

# Evaluation of the Network of Regional Hubs Initiative

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**European Committee  
of the Regions**

## *Survey to the attention of the contact points of the Regional Hubs Network*

### What is this evaluation about and what will happen with the results?

The Regional Hubs Network has started as a two-year pilot project, and today, in view of its completion, it is up for a thorough evaluation to assess its continuation in the future. The final decision on the project's continuation will be taken by the CoR's Bureau on 11 September 2020. For the purpose of this evaluation, the RegHub secretariat will collect information, experiences and insights from those who have participated in the project.

This survey is specifically directed to the contact points of the Regional Hubs, as part of a broad effort to collect evidence on the functioning and objectives of the pilot project. Further surveys and personal interviews are being conducted simultaneously with the network partners at the CoR and in other European institutions. The survey results will be compiled into an evaluation report.

### Contact point details

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\* Name of the Regional Hub

\* Name of the Contact point

\* Position of the Contact point

If your hub is composed of different regions/communities, please specify which ones:

\* Are you based in Brussels?

- Yes
- No

## Questions regarding your hub

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1. In your hub/region/administration are there better regulation activities in place (apart from being part of the Regional Hubs Network)?

- Yes
- No

Please specify:

2. If you want to make any other comments with regard to the structure and organisation of your hub/region /administration, please specify here:

## Working methods and communication

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3. Overall, do you think that the current general approach and the working method used in the RegHub project are appropriate?

- Yes
- Somewhat
- No

If you don't think that the current approach is appropriate, please explain:

4. Has it been easy for you and your administration to contribute to the RegHub project in a timely manner?

- Yes
- Somewhat
- No

If it was not easy for you to contribute, please explain why and feel free to suggest ways to make it easier:

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5. Please indicate your level of satisfaction with the following 'RegHub documents'.

5.1 Survey questionnaires

	Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Neutral	Somewhat unsatisfied	Not satisfied at all	Not applicable
Public procurement	<input type="radio"/>					
Air quality	<input type="radio"/>					
Cross-border healthcare	<input type="radio"/>					
State aid	<input type="radio"/>					
CAP vs territorial development	<input type="radio"/>					

Please explain:

5.2 Implementation reports

	Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Neutral	Somewhat unsatisfied	Not satisfied at all	Not applicable
Public procurement	<input type="radio"/>					

Air quality	<input type="radio"/>					
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Please explain:

### 5.3 Executive summaries

	Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Neutral	Somewhat unsatisfied	Not satisfied at all	Not applicable
Public procurement	<input type="radio"/>					
Air quality	<input type="radio"/>					

Please explain:

6. Please indicate your level of satisfaction concerning the following communication tools.

6.1 Communication tools

	Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Neutral	Somewhat unsatisfied	Not satisfied at all	Not applicable
Emails	<input type="radio"/>					
Restricted area in the members' portal	<input type="radio"/>					
Videoconferences	<input type="radio"/>					
Newsletter	<input type="radio"/>					

6.2 If you have any comment or suggestion concerning the above-mentioned tools, please specify here:

6.3 Are there any specific communication tools you would wish to see in the future?

7. Please indicate how important you consider each of the following functions of any RegHub workshop.

7.1 Workshop functions

	Very important	Somewhat important	Neutral	Somewhat unimportant	Not important at all
Dissemination of information about the EU Better Regulation agenda	<input type="radio"/>				
Dissemination of information about the current consultation topics and policy areas	<input type="radio"/>				
Revision and discussion of ongoing consultations (e.g. questionnaire design)	<input type="radio"/>				
Getting in contact with officials from the CoR	<input type="radio"/>				
Getting in contact with officials from other EU institutions	<input type="radio"/>				
Exchange views and practices with other members of the RegHub network	<input type="radio"/>				
Learn about stakeholder consultation	<input type="radio"/>				

7.2 If there are other important workshop functions that are not mentioned here, please specify. You can also comment on your assessment of the above-mentioned functions.

8. Could you imagine that your hub/region/administration organises a RegHub workshop in your region?

- Yes
- No

Please specify, if necessary:

9. Would you be available to attend such workshop outside Brussels?

- Yes
- No

Please specify, if necessary:

## Interinstitutional / stakeholder relations

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10. Where are your stakeholders from?

- Only from the private sector.
- Only from the public sector.
- More or less split between both sectors.
- Mostly from the private sector.
- Mostly from the public sector.
- Other

11. In your experience, is it easy to identify stakeholders?

- Yes
- No

Please explain, if applicable, the challenges you faced and share any suggestion for improvement:

12. Please describe in a few words your usual approach to get in contact and communicate with stakeholders:

13. Please describe in a few words your usual approach to compile your stakeholders' feedback into one survey response:

14. Please choose an option to complete each of the following statements:

*In my experience with stakeholders' responses to consultations...*

*14.1 ...they were easy to process and integrate.*

- I strongly agree.
- I somewhat agree.
- Neutral.
- I somewhat disagree.
- I strongly disagree.
- Not applicable.

Please explain, if applicable, the challenges you faced and share any suggestion for improvement:

*14.2 ...they were concise and adequate (the replies matched the questions appropriately).*

- I strongly agree.
- I somewhat agree.
- Neutral.
- I somewhat disagree.
- I strongly disagree.
- Not applicable.

Please explain, if applicable, the challenges you faced and share any suggestion for improvement:

15. If applicable, please describe how the involvement in the RegHub network has shaped and changed your relations with your stakeholders (both within and outside your organisation/administration):

16. Has your region's participation in the RegHub network led to a change in staffing/working methods in your administration?

- Yes, my administration had to reassign tasks and responsibilities.

- Yes, my administration had to hire new staff.
- Yes, my administration established new procedures.
- No, but RegHub has replaced other/similar activities.
- No, there were no changes.
- Other.

17. Compared to other similar (transregional) networks or initiatives in which your region is involved, what do you consider to be the added value of the RegHub network?

18. In your experience, during the RegHub pilot phase, has the perception of the CoR, as an institution and partner in Brussels, changed for political or administrative actors and stakeholders in your region?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know.

Please explain:

19. In your experience, during the RegHub pilot phase, has the perception of the CoR, as an institution and partner in Brussels, changed for the other EU institutions?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know.

Please explain:

20. If applicable, how has your region's participation in the RegHub network shaped and changed its relations with EU institutions?

21. If applicable, how has your participation in the RegHub network shaped and changed your relations with other RegHub network members (and their administrations)?

## Identification and selection of policy areas for assessment

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22. Overall, do you think that the current general approach to topic selection is appropriate?

- Yes
- Somewhat
- No

If you don't think that the current approach is appropriate, please explain:

23. Please indicate how important the following consultations are for your region.

	Very important	Somewhat important	Neutral	Somewhat unimportant	Not important at all	Not applicable
Public procurement	<input type="radio"/>					
Air quality	<input type="radio"/>					
Cross-border healthcare	<input type="radio"/>					
State aid	<input type="radio"/>					
CAP vs territorial development	<input type="radio"/>					

24. In your view, what should primarily drive the choice of topics for the RegHub work programme?

- The European Commission work programme
- The European Parliament implementation review agenda
- The Committee of the Regions work programme
- Other

25. Do you think it would be feasible to conduct 'Hub-specific' consultations? Meaning consultations on topics that would only be relevant for specific RegHub members.

For example, a group of RegHub members, facing challenges in a policy area which is not covered by the network's work programme, could request an additional consultation on the implementation of the respective legislation. The consultation would thus be carried out by all regional hubs willing to participate.

- Yes
- No

Please explain:

26. Would you agree to the idea of having RegHub consultations on topics that are not linked to specific pieces of legislation (regulations, directives), but to current affairs or broad political initiatives (e.g. Corona-crisis, Green Deal...)?

- Yes
- No

Please explain:

27. What are the most pertinent topics that you would like to see in a future RegHub consultation? Please explain why:

*1500 character(s) maximum*

## Challenges for the Network of Regional Hubs

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28. Please indicate how important you consider each of the following activities of the RegHub network.

28.1 Network activities

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	Very important	Somewhat important	Neutral	Somewhat unimportant	Not important at all
Dissemination of information about the EU Better Regulation agenda	<input type="radio"/>				
Representation of LRA interests vis-à-vis other EU institutions	<input type="radio"/>				
Production of technical implementation reports to support the political work of the CoR	<input type="radio"/>				
Production of technical implementation reports to support the EU's Better Regulation activities (e.g. REFIT)	<input type="radio"/>				

28.2 If there are other important activities not mentioned here, but that should be conducted in your opinion, please describe them:

29. Would you consider activities in the framework of [ex-ante territorial impact assessments \(TIAs\)](#), conducted by the CoR, as a potential way to use the RegHub network?

Territorial impact assessments collect views of local and regional authorities on potential asymmetric effects of EU legislation at the subnational level. They are thus focusing on proposed legislation and not on the evaluation of existing legislation.

- Yes
- No
- I do not know.

Please explain:

30. The CoR Bureau Decision defines the following bullet points as some of the project's main goals. Please indicate if you think that they have been achieved.

30.1 Systematic and coherent collection of LRA's implementation experiences.

- Yes
- Somewhat
- No

Please explain:

30.2 Providing support for the participation of regions.

- Yes
- Somewhat
- No

Please explain:

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31. In your opinion, should the number of participating regions...

- remain the same.
- be reduced.
- be increased.

Please explain:

32. According to your experience, could your hub handle a number of consultations that...

- remains the same.
- decreases.
- increases.

Please explain:

33. If the number of consultations was to increase, what kind of resources and support would be needed to conduct them appropriately?

- Additional resources for my hub (financial or staff)
- Additional technical support from the RegHub secretariat
- Additional resources for the RegHub secretariat (financial or staff)
- Other

Please specify:

34. Would your hub/region be willing to take over additional functions besides feedback coordination (e.g. disseminating information about the European Commission's online consultations)?

- Yes.
- Yes, if further resources are provided.
- No, it would replicate existing structures.
- No.

Please explain:

35. If, by the end of the pilot phase, you are asked whether your hub/region wants to remain a member of the RegHub network, would you be in favour?

- Yes
- No

Please explain:

36. Is there anything we did not ask you in this survey that you would like to comment on?

*3000 character(s) maximum*

*Thank you very much for your participation!*

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