

Building a competitive and business-friendly environment

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Role of regulation

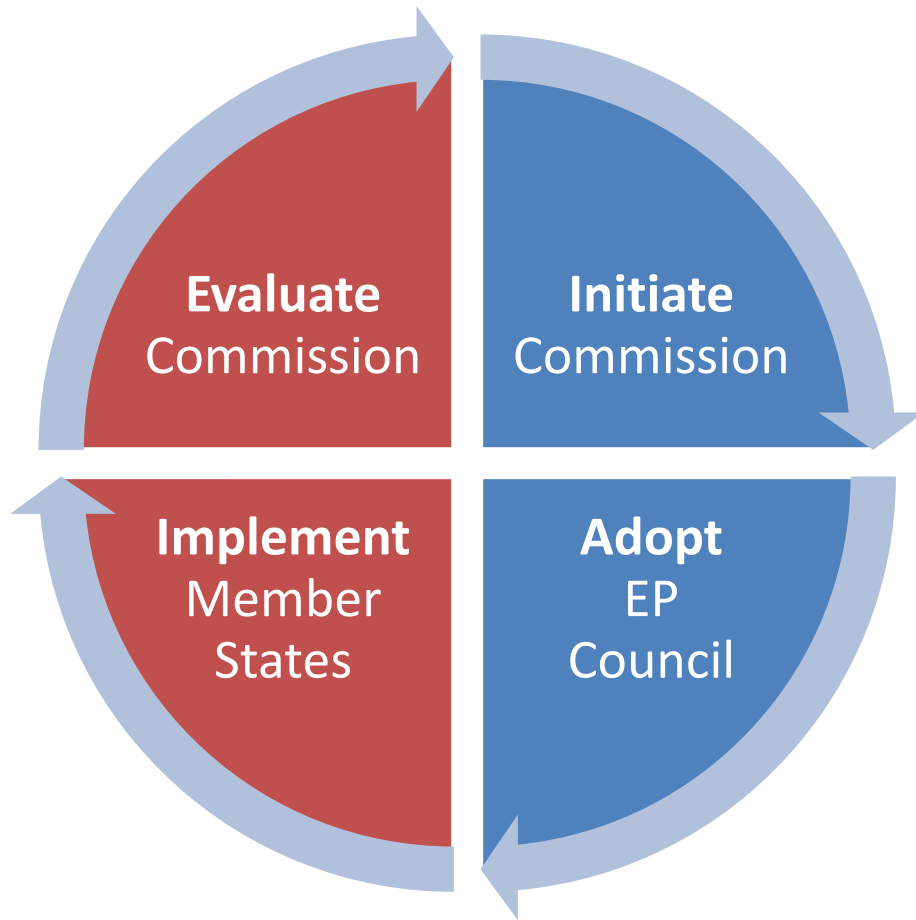
- The crisis has shown that regulation has a positive and necessary role to play
- Regulation serves the interests of citizens and businesses
- Regulation must allow businesses to work and compete

Achievements

- Culture change within the Commission:
 - Stakeholder consultations and impact assessments: integral part of the policy process
 - Administrative burdens in track to be reduced more than targeted (- 31% proposed by the Commission; -21% adopted by EP and Council; MS start to implement and share good practices)
- Confirmed by the Court of Auditors:
 - the Commission's impact assessment system is of real value to decision-makers and effective in raising the quality of proposals

Smart regulation Communication

Addressing the whole policy cycle



- Continuing simplification and administrative burden reduction
- Improving implementation
- Strengthening ex post evaluation and its links to ex ante one

Drawing lessons from better regulation agenda

- ABR not limited to quantified burdens but extended to irritants; business perceptions taken into account;
- ABR and simplification put together: possibility to consider all types of costs and benefits;
- Fitness checks: look at effectiveness and efficiency of a policy area

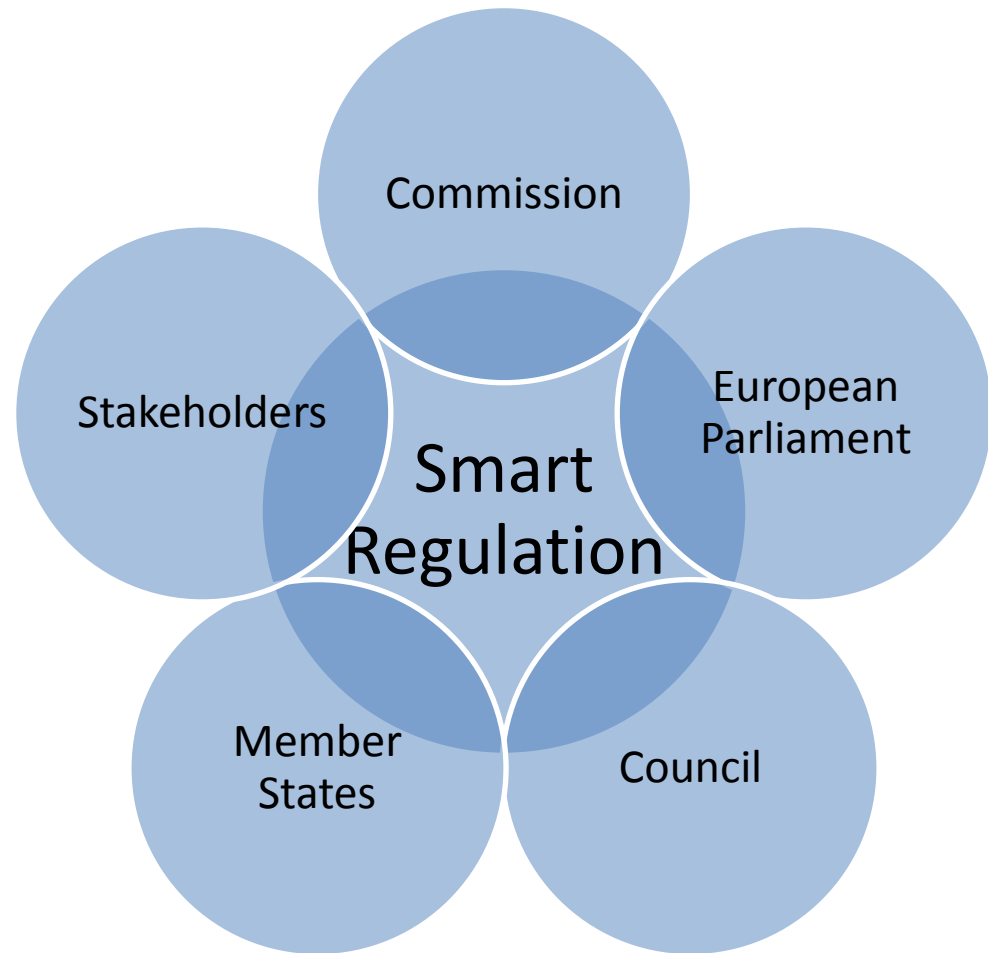
Sharing responsibility

European Parliament/Council:

- Carrying out systematic impact assessments on substantive amendments
- Using impact assessment in the discussions of the Parliamentary committees and Council WP

Member States/Regional and local authorities:

- Share good practices
- Avoid gold/diamond plating



Listening to those affected

Evaluation forward planning



Roadmaps



Consultation



Simplification suggestions

Resources

- **Evaluation forward planning**
http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/secretariat_general/evaluation/evaluation_planning_en.htm
- **Roadmaps**
http://ec.europa.eu/governance/impact/planned_ia/roadmaps_2010_en.htm
- **Impact Assessment Board opinions**
http://ec.europa.eu/governance/impact/ia_carried_out/cia_2010_en.htm
- **Simplification proposals**
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