Regulatory reform in the Netherlands & lessons learned

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Regulatory reform architecture

- SCM
- Infrastructure
- Political commitment
- Incentives
Dutch programme cycle

**Emphasis**

- > 03: measuring red tape
- > 04: identifying measures
- > 05: monitoring implementation
- > 06: communication
- > 07: broadening and deepening the approach (AB as stepping stone)
Key ingredients Dutch approach: broadening the load of the reform vehicle

- Quantitative targets
- Problem-oriented (link with top sectors)
- Stock and flow
- Broadened and deepened
- Less + Simpler = Tangible

Political owner: Deputy Prime Minister (Minister of EA, A&I)
Central horizontal organisation (RRG)
External watchdog (ACTAL)
Stakeholders’ involvement
The Dutch approach in a nutshell:
regulatory oversight and institutional design
Priorities international approach

1) European programme (Smart Regulation)
   - European – National: 42% - 58 %
   - Implementation action programme -25% businesses in 2012
   - Ambitious and broader programme after 2012
   - Tackling unnecessary new regulatory burdens

2) International cooperation
   - Interesting developments inside and outside Europe
   - OECD and Worldbank (Regulatory Reform Policy)
   - Mutual learning process and peer pressure: exchange good practices

Renewal regulatory governance principles
Challenges, pitfalls and opportunities to get things done and value for money: lessons learned

- Regulatory reform is not a one-shot policy
- Comprehensive strategy, ambition and gradualism
- Integration quantitative and qualitative perspective
- Dynamic instead of static approach
- Sequencing, transition: what first, what next, why?
- Focus on the stock first, Pareto principle
- Right timing for new ‘entry points’ to a broader reform scope
- Next phase: less visible, more complex long-term reforms
- Risk and regulation, multi-level governance, ‘end of pipe’ actors
- Good mix of top-down and bottom-up
- Management of support and opposition, management of expectations
- Visibility
- Monitoring, evaluation and communication mechanisms