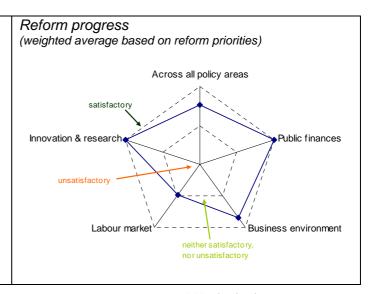




## **AUTUMN 2007 REFORM BAROMETER: ANSWERS FROM VNO-NCW (THE NETHERLANDS)**

## Reform priorities

- Adapt education and training systems to labour market needs
- 2. Improve business regulation
- 3. Create a more supportive environment for SMEs
- 4. Improve the research environment
- 5. Facilitate and spread the effective use of ICT
- 6. Improve framework conditions for innovation



### REFORM PROGRESS IN FOUR MAJOR POLICY AREAS:

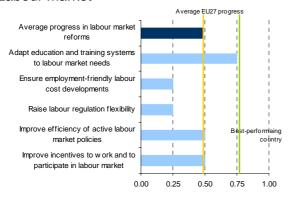
(Average progress is weighted by reform priorities)

0.00: deteriorating 0.25: unsatisfactory

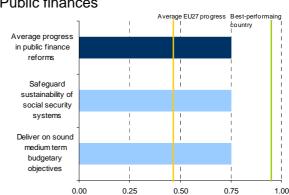
0.50: neither unsatisfactory, nor satisfactory

0.75: satisfactory 1.00: excellent

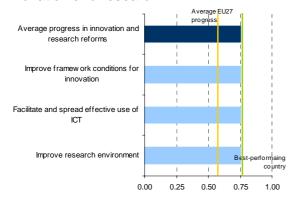
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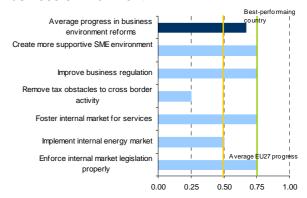
#### Public finances



#### Innovation and research



#### **Business environment**





# ASSESSMENT OF SPRING SUMMIT 2007 COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS

Are the country specific recommendations issued in March 2007 being implemented?	to some extent
Are these recommendations still relevant for 2008?	to some 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?	Yes, absolutely