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A big change

- from traditional general research/information service
- to expert support for Members and other clients
- a challenge to a service with 10 people and 3500 requests per year



Why?

- *Members'/clients' needs have changed*
- nature of the requests have changed
- more complex
- national, European, global
- more in-depth
- economic impact analysis



Why?

- *Changes in Parliament*
- legislation, budget, control function, EU affairs
- role of the opposition
- role of the factions
- economic impacts of decisions



How?

- recruitment
- qualifications:
 - fairly wide fields of expertise
 - ability to analyse and summarize
- close contacts to factions



How?

- by creating a function of economic analysis
 - started in 2011 with one economist
 - in 2013 two people more
 - impacts on budget
 - impact on individuals/households
 - etc.



Procedure

- strategy (this is the key)
- support from the management
- support from the clients

- all this takes time

Thank you!

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