

Lessons Learned, Looking to the Future

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President-Elect Juncker

- Political guidelines: "to identify, together with the Parliament and the Council, 'red tape' both at European and national level that could be swiftly removed as part of the Jobs, Growth and Investment Package".
- VP mission letter: "take stock of experience and report to the College within 12 months on how the approach to Better Regulation could be strengthened".





Smart Regulation is about the whole policy cycle





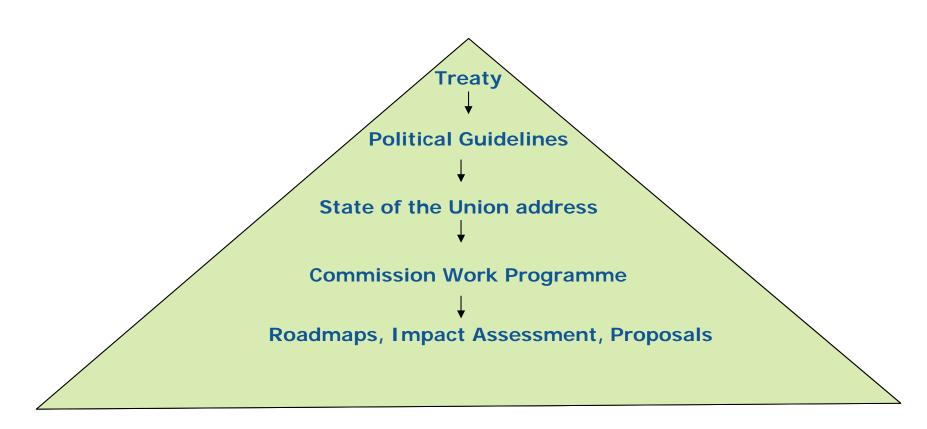


The Smart Regulation: the System





Strategic programming





The Commission IA system

Planning and Programming Impact Assessment Stakeholder Consultation Evaluation

Integrated approach

- All benefits and costs.
- Economic, social and environmental impacts.

Wide scope

• All initiatives with significant impacts, from policy defining proposals to implementing measures

Transparency

- Publication of Roadmaps, IAs and IAB opinions
- Comprehensive stakeholder consultation

Independent quality control – Impact Assessment Board

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Results so far ...

- More than 680 IAs, over 900 IAB opinions since 2007
- 2010 ECA audit found that:
 - The Commission's IA system is effective in supporting EU decision making
 - No other system has a similar comprehensive approach
 - Consultations with stakeholders are widely used
 - The IAB is contributing to quality of proposals
 - IA reports comply with the IA guidelines
- Findings confirmed by more recent studies (EP "Matrix" study, CEPS study, OECD)





Stakeholder Consultation



- Wide scope: Treaty obligation to carry out broad consultations with parties concerned before making a policy proposal.
- **Transparency and outreach:** Early warning on consultation plans provided in **roadmaps**. Open public consultations posted at **single access portal** 'Your Voice in Europe'. Contributions of respondents published and **feedback** provided in summary and IA reports.
- Rules: General principles and minimum standards for consulting external parties. Strengthened provisions in IA context stakeholders to be consulted on all key aspects of analysis.
- 12-week public consultation on impact assessment.





Regulatory Fitness and Performance Programme ("REFIT")

- Identify burdens, inconsistencies, gaps and ineffective measures across acquis ('Mapping')
- Take action: withdraw, repeal, simplify, improve
- Assess: evaluations and Fitness Checks
- Consult: Involve Stakeholders
- Track Progress: Scoreboard





REFIT Results

- Simplification Proposals with Legislator: +/-50
- New simplification initiatives in preparation: +/-30
- Evaluations and Fitness checks: 60 planned; 20 underway.
- > 10 Withdrawals and 15 Repeals.





- Stronger focus on regulatory measures
- "Evaluate First Principle"
- More attention to broader areas of legislation and cross-cutting issues (via Fitness Checks)
- Pilot joint evaluations with Member States



Ingredients for Success

- Results orientation
- Integrated evidence based approach
- Scrutiny
- Patience
- Consultation
- Cooperation
- Commitment





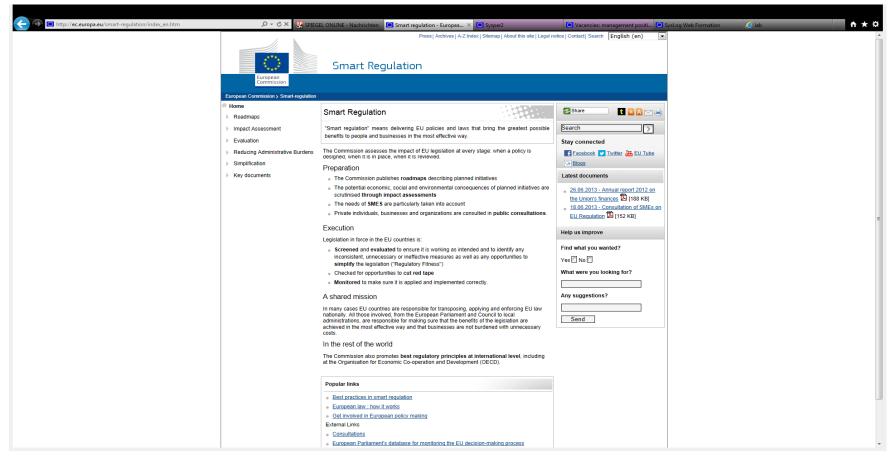
Commitment: A shared Mission

- Commission + Council + Parliament
 - Better use of IA in the decision making process
 - Analyse impacts for substantive amendments
- Member States
 - National administrative capacity/regulatory quality matters -> National impact assessment
 - More active engagement in consultations/ evaluations -> Subsidiarity feedback /joint evaluations/implementation plans
- Stakeholders
 - Active engagement in consultation processes





Further information



Smart Regulation: http://ec.europa.eu/smart-regulation/

