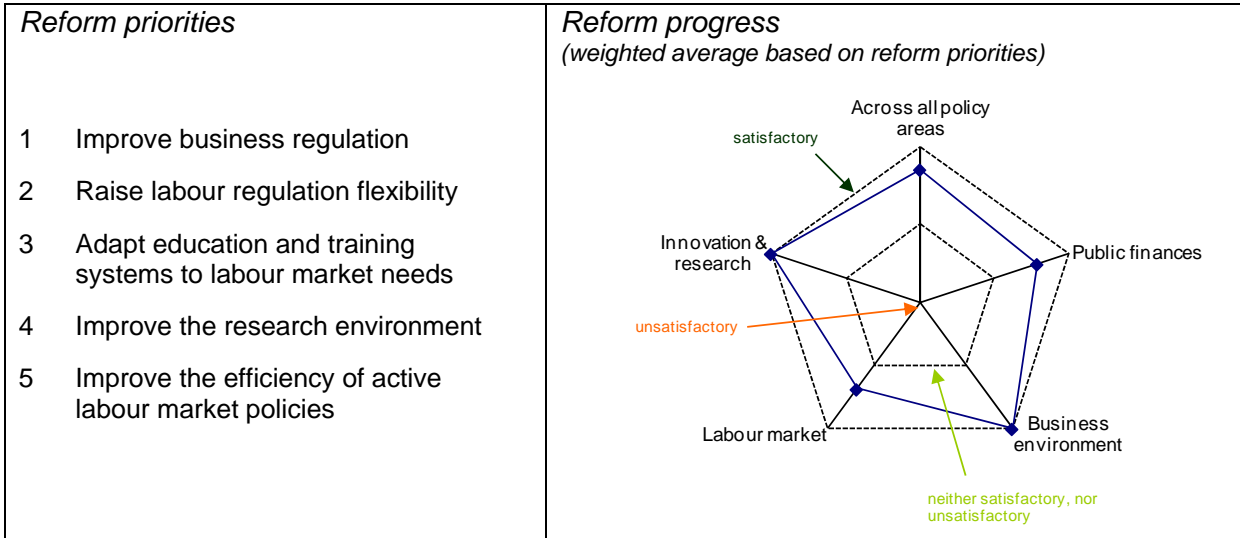


**SPRING 2009 REFORM BAROMETER: ANSWERS FROM VNO-NCW (THE NETHERLANDS)**

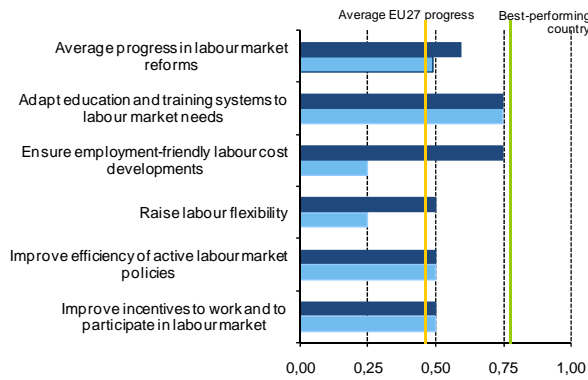


**REFORM PROGRESS IN FOUR MAJOR POLICY AREAS IN 2008 AND 2007**

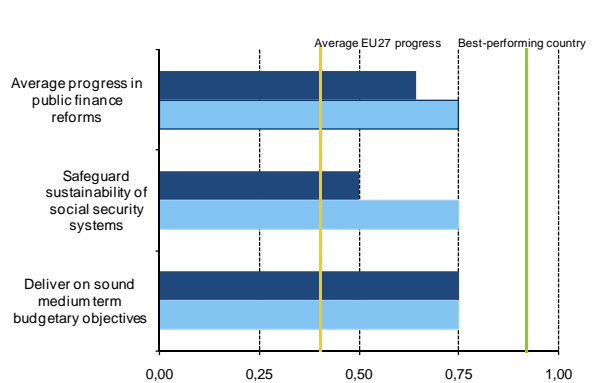
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■ 2008 ■ 2007

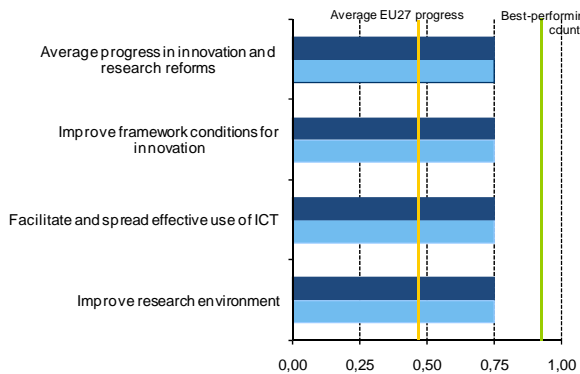
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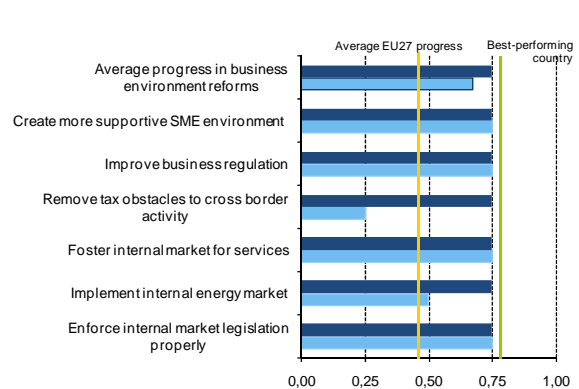
**Public finances**



**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?

No

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?

To a large extent

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

to some extent