

Better Regulation at the European Commission supporting simplification

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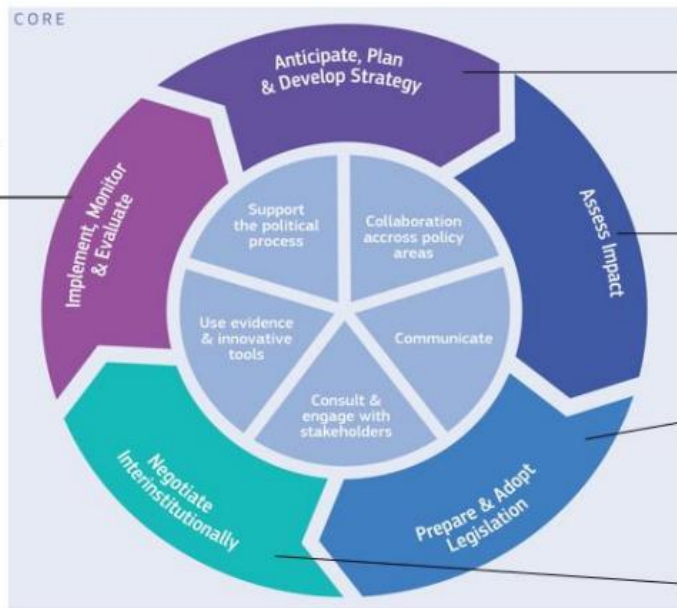
Better Regulation aims to ensure that EU laws:

- (1) are **informed** by the best available evidence and input from stakeholder consultations;
- (2) are **effective**, coherent, implementable, accessible to EU citizens and EU businesses;
- (3) are **efficient** and do not impose unnecessary costs or administrative burden.



Commission's Policy Cycle

Implementation (Member States) Monitoring & Evaluation



Strategic planning
(annual Commission Work Programme)

Impact Assessment
(opinion by Regulatory Scrutiny Board)

Preparation (Commission proposal) **& Adoption** (College)

Negotiation by Co-legislators (EP & Council)

The European Commission definition of «evaluation» (retrospective, interim & ex-post)

Evaluation is an **evidence-based judgement** of the extent to which an existing EU intervention is:

- ✓ **effective,**
- ✓ **efficient,**
- ✓ **relevant,**
- ✓ **coherent,** and has
- ✓ **EU added value.**

Evaluation goes beyond a factual assessment of **what has happened** and considers also:

- **why** something has happened;
- **how much change** can be attributed to the EU intervention;
- and to what extent this change **meets original expectations.**



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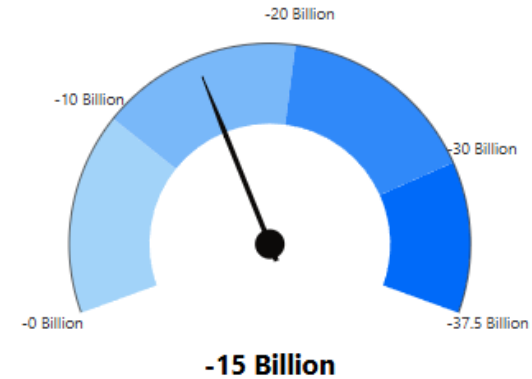
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A Simpler, Clearer and Better Enforced EU Rulebook

Better Regulation in support of simplification

- Target to reduce administrative burdens
- Omnibus legislation packages
- Stress-testing of the EU acquis
- 'One-In, One-Out' approach
- Simplicity-by-design
- Collecting evaluative evidence across the policy cycle, including implementation

Administrative Burden Reduction Progress (2025)



Thank you

Please note that only the Communication COM(2026) 380 final states the European Commission position. This presentation is compiled solely for illustrative purposes.