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# **Ex-post evaluation: closing the policy cycle**

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# Evaluation – a political priority

We need to match the huge investment in ex ante assessment with an equivalent effort in ex post evaluation.

*The President's political guidelines*

All significant proposals for a revision or new measure should be based on an evaluation of the policy framework already in place.

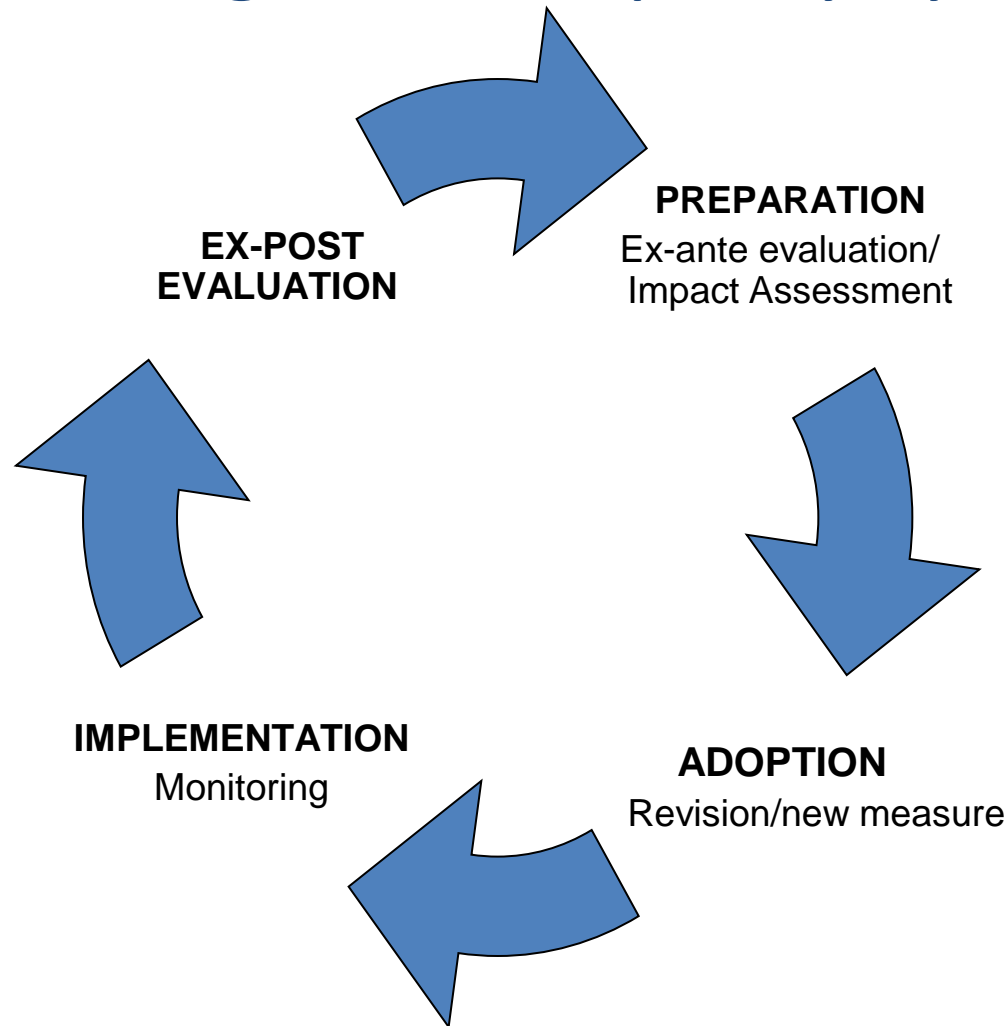
*The working methods of the Commission*

# Evaluation to support strategic decision-making

## We have to

- ensure that our proposals really deliver what they promise
- revise and correct them where they fail to work as expected

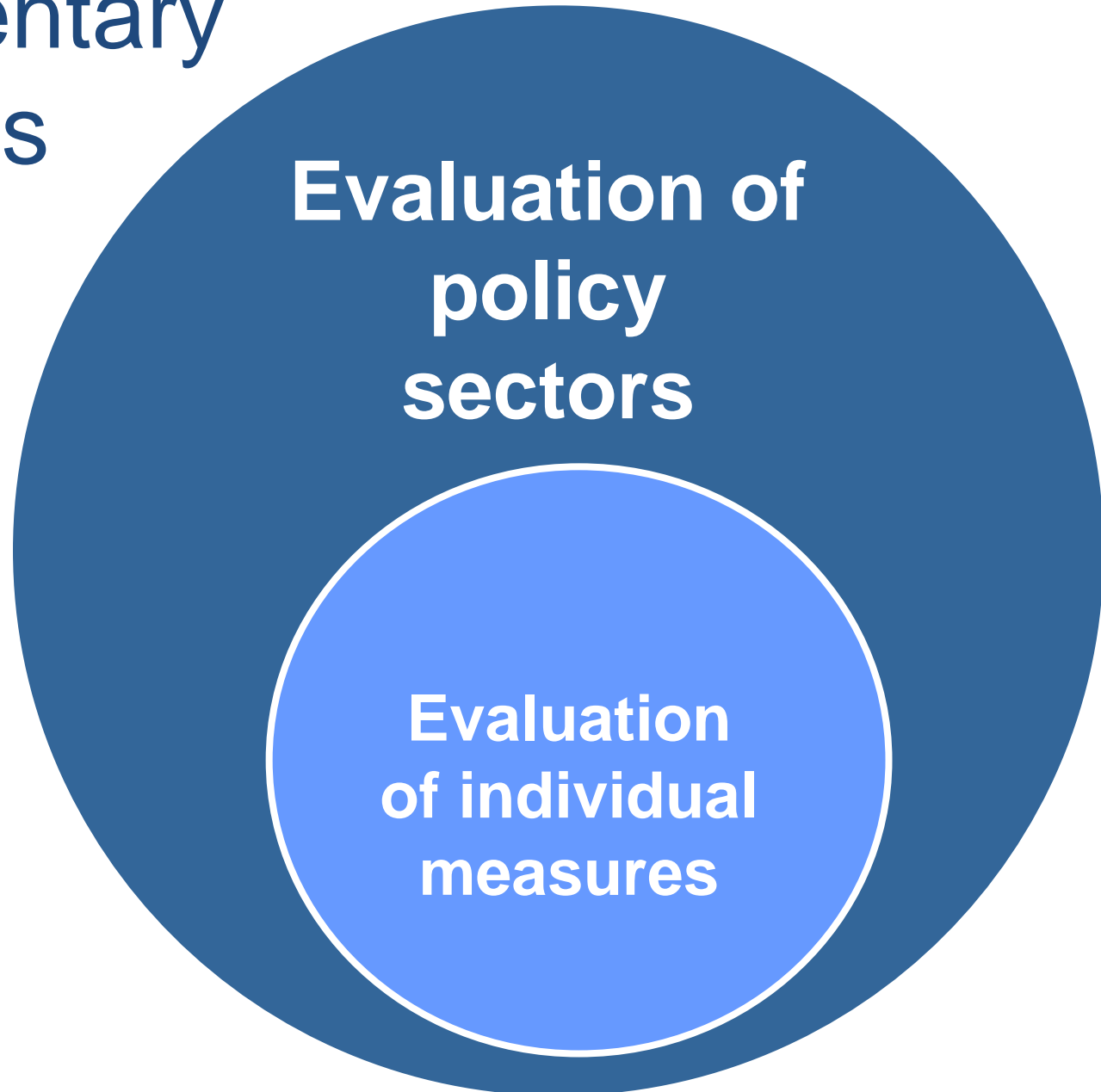
# Smart regulation – improving legislation at all stages of the policy cycle



# Evaluation – key element of Smart Regulation

Commission is stepping up its efforts on evaluation of regulatory measures

# Complementary approaches



# Fitness checks

Four projects starting in 2010

- Employment and social affairs
- Transport
- Environment
- Industrial policy



## For further information

Evaluation:

[http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/secretariat\\_general/evaluation/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/secretariat_general/evaluation/index_en.htm)

Smart Regulation:

[http://ec.europa.eu/governance/better\\_regulation/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/governance/better_regulation/index_en.htm)

Impact Assessment:

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