

# New tools to reduce regulatory burdens: the Italian Programme

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# Previous experience: lessons learnt (1/2)

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- Administrative burdens
- Burden reduction potential close to € 9 billions (29% of measured costs)

## Success factors

- Selectivity
- Flexibility
- Stakeholders engagement



# Previous experience: lessons learnt (2/2)

- **Proportionality**

Smaller and/or low-risk  
business activities

Public Administrations

Burden reduction

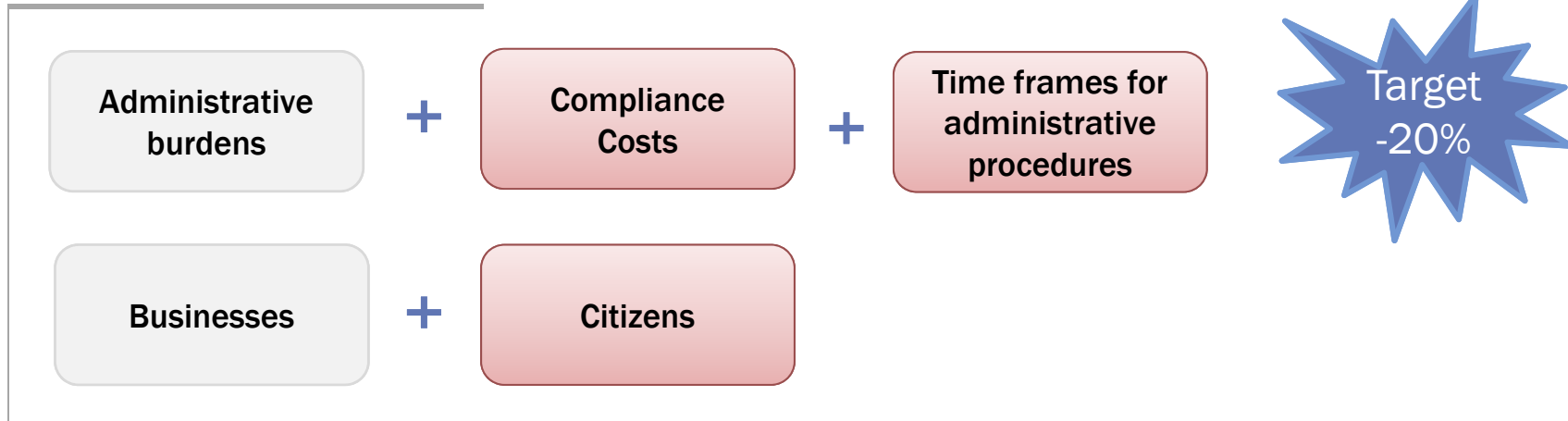
More resources for  
inspections and  
efforts focused on  
the most relevant  
cases



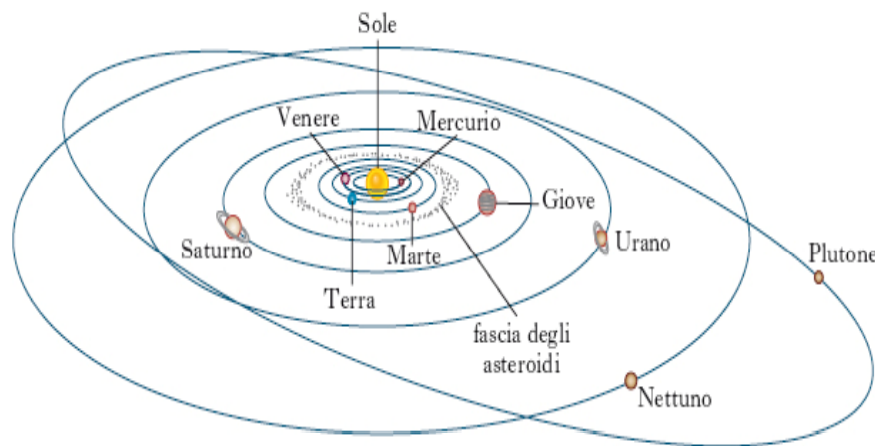
The implementation of the proportionality principle made it possible to balance burden reduction with the need to protect public interests

# The Programme: newness

## Content



## Process



Multilevel governance

Link with the Simplification Agenda and the EU Structural Funds Programming Cycle

Strengthening of consultation

# Regulatory burden reduction: areas

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| Sector  | Object of measurement                           |
|---|---|
| Fire prevention   | Substantive compliance costs                    |
| Agriculture   | Substantive compliance and administrative costs |
| Food safety and hygiene                                   | Substantive compliance and administrative costs |
| Renewable energy  | Substantive compliance and administrative costs |
| Incentives for businesses and structural funds management | Administrative costs                            |
| EIA at regional level                                     | Substantive compliance and administrative costs |
| Tax law   | Administrative costs                            |

# Regulatory burden reduction: methodologies

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Compliance costs



High heterogeneity



Highly targeted surveys

More attention on qualitative aspects

New method

“SME Focus”

# SME Focus

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## Method

In-depth surveys at the headquarter of some representative businesses

## Objectives

Seeing burdens “through the business eyes”  
Enabling a 360° view of regulatory costs

## Added Value

Qualitative aspects (e.g. irritating burdens, interactions between administrative requirements, awareness of simplification measures, proposals)



# In-depth analysis on start-ups

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- Targeted actions on start-ups
- Qualitative and quantitative techniques

## Adaptation of measurement methodologies

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Use of administrative databases (e.g. the Business Register)

Tailoring survey questions taking into account the variability of administrative requirements depending on the business field of activity

# International comparison and collaboration

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The new  
Programme

Tackling the “gold-plating” in a  
more systematic way  
Learning from best practices

JOINT EVALUATIONS AND  
COMMON ACTIONS

