
Breakfast-debate: "Impact Assessments. Unemployment crisis in the UE"

For a second consecutive morning, the Chamber organized at its office a breakfast-debate; in this occasion, under the topic **"Impact Assessments. Unemployment crisis in the UE"**. **Xavier Prats, Director for Employment Policy and International Relations at the European Commission (Directorate-General Employment, Social Affairs and Equality of Opportunities)**, was the speaker invited this time, and based his discussion on explaining to the assistants the structure and objectives of the Impact Assessment Board. Prats exposed how this organism, divided in several directorates dedicated to study the impact that the proposals brought up to the Commission have on different areas, was created at the end of 2006, with the aim of working ***"on the coherence and context of the arguments for this proposals"***.

As well, he also talked about how necessary it is for departments such as the one he manages to improve on certain aspects, due to the fact that ***"sometimes, referring to social or employment matters, it is difficult to value the impact, since there's a gap on statistics; thus the analysis result weaker than, for example, those about environmental subjects"***. Attending to the second part of the title for this breakfast debate, Prats also brought up to discussion the proposal approved yesterday by the Commission for the 2010-2020 decade; the crisis; the compatibility of short and long term measures to fight it; and finally, the situation of the working market in Spain, which he related to a bad strategy on education and formation.