

New Ideas for Risk Regulation  
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# Better Regulation in the EU: Learning by Doing

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# Legislation in the EU

Initiate

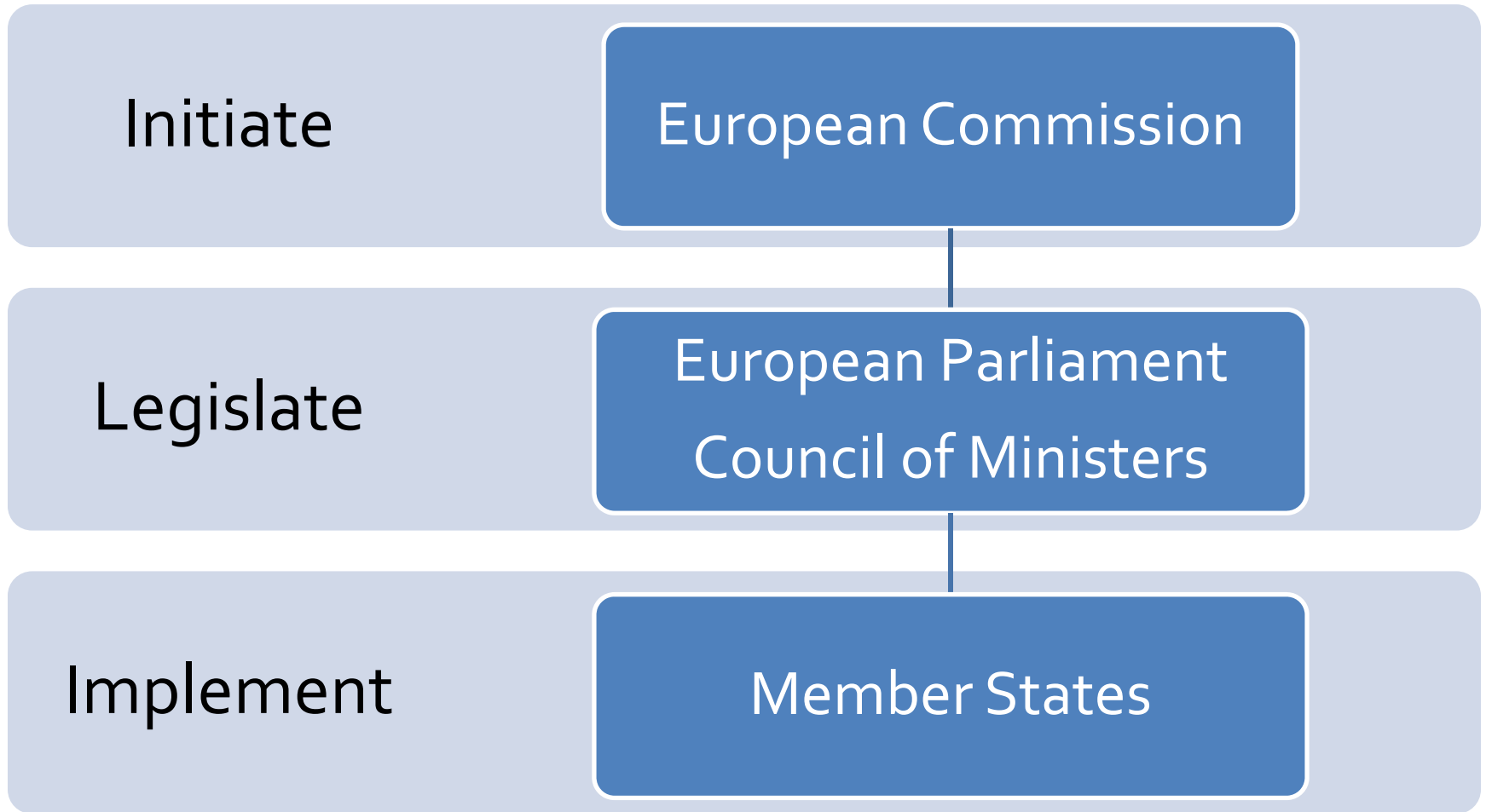
European Commission

Legislate

European Parliament  
Council of Ministers

Implement

Member States



# Better Regulation activities

## Existing legislation

- Evaluation
- Simplification
- Administrative burden reduction

## New initiatives

- Impact assessment

# Learning step by step

2002

- Introduction of impact assessments
- Minimum-standards for consultation

2003

- First guidelines

2007

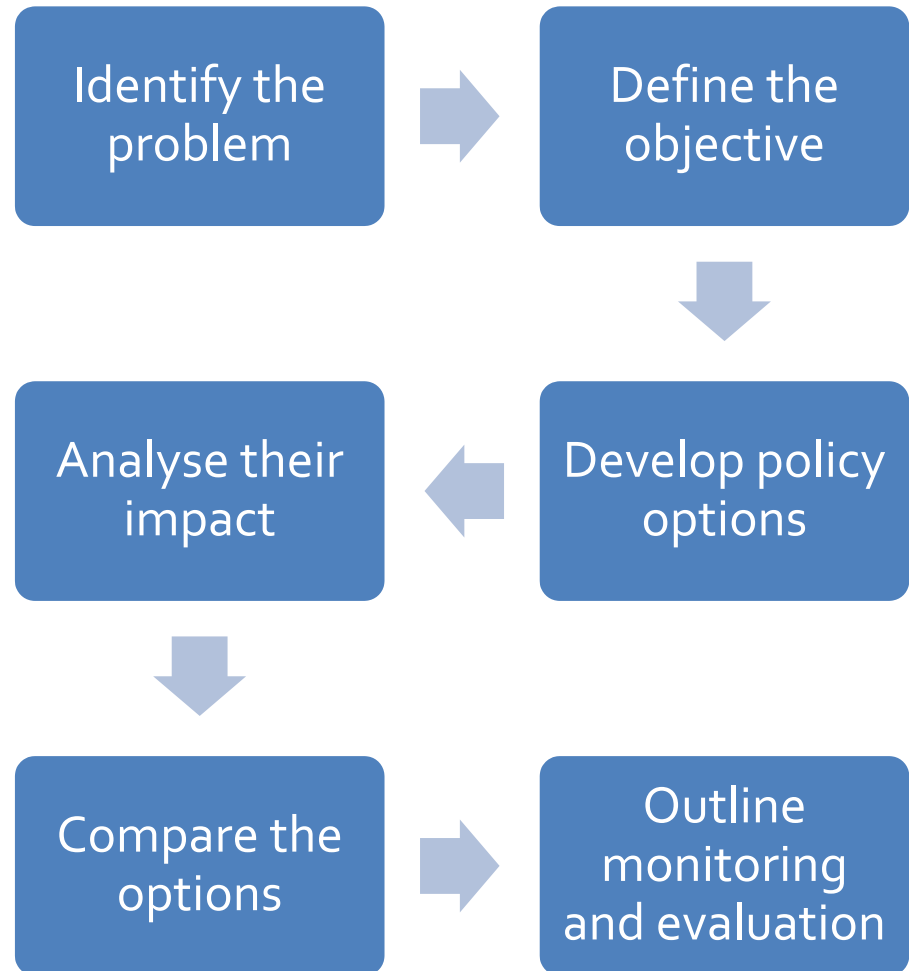
- Impact Assessment Board

2008

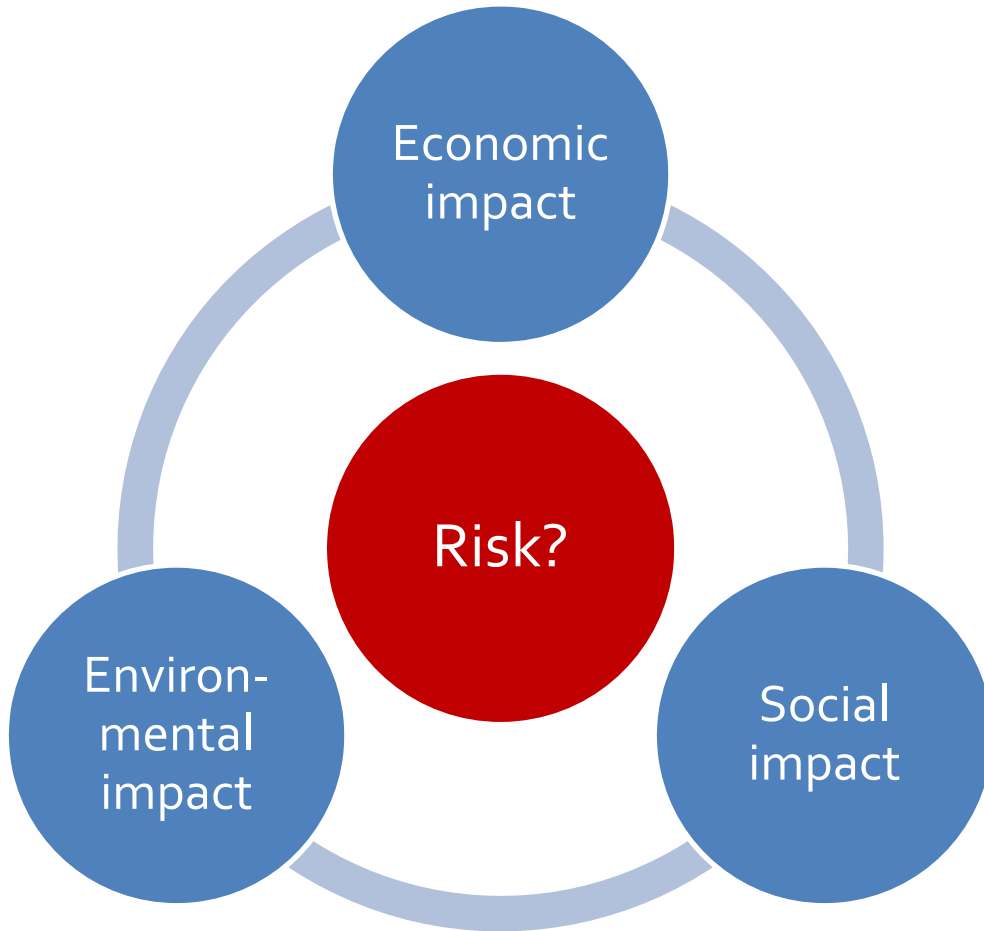
- Revised guidelines

# Impact assessment

- Supporting political judgement, not substituting it
- All legislative proposals with substantial impact
- Over 450 impact assessments since 2003



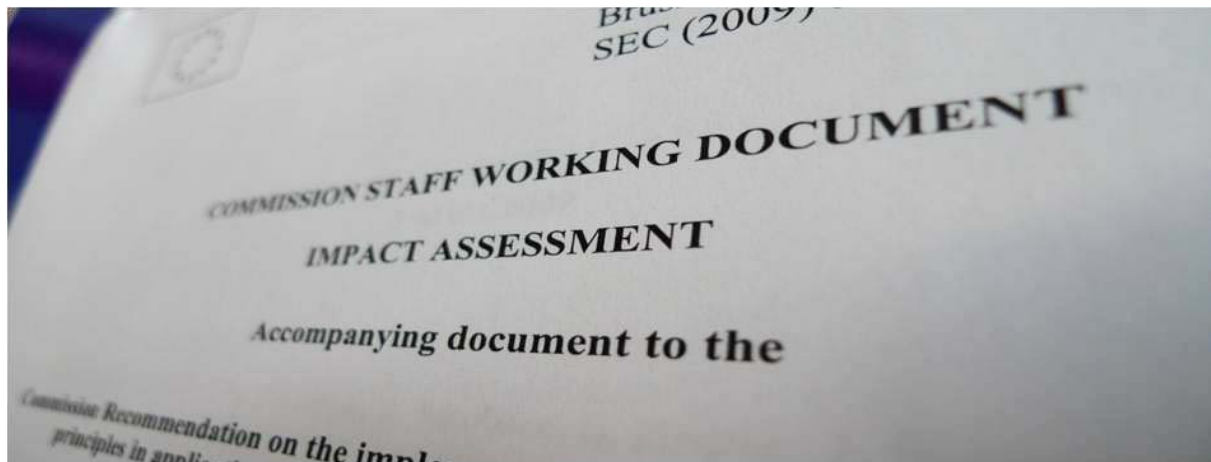
# Integrated approach



- Risk assessment required if uncertainty about serious negative outcomes is an issue
- Most commonly used for environmental and health proposals

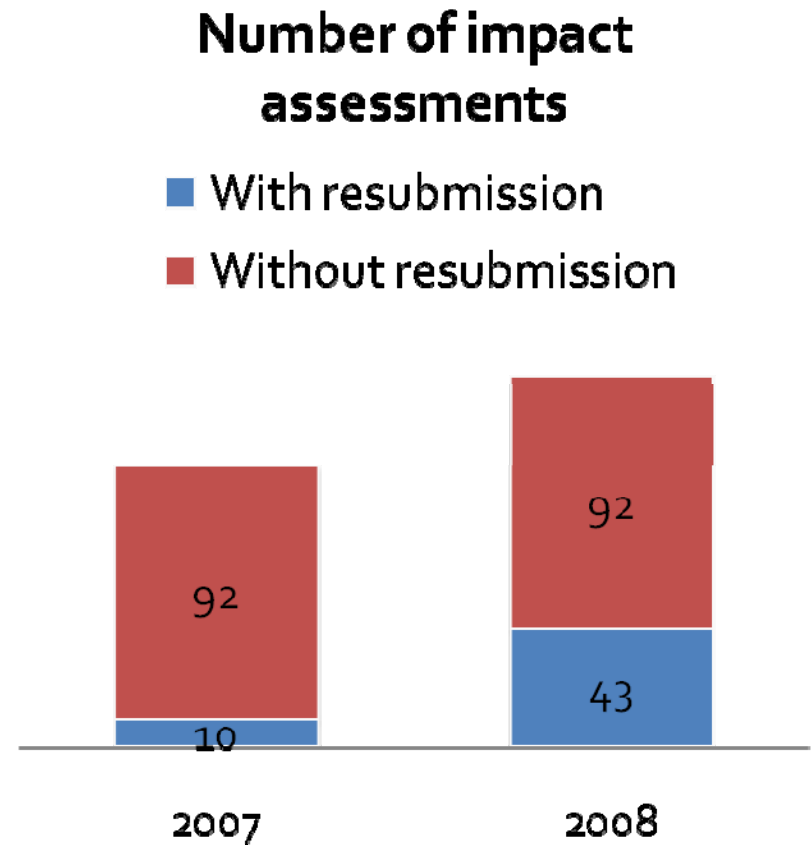
# The impact assessment report

- Self-standing document of max. 30 pages
- Standard format
- Non-technical language
- Supporting material in technical annexes

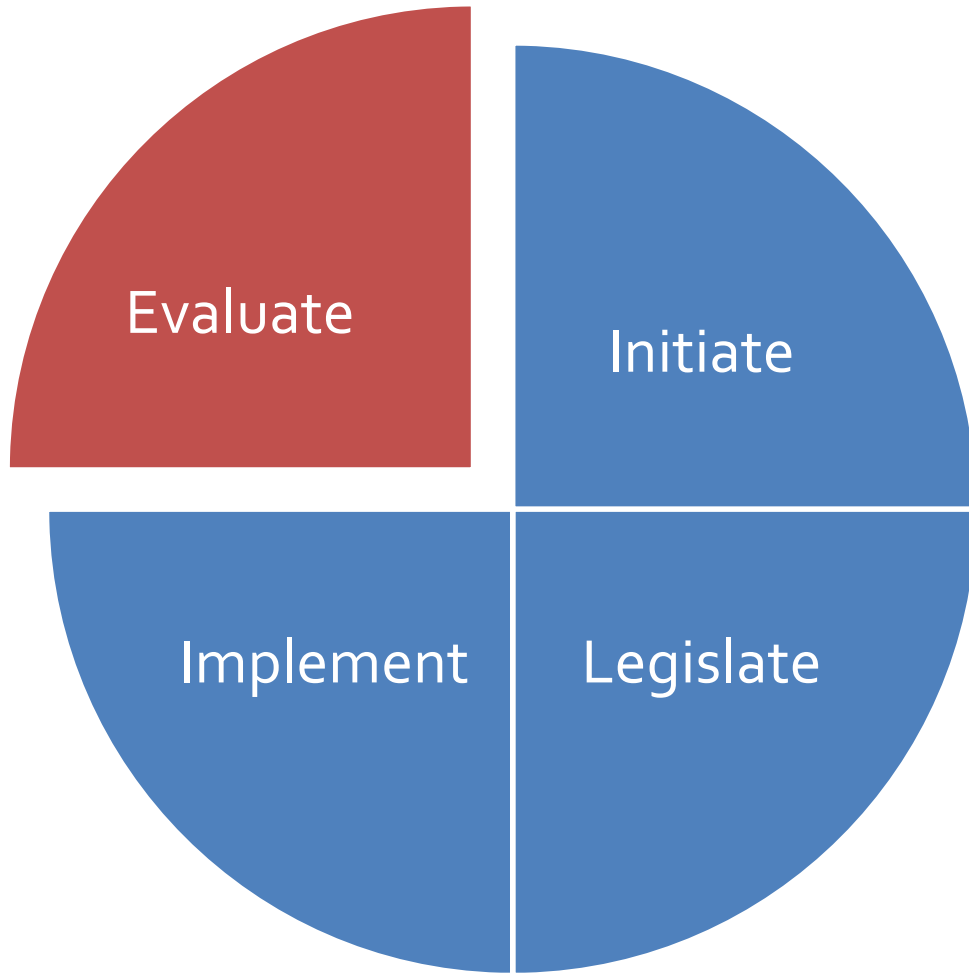


# Impact Assessment Board

- Independent quality control body since 2007
- Five Members appointed by the President of the Commission
- The opinions of the Board are public



# Closing the cycle



- Impact assessments include monitoring and evaluation provisions
- Follow-up through more systematic evaluation

# More information

- Better Regulation:

[http://ec.europa.eu/governance/better\\_regulation](http://ec.europa.eu/governance/better_regulation)

- Impact assessments and opinions of the Board:

<http://ec.europa.eu/governance/impact>

- Administrative burden reduction:

<http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/admin-burdens-reduction>