

Towards a new System of Impact Assessment in Austria

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IA: Status quo in Austria



- Comprehensive obligation fragmented implementation
- Lack of support & instruments
 Exceptions: financial IA, admin burden IA
- Administrative culture



Experiences with Admin Burden IA



Aim in 2007: "Get ex-ante assessments done in quality"

- Law
- Ordinance (Standardkostenmodell-Richtlinien)
- Guidelines
- Monitoring: MoF-statement on compliance

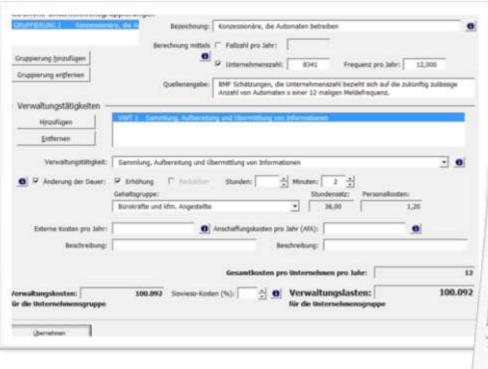
Challenge: Quality



Experiences with SCM



Introduction of admin burden calculator

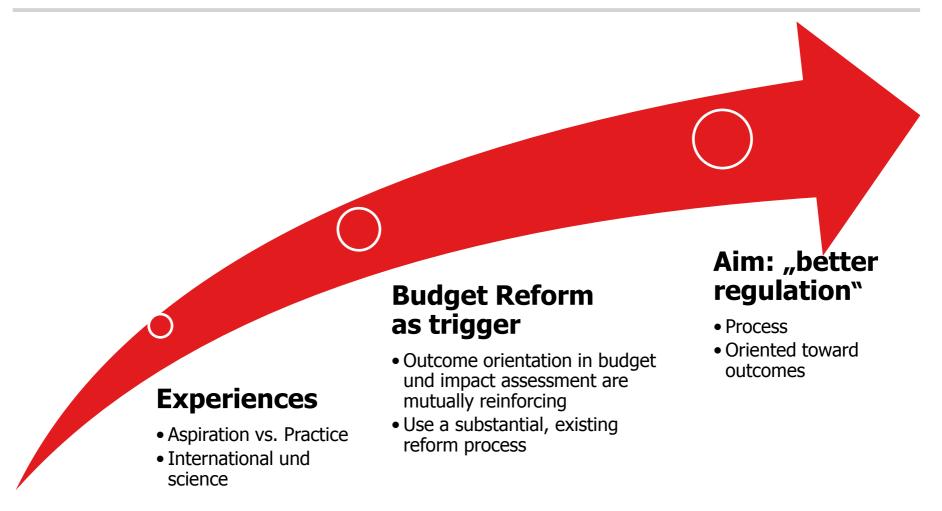


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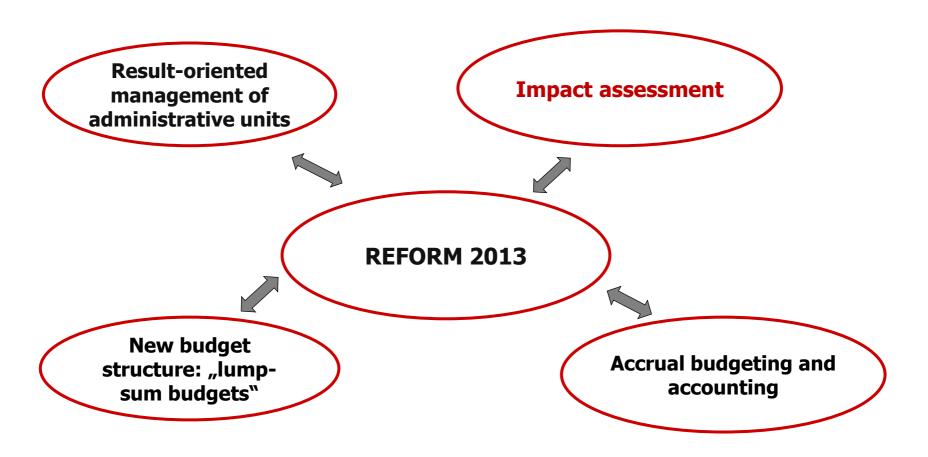
Introducing IA





Federal Budget Reform 2013





New budget principles:

Impact orientation; efficiency; transparency; true and fair view

Impact - Orientation



Outcome objective 1:

What will be done to achieve this objective:

Why this objective:

Intended impacts

- Impact Information in the budget
- Impact Information in Policy formulation laws/ordinances/international agreements
- Impact Information in the Budget execution: projects/programmes/impact controlling

costs

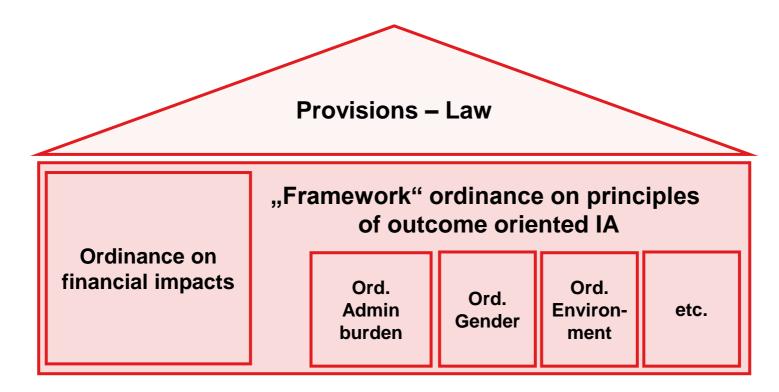
Principle: Oppose expected costs and unintended impacts with intended impacts

Legal Framework





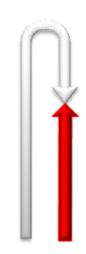
Federal Budget Law 2013 (BHG 2013)



Basics



- Done within administration
- For all laws, ordinances, international agreements – national AND EU legislation – AND big projects

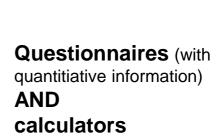


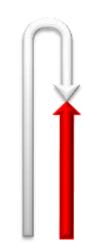
- Only significant impacts are assessed in detail
- Limited number of impact dimensions
- Lean process

Impact dimensions



- 1. Financial impacts on public budgets
- 2. Gender equality
- 3. Macroeconomic impacts
- 4. Small & Medium Enterprises
- 5. Admin burdens on businesses
- 6. Admin burdens on citizens
- 7. Environmental impacts
- 8. Social and impacts on consumers
- 9. Impacts on youth and future generations

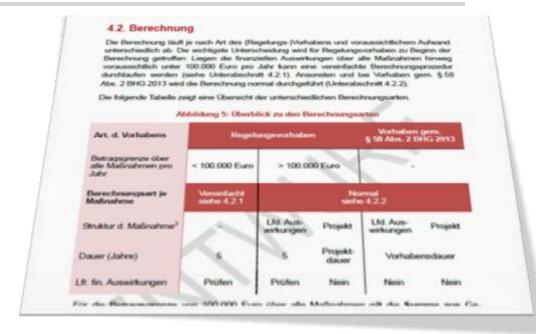




Feasible



 Methodological support -Guidelines



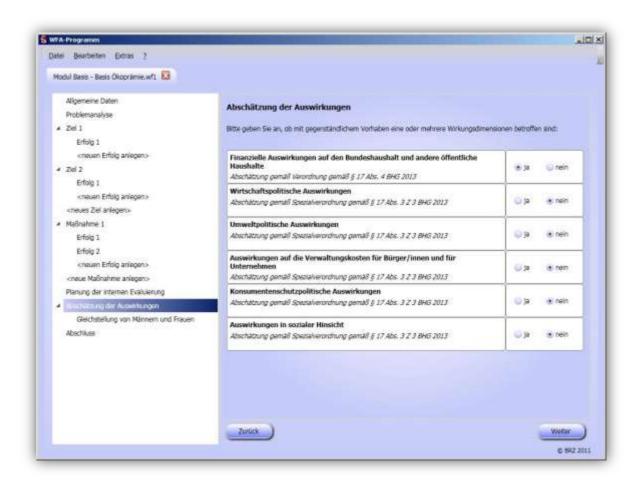
- IT Tool Guided process
 - Guided analysis -> writing in tool
 - "Push the button"- IA-document
 - Experts can work in parallel



Support by IT



- One-stop-solution
- Selection
- Usability



Quality Checks & Feedback Mechanisms



Obligation to conduct impact assessment
 – at the same time enablement



- Standardization of results quality checks possible
- Ensuring common quality
- Ex-Post Evaluation obligatory within 5 yrs at the latest

Key aspects of implementation



- Taking into account administrative culture
- Involving ministries
- Apply principles of SCM-experience
- Administrative reform approach: initiate change in culture
- Short and medium term process

Outcome orientation

- Budget management
- Policy/tics
- Administration

Timetable



- November 2011 January 2012: consultation process on ordinances
- February 2012 Mai: Piloting
- June August: Follow up
- August: Ordinances put into force
- September-December: Training of Ministries
- January 2013: New system in force



Thank you very much! ... discussion