

4-DAY PROGRAMME BETTER REGULATION SUMMER SCHOOL AUGUST 2024

Day 1 (Tuesday)	
08.30 – 09.00	Registration and Welcome coffee
09.00 – 09.30	Introduction of the summer school and presentation of participants
09.30 – 10.30	<p><b>Session 1: Better Regulation in the European Union</b></p> <p>Speaker: Erik Akse</p> <p>Content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Farewell to the EU's institutional triangle</li> <li>- Strategic view of the European Union: EU Policy Cycle</li> <li>- The role of Impact Assessment in the EU</li> </ul>
10.30 – 11.00	<p><b>Session 2: Working with Better Regulation in the EU</b></p> <p>Speaker: Erik Akse</p> <p>Content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Commission vs stakeholders: views and experiences</li> <li>- Experiences and reports presented by stakeholders engaging with the European Institutions</li> </ul> <p>Group work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Group discussion about past experience and key files for the future</li> </ul>
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee Break
11.30 – 12.30	<p><b>Session 3: Understanding Commission policy planning</b></p> <p>Speaker: Erik Akse</p> <p>Content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Strategic Planning Cycle of the European Commission</li> <li>- Strategic plans</li> <li>- Management plans</li> </ul> <p>Group work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Analysis of a Strategic Plan and a Management Plan of a Commission DG</li> <li>- Group discussion</li> </ul>
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch and coffee break
14.00 – 16.00	<p><b>Session 4: The content of Impact Assessments in the EU</b></p> <p>Speaker: Erik Akse</p>

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	<p>Content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- EU Impact Assessments: topics and structure</li> <li>- Information used in Impact Assessments</li> <li>- Challenges with data availability and quality with means to overcome these</li> </ul> <p>Group work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Group discussion on experiences with EU Impact Assessment (these discussions will be used to illustrate the limits and risks to policy analysis)</li> </ul>
<b>Closing of day 1 and Q&amp;A</b>	
<b>Day 2 (Wednesday)</b>	
09.00 – 11.00	<p><b>Session 5: Process for developing Impact Assessments in the EU</b></p> <p>Speaker: Erik Akse</p> <p>Content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Procedural steps for developing Impact Assessments</li> <li>- Consultation for Impact Assessments</li> <li>- Actors involved within the European Commission</li> </ul>
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee Break
11.30 – 12.30	<p><b>Session 6: Working with Impact Assessments from the outside</b></p> <p>Speaker: Erik Akse and Joost Mulder</p> <p>Exercise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- You know that an IA gets started! How best to prepare?</li> </ul>
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch and coffee break

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14.00 – 16.00	<p><b>Session 7: (Un-)predictable Commission: expectations for policy development 2024 – 2029 and the decision-making processes</b></p> <p>Speaker: Erik Akse and Joost Mulder</p> <p>Content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Political outline for the European Union 2024-2029</li> </ul> <p>Group work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Know your files: how to prepare for the 2024 – 2029 Commission taking office</li> </ul>
<b>Closing of day 2 and Q&amp;A</b>	
<b>Day 3 (Thursday)</b>	
09.00 – 11.00	<p><b>Session 8: The legislative process in detail (part 1): the European Parliament and evidence-based policy</b></p> <p>Speaker: Joost Mulder</p> <p>Content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Understanding the different steps in the internal decision-making inside the Parliament</li> <li>- When and where to intervene</li> <li>- The role of evidence-based policy and impact assessment</li> </ul> <p>Group work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Case study: Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive</li> </ul>
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee Break
11.30 – 12.30	<p><b>Session 9: Politics vs evidence: two sides of the same coin?</b></p> <p>Speaker: Joost Mulder and Erik Akse</p> <p>Content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The role of evidence in fast-moving political environments</li> <li>- Preparation: the key to success</li> <li>- European Commission: how political is the College?</li> <li>- Deviations from the principle of evidence-based policy-making</li> <li>- Proactive high-level political agenda setting by the European Commission</li> </ul>
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14.00 – 16.00	<p><b>Session 10: The European Parliamentary Research Service</b></p> <p>Speakers: Erik Akse and Joost Mulder</p> <p>Content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- EPRS: roles and tasks</li> <li>- Examples of EPRS outputs</li> </ul> <p>Group work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Case study: How to work with the EPRS mandate?</li> </ul>
<b>Closing of day 3 and Q&amp;A</b>	
<b>Day 4 (Friday)</b>	
09.00 – 11.00	<p><b>Session 11: The legislative process in detail (part 2): the Council of the EU and evidence-based policy</b></p> <p>Speaker: Joost Mulder</p> <p>Content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Understanding the different steps in the internal decision-making inside the Council</li> <li>- When and where to intervene</li> <li>- The role of evidence-based policy and impact assessment</li> </ul> <p>Group work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Case study: Sustainable Finance Taxonomy (tbc)</li> </ul>
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee Break
11.30 – 12.30	<p><b>Session 12: The legislative process in detail (part 3): the trilogue negotiations and evidence-based policy</b></p> <p>Speaker: Joost Mulder</p> <p>Content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Understanding the different steps in the inter-institutional trilogue negotiations</li> <li>- When and where to intervene</li> <li>- The role of evidence-based policy and impact assessment</li> </ul>
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch and coffee break
14.00 – 16.00	<p><b>Session 13: The big wrap-up</b></p> <p>Speakers: Erik Akse and Joost Mulder</p> <p>Content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The EU Policy Cycle: who is in charge?</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Bringing it all together: evidence-based decision-making in the EU: the ups and the down, the good and the ugly, the do's and the don't's</li></ul> <p>Group work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Group debate</li><li>- Final round of questions</li></ul>
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