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

Dimensions	Empirical Indicators
Formalized Adoption: The practice has been formally adopted by the Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Formal adoption• Explicit and high-level commitment
Structures and Procedures: A regularized practice has been established, with supporting structures	<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
Quality: There is institutional investment in achieving and maintaining a high-quality practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Investment of resources (human and financial)• Training of staff• Quality assurance mechanisms
Accountability and Compliance: The practice is transparent, is adequately monitored on a regular basis and there are mechanisms in place to ensure compliance	<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)
Stability: Practice does not vary across policy areas or over time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Implementation is consistent across policy areas and over time