidance from Practice 2 in the Good Practices Manual 	12:30 –13:45

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applying criteria to target analytical efforts for ex ante regulatory impact (proportional approach through exclusion and exemption cases); Differentiating between basic and in-depth RIA (see RIA targeting checklist in Practice 2 of Good Practices Manual) 	
Recap of the first day	13:45– 14:00
Lunch	14:00 –14:30

Content Day 2 – 28 February	Time (Ramallah time)
Registration	08:30 – 09:00
Session 3 – Developing RIAs for new regulations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifying and defining the problem and the baseline scenario (the “no action” option); Spelling out of the desired policy objective(s); Elaborating the different regulatory and non-regulatory options; Assessing the likely costs, benefits and distributional effects (wherever possible in quantitative terms) including the financial, social and transversal impacts (e.g. on the environment or specific groups); Comparing the options and selection/recommendation of the preferred option; and Indicating the monitoring, evaluation and reporting requirements 	09:00 – 10:30
Intervention from OECD expert on best practices and lessons learned & Q/A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Yola Thuerer, Policy Analyst, OECD - Presentation of OECD recommendations and good practices on Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) 	10:30– 11:00
Coffee Break	11:00– 11:30
Session 4 – Applying RIA to draft regulations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practical exercise on the development of RIA reports for draft regulations 	11:30 –13:45
Review and evaluation of the training	13:45– 14:00
Lunch	14:00 –14:30