



Better Regulation the EC approach

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Better Regulation: A key priority for the Commission

- Independent scrutiny on the quality of EC analyses: Regulatory Scrutiny Board
- Review of EU acquis: Regulatory Fitness and Performance Programme (REFIT)
- Strengthened cooperation with Stakeholders and Member States

What is **Better Regulation**?

- ***Legislation/policy that delivers objectives at least cost and burden***
- ***A common sense way of working throughout the policy cycle:***
 - Evidence-based policy making that supports political decisions and delivers high quality initiatives;
 - Avoids unnecessary burdens for business/public authorities;
 - Ensures transparent participation of all stakeholders;
 - Initiatives deliver as foreseen and remain fit for purpose.
- ***Not deregulation but more efficient delivery of societal objectives.***

Better Regulation: The System



The Commission IA system

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

Review by Regulatory Scrutiny Board

Regulatory Fitness and Performance Programme ("REFIT")

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



Standardisation

➤ **A key tool to support better regulation**

- Raise quality and safety
- Improve transparency
- Ensure interoperability
- Reduce costs and open up markets for businesses, especially SMEs

➤ **An important alternative/complement to regulatory instruments**

BR Guideliness and BR Toolbox

- **Preference to use ENs adopted by the ESOs**
- **Preference to voluntary use of standards**
- **Preference to use indirect references to standards**
 - Advantage of Flexibility: revision of hENs does not require corresponding adaptation of EU harmonisation legislation
 - Advantage of Legal certainty: the EC maintains control of the final results through the publication of the hENs in the OJEU
 - Advantage of State of the Art: due to the use of hENs the EU harmonisation legislation corresponds to the 'State of the Art'

A shared Mission ...

- EU Level - A new Inter-Institutional Agreement for Better Lawmaking
- Member States – A national better regulation agenda
- Stakeholders – Active Involvement

Further information

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

Thank you for your attention