



**ASSESSMENT BY IRISH BUSINESS FEDERATION:**

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**Overall progress in reforms to improve the functioning of the labour market in Ireland**



**Assessment of progress in specific policy areas:**

**Q 2:** Progress in reforms to **improve work incentives**



**Q 3:** Progress in reforms to improve **labour regulation flexibility**



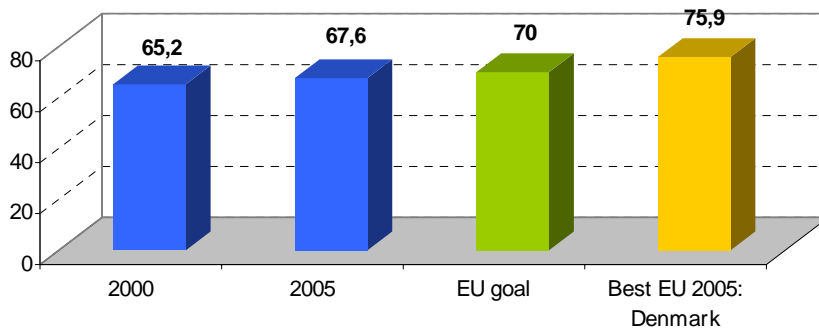
**Q 4:** Progress in reforms to improve **active labour market policies**



**Q 5:** Progress in reforms to ensure employment-friendly **labour cost and wage developments**

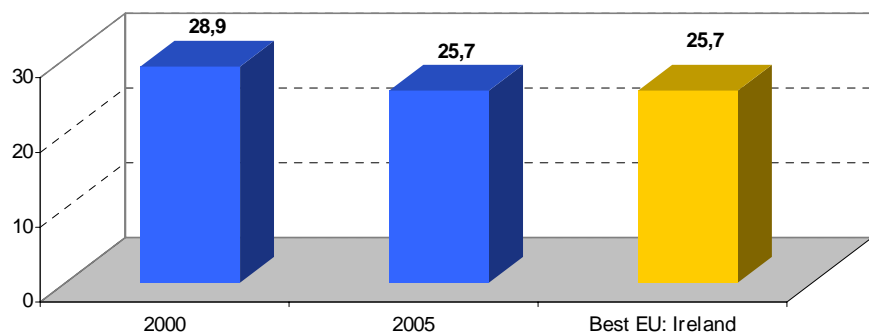


**Employment Rate in % of Working Age Population:  
Ireland**



Source: Eurostat

**Tax wedge<sup>1</sup> in: Ireland**



Source: OECD

<sup>1</sup> The tax wedge is the share of total labour costs taken by the state in income tax plus employer and employee social security contributions, minus any cash benefits paid