



How to participate in the REFIT process and to examine REFIT results

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REFITing Together

- EU Institutions
- Member States
- Stakeholders



REFIT initiatives in preparation – *examples:*

- ✓ *Information and consultation of workers*
- ✓ *Veterinary Medicines*
- ✓ *Company law*
- ✓ *Integration of Business Statistics*

New Initiatives 2014:

- ✓ *New comprehensive architecture for business statistics*
- ✓ *Extension of the VAT one-stop-shop to all business to consumer supplies and Development of an EU VAT web information portal*
- ✓ *Simplification of EU legislation on identity and travel documents*



REFIT proposals pending in legislative procedure:

- ✓ *Animal health*
- ✓ *Consumer product safety and market surveillance*
- ✓ *The Common Consolidated Corporate Tax base*
- ✓ *Package travel, holidays and tours*
- ✓ *Introduction of a standard VAT declaration*



REFIT proposals adopted – *implementation*

- ✓ *New legal framework for public procurement*
- ✓ *Recognition of Professional qualifications*
- ✓ *Recording equipment in road transport (tachograph)*
- ✓ *Clinical trials with pharmaceuticals*



Repeals– *examples:*



New Repeals 2014:

- ✓ *Energy labelling of some households devices*
- ✓ *Transport rates and conditions*
- ✓ *Standardized reporting in the area of environment*
- ✓ *Agriculture – obsolete acts in relation to CAP*

Withdrawals – *examples:*



New withdrawals 2014:

- ✓ *Investor compensation schemes*
- ✓ *Aviation security charges*
- ✓ *Pregnant workers*
- ✓ *Fund for compensation of oil pollution damage in European waters*
- ✓ *Hygiene of foodstuffs*

EU added value under assessment:



- ✓ *Occupational safety and health for hairdressers*
- ✓ *Muscular skeletal disorders and screen displays*
- ✓ *Environmental tobacco smoke*

REFIT Evaluations:



- ✓ *Health and safety at work*
- ✓ *Food law*
- ✓ *Chemicals (not covered by REACH)*
- ✓ *Visa Information System*
- ✓ *Frontex*
- ✓ *NATURA 2000*

New evaluations 2014:

- ✓ *Mutual Recognition of goods*
- ✓ *Consumer protection on timeshares*
- ✓ *Late payments*
- ✓ *Construction sector*
- ✓ *Design system in the EU*



Stakeholder input ..

- helps to focus actions on areas that matter most for business;
- provides data to measure regulatory costs for business;
- helps to assess the results of actions under REFIT
- ***Contributors include:*** *Business Simplification Task Forces in several Member States, Industry Federations, individual companies, Member States administrations ...*



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REFIT – making EU law lighter, simpler and less costly

What is REFIT?

REFIT is the European Commission's Regulatory Fitness and Performance programme. Action is taken to make EU law simpler and to reduce regulatory costs, so contributing to a clear, stable and predictable regulatory framework supporting growth and jobs.

To do this, REFIT requires a common effort between the European Commission, the European Council, the European Parliament, Member States and stakeholders. Every level of government should be involved to ensure that the benefits are realised for citizens and business at least cost.



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What is new?

On 18 June 2014, the Commission reported on the progress in implementing REFIT and proposed a number of new initiatives for simplification and burden reduction, repeals of existing legislation and withdrawals of proposals pending in legislative procedure.

The first edition of an annual scoreboard assesses progress made in all policy areas and for each individual initiative, including by the Council and Parliament.



State of play and outlook

- Communication (239 kB)
- Scoreboard (584 kB)

REFIT: http://ec.europa.eu/smart-regulation/refit/index_en.htm