



Regulatory and Legislative Impact Assessment Guide

Smart legislation begins with understanding impact



The quality of legislation is no longer measured solely by the correctness of its wording, but by the depth of its impact.

As part of the journey to develop financial policies and legislation, the Regulatory and Legislative Impact Assessment Guide serves as a strategic tool representing a qualitative shift in the approach to federal legislative and financial decision-making. For the first time at this level, a comprehensive and systematic framework is adopted to assess impact before legislation is issued. This supports federal entities in making evidence-based financial decisions rather than assumption-based ones, achieving a balance between economic, social and environmental impacts.

Legislation is therefore transformed from a legal procedure into a tool for creating public value, supporting the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and enhancing the quality of public financial policies.

From Idea to Impact: What is Regulatory and Legislative Impact Assessment?

It is a proactive methodology aimed at analysing the expected impacts of any new policy or legislation, or amendments to existing legislation. It ensures that government financial decisions are more effective and efficient, less costly to society, the economy and the environment, and deliver greater long-term impact in real terms.

Why Do We Need Regulatory and Legislative Impact Assessment?

- Ensure the quality of legislation through the prior assessment of its potential outcomes
- Balance benefits and costs and improve the impact of government interventions
- Enhance transparency and accountability in decision-making
- Support the shift towards a more efficient and proactive government in designing legislation, rather than merely reacting after its issuance

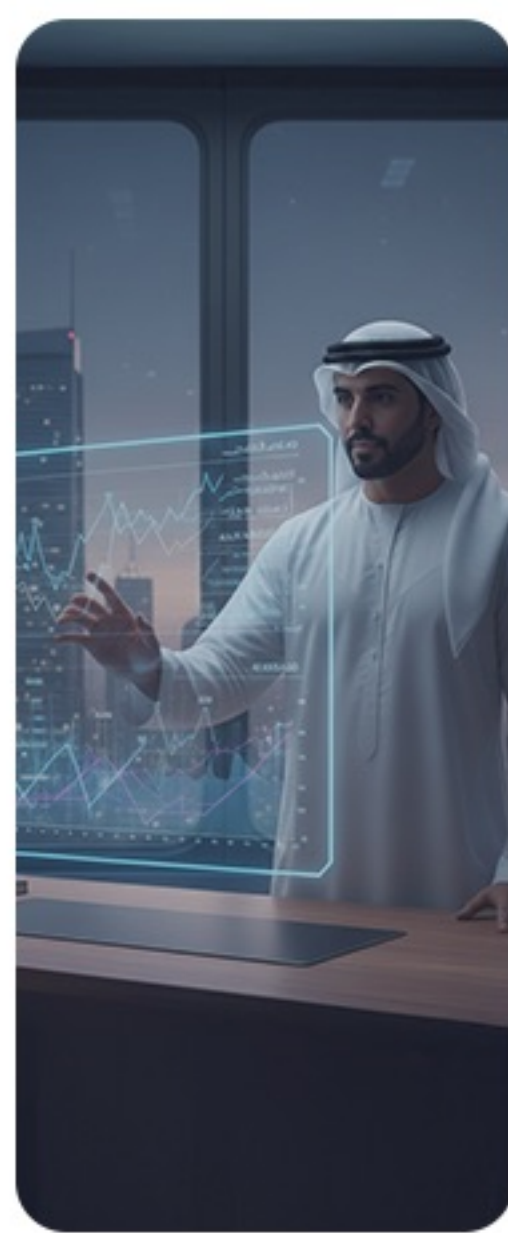
The Impact Assessment Journey – Step by Step

The Guide presents the main stages of the assessment process, **from the initial legislative idea to post-implementation**, through a clear and integrated methodology that includes:

- 1 Strategic Stage:** Identifying the problem, defining the objectives of intervention, and formulating policy goals.
- 2 Economic Stage:** Assessing options and conducting cost-benefit analysis to determine the optimal option.
- 3 Financial Stage:** Engaging relevant stakeholders, managing funding and procurement, and ensuring financial readiness prior to approval.
- 4 Change Management Stage:** Implementing and monitoring the optimal option, alongside impact evaluation to ensure objectives are achieved effectively.

The Added Value of Applying the Guide

Applying the Regulatory and Legislative **Impact Assessment Guide contributes to a significant improvement in the quality of government policies** and legislation by:



- Raising the quality of legislation and government financial decisions through objective impact analysis prior to issuance
- Improving the efficiency of government spending by avoiding legislation that imposes unjustified burdens
- Enabling decision-makers to rely on evidence and data instead of assumptions or limited experience
- Increasing trust among the community and the private sector through clarity of objectives and expected impact
- Supporting the sustainability of public policies and balancing economic, social and environmental impacts
- Improving the country's ranking in global indicators related to regulatory quality and governance, and reinforcing its position as a leading model in smart legislation

The Guide's Message

Effective legislation is not built on expectations, it is built on impact

The Regulatory and Legislative Impact Assessment Guide is a gateway to more balanced and innovative legislation. It transforms decisions from legal texts into genuine tools for change and reinforces the Government's approach to shaping the future.

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