

**Questions following the Contribution adopted by the XXXIV COSAC
on 11 October 2005 (OJ C 322 2005)**

Better regulation: Impact assessments

- 1) *COSAC welcomed the better regulation initiative and called on the Commission to produce an integrated impact assessment for all major initiatives in its work programme, as proposed on page 5 of the Communication, "Better Regulation for Growth and Jobs in the European Union" (COM(2005) 97 final).*
How many work programme initiatives did the Commission adopt in the period 1 November 2005 to 28 February 2006? How many of these initiatives were accompanied by an integrated impact assessment?
- 2) *COSAC called on the Commission to produce one-page summaries of all its impact assessments to assist in understanding of the material quickly and efficiently; to translate these summaries into all the official Community languages; and to send them directly to the national parliaments without delay.*
Has the Commission taken steps to start producing one-page summaries of its impact assessments?
- 3) *COSAC called on the Commission to send all impact assessments and roadmaps directly to national parliaments and to publish its impact assessments and roadmaps in all the official Community languages.*
Has the Commission sent any impact assessments or roadmaps directly to national parliaments? What proportion of its impact assessments does the Commission translate into all the official Community languages?
- 4) *COSAC called on the EU institutions and Member States to develop a common approach to assessing administrative costs.*
What steps has the Commission taken to develop a common approach to assessing administrative costs?
- 5) *COSAC requested that under the co-decision procedure the Commission update its impact assessments following first reading in the European Parliament, a common position from the Council and second reading in the European Parliament and before the meeting of a conciliation committee.*
Has the Commission updated any of its impact assessments as its proposals have moved through the co-decision procedure?
- 6) *COSAC stresses the need for impact assessments to be objective.*
How does the Commission ensure that its impact assessments are objective? Is this an issue that will be covered in the independent evaluation of the impact assessment system?
- 7) *COSAC called on the Commission to focus its impact assessments on the three elements of the Lisbon Strategy, that is, the economic, social and environmental impacts.*
How do the Commission's impact assessment guidelines ensure that impact assessments focus on the three elements of the Lisbon Strategy?

- 8) *COSAC requested the Commission to produce impact assessments for those legislative proposals that it proposes to withdraw.*

Has the Commission produced impact assessments for those legislative proposals that it proposes to withdraw?

- 9) *COSAC called on the Commission to create a public database to include all the proposals in the annual legislative and work programme, with links to their impact assessments and roadmaps.*

Has the Commission taken any steps to establish such a database?