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IAW Guidelines for Good Scientific Policy Advice

The IAW's objectives are to apply economic and social science research methods to questions of the private and public economy, to develop a scientifically sound basis for economic policy decisions and deal with the research questions and methods of empirical economic research. As part of this objective, the IAW advises public and private clients.

The following guidelines represent the essential characteristics of our consulting services and define standards for their quality:

1. Scientific Approach

Our results and recommendations developed are based on scientific standards. The methods used reflect the current state of scientific knowledge.

2. Transparency

Our procedures and results are transparent and verifiable. All work steps and interim results are fully documented. The results of the studies are generally made available to the public.

3. Independence

The selection of data and methods, the presentation of results and their interpretation are independent of personal or political interests, preconceived opinions and the influence of the client or other stakeholders. Our research and consultation practices are unbiased and do not depend on any preconceived views.



4. Client Orientation

Our consulting aims to present the results and contents of our scientific studies in a comprehensible manner. This ensures that insights and recommendations for action are effectively communicated, enabling the advised parties to make informed decisions. This usually requires that the empirical results are based on the latest and most relevant data available.

5. Proactive consultation

In the context of our consulting, we actively contribute important aspects on our own initiative. Additionally, we provide stimuli to raise awareness of future topics among our clients, economic policymakers, and the public.

6. Reliability

Adherence to deadlines and confidentiality are guiding principles of our work. During and upon completion, information about the project's contents and results are only conveyed to third parties with the client's consent.

7. Quality Assurance

Continuous documentation, regular internal exchange about project processes and content, and reflection of our own work ensure the correctness of results and the quality of our consulting services.