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Capacity building for regulation

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Why do we need an innovative approach for capacity building ? Governments worldwide are striving to create new regulatory bodies in response to the liberalisation of economies and privatisation. CRC research on the performance of such institutions has uncovered a lack of conceptual understanding on the part of regulators of the management and organisational aspects of putting regulatory intentions into practice. Current literature also reflects a lack of knowledge in this area and provides an inadequate integration of the respective regulation and management concepts. Additionally most approaches to capacity building to address this imbalance of knowledge and practice remain prescriptive in nature and rely heavily on recommended training to raise performance. It is in these circumstances that CRC research has pointed the way forward towards an innovative approach that allows regulators to analyse the management processes that underpin the effective delivery of regulation and to identify 'good practice' improvement measures. This policy brief provides a guide to the required methodology which stresses a move away from prescriptive methods for capacity building towards the generation of knowledge and actions appropriate for regulators, taking into account the particular organisational and country circumstances they face

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