



The Commission launches a data collection project in support of the Impact Assessment of its export control policy

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In the context of the ongoing export control policy review, and after publication of its 2014 [Communication](#), the Commission has initiated an "impact assessment" to ensure an in-depth and comprehensive analysis of economic, social (including security and human rights) and environmental impacts of the various review options outlined in this Communication.

The Commission has contracted a Consultant - the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) and ECORYS - to conduct a "data collection project" to support the impact assessment.

The inception phase, which lays the foundation for the data collection project, was completed in February 2015, and the project is now entering implementation phase. The Consultant will in particular conduct survey targeted to relevant stakeholders.

Stakeholders willing to contribute to the data collection process may, as appropriate, provide inputs directly to the Consultant as per details below:

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Stakeholder consultations are an essential element of the policy review. The Commission will launch an online, open public consultation in the middle of 2015, in order to feed into the impact assessment.