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Report on Webinar

with

Mr. Daniel Trnka

Senior Policy Analyst, Regulatory Policy Division, OECD

On

"Regulatory Policy and Ensuring Quality of Regulations in OECD Countries"

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Program title: Webinar with Mr. Daniel Trnka, Senior Policy Analyst, Regulatory Policy Division, OECD on "Regulatory Policy and Ensuring Quality of Regulations in OECD Countries"

Program Date & Time:

24th June 2020 (Wednesday)

2:30 – 4:00pm (IST)

Mode of Delivery: Online via Blackboard (LMS)

Speaker profile:

Mr. Daniel Trnka

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Daniel Trnka works as a Senior Policy Analyst in the Regulatory Policy Division of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) leading the Regulatory Management and Delivery Team.

Daniel has been working in the area of public administration reform and regulatory reform for more than 20 years both at the national as well as the international level. Before joining the OECD, he worked as Director of the Department of Regulatory Reform and Public Administration Quality of the Ministry of Interior of the Czech Republic. His main areas of expertise are administrative simplification, regulatory impact assessment, stakeholder engagement and regulatory enforcement and inspections.



He is the author or co-author of several OECD publications, including the Recommendation of the OECD Council on Regulatory Policy and Governance, *Cutting Red Tape: Why Is Administrative Simplification So Complicated?*, OECD Best Practice Principles for Regulatory Enforcement and Inspections, OECD Best Practice Principles on Regulatory Impact Assessment, Administrative Simplification Reviews of Poland and Vietnam, Regulatory Policy Reviews of Mexico, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Slovenia and Croatia, Measuring and Reducing Administrative Burdens in Greece, etc.

Participant Profile: Regulatory officials from FOIR member organizations, Government officials, academicians and others from the field of regulation.

No. of participants: 112

Participant Categorization:

FOIR Member officials: 29 (CCI- 9)

Other regulatory officials: 7

Academicians: 27

Others (lawyers, CS, students etc.): 10

Last minute logins (Unknown): 39

PROGRAM OUTLINE:

The School of Competition Law & Market Regulation and Forum of Indian Regulators (FOIR) Centre at Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) successfully conducted a webinar with Mr. Daniel Trnka, Senior Policy Analyst, Regulatory Policy Division, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) on "Regulatory Policy and Ensuring Quality of Regulations in OECD Countries" on 24th June 2020 (Wednesday). The webinar with Mr. Daniel Trnka is the sixth webinar of a weekly webinar series organized by the School of Competition Law & Market Regulation to create awareness on various regulatory concepts, issues and International best practices. The webinar series covers a range of topics from the field of regulatory affairs and market regulation and engages speakers from across the globe including academicians, subject experts and Senior regulatory officials. The participants of the webinar include officials from FOIR member organizations, government officials, academicians and others working in the field of regulation.

PROGRAM FLOW:

The webinar was led by Mr. Daniel Trnka, Senior Policy Analyst, Regulatory Policy Division, OECD and moderated by Dr. Abha Yadav, Head, School of Competition law & Market regulation & Director, FOIR Centre.

The program was initiated with a welcome speech by Dr. Abha Yadav. She introduced the speaker Mr. Daniel Trnka and threw light on the relevance of the topic in the current scenario. Dr. Yadav further elaborated the format of the webinar to the participants.

Mr. Daniel Trnka explained the term “Regulation” as defined by OECD. He apprised the participants on OECD’s work on regulatory reform and regulatory improvement from 1995 till date and introduced them to the latest series of OECD’s Best practice principles for the regulators & the upcoming OECD work on regulation. He stated that OECD has come up with several country reviews of member countries and released indicators of regulatory quality, a paper on comparison of compliance of the 2012 recommendations by several countries.

He covered several topics such as the Elements of regulatory Policy and Governance, Policies for regulatory quality, Institutional framework and capacities for regulatory policies, Tools for developing new regulations, The process of Regulatory Impact Assessment, challenges of governance and methodology, Stakeholder Engagement, Reviewing existing regulations, Review approaches, Compliance enforcement and inspections, International Regulatory Cooperation and its importance

Mr. Trnka elaborated the 2012 recommendation of the council on regulatory policy and governance which defines the regulatory governance cycle and introduced the concept of 4C's i.e. Consultation, Co-ordination, Co-operation & Communication to the participants. He further explained the elements of the regulatory policy & governance which were broadly categorized as a) Strategic approach b) Institutions c) Regulatory Management tools d) Governance.

Mr. Daniel Trnka, in his session, stated that Institutional framework & capacity plays a crucial part in the regulatory framework of a country. He explained the importance of having a designated body for overseeing the quality of regulations through several examples of the US & UK. He referred to the United states presidential office, stating that it has an important role to play in the regulation making process as it oversees the quality of all the regulatory impact assessments conducted in the US. He took another example of the United Kingdom and apprised the participants of the fact that an independent body in the UK oversees the quality of the regulatory analysis process, before the draft regulations are

submitted to the cabinet for discussions. This independent watch dog exists in 7 European countries and even though they are not part of the administration but they play an important role in overseeing the quality of regulations. Such independent bodies currently do not exist in many of the countries.

He used diagrammatic representation and case-based approach and gave numerous examples to explain regulatory Policy making for ensuring quality of regulations to the participants, which was very effective. The session was engaging, and energetic participation was seen in the webinar. Questions were taken up from the participants at the end of the session, which led to a healthy discussion.

Dr. Abha Yadav moderated the question-answer round, where a series of questions from participants with respect to the importance of performance evaluation mechanism, his views on best performance evaluation mechanism adopted by a country across the globe and non-quantifiable aspects of regulation, measurement of impact of regulation in case of regulators handling dual responsibility of profession regulation & overall regulation of a sector etc. were raised by the participants from various regulatory bodies such as Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) and other participants from the field of regulation, which were effectively answered by Mr. Daniel Trnka. The participants included several senior regulatory officials such as Mr. Satpal Garg, Member, PNGRB, Dr. Mukulita Vijayawargiya, Member, IBBI, Shri T. S. Balasubramanian, Member TAMP and many others.

The participants received great insights on ensuring quality of regulatory policy making from the subject-matter expert and gained from his experiences. The participants appreciated IICA for organizing the webinar & appreciated the program's content. Mr. Daniel Trnka specially thanked the School of Competition Law & Market Regulation and FOIR Centre, IICA for providing the opportunity to be able to interact with regulators in India.

The webinar ended with a vote of thanks by Dr. Abha Yadav, Head, School of Competition Law and Market Regulations and Director FOIR Centre (IICA)

Images: Mr. Daniel Trnka, Senior Policy Analyst, Regulatory Policy Division, OECD addressing the participants during the webinar

