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Panel III

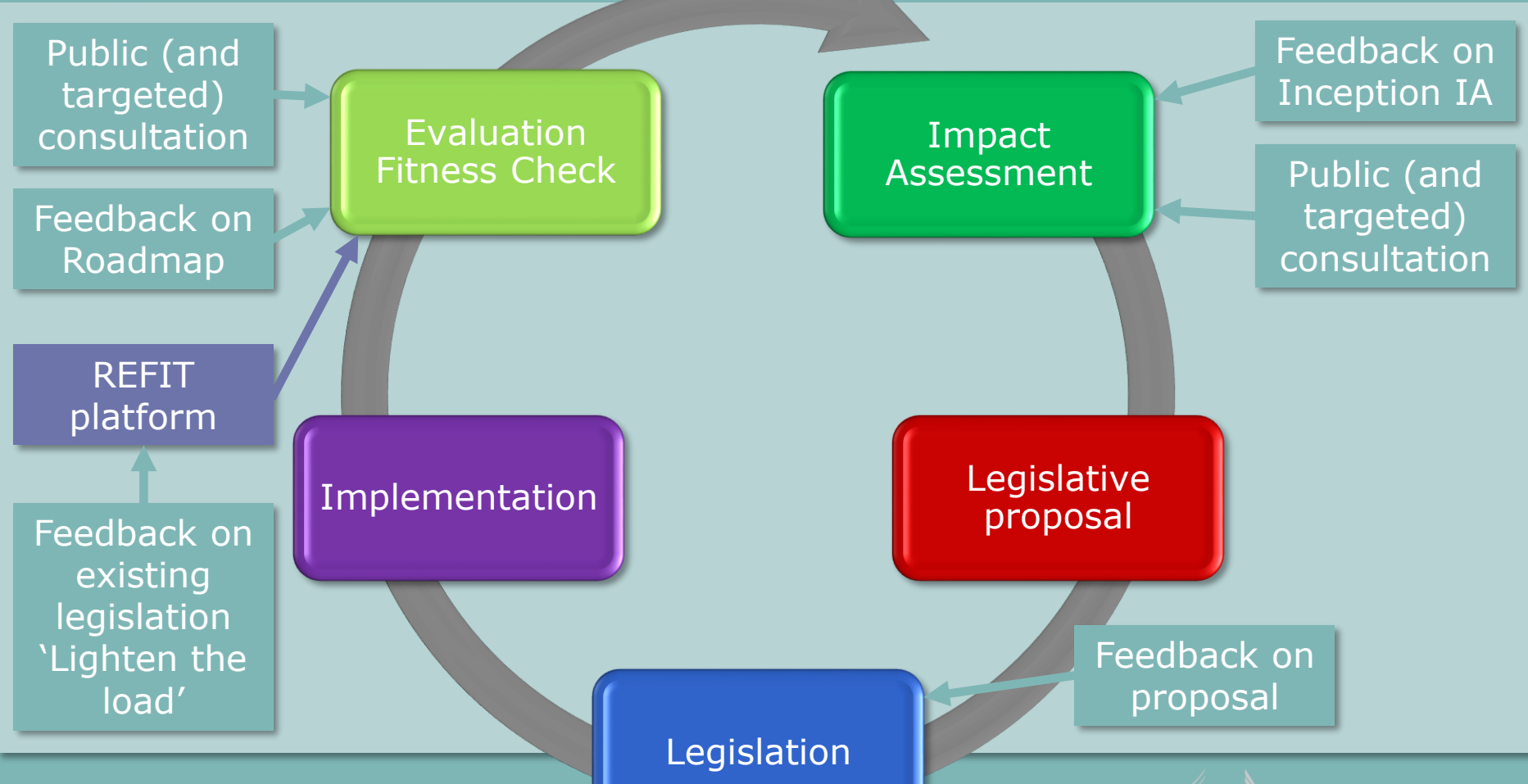
**Using
stakeholder
consultations
better**

Feedback and consultation

- Strengthened by 2015 Better Regulation Agenda to increase:
 - *Citizens' engagement*
 - *Transparency*
 - *Quality of evidence*
- Feedback and consultation over entire lifecycle
- 'Have your say' single entry point



'Have your say'



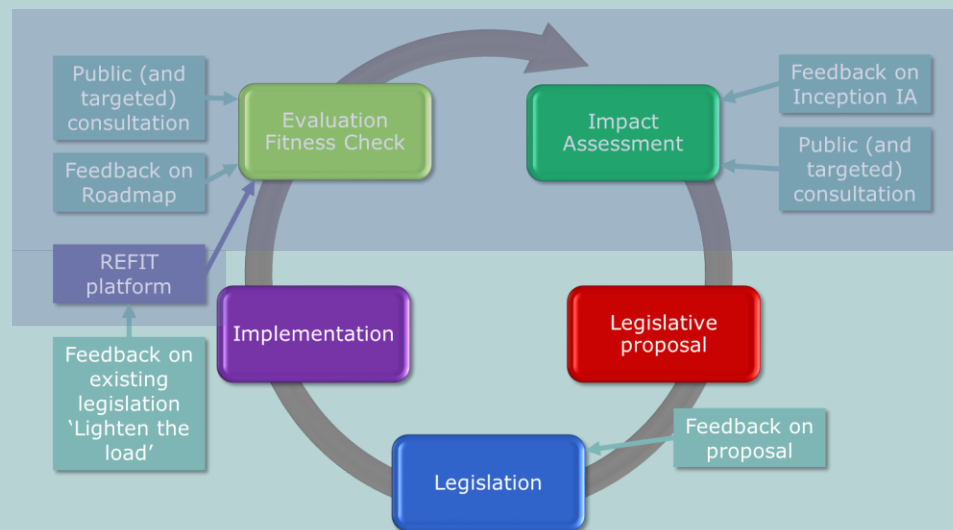
Some key figures

Posted for feedback	Yearly average
Inception impact assessments	44
Evaluation roadmaps	64
Public consultations	104
Commission proposals	66
Delegated acts	60
Implementing acts	76
'Lighten the load' submissions	162
REFIT Platform opinions	30

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Why?

- Quality of evidence
 - *Collect data*
 - *Collect opinions*
- Transparency
 - *Report how feedback has been used*

Strong points

- OECD ranks EC consultation as best
- European Court of Auditors considers consultation framework is of a high standard
- Applied with few exceptions
- Covers full process
- Sufficient time for feedback
- More and more multilingual

Weak points

- Low participation to some public consultations, in particular for evaluations
- Coverage of consultations
- Lack of clarity (too long or technical) or neutrality of questionnaires
- Incomplete coverage of stakeholder groups in targeted consultations

Weak points

- Incomplete use of consultation results in IA or evaluation reports
- Inaccurate or biased presentation of consultation results
- Limited value added of public consultation compared with targeted consultation, in particular for evaluations