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The Perspective of a Consultant

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Q1: evaluations, who and what?



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- Evaluations under frame work contracts vs open tenders
- Ex-ante vs mid-term vs. ex-post evaluations
- Compulsory vs non-compulsory evaluations
- Differences between DGs (ENV-CLIMA-ENER) and Sec. Gen. and agencies



Q2 : how do the evaluation criteria differ?



- **Effectiveness:** can often be well calculated (rather objective, indicators are crucial)
- **Efficiency:** can often be well calculated (rather objective, some administrative costs can be measured, some surveyed. Calculating / measuring benefits is much harder)
- **Coherence:** are there inconsistencies or redundancies, coherence with other pieces of legislation - overlap vs. synergies (scope is important)
- **Relevance:** is it fit for purpose (but is the purpose clear)?
- **EU added value:** is the most subjective criterion (depends who you ask, and what is the 'real' counterfactual?)



Q3 : Evaluations and CBA: focus on costs or on benefits?



- **Overall: more focus on costs (economic impact)** - “By evaluating, the Commission takes a critical look at whether EU activities are fit for purpose and deliver, at minimum cost, the desired changes to European businesses and citizens and contribute to the EU's global role”
- **Much less focus on environmental and social impacts**
- **Benefits are often difficult to monetise (cf. societal benefits)**
 - sectors like eco-systems, biodiversity, climate adaptation (dykes, ...) - link with the financial sector and insurance companies
 - How do you calculate improved compliance/improved transparency/improved monitoring and assessment, etc.



Q4 : What is the impact of the better regulation agenda?



- **Delivering better results** - change both what the European Union (EU) does, and how it does it!
- **Openness and transparency**
 - Consulting more, listening better;
 - Better explanation of what the EU is doing, and why;
 - Everyone's chance to have their say
- **Better tools for better policies** - new integrated guidelines
- **Regulatory Fitness and Performance Programme (REFIT)**
 - DG ENER (streamlining between units, backward vs forward looking, questions about the process how to implement ...)





Thank you for your attention, please contact us for more information

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