

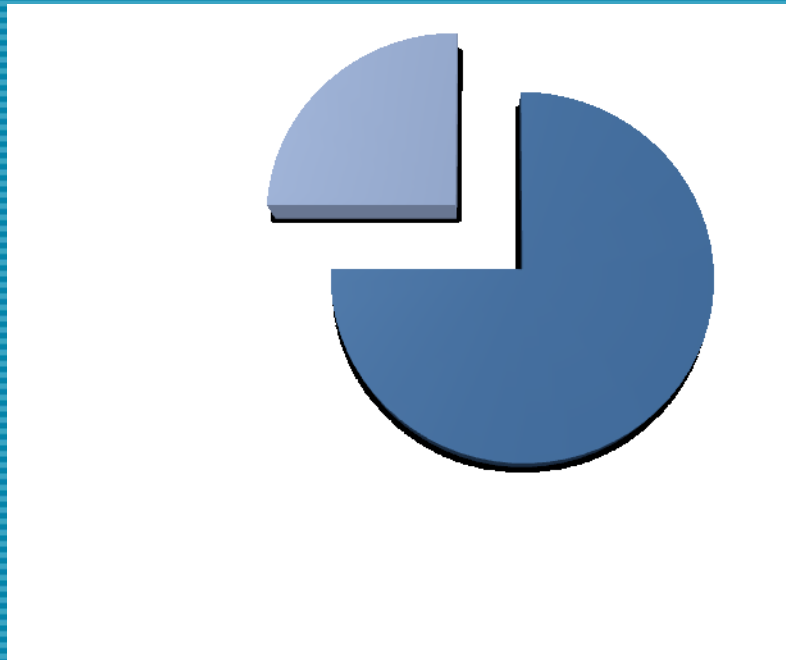
SIMPLIFYING AND IMPROVING THE LAW

Panel 1: Legislative evaluation

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Economic growth and societal benefit



25% reduction of administrative burdens



GDP increase of 1.5% in the Netherlands

Simplified legislation increases compliance



Higher yields policy goals

Working for Parliament

From my personal experience:

1. Essential to build up and maintain a strong network with society
2. Collect signals consistently from society
3. Use position in Parliament to pressure government for further ambition
4. Ensure results on the better regulation agenda, i.e. SME-test

Added value of Actal

1. Structural and objective identification of obstacles for businesses, citizens and professionals.
2. Transparent and independent opinions on less burdensome alternatives supporting debate on policy choices.
3. Validation of impact assessments on regulatory costs
4. Recommendations to achieve more progress on the better regulation agenda.

Key elements Dutch approach

1. Strong political commitment
2. Net reduction target
3. Common methodology
4. External, independent advisory board (Actal)

Actal

- External, independent advisory board
- Three tasks:
 1. Ex ante scrutiny
 2. Regulatory burden audit
 3. Strategic advice on existing legislation
- Advices Cabinet, Parliament and municipalities

Scrutiny framework Actal

1. Zero Option

- ✓ What goes wrong without the policy under consideration (i.e. if the Zero Option is adopted)?

2. Less burdensome alternatives

- ✓ Have the effects on regulatory burden been calculated correctly?
- ✓ Has the least burdensome alternative been adopted? If not, why not?

3. Policy, implementation and inspection

- ✓ Have the effects of implementation and inspection been taken into account?

EU legislation

Burden:

- EU-level cannot be ignored: 50% of the regulatory costs for Dutch business stems from EU legislation and implementation.

Aim:

- Tackle regulatory costs from the EU through an ambitious EU approach (RegWatchEurope)
- Achieve a less burdensome implementation (in NL) of EU legislation.

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