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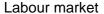
SPRING 2009 REFORM BAROMETER: ANSWERS FROM VNO-NCW (THE NETHERLANDS)

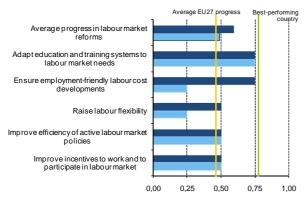
Reform priorities Reform progress (weighted average based on reform priorities) Across all policy areas Improve business regulation 1 satisfactory 2 Raise labour regulation flexibility 3 Adapt education and training Innovation & Public finances research systems to labour market needs Improve the research environment 4 unsatisfactory 5 Improve the efficiency of active labour market policies **Business** Labour market

REFORM PROGRESS IN FOUR MAJOR POLICY AREAS IN 2008 AND 2007

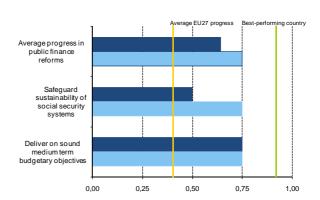
(Average progress is weighted by reform priorities, scale ranging from deteriorating "0.00" to excellent "1.00")

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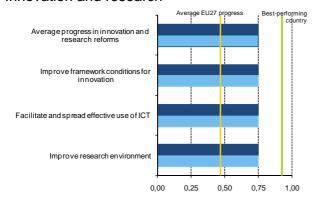




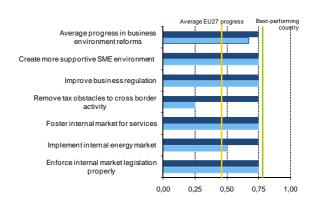
Public finances



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