

Gender Impact Assessment

Belgium

Model

Actors involved

Guidelines

Strengths and weaknesses

Model

At the end of 2013, Belgium adopted the Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA), which is a preliminary assessment of potential consequences of regulatory projects in the social, economic and environment fields as well as on public authority. It includes a section on gender.

The RIA integrates 21 subjects among which four are analysed here in greater detail:

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- The Kafka test, which aims to capture whether draft regulations will increase or reduce administrative burdens on citizens, businesses and non-profit organisations;
- The policy coherence test for development;
- The SME test, which screens the small and medium enterprise dimension;
- The gender test, which assesses the impact of regulation proposals on women and men.

Therefore, the gender impact assessment is embedded within a more general impact assessment system.