

## Study supporting the Evaluation of Directive 2014/31/EU on non-automatic weighing instruments (“NAWID”) and Directive 2014/32/EU on measuring instruments (“MID”)

### Stakeholder consultation overview

This note provides basic information for stakeholders interested in contributing to the evaluation of the EU’s metrology directives. The Centre for Strategy & Evaluation Services (CSES) and its partners are preparing a study for the European Commission’s DG GROW to support this evaluation. This note explains the evaluation aims and summarises the consultation tools through which stakeholders can provide input to the study.

**If you are interested in contributing through the consultations, please provide your name, contact details and your relevant professional role / expertise to Mark Whittle ([mwhittle@cses.eu](mailto:mwhittle@cses.eu)) and Lisa Ensor ([lensor@cses.eu](mailto:lensor@cses.eu))**

**Purpose of the evaluation study:** to assess if the MID and NAWID remain fit for purpose in terms of their overall effectiveness, efficiency, relevance, coherence and EU added value.

The specific aims are to:

- Analyse the performance of the legal metrology directives against their original objectives.
- Examine the adequacy of the directives, in particular their: i) essential requirements; and ii) scope (product coverage), as well as their ongoing relevance in light of technological developments, market trends and societal changes since 2014.
- Collect data on the implementation of the metrology directives, including the impact on citizens, businesses (including SMEs) and authorities.
- Provide a better understanding of the European market, and its evolution since the adoption of the MID and the NAWID and since their alignment with the New Legislative Framework in 2014.

### **How and when stakeholders can contribute**

Consultation type	Timing	Details
<b>Online Survey</b> (CheckMarket online survey tool)	<i>Piloting:</i> September 2023 <i>Launch target:</i> end-September 2023  Open for at least 10 weeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Targeted survey in English for well-informed stakeholders.</li> <li>• Feedback on technical issues around product coverage and scope.</li> <li>• Mostly closed-ended questions, with opportunity to provide qualitative feedback through open-ended, follow-up questions.</li> <li>• Open to EU and international stakeholders.</li> </ul>
<b>Interview programme</b> (Semi-structured interviews - 65-75 stakeholders)	<i>Piloting:</i> March-August 2023 <i>Core timeframe:</i> October-December 2023  <i>Further validation interviews:</i> January and February 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gather feedback on technical issues (e.g. adequacy of essential requirements and product scope).</li> <li>• Check what data is available on market size / structure by instrument type.</li> <li>• Obtain feedback on costs and benefits of implementing the directives.</li> </ul>
<b>Focus groups</b> (Structured – virtual – focus on technical issues)	<i>Core timeframe:</i> November-December 2023  Stakeholders to be sent a list of focus groups and can register their interest online / by email	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engage with technical experts in legal metrology across different measuring / weighing instruments.</li> <li>• Validate emerging evaluation findings.</li> <li>• 3-5 focus groups foreseen.</li> <li>• Possible topics: instruments linked to new technologies / digitalisation / software; instruments that facilitate green transition.</li> </ul>
<b>Final workshop</b>	TBC 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hybrid event</li> <li>• Presentation and validation of evaluation findings.</li> </ul>

### **Overview of target stakeholders, by type of consultation**

