Danish experience with assessments of bills

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Assessment

Regular impact assessment was introduced in Denmark in 1996 to evaluate economic and administrative impacts on the public sector, and the administrative consequences for the citizens and companies in general.
Assessment of bills

The assessment of bills and other Government proposals are based on the rules in the Circular from the Prime Minister’s Office No. 31 of February 26 1993.
Environmental assessments of bills

Environmental assessments of bills are based on the Circular from the Prime Minister’s Office and “Guidance on procedures for environmental assessment of bills and other Government proposals” 1995 by the Ministry of Environmental and on a Ministerial Guidance from 2005
Preparation of a bill

- Appointment of a committee for the preparation
- Administrative preparation with consultation of other authorities, institutions, interest groups etc
Good practice - examples

Five proposals from the parliamentary year 2006/2007

Proposal for

- changing the taxation bill
- changing in the traffic bill
- a bill about developing of intensive fish farming and the fishery
- the use of energy consuming products
- a bill in connection with Bulgaria and Romania´s membership of EU
Public participation

- Negative effects on the environment
- Positive effects on the environment
- Public participation