

BETTER REGULATION AND TRANSPARENCY

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*A **political Commission** is one that listens to the European Parliament, listens to all Member States, and listens to the people.*

*And it is us listening that motivated my Commission to withdraw 100 proposals in our first two years of office, to present 80% fewer initiatives than over the past 5 years and to launch a thorough review of all existing legislation. **Because only by focusing on where Europe can provide real added value and deliver results, will we be able to make Europe a better, more trusted place.***

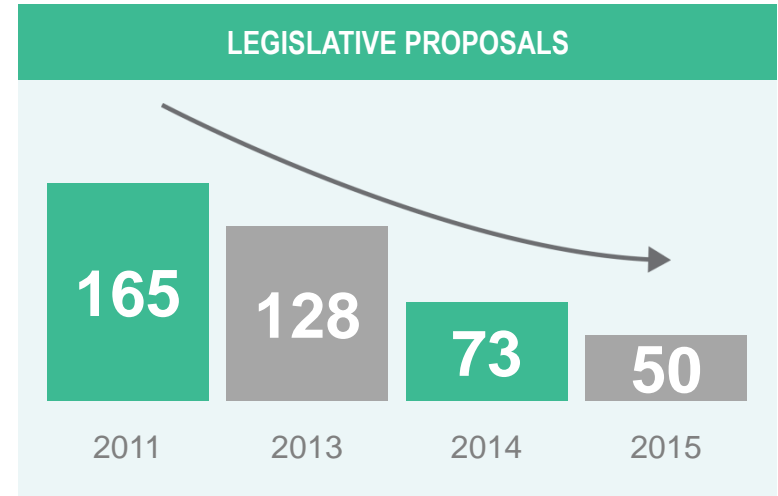
Jean-Claude Juncker, State of the Union Address
European Parliament, 14 September 2016

DELIVERING A STREAMLINED AND EFFICIENT BODY OF EU LAW

Better regulation in numbers, 2015-2017



Number of legislative proposals, 2011-2015



NATIONAL WHERE POSSIBLE, EUROPEAN WHERE NECESSARY



Focusing on **major initiatives** with high EU added value


- ▶ **Boosting** investment
- ▶ Responding to **the refugee crisis**
- ▶ **Strengthening borders**
- ▶ Fostering **innovation** through a Digital Single Market
- ▶ Building an **Energy Union** and combatting climate change
- ▶ Combatting **tax evasion** and avoidance








More **proportionate responses** where needed


- ▶ **Decentralisation of state aid** – 90% of cases now managed by Member States
- ▶ **Simpler maritime safety rules** – a fitness check benefitting 400 million people
- ▶ **Guidance on the collaborative economy** to encourage a regulatory environment that allows new business models to develop while protecting consumers and workers and ensuring fair taxation
- ▶ **Stricter type-approval requirements for motor vehicles** as a response to the need for enhanced monitoring and surveillance


SIMPLER RULES, SAME HIGH STANDARDS


 **Reducing regulatory burdens and red-tape:**


Revised 'smart borders' proposal Cutting costs :  **€1.1 billion**   **€480 million**

Action Plan on VAT  **Increasing revenues by €7 billion**  **Cutting compliance costs by 55%**

Better reporting on greenhouse gas emission reductions  **Saving €345,000 - €460,000 each year**

New Prospectus Rules  **Saving €130 million each year**

A Streamlined Common Agricultural Policy **250 Regulations**  **Around 40 acts**

Data Protection Single rulebook :  **€2.3 billion of benefits each year**

 **The Regulatory Fitness Platform**

 **Bringing together** experts from Member States and civil society

 **Reviewing** citizens' online suggestions and making recommendations to the Commission for burden reduction

 **Making sure** the EU's rulebook is fit for purpose

A COMMITMENT TO EVIDENCE-BASED POLICY-MAKING



We are listening to citizens and stakeholders throughout the policy cycle – through public consultations, The REFIT (Regulatory Fitness) Platform, the "Lighten the load" web portal, and Citizens' Dialogues



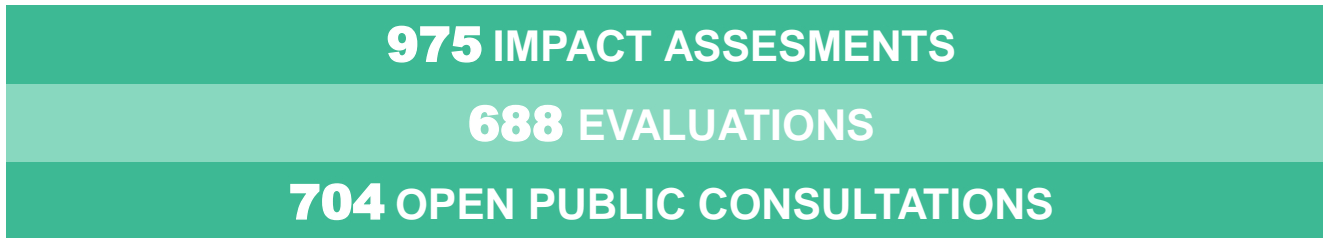
Impact Assessments can now take place not just at the beginning of the policy-making process but also when the Commission's proposal is amended



An independent Regulatory Scrutiny Board ensures the quality of Impact Assessment work



The subsidiarity principle is enhanced by **listening more to National Parliaments**



*Overview of better regulation activities since their launch in the Commission

A NEW AGREEMENT ON BETTER LAW-MAKING: A SHARED COMMITMENT BY ALL EU INSTITUTIONS



Inter-institutional Agreement on Better Law-Making

Transparency

- Regulatory Fitness (REFIT) Programme
- Systematic evaluation (for new laws in force)
- Programming (common agreement on priorities)
- Renewed Commitment to Impact Assessment
- Delegated Acts (more consultation of national experts on technical rules)
- Clarity on Gold Plating (Member States adding to EU rules)



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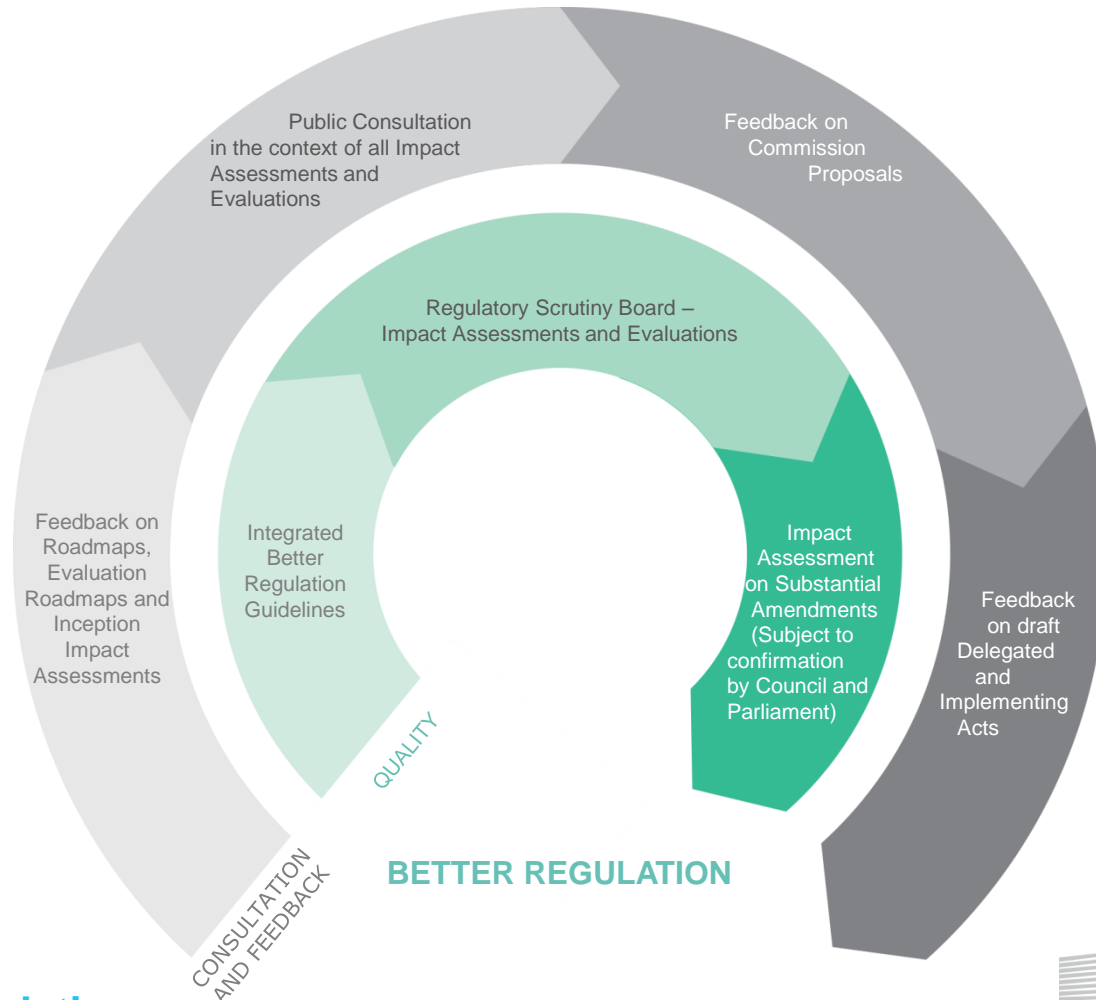
Transparency and consultation are at the heart of our efforts to produce better regulation for better results. Since taking office we have thrown open our decision-making process and consult at all stages with those who have to deal with EU rules.

Frans Timmermans, 1 July 2016

NEW TRANSPARENCY RULES

- ▶ **Publication of information** about meetings by Commissioners, their Cabinet Members and Directors-General with organisations and self-employed individuals (since 1 December 2014)
- ▶ A new rule "**No registration, no meeting**", leading to **4000** new entries in the Transparency Register in two years
- ▶ Proposal tabled by the Commission for a **mandatory Transparency Register**; extending the 'no registration, no meeting' rule to decision-makers in the Parliament and Council
- ▶ New rules adopted on **Commission Expert Groups** to improve the balance and transparency of the external expertise provided to the Commission, and to avoid conflicts of interest

BETTER REGULATION AGENDA: IMPACTING THE WHOLE POLICY CYCLE





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