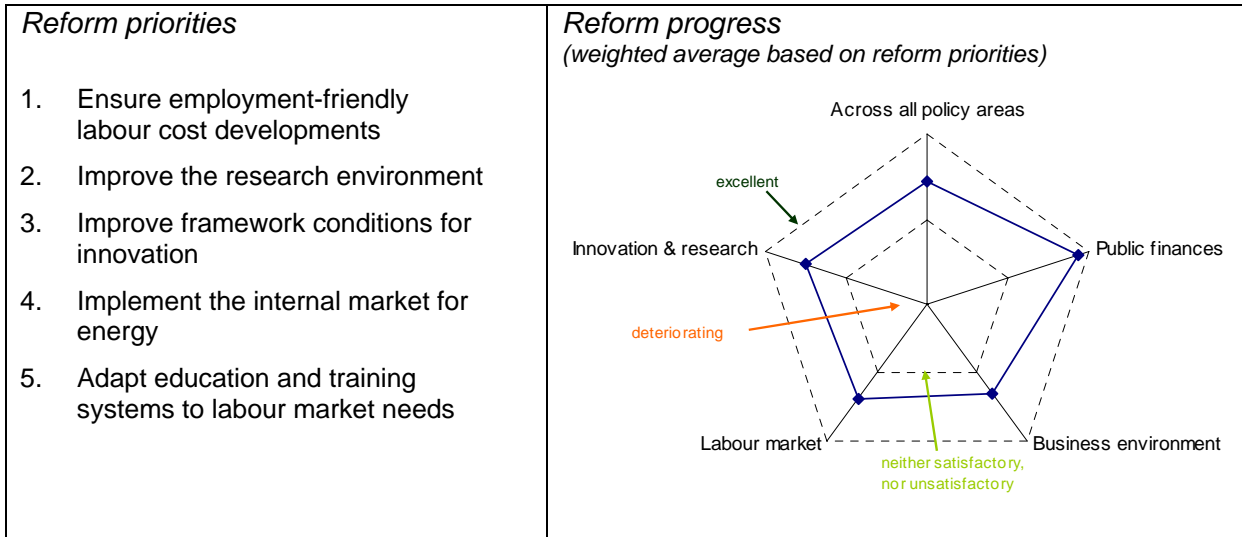


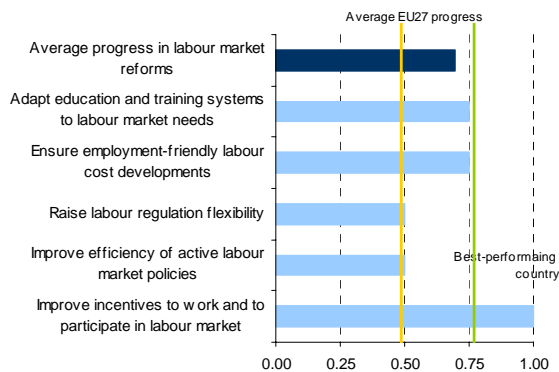
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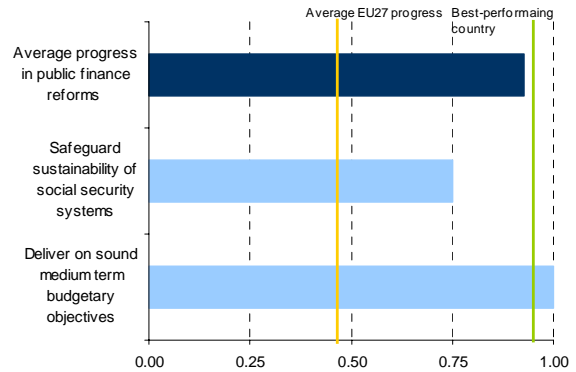
**REFORM PROGRESS IN FOUR MAJOR POLICY AREAS:**  
(Average progress is weighted by reform priorities)

0.00: *deteriorating*  
 0.25: *unsatisfactory*  
 0.50: *neither unsatisfactory, nor satisfactory*  
 0.75: *satisfactory*  
 1.00: *excellent*

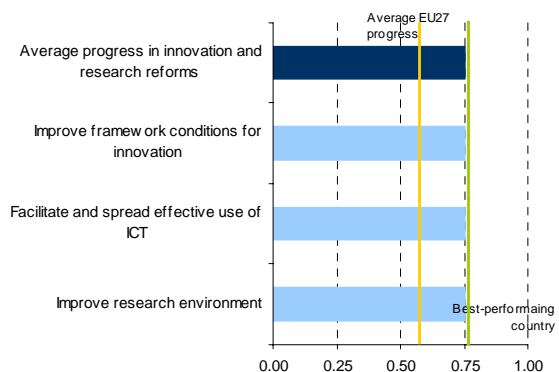
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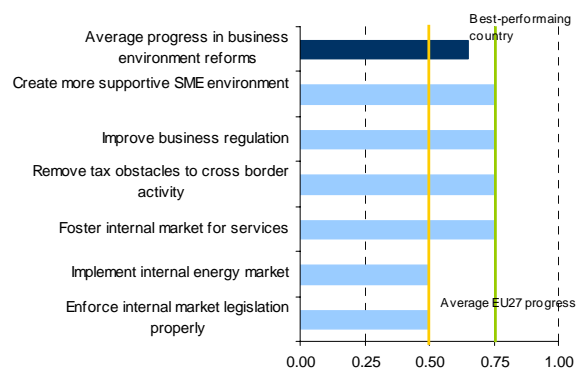
**Public finances**



**Innovation and research**



**Business environment**





**ASSESSMENT OF SPRING SUMMIT 2007 COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS**

Are the country specific recommendations issued in March 2007 being implemented?

To a large extent

Are these recommendations still relevant for 2008?

To a large extent

Is an update of these recommendations required?

No

Is your federation appropriately involved in the national debate on the implementation of the EU Growth and Jobs Strategy?

Yes, absolutely

Are the necessary steps taken to adjust policies to the specific requirements of euro area membership?

To a large extent