

RIA UNIT

RIA Unit at the Office of the Government consists of 7 civil servants who **analyse RIA reports** submitted by lawmakers before proceeding them to further scrutiny by RIA Board.

RIA Unit provides **methodological guidance** and also organizes workshops and seminars for civil servants who prepare impact assessments. It also runs website **ria.vlada.cz** with all the documents and information lawmakers need for a successful preparation of RIA.

Last but not least, RIA Unit fosters **international cooperation** and exchange of better regulation practices. Its employees represent the Czech Republic at various international forums:

- ▶ Working Party on Competitiveness and Growth of the Council of the EU
- ▶ Government Group of the REFIT Platform
- ▶ OECD Regulatory Policy Committee
- ▶ RegWatchEurope directors meetings
- ▶ Better Regulation Network events

299

civil servants trained
by RIA Unit in 2018

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Úřad vlády České republiky

■ RIA IN CZECHIA

The vast majority of primary legislation in the Czech Republic is being prepared by the government. The impacts of pending regulation are being assessed **since 2007** when RIA was formalized in the Czech legislative process.

According to the government resolution, lawmakers are obliged to carry out impact assessments following the **RIA Guidelines**. Impact assessments are required for **every legislative intention** prepared by the government as well as for any regulation where substantive costs to businesses, administrations and citizens are expected. Legislation proposed by Members of Parliament and Local & Regional Authorities is not subject to RIA yet.

The RIA reports are being submitted to **RIA Unit** at the Office of the Government for formal check and then to the independent **RIA Board** for more extensive scrutiny.

■ EX POST EVALUATION

Ex post assessments are usually carried out internally by individual departments. To make the findings public and the whole process more transparent, new formal guidelines for ex post evaluation reports are currently being drafted by an interdepartmental working group.

■ GOVERNMENT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Legislativní rada vlády (LRV) is an advisory body to the Czech government consisting of 30 members, mostly external experts.

A highly respected authority with half a century long **tradition dating back to 1969**, LRV usually meets every fortnight and discusses all legislative proposals that are about to be submitted to the government.

LRV is traditionally being chaired by a member of the government – currently by the Minister of Justice.

■ ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN REDUCTION

Ministry of Industry and Trade (MPO) analyses the regulatory burden on entrepreneurs and is responsible for its reduction.

Ministry of the Interior (MV) monitors the burden on public administration with special attention paid to Local & Regional Authorities.

Office of the Government (ÚV) provides overall horizontal coordination and guidance for RIA and better regulation in general.

■ RIA BOARD

RIA Board has been established in 2011 by the Czech government as an independent expert working body to its Legislative Council (LRV).

RIA Board **scrutinizes the quality** of RIA reports, **provides RIA related consultations** and **gives recommendations** on which legislative proposal should be accompanied by a RIA report.

RIA Board currently has 16 members, external experts in various fields, and is chaired by Prof. Jiřina Jílková, an environmental economist.

87

RIA board meetings
since 2012

460

legislative proposals assessed
since 2012

642

opinions issued
since 2012

■ REGWATCHEUROPE

RIA Board is a member of **RegWatchEurope**, a network of independent regulatory oversight bodies. Together with colleagues from the UK, Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden, Norway and Finland, Czech representatives in the network aim to promote the **importance of better regulation** and of scrutinizing the impacts of new and amended legislation on different target groups.