



# Enhancement of the Business Environment in the Southern Mediterranean



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# Critical Friends' Consultation on National Action Plans

## SBA Project in Israel SME test in Israel



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# What does our action plan aim to achieve?



In order to improve the regulatory environment for SMEs, and to enable the government to take into consideration the real economic cost of specific regulation, we aim to develop a standardised format of the SME Test for Israel. This format will include a framework for consultation with stakeholders and a framework for the preparation and quality assurance of the SME test



## How are we going to achieve it?



We already have format for the document of the SME Test that we copied from the EU and we plan to use for the RIA process, which the Ministry of PM and our Ministry of Economy are building in Israel. In this project we plan to consult with international experts about the above mentioned format and how to build a process for the preparation of the SME Test including consultations and quality assurance for the test. Building on the consultation with experts, we plan to map stakeholders in Israel and to consult with them about the process and the format of the SME test. Afterwards we plan to test the format on one of the first bill proposals that will go through the format of the new RIA in Israel.





# How to measure success?



The evaluation criteria will be:

- a. Awareness of SME test: Percentage of policy-makers/public officials dealing with regulations concerning SMEs who are aware of the SME test? (this could be measured through an online survey)
- b. Importance of SME test: In how many of the new bills that will go through the RIA process in Israel, will there be a proper SME Test?
- c. Recognition of regulation problems: In how many of the bills that conduct SME Test, will substantial problems be found?
- d. Follow-up to SME test: In how many cases, where the SME Test has identified problems, will these problems be solved as a result of the test?



**Thank you for your attention**

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