



EU BETTER REGULATION AGENDA

KEY MESSAGES

- 1** Application of better regulation tools is central to devising smart and cost-effective solutions for clearly identified problems.
- 2** Independent and transparent scrutiny of draft impact assessments by stakeholders and impartial oversight bodies is important to ensure that they are of high quality.
- 3** The Parliament and Council should make better use of impact assessments and carry out impact assessments on their substantive amendments.
- 4** The 25% target for reducing administrative burdens by 2012 should be reached. The target should not be nullified by new burdens so it should be a net target.

BACKGROUND

Better regulation is a central element of the policy for strengthening competitiveness. It comprises simplification of existing Community legislation to ascertain that policy aims are achieved in a less burdensome and simpler way, and a system of impact assessments to assess economic, social and environmental impacts of legislative proposals.

A priority under simplification is the reduction of administrative burdens of existing legislation. In 2007, the Commission and the Member States jointly agreed to reduce administrative burdens by 25% in 2012.

WHAT DOES BUSINESSEUROPE AIM FOR?

- Ensure that objective high-quality impact assessments are carried out on all legislative initiatives whilst assuring effective stakeholder involvement.
- Ensure that everyone involved in policy development uses impact assessments at an early stage and throughout the legislative process.
- Ensure that the administrative and compliance cost of all existing legislation is reduced.
- Ensure that systematic post-implementation monitoring and evaluation is carried out to establish actual impacts of legislation.

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