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Statement of intention to introduce regulatory impact assessment

Effective regulation has a positive impact on the market, reduces the administrative burden, prevents excessive costs and enables greater choice, better quality and more affordable services, encourages innovation and investment. With the goal aimed at better planning, implementation and evaluation of regulatory activities, HAKOM is continuously investing in strengthening its own capacities. At the beginning of 2022, a project was launched to introduce an assessment of the regulatory impact of regulations and decisions (Regulatory Impact Assessment, RIA) in the field of electronic communications, postal and railway services.

The project, whose official title is "Strengthening the implementation of impact assessment of regulations in Croatia", is implemented by the German Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) in cooperation with the Directorate General for Support of Structural Reforms of the European Commission¹.

Regulatory impact assessment (hereinafter: Assessment) is a systematic approach to analyzing the effects of a proposed regulation or policy prior to its implementation. The primary purpose of the Assessment is to provide all interested stakeholders with evidence-based information about the likely costs, benefits and consequences of the proposed regulatory course. The assessment provides the basis for making an informed decision, taking into account the effects of regulation in relation to the options considered. It also provides an opportunity for stakeholders to provide feedback and contribute to the overall regulatory process.

HAKOM's strategic goal is to ensure greater predictability, transparency and responsibility in the decision-making process, and therefore plans to implement the Assessment from 2024.

In order to introduce and implement the Assessment within HAKOM, HAKOM:

- reviews regulatory procedures with the aim of applying the best international practice of decision-making based on facts;
- develops guidelines with tools and methodology for the Assessment that will be applied to regulatory activities in the field of electronic communications, postal and railway services;
- improves the knowledge and skills of employees by educating them about the methodologies, tools and processes of the Assessment.



Tenko Obuljen, President of the Council

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