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The College of Europe and Jacobs and Associates Europe are pleased to announce a joint 5-Day RIA Training Course on the principles, procedures, and methods of RIA. This practical, hands-on course by the most experienced public policy and RIA trainers in Europe is expressly designed for European policy officials and executives who use RIA to improve regulatory results. The course will benefit any official using RIA in environmental, social, and economic fields, as well as stakeholders such as business associations, NGOs and consultants who want to understand better how to use RIA constructively. The course is open for subscription worldwide.

MAIN FEATURES

- Tailored training course designed for European policy officials and executives
- A practice-driven approach reconstituting real-life professional situations through case studies and practical examples
- The most experienced public policy and RIA trainers in Europe, directly involved in major RIA developments
- Sessions with ample possibilities to discuss any question about RIA and to exchange opinions
- Highly multicultural environment with participants and experts coming from all over the world
- An ideal setting for a training seminar, in the historic city of Bruges – close to Brussels

TOPICS COVERED WILL INCLUDE:**PRINCIPLES OF GOOD REGULATIONS**

- Context of regulatory reform in Europe
- What is smart regulation for today's environmental, social, and economic policy?
- Regulatory reform principles
- Objectives of IA in the policy process: using IA to reduce regulatory failures
- The EU's 2005 Revised Guidelines on Impact Assessment

PUTTING RIA INTO PRACTICE

- Choosing the right decision criteria and analytical method
- Application of soft benefit-cost analysis in Europe and North America
- Basic RIA Concepts
- Lessons Learned about RIA in Practice
- Assessing alternatives to traditional regulation
- Collecting data for RIA: good practices
- Organizing RIA: good and bad institutional strategies
- Stakeholder consultation in the RIA process
- Assessing the quality of RIA: Possible Indicators

INTERACTIVE CASE STUDIES

The course will present several case studies of actual RIAs. Each case study will examine the problem definition, problems facing the analysts, choice of method, data collection, and presentation of benefits and costs. Participants in the course will develop RIAs and discuss them with the experts.

“One of the most important capacities of a modern regulator is the ability to assess the benefits and market impacts of a regulation before it is adopted.”

- Scott Jacobs

WHO IS THE COURSE FOR?

This training course will address the core skills needed to produce and use relevant impact analysis in improving the quality of regulatory decisions. It is designed for policy officials in environmental, social, and economic fields who have a basic understanding of economic concepts, but who do not have specific training in quantitative policy analysis. The course is practically-oriented – focused on problem-solving - rather than theoretical.

The course will also benefit stakeholders such as business associations, NGOs and consultants who want to understand better how to use RIA constructively in informing and influencing policy decisions.

Participants who complete the course should be able to set up a RIA program within their ministry/ company and understand how to prepare basic impact analyses of regulations for the use of ministers and stakeholders.

THE GLOBAL SPREAD OF RIA...

Regulatory impact analysis (RIA) or impact analysis (IA) is widely accepted as an effective tool to achieve more effective and lower-cost regulation. As an important element in the craft of good regulation, RIA is now used for regulatory decisions in most OECD and European countries, in the European Commission, and a growing number of other countries.

RIA is central to the “Smart Regulation” agenda that governments are adopting to achieve high standards of protection for citizens and the environment, while enhancing competitiveness and economic growth.

Yet many governments have found that good RIA is hampered by a lack of RIA skills. This course enables governments to fill that gap directly.

THE PARTNERS:

The course is offered by two of Europe's most expert organizations in training and RIA:

THE COLLEGE OF EUROPE



The College of Europe (www.coleurop.be), founded in 1949 and based in Bruges (Belgium) and Natolin (Poland), is a centre of excellence in the field of European studies. Established in 1996 in response to the

College's need for centralisation and co-ordination of its growing number of service contracts, its Development Office provides a range of tailor-made seminars and training courses targeted at executives and public sector officials. With a record of more than 50 projects for academic cooperation worldwide and another 60 successful contracts for legal analysis and research; with over 40 professional training events organised each year, the Development Office underpins the role of the College of Europe as a centre d'excellence on European Affairs.

JACOBS AND ASSOCIATES EUROPE



Jacobs and Associates Europe (www.regulatoryreform.com) is among the world's leading firms on promoting the effective use of RIA. The training course is built on our 30 years of experience in carry-

ing out RIA, advising governments on RIA, building RIA capacities in national and regional governments, carrying out international comparative research on good RIA, and providing RIA training to hundreds of civil servants around the world. Our team includes the leaders of the same team that developed the OECD recommendations and best Regulatory Impact Analysis practices that continue to be used as international benchmarks in this field.

THE TRAINERS



The trainers – practitioners and academics – come from both the College's and J&A's network of top specialists in Regulatory Impact Analysis and European affairs. The team includes the leaders of the same team that developed the OECD recommendations and best RIA practices that continue to be used as international benchmarks in this field. A certain number of the sessions are delivered by EU officials who are able to provide an 'insider' perspective of the issues discussed as well as to present specifically targeted case studies.

The training course was designed by the College of Europe and Jacobs and Associates and in particular by Jacques Pelkmans (Jan Tinbergen Chair for European Economics, Director, Department of European Economic Studies at the College of Europe) and Scott Jacobs (Managing Director, Jacobs and Associates).

REGISTRATION

The registration deadline is September 15, 2006. Given the fact that the number of participants is limited, early registration is strongly encouraged. Bookings confirmed and paid before July 15 get a reduction of 12% on the registration fee. The Registration Form should be downloaded here (www.coleurop.be/ria), and sent back to Ms. Saskia Willems by email (swillems@coleurop.be) or by fax (+32-50-47.73.00).

The registration fee (including housing and meals, but not transport) is

- €2,950 for registration and payment before 15 July 2006
- €3,300 for registration and payment from 16 July – 15 September 2006

CANCELLATION POLICY:

- Cancellations before 18 August 2006 will be charged 50% of the total fee
- Cancellations from 18 August 2006 and until 15 September will be charged 75% of the total fee
- Cancellations after 15 September will be charged 100% of the total fee

ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

Housing: Participants will be hosted in the historical centre of the city of Bruges. They will benefit from all the premises of the College of Europe.

College restaurant: Situated only 5 minutes away from the main College building, the restaurant will be serving lunches and dinners for the participants. Registration fee includes full board.

FACILITIES

Lecture rooms: All lecture rooms are situated in the historical town centre. They are fully equipped with modern teaching facilities.

Computer room: All participants have access to the College of Europe computer room which boasts some 25 fast-network computers. All computers are also connected to the online library catalogue and available electronic information resources.

Library: Participants will also get full access to the College's Library allowing them to benefit from the large information capital available through the specialised European Documentation Centre as well as through the library resources.

For any further information, please contact Ms. Saskia Willems by email (swillems@coleurop.be) or by fax (+32-50-47.73.00).

REGISTER online at:
www.coleurop.be/ria

DATES: 9-13 October 2006 (5 full days)

LOCATION: College of Europe, Bruges Campus, Belgium

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- Discount for registration before 15 July, 2006
- Registration closes on 15 September 2006

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION: English

COURSE OFFERED BY:

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