

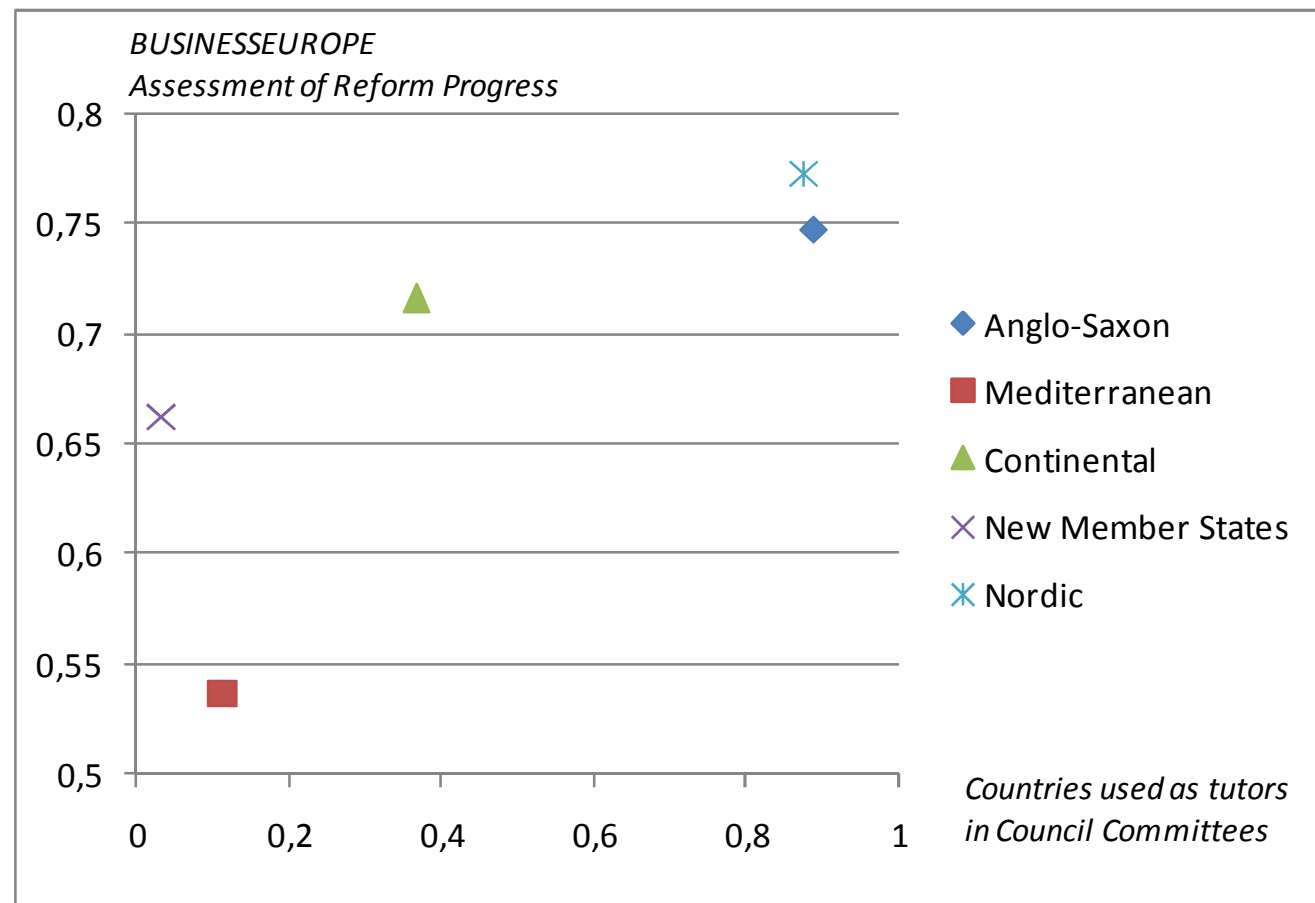


Lisbon Strategy: current and future challenges

Marc Stocker, Director Economics
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EU as national reform facilitator: Fostering policy learning

Sharing of best practices but weak performers
remain weak reformers



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*BUSINESSEUROPE
Reform Barometer
and Nedergaard
(2006)*

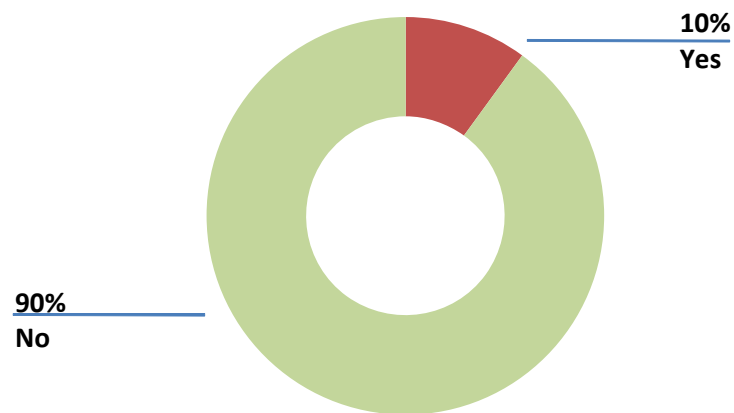


EU as a national reform facilitator: encouraging MS to undertake necessary reforms

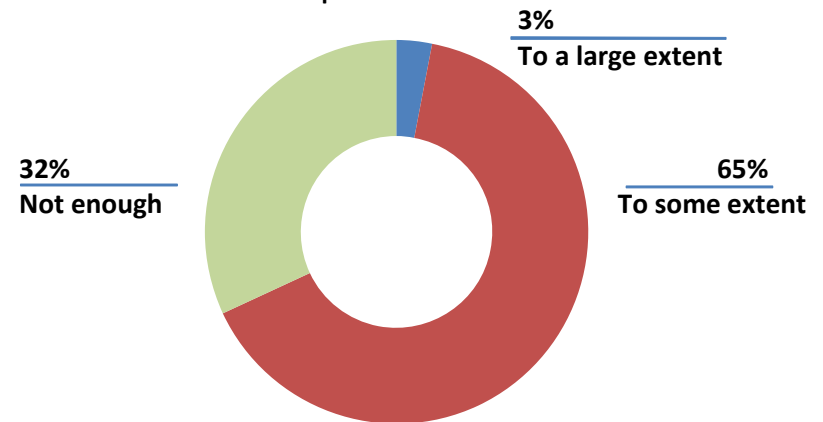


“ EU recommendations identify the right challenges but are poorly implemented ”

Should Country Specific Recommendations be changed?



Are Country Specific Recommendations implemented?



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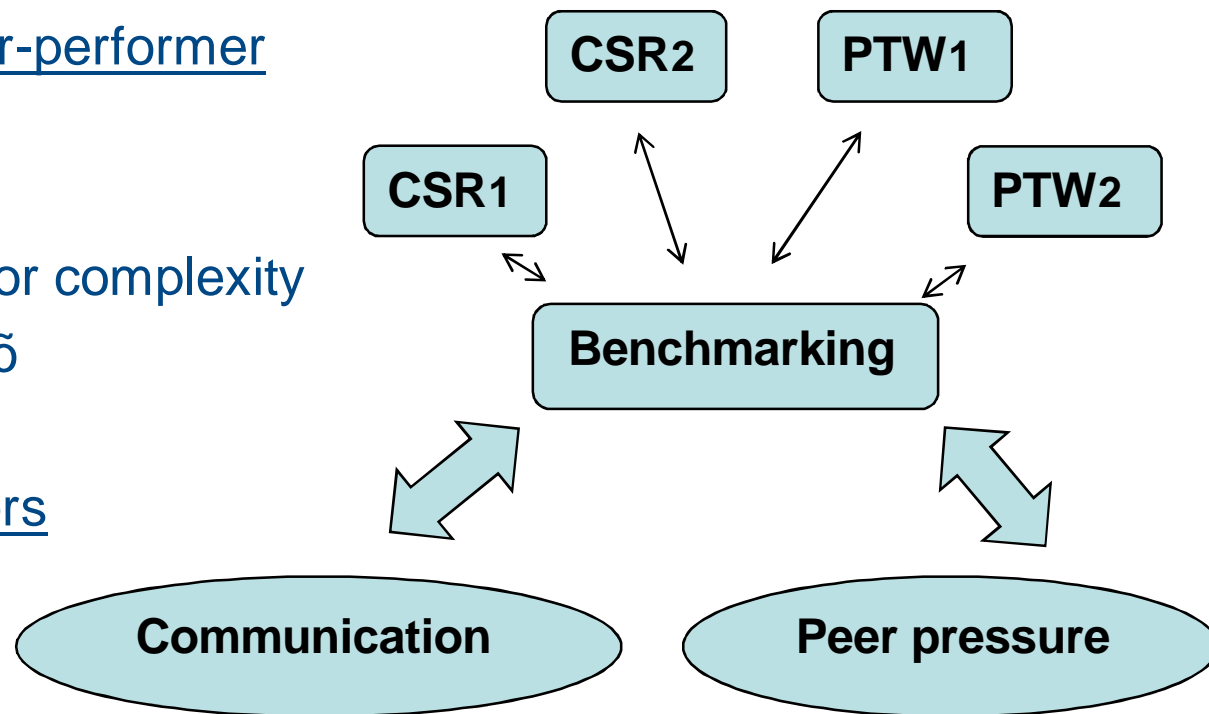
EU as a national reform facilitator: How can benchmarking boost delivery?

Good benchmarking instruments can reinforce:

- “ Policy learning
- “ credibility of EU recommendations
- “ Monitoring of national progress
- “ Pressure on under-performer
- “ Public awareness

Balancing the need for complexity
And clear messages

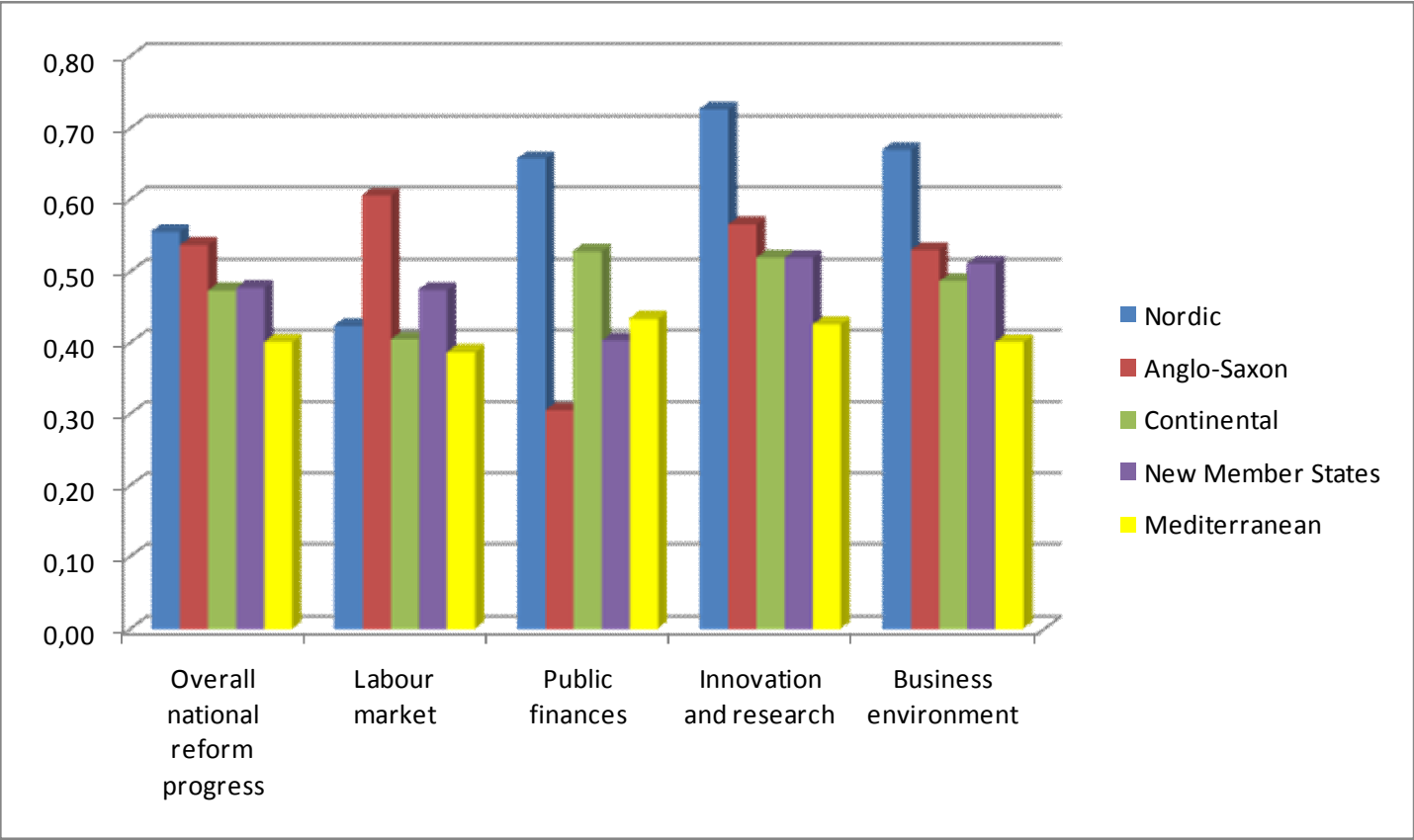
- ⇒ Summary indicators
- ⇒ League tables !!



BUSINESSEUROPE Reform Barometer: A measure of reform adequacy



“ Reform progress in 17 policy areas weighted by level of priority”



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The path for success after 2010: Using EU policies to leverage national reforms

Identify common challenges

- “ Global competition, ageing, food & energy security, climate, financial stability

Focus on EU leverages

- “ Economic integration and stability (single market, single currency)
- “ Innovation, skills & SME policies (EU budget, industrial property, immigration, access to finance, better regulation, etc...)
- “ Combining energy, climate and competitiveness policies
- “ External dimension (market access, regulation, climate, financial and macroeconomic stability)



The path for success after 2010: common goals, stronger EU leverages, better communication



Increase political stake

- “ Distinguish reforms for MS own good and for common goals (priority on latter)
- “ Sthngthen engagement of EU at national level
- “ Involve social partners
- “ Communicate more and better ...

