

# Business Impact Assessments

- the Danish model

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Mission:

To make it easier to run a  
**business in Denmark**

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# History

1996 First Business Test Panels are established as a pilot project

1998 Business Impact Assessments become mandatory in some cases

2001 Business Impact Assessments become mandatory for several ministries

## What is the overall procedure?

- The DCCA spots relevant proposal to be tested when consulted on a draft for the Government's Yearly Legislative Programme (Law Programme)
- The DCCA recommends which proposal thes BTP should test to the Group of Permanent Under-Secretaries
- Ministries contact the DCCA in due time to set up a BTP for the proposal in question

## Why are Business Impact Assessments important?

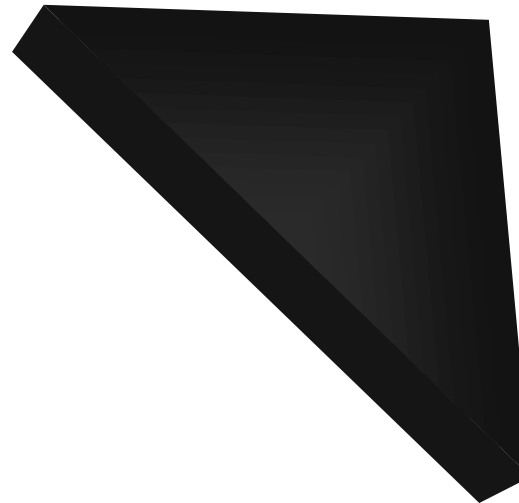
- Appropriate way to measure actual consequences in order make good cost-benefit analyses
- Direct consultation of businesses provides valuable knowledge
- Increase legitimacy of final proposals

# Putting Businesses First

- three approaches

Test Panels

Focus Panels



Focus Groups

## When do we use panels?

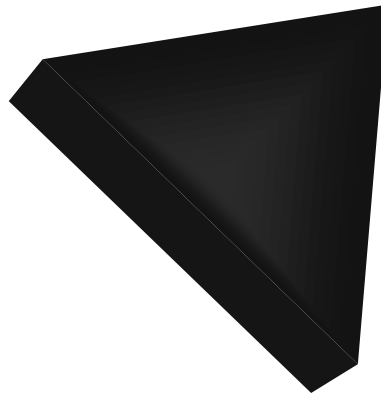
- Usually during general consultation
- In few cases during consideration in Parliament

...both ways may be too late

## Learning Points

Provide valuable  
knowledge

Increase awareness in  
business community



Increase awareness in  
public authorities

# Future challenges

- A difference that makes a difference?
- Communication improved
- Can we do better?