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Experience of the United Kingdom in using Regulatory Impact Assessments (RIAs) on the EU level

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The Development of RIAs in the UK

- 1. The start of the deregulation agenda, 1980s - 1990s
- 2. The formalisation of RIAs and the better regulation agenda, since 1997
- 3. Focus on deregulation, since 2010



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Recent Policy Initiatives in the UK

<u>'One-in, two-out'</u> – for every new regulation, twice the cost of an existing regulation must be removed.

<u>Red Tape Challenge</u> – review of all existing regulations.

<u>Enforcement Review</u> – to see if inspections impose unnecessary burdens.

Alternatives to Regulation Reducing regulation on small businesses Reducing the cost of EU legislation

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Governance of Regulatory Initiatives in the UK

- RIA guidance documents
- Better Regulation Executive
- Regulatory Policy Committee
- Reducing Regulation Cabinet
 Committee
- European Affairs Cabinet Committee

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The UK's approach to EU Legislation

- Chose alternatives to regulation first
- Minimise burdens on businesses
- Engage early with the European Commission on new proposals
- Build alliances with other Member States to help negotiations
- Carry out RIAs at an early stage
- Do not gold-plate/over-implement EU legislation in transposition

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- Waste Electrical and Electronic
 Equipment Directive
- Simpler financial reporting for microbusinesses – the Micro Directive
- Safety of Toys Directive



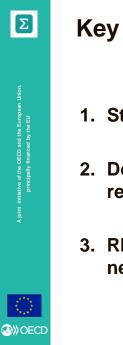
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Key Lessons Learnt from the UK Perspective

- 1. Start RIAs as early as possible
- 2. Don't over complicate the information requirements in RIAs
- 3. RIAs are the evidence base for your negotiating positions in the EU

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