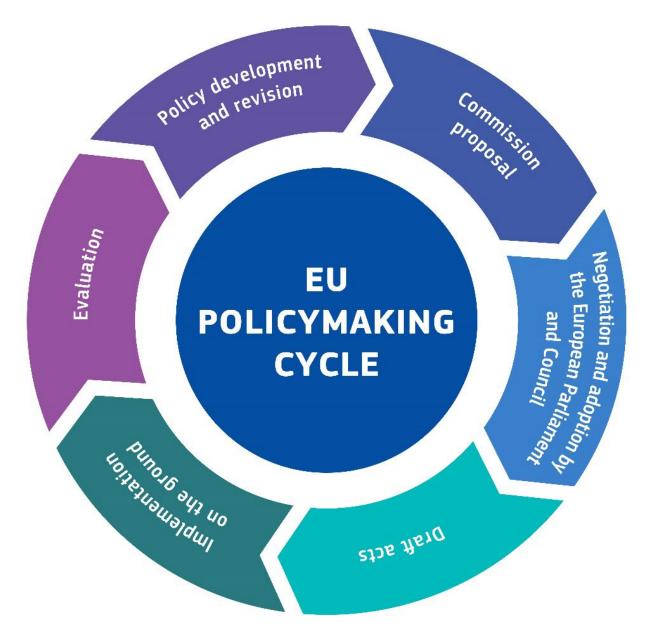


# Better Regulation in the EU policy making cycle

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# Interinstitutional Agreement on Better Law-making 2016

#### Joint responsibility to deliver high quality legislation

- In areas where it has the greatest added value for European citizens and strengthen the competitiveness and sustainability of the Union's economy;
- Which delivers the Union's policy objectives in the simplest, most efficient and effective way possible;
- Which avoids overregulation and unnecessary administrative burdens for citizens, administrations and businesses and particularly SMEs; and
- Which is designed to facilitate its transposition and practical application.



## **Better Regulation Elements**



#### Impact assessment

The impact assessment process is about gathering and analysing evidence to support policymaking. It verifies the existence of a problem, identifies its underlying causes, assesses whether EU action is needed, and analyses the advantages and disadvantages of available solutions.

#### Evaluation – Fitness check

<u>Evaluation</u> is an evidence-based judgement of the extent to which an existing intervention is: effective; efficient; relevant given the current (and future) needs; coherent both internally and with other EU interventions; and has achieved EU added value.

Stakeholder consultation







- Q1: What is the **purpose and scope** of the evaluation/fitness check?
- Q2: What was the **expected outcome** of the intervention? (points of comparison)
- Q3: How has the situation **evolved** over the evaluation period?
- Q4: To what extent was the intervention **successful** and why?
- Q5: How did the **EU** intervention make a **difference** and to whom?
- *Q6:* Is the intervention still **relevant**?
- Q7: What are the conclusions and lessons learned?



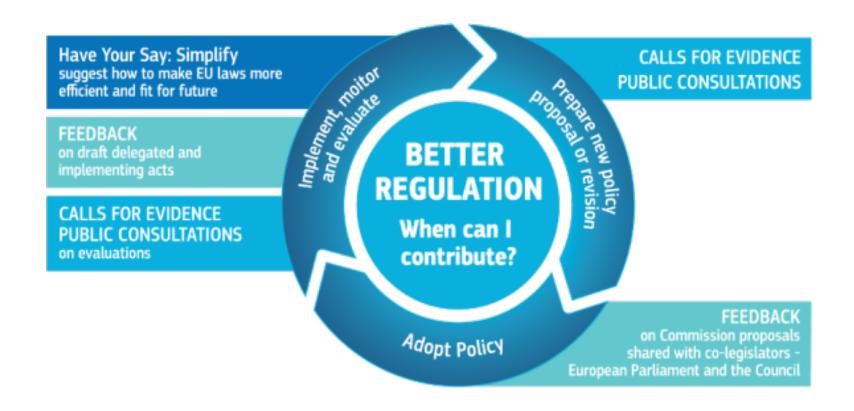




- Q1: What is the **problem** and why is it a problem?
- *Q2:* Why should the **EU act**?
- Q3: What should be **achieved**?
- Q4: What are the various **options** to achieve the objectives?
- Q5: What are the **impacts** of the different policy options and who will be affected?
- Q6: How do the **options compare**?
- Q7: How would actual impacts be **monitored and evaluated**?



#### Feedback opportunities across the policy cycle





## **Further reading**

- Better regulation guidelines
- Better regulation toolbox
- Have your say
- Interinstitutional agreement
- Track law making
- REFIT (Regulatory Fitness and Performance Programme)
- Regulatory Scrutiny Board

