Regulatory Sandboxes – Enabling Innovation and Advancing Regulation

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Why do we need an initiative on sandboxes?
What is a regulatory sandbox?

Level 3  > Examining current or testing new regulation ("regulatory learning")

Level 2  > Making use of flexibility in the legal framework (e.g. provided in experimentation clauses)

Level 1  > Testing innovation for a specific length of time and usually across a limited area
Fields of application

- mobility and logistics solutions
- eHealth
- digital administration
- energy research
- sharing economy
- digital platforms
- AI, Blockchain
- ...

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What do we do?

**Pillar I**
Pro-innovation regulation, flexibility
- Fostering (greater) use and development of experimentation clauses
- Reviewing further instruments such as general clauses

**Pillar II**
Information and networking
- Regulatory Test Beds handbook
- Regulatory Test Beds network
- Gov’t Working Group
- Website

**Pillar III**
Launch and support
- Pilot projects
- Regular Regulatory Test Beds competitions
- Support for existing Regulatory Test Beds (SINTEG*, energy research etc.)

*Smart Energy Showcases – Digital Agenda for the Energy Transition, a programme operated by the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy which addresses technical, economic and regulatory challenges linked to the energy transition, doing so on the basis of an experimentation clause.*
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