

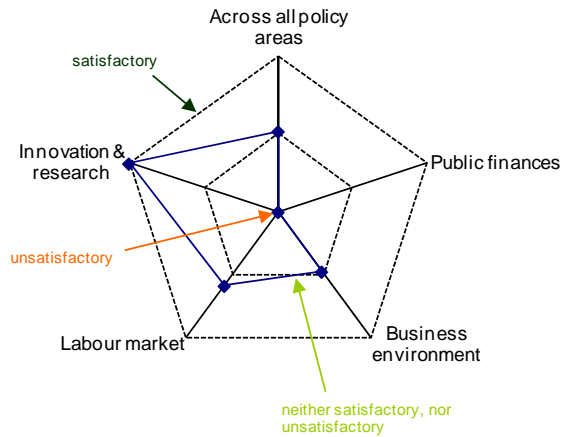
SPRING 2009 REFORM BAROMETER: ANSWERS FROM IV (AUSTRIA)

Reform priorities

- 1 Ensure employment-friendly labour cost developments
- 2 Improve the efficiency of active labour market policies
- 3 Improve incentives to work and to participate in the labour market
- 4 Deliver on sound medium term budgetary objectives
- 5 Safeguard the sustainability of social security systems

Reform progress

(weighted average based on reform priorities)

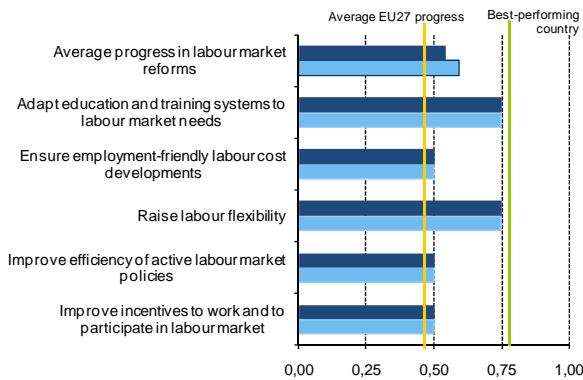


REFORM PROGRESS IN FOUR MAJOR POLICY AREAS IN 2008 AND 2007

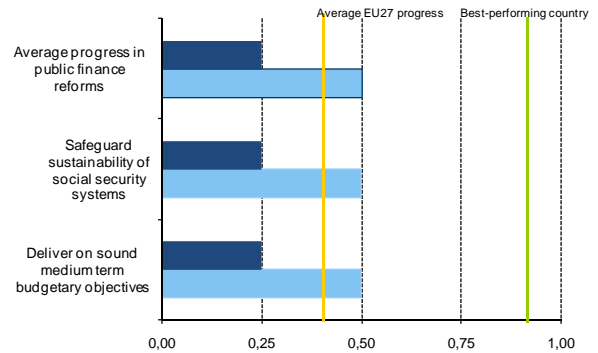
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■ 2008 ■ 2007

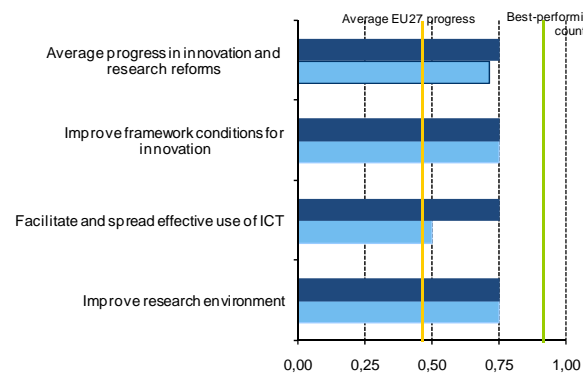
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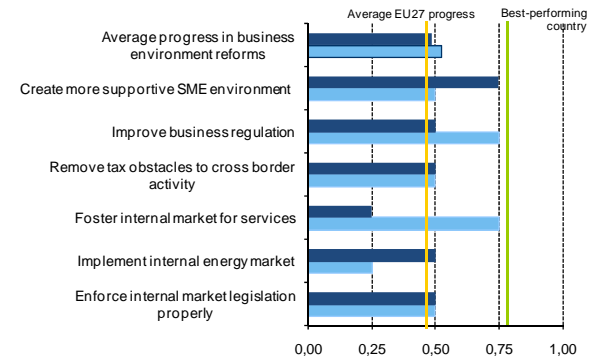
Public finance



Innovation and research



Business environment





ASSESSMENT OF SPRING SUMMIT 2008 COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS

Was an update of the Council's country-specific recommendations needed in 2009? Yes

Were country specific recommendations implemented in 2008? to some extent

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