Better regulation?

Better results

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What is better regulation?

Many names

*Better lawmaking, smart regulation, regulatory fitness, better regulation... many names*

One unchanged goal:

*Ensuring regulatory choices deliver the best results at the minimum cost.*

Two prerequisites
Evidence-based policy-making

Political decision

Problem
Subsidiarity
Objectives
Options
Impacts
Proportionality

Why?

Evidence Base

Consultations
Evaluations
Implementation

How?
Smart Regulation is about the whole policy cycle
Where do we come from?

A well established set of tools and procedures

Roadmaps
Public consultations
Impact assessments (and Board)
Implementation plans
Evaluations
REFIT programme
Inter-institutional Agreement on Better Lawmaking
Yet, some say EU legislation......

- Ignores the views of those affected
- Does not consider the cost on non-Europe
- Violates the subsidiarity principle
- Is too costly, complex, burdensome, unclear
- Does not have sufficiently ambitious targets
- Difficult to implement, to enforce, to comply with
- Is not enforced sufficiently strongly
- Does not deliver on its objectives
Response I

- Establishment of the post of First Vice President for Better Regulation
- Creation of a new Commission structure
- Adoption of new working methods
- Identification of ten political priorities
- Adoption of a CWP to go with it
Response II: May Package

- Communication on Better Regulation for Better Results
- Better Regulation Guidelines
- REFIT Scoreboard and decision on REFIT Platform
- Decision on Regulatory Scrutiny Board
- Proposal for new Inter-institutional Agreement
May Package: goals

- Better results

- Better solutions:
  - Legislative or not, EU or not
  - To the problems of today and tomorrow
  - On the basis of today's means and yesterday's lessons

- Effective and efficient (no undue costs)

- Simple, transparent, easy to transpose, implement, enforce.
May Package: key principles

- Pragmatism – not an ideological agenda
- New initiatives and existing legislation
- Importance of implementation and enforcement
- A shared agenda (EU institutions and MS)
May Package: key measures

- More transparency: more consultation opportunities throughout the policy cycle
- More inclusiveness: REFIT platform composition
- More quality: revised and integrated guidelines
- More scrutiny: Regulatory Scrutiny Board
- More common efforts: new inter-institutional agreement
More information

http://ec.europa.eu/priorities/democratic-change/better-regulation/index_en.htm


Thanks