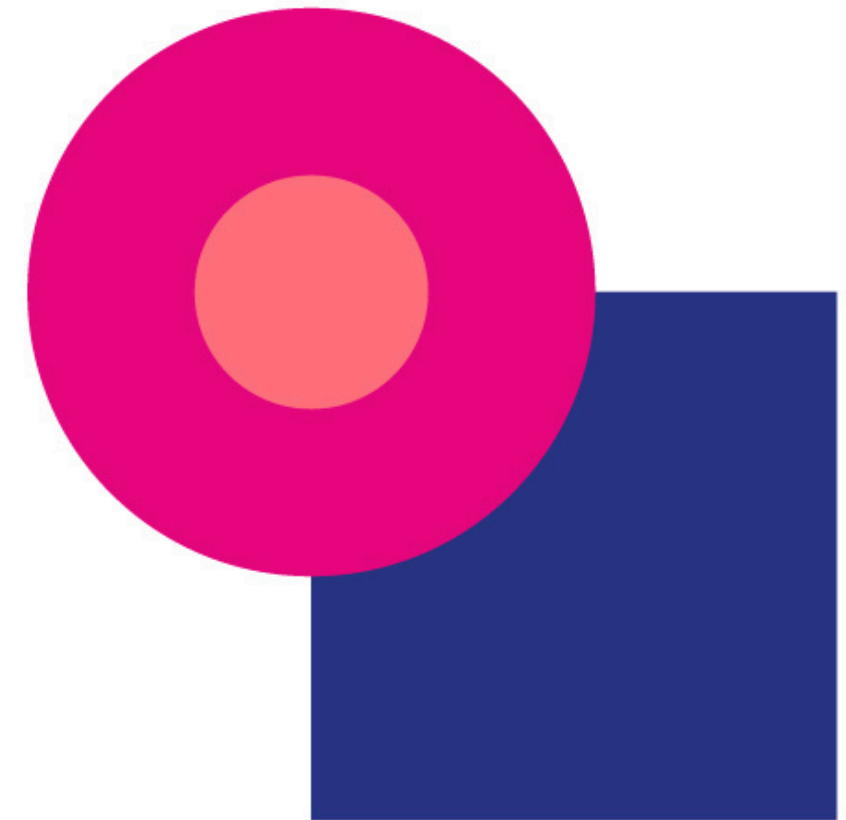


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Mission

To assist the 60 legislators in making evidence-informed decisions by offering different services and resources.



Situation analysis

**The National Congress and the Legislature of BA City
lacked institutional incentives to use evidence**

| How big? | Why? | Stakeholder's opinions? |
|---|--|---|
| Comparative analysis | Sociological analysis | Needs analysis |
| 2020-2021 | 2020-2021 | 2022-2023 |
| Comparison of the legal and institutional framework of 15 parliaments (objective approach) | Analysis of the legislative branch according to the fields & habitus theory of Pierre Bourdieu (objective approach) | Interviews (subjective approach) |
| BA City Legislature: no incentives. | Political and juridic approaches are stronger than evidence approach. | Need for additional resources to perform more complex analyses and reduce the workload. |

The identity of the Office

A) Descriptive & explanatory evidence.

B) Focus on the three dimensions of evidence use:
motivation, capability, and opportunity (integral plan).

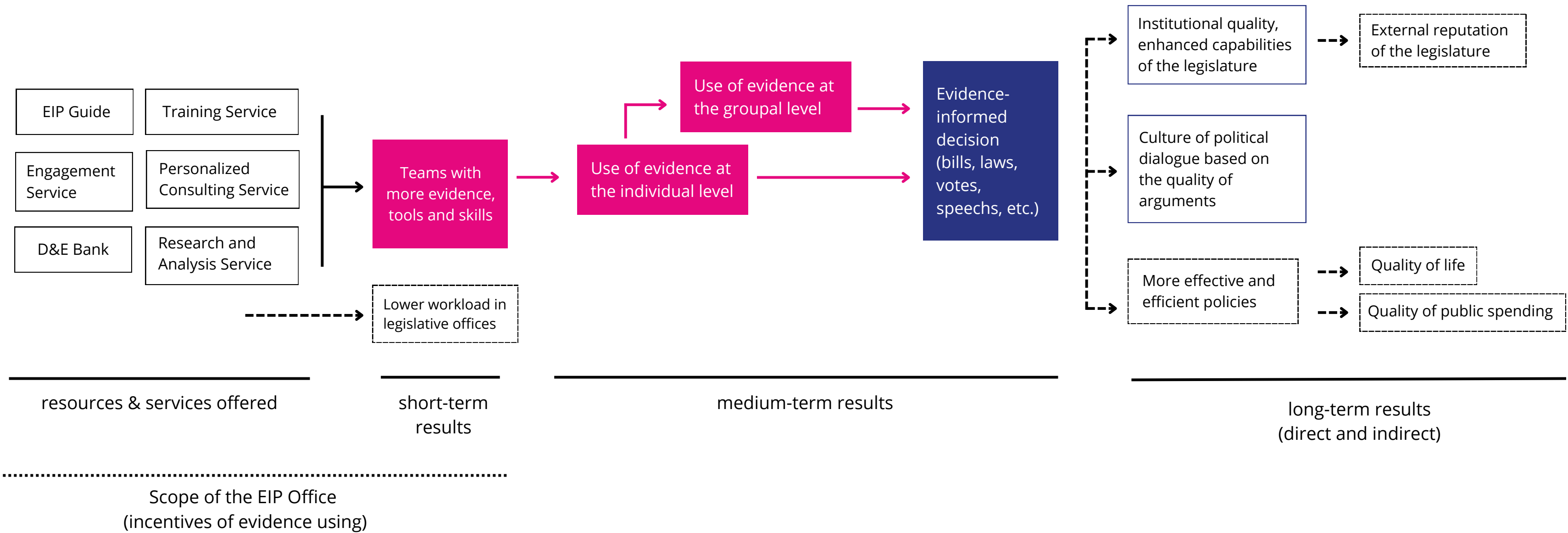
Strategic plan

Work in the three dimensions of evidence use

| Motivation (to want to use) | Capability (to know how to use) | Opportunity (to have access to use) |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| Training service EIP Guide | Training service EIP Guide Personalized Consulting service | Research and analysis service Engagement service Data & Evidence Bank |

Strategic Plan

Theory of Change



Institutionalization

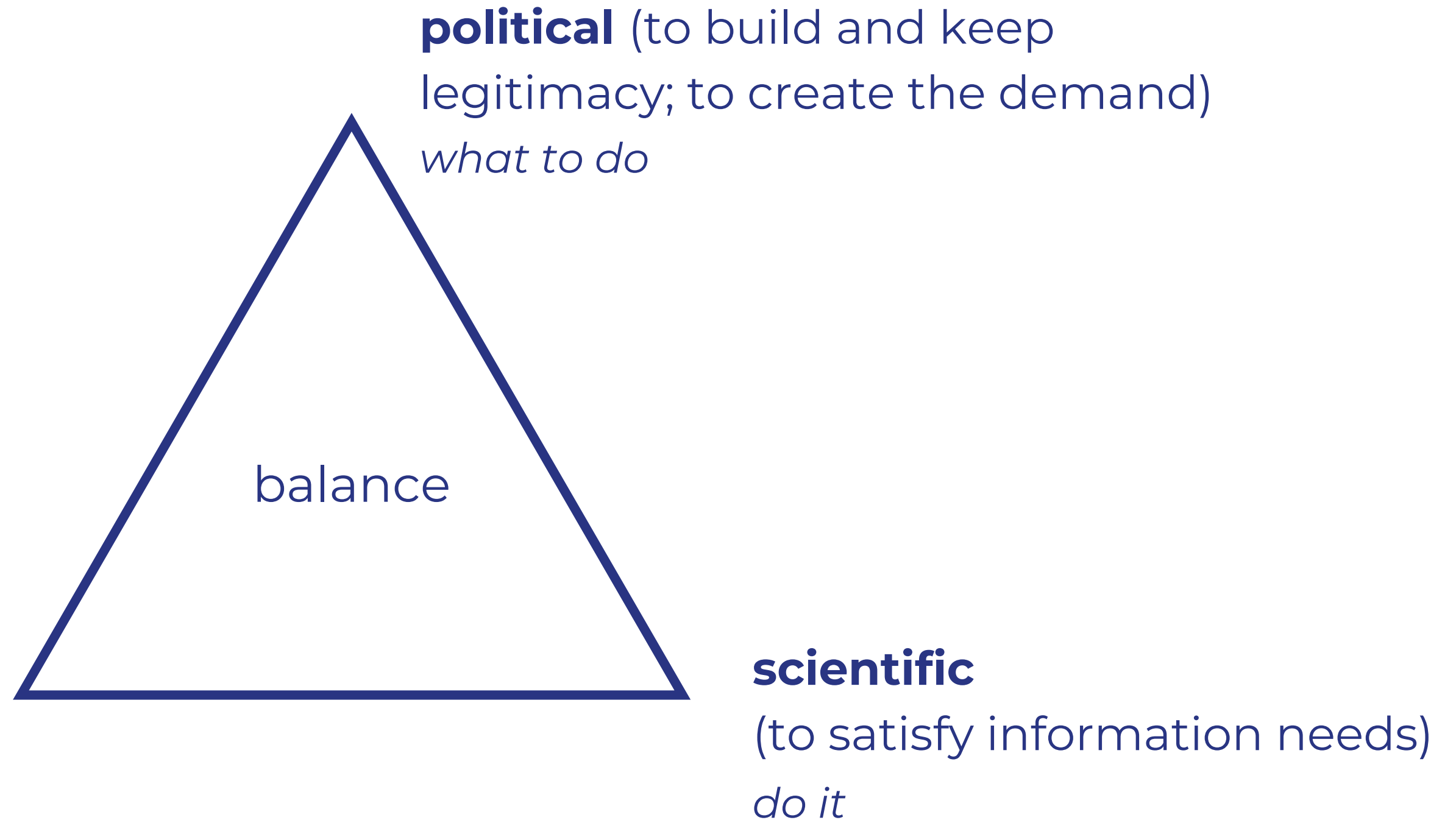
Three agendas

- Three types of actors
- Three logics
- Three languages
- Different skills

institutional

(to design, develop and
evaluate a public policy)

how to do it



Institutionalization

Progressive development + first the policy, then the office

2020-2022

**Diagnosis +
Proposal**

2021-2022

**Incidence
Campaign**

2022-2023

**Political decision +
First actions**

- first training course on EIP making
- EIP Guide
- director selection process (three-instance exam)
- online training course

2023-present

**Office's creation +
Advising services +
Legislative impact**

- creation of the EIP office + strategic plan
- launch of research service
- M&E
- other services and resources

Facilitators of the Office's institutionalization

- 01.** Political actors (decision).
- 02.** Networks and parliamentary experience (know-how).
- 03.** Universities (external validation).
- 04.** Data policy of Buenos Aires (opportunity to use evidence).
- 05.** Collaborators.

Facilitators

Who collaborated with our work?

With our researches:

Agencia de Acceso a la Información Pública
Asesoría Técnica Parlamentaria del Congreso de Chile
Asociación Civil Evaluar
Biblioteca del Congreso de la Nación
Biblioteca Esteban Echeverría (Legislatura CABA)
CEDOM (Legislatura CABA)
Defensoría del Pueblo de la CABA
DG. Planificación Administrativa (Legislatura CABA)
Gobierno de la CABA
Global Evidence Commission
Fundación Sadosky
Hospital Italiano
Hub de Evidencias de América Latina y el Caribe
Instituto de Estadísticas y Censos-CABA
Instituto Nacional de Estadísticas y Censos (INDEC)
Legislaturas Conectadas
Universidad Nacional de Buenos Aires

Universidad Nacional de Lanús
Universidad Tecnológica Nacional

With the design of the Office and its services:

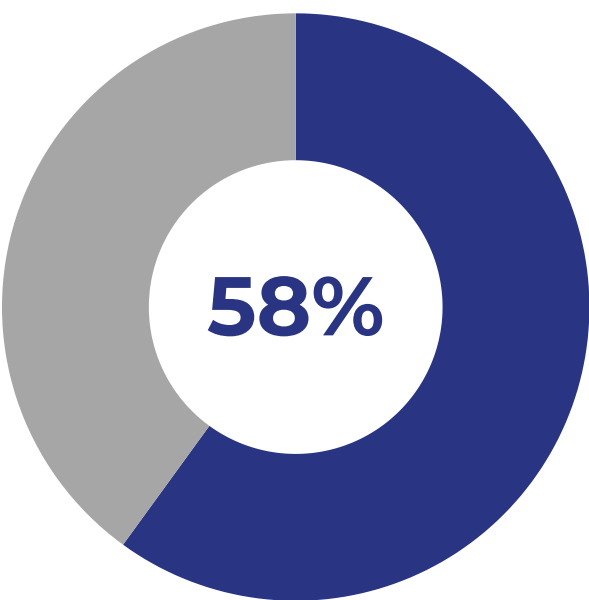
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Civic House
Departamento de Servicio Científico del Parlamento de Grecia
Directorio Legislativo
EvalYouth-Capítulo Argentina
Global Evidence Commission
Instituto Legislativo de Capacitación Permanente (Legislatura CABA)
Oficina POST del Parlamento del Reino Unido
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Universidad de la Ciudad de Buenos Aires
Universidad Nacional de San Martín
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Impact

Since October 2023

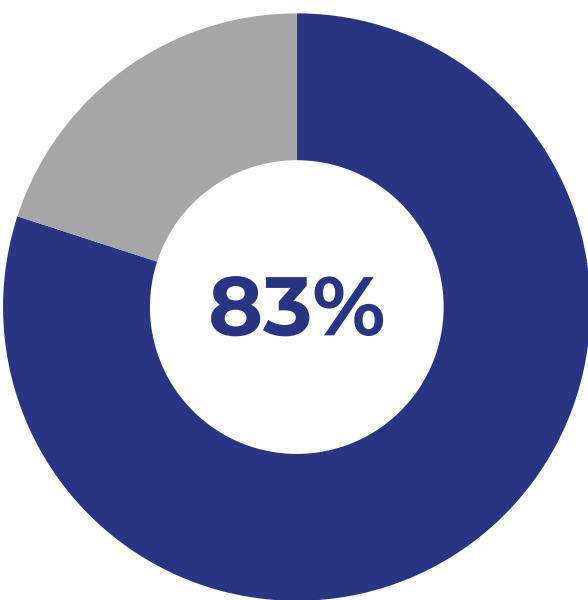
Office Utilization Level

% of legislative offices that used the Office



Total: 35 of the 60 legislative offices

% of legislative blocs that used the Office



Total: 10 of the 12 legislative blocs

21 reports on 14 topics

Types of uses

- 01. Understanding an issue.
- 02. Decision-making:
 - Basis or proposals of a bill.
 - Not presenting a bill that had already been prepared.

Contributions

- 01. Providing explanatory evidence (40%).
- 02. Reducing workload.
- 03. Fact-checking.
- 04. Translating into plain language.

96 advisers enrolled in the EIP course

Challenges

Cultural

1. Diversity of knowledge and capabilities.
2. Risk of mistrust in the usefulness of evidence.

Political

1. Risk of offering irrelevant products.
2. Risk of mistrust in the Office's impartiality, confidentiality, and professional quality.

Scientific

1. Risk of using incomplete or low-quality evidence.
2. Risk of achieving low-quality products.
3. Risk of bias in the search and analysis.

Operative

1. Risk of being unknown.
2. Risk of offering products untimely.
3. Problems accessing EIP Office services.
4. Problems with access to evidence.
5. Risk of saturation of the Office.
6. Risk of failure to reach goals.

Institutional agenda: lines of work

comunication + institutional relations + quality policy + M&E

Thanks!

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