



Panel II

Scrutiny of competitiveness impacts

First RSB observations in 2023

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Policy context



- Renewed focus on EU competitiveness
- Growth enhancing regulatory framework as a horizontal pillar of the EU long-term competitiveness strategy
- Mandatory Competitiveness Check for Commission impact assessments as of March 2023
- Strengthened RSB oversight



New Competitiveness Check (Annex 5)

1. Overview of impacts on competitiveness [table]

Dimensions of competitiveness	Impact of the initiative (++ / + / 0 / - / -- / n.a.)	References to sub-sections of the main report or annexes
• Cost and price competitiveness		
• Capacity to innovate		
• International competitiveness		
• SME competitiveness		

Tools #56 (*Typology of costs*), **#57** (*Method to assess costs and benefits*)
#59 (*'one-in, one out' approach*)

Tool #23 (*SME Test*)

Tools #21 (*Sectoral competitiveness*), **#24** (*Competition*), **#25** (*Internal Market*),

Tools #21 (*Sectoral competitiveness*), **#22** (*Research & Innovation*)

Tools #21 (*Sectoral competitiveness*), **#27** (*External Trade & competitiveness*)

2. Synthetic assessment [based on the table]

Sectoral Competitiveness

Key analytical steps under Tool #21



I. Are impacts potentially significant?

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| 1 | Detailed analysis of impacts required? |
| 2 | What determines the depth of analysis? |

Likely to have significant effects?

II. Qualitative screening

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| 3 | Which sectors are affected? |
| | What is the effect on ... |
| 4 | • SME competitiveness? (Tool #23) |
| 5 | • Cost and price competitiveness? |
| 6 | • Capacity to innovate? (Tool #22) |
| 7 | • Internat. competitiveness? (Tool #27) |

Particularly significant impacts?

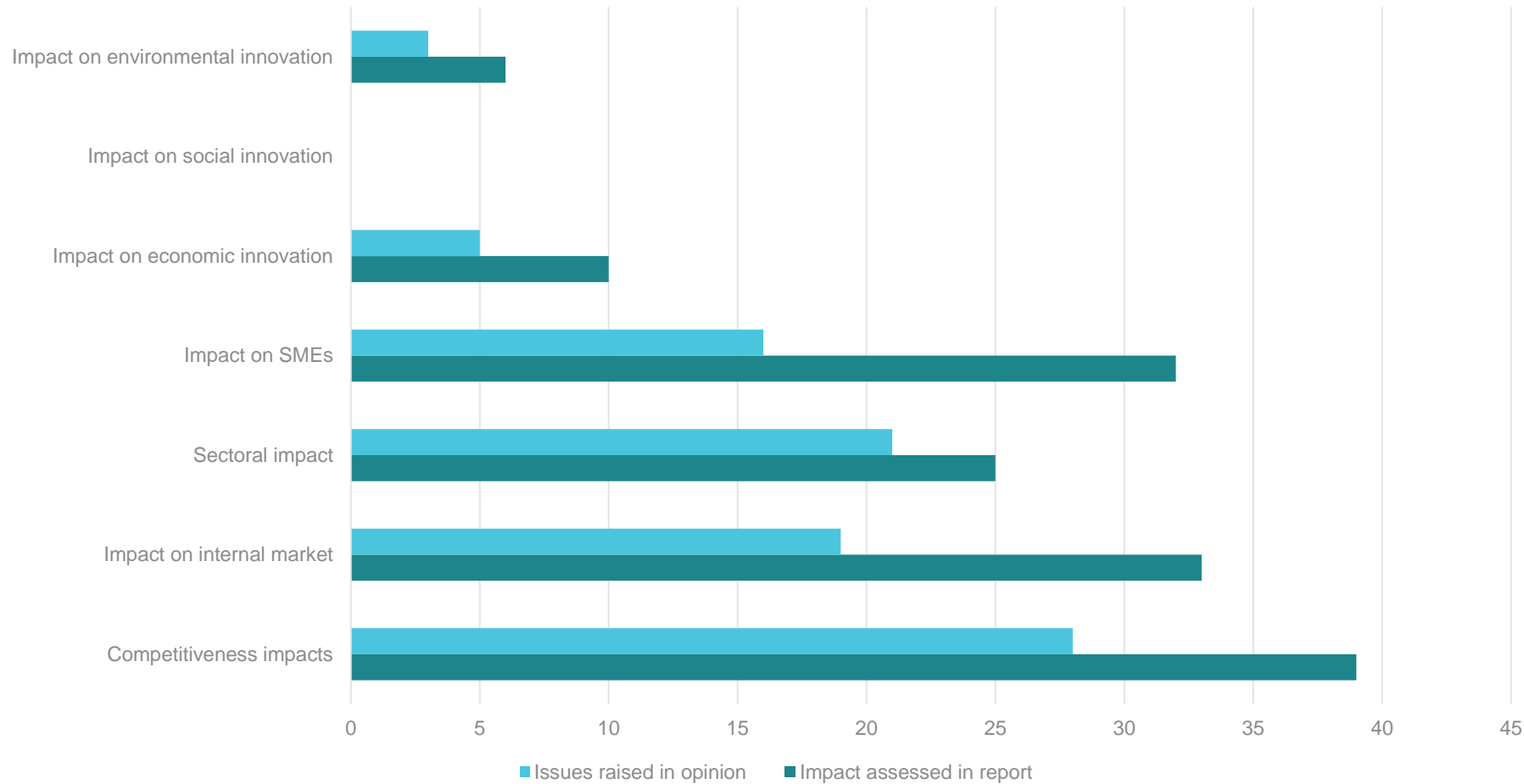
III. Quantifying impacts

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| | Provide evidence on ... |
| 8 | • Structure and performance of directly affected sectors |
| 9 | • Indirectly affected sectors |
| 10 | • Quantify additional compliance / operational costs |
| | Quantify expected impacts on ... |
| 11 | • Capacity to innovate |
| 12 | • International competitiveness |

Sectors disproportionately affected?

IV. How to minimise negative impacts?

Main impacts assessed in IA reports and covered in RSB opinions in 2023*



* Preliminary data based on 45 first submission impact assessment reports (by 15 November 2023)

First scrutiny observations of impact on competitiveness assessments in 2023*



Draft impact assessment reports sometimes did not sufficiently

- assess all relevant dimensions of competitiveness,
- define at which level competitiveness is assessed,
- identify the factors that most significantly affect competitiveness,
- link the results of the competitiveness check to the main analysis,
- inform on the views of affected stakeholders.

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Challenges observed

- Need to get proportionality right
- Need to tackle early enough data and consultation needs
- Need to present an intelligent analysis
- Need to provide useful insights for decision making