

Table 1: Dimensions of Institutionalization and Empirical Indicators to Assess its Level

Dimensions	Empirical Indicators
<p>Formalized Adoption: The practice has been formally adopted by the Commission</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formal adoption • Explicit and high-level commitment
<p>Structures and Procedures: A regularized practice has been established, with supporting structures</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Normalized part of policymaking • Dedicated bodies to support implementation • Standard approach with clear guidelines • Dedicated tools to support daily routines and processes
<p>Quality: There is institutional investment in achieving and maintaining a high-quality practice</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investment of resources (human and financial) • Training of staff • Quality assurance mechanisms
<p>Accountability and Compliance: The practice is transparent, is adequately monitored on a regular basis and there are mechanisms in place to ensure compliance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Process is transparent to enable external oversight • Process is monitored on a regular basis • Texts are available • Actors are identifiable • Mechanisms to ensure guidelines are followed (incentives/sanctions)
<p>Stability: Practice does not vary across policy areas or over time</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation is consistent across policy areas and over time