



Better Regulation Package

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- **Communication:** *COM(2015) 215*
- **Interinstitutional Agreement:** *COM(2015) 216*
- **REFIT Stakeholder Platform:** *C(2015) 3261*
- **REFIT Scoreboard:** *SWD(2015) 110*
- **Better Regulation Guideline:** *SWD(2015) 111*
 - Better Regulation Toolbox (web-based)
- **Decision on Regulatory Scrutiny Board**

What is Better Regulation?

- ***A collection of tools to support decision making – not a substitute for it.***
- ***A process covering the entire policy cycle:***
 - To ensure initiatives are evidence-based;
 - To ensure transparent participation of all stakeholders;
 - To avoid unnecessary burdens for business/public authorities;
 - To ensure high-quality initiatives;
 - To ensure that policies actually deliver as foreseen and remain fit for purpose.



What's **NEW** ?



BETTER REGULATION

STAKEHOLDER INPUT

Lighten the Load: An updated interactive tool for citizens to provide ideas to the Commission



REFIT Platform - A forum for review of existing legislation by high level experts from social partners, business and civil society



EXISTING LEGISLATION

REFIT check of existing stock of legislation more targeted, quantitative, inclusive, embedded in political decision-making



Strong Monitoring and Evaluation



Opening up policy making

*"EU policies should (...) be inclusive, based on full transparency and engagement, **listening to the views of those affected by legislation so that it is easy to implement.** We should be open to external feedback and external scrutiny to ensure we get it right."*



More and better feedback opportunities

When?

- Roadmap/Inception IA
- Evaluation Roadmap
- Draft secondary rules
- Commission proposal and accompanying impact assessment

How?

- Posted for feedback
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- Posted for 4 weeks
- Posted for feedback post adoption 8 weeks

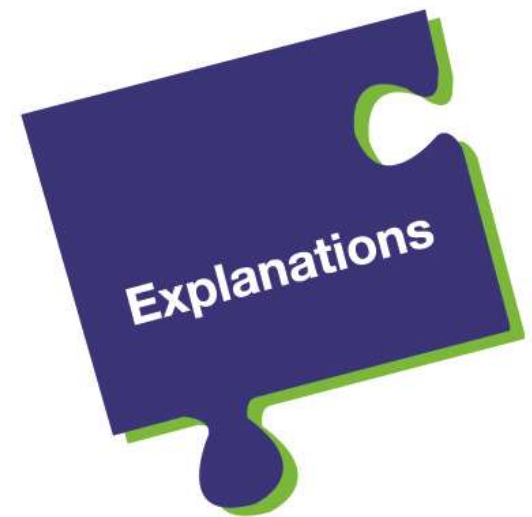
More and better consultation: Planning and Public Consultation

- Consultation Strategy:
 - Sets out consultation activities
 - => targeted/public consultations, hearings, conferences, surveys, etc
 - To be established for each initiative
- Public Consultation 12 weeks
 - **Must be part of the strategy for**
 - Initiatives accompanied by an impact assessment
 - Evaluations en Fitness checks
 - Green papers

Explaining why we act...

New Explanatory Memorandum:

explain better why we are proposing legislation using the results of better regulation tools



Better, Balanced Tools

- **Single guideline** that covers the entire policy cycle and links the phases better together
- **Web-based "Tool box"** with operational guidance for practitioners



Reinforced focus on evaluation

More systematic management of existing acquis even if no new initiative planned.

- **Evaluation Roadmaps**
- **12 week public consultation**
- **Burden reduction potentiel**
- **SWD at end of process**
- **Scrutiny by the new RSB**



Impact Assessment – What's new?

- **More guidance on**
 - *different types of impacts*
 - *methodologies (costs/benefits; discount rates,..)*
- **Sharper focus on**
 - *subsidiarity*
 - *proportionality*
 - *SMEs & competitiveness*
 - *Who is affected and how*
 - *Digital dimension*



Regulatory Fitness and Performance Programme ("REFIT"): What's New for 2016?

40 new REFIT actions:

- **13 relate to key initiatives such as:**

- simplifying the rules for EU funding or
- reviewing legislation on taxation and on energy

- **In addition 27 new REFIT actions such as:**

- evaluate our maritime legislation
- reduce the burdens of public procurement for SMEs
- facilitate compliance with the REACH framework and
- make sure health and safety legislation is workable and will be enforced.



Listening – Responding: New REFIT Stakeholder Platform

- **2 groups:**
 - Stakeholders/COR/EESC + Member States
- **Chair: FVP/Chair of RSB**
- **Plus Web interface:**
 - "Lighten the Load – Have your say...."
- **Commission (DGs) will have to ensure follow-up to the Platform's ideas.**



The Platform oversees the work, chaired by FVP Timmermans

'Government group'

- *Chaired by the RSB chair*
- *28 high level experts from Member States*

'Stakeholder group'

- *Chaired by the RSB chair*
- *Up to 18 stakeholder experts – balanced representation
+ CoR + EESC*



Strengthened scrutiny – Regulatory Scrutiny Board

6 Full time Members:

- 3 "external" (senior TAs)+ 3 internal
- Plus Chair: DG level attached to the SG
- 3 assistants + secretariat (SG)

Examines:

- Impact assessments
- Major evaluations and fitness checks



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- **EP and Council to assess impacts of substantial amendments and final agreement if this is substantially different from the COM's proposal.**
- **Institutions can also call on an independent panel to make assessment.**
- **Systematic inclusion of monitoring and evaluation provisions in all acts.**
- **Member States to explain gold-plating**
- **Common understanding on delegated acts**
- **Better legal drafting and use of recast**



More information

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

Juncker Commission priorities

http://ec.europa.eu/priorities/democratic-change/better-regulation/index_en.htm

Commission Work Programme 2016:

http://ec.europa.eu/priorities/work-programme/index_en.htm