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JC&A Applied RIA Training Russian Language Course
Istanbul, Turkey
27 June - 1 July 2016

The five day course is offered by Jacobs, Cordova & Associates. All materials and lectures are in Russian language. This course is based on best practices in regulatory impact assessment, and is structured around sessions followed by hands-on and interactive exercises. It is designed for the beginning to intermediate RIA practitioner. It focuses on RIA processes, methods, and presentation, as well as consultation and RIA, simplification methods, and alternatives to traditional forms of regulation.

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Monday	Monday
Presentation of the course, its objectives, introducing participants	09:00 - 09:30
Session 1. Why RIA? What is RIA? An Overview of RIA, Goals, and Results Why is good regulation important to modern economies? We will examine the context for "better regulation" reforms, and then define RIA, review results seen in countries that have applied RIA, and identify the main features of a RIA system – dividing the RIA process into several steps, from problem definition to communication of the final results to ministers and the public.	09:30 - 11:00
Tea and Coffee break	11:00 - 11:15
Session 2. Examples of RIA in action This session will be focused on the value added that RIA can bring in order to assist with choosing best policy options. Examples of RIA interventions that improved decision making will be presented.	11:15 - 13:00
Lunch Break	13:00 - 14:00
Session 3. Getting It Right From the Beginning: Defining the Problem and Setting the Baseline The single most important step in RIA is correctly defining the policy problem. Regulators and law-makers often make mistakes at this stage that result in regulatory failure later on. We will review the most common reasons why regulations fail to achieve their goals, and discuss how such failures can be reduced through RIA based on better problem identification and identification of the baseline. Based on several real examples of costly regulatory failures, we will discuss how regulators can correctly identify the problem and its underlying causes. The second step is defining the baseline, that is, what would happen if the government did not change current policy.	14:00 - 15:30
Tea and Coffee break	15:30 - 15:45
Session 4. Examination of complete RIA and basic RIA Concepts	15:45 - 17:00

During this session the components of full RIA and basic concepts will be reviewed to understand the application of the RIA. We will examine a complete RIA prepared by the European Commission, examining each step and discussing its strengths and weaknesses. Participants will see how each element of the RIA is presented, leading up to the conclusions and recommendations. The following questions among others will be answered - What are regulatory costs and benefits? How do we know them when we see them? How do we measure them? What does value mean in RIA?	

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Tuesday	Time
Session 5. Costs and benefits of Government Regulation and tools to measure them We will examine practical aspects of putting RIA into practice and available analytical methods for RIA, their strengths and weaknesses, and the kinds of problems and situations to which each is suited (the benefit-cost method, the cost-effectiveness method, the least-cost method. We will look at analytical methods such as the use of the Standard Cost Model. We will show how the impacts of each option are compared in the RIA to enable decision-makers to make relevant policy decisions.	09:00 - 11:00
Tea and Coffee break	11:00 - 11:15
Session 5. (continued)	11:15 - 13:00
Lunch Break	13:00 - 14:00
Session 6. Interactive session with the Standard Cost Model Participants will break into groups and prepare a RIA using the SCM approach and a case study prepared by the instructors.	14:00 – 17:00

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Wednesday	Time
Session 7. Consultation and data collection techniques for RIA Stakeholder consultation is an important strategy for quality control and data collection. We will discuss the means of consulting and communicating with stakeholders as part of carrying out the RIA, and how to avoid the pitfalls of poor consultation. Consultation is one method of collecting data for the RIA. One of the most costly and time-consuming RIA activities is the collection of data for the analysis. Data are scarce, costly, and never sufficient. Jacobs, Cordova & Associates has developed a set of good data collection practices that will save time and money, and improve the quality of data. We will examine these practical techniques to collect data for RIA.	11:15 - 13:00
Tea and Coffee break	11:00 - 11:15

Session 7. (continued)	
	11:15 - 13:00
Lunch Break	13:00 - 14:00
Free time for participants	14:00 – rest of day

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Thursday	Time
Session 8. Learning by doing: Interactive RIA case studies In this interactive case study, participants will break into smaller working groups and develop the core elements (the problem definition, problems facing the analysts, choice of method, data collection, and presentation of benefits and costs) of a RIA. Each group will present its RIA to the entire class. The session will end with a presentation on how the case was actually conducted and its conclusions, including a commentary by the instructors and participants.	09:00 - 11:00
Tea and Coffee break	11:00 - 11:15
Session 8. (continued)	11:15 - 13:00
Lunch Break	13:00 - 14:00
Session 9. Tools for regulatory and administrative simplification During this session, the tools used by reformers for regulatory simplifications will be presented. In particular, business registration reforms, streamlining licenses will be discussed.	14:00 - 15:30
Tea and Coffee break	15:30 - 15:45
Session 10. Ensuring compliance with regulation Tools for using RIA and advance planning to improve enforcement and compliance with regulations will be presented here.	15:45 - 17:00

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Friday	Time
Session 11. Alternatives to regulation A vital but difficult part of RIA is the assessment of alternative policy instruments and different regulatory designs. We will examine how such alternatives can be systematically assessed and compared.	09:00 - 11:00
Tea and Coffee break	11:00 - 11:15
Session 12. Lessons learned and participant's feedback	11:15 - 13:00
Lunch Break	13:00 - 14:00
Session 13. Exam	14:00 - 15:30
Tea and Coffee break	15:30 - 15:45
Session 14. Award of Certificates of Completion	15:45 - 17:00