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Regulators' Capacity Fund

Cumulative Regulatory Impact Analysis

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Transport Canada (TC)

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ABOUT THE RCF

The CRI's Regulators' Capacity Fund empowers federal regulators to better consider economic, competitiveness, and resilience factors in regulatory design and implementation.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The project aimed to develop a framework for assessing the cumulative impacts of regulations. This project focused on creating tools and methodologies to evaluate how multiple regulations interact and affect stakeholders.

The Challenge:

Regulations are often assessed individually, but their combined effects can lead to unintended consequences. Without a method to evaluate cumulative impacts, policymakers may overlook potential burdens on stakeholders and the overall regulatory environment.

The Approach:

Transport Canada developed a comprehensive framework for cumulative impact analysis, including quantitative and qualitative assessment tools. The project involved stakeholder consultations, pilot testing, and refinement of methodologies to ensure they were practical and effective.

The Impact:

The framework was successfully piloted, with significant improvements in the ability to assess and manage the cumulative impacts of regulations. The tools developed were used to evaluate over 20 regulatory proposals, leading to more informed decision-making and reduced regulatory burdens.

Lessons Learned:

Holistic Assessment: Considering the combined effects of regulations provides a more accurate picture of their impact.

Stakeholder Feedback: Engaging stakeholders throughout the process ensures the framework addresses real-world concerns.

Continuous Improvement: Regularly updating and refining methodologies enhances their effectiveness.

This project demonstrates the importance of comprehensive impact assessments in regulatory processes, ensuring that regulations are effective and balanced.