

Smart Regulation and Impact Assessment

**High Level Group of Independent
Stakeholders on Administrative Burden**

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Impact Assessment in 2009

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Consolidation & Deepening

**Impact Assessment Board
report 2009**

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Consolidation & deepening

on all aspects of the Impact Assessment system

Integrated approach

- benefits and costs
- economic, social and environmental impacts

Scope

all initiatives likely to have significant impacts

Independent quality control

IAB has scrutinised all impact assessments since it was created (+400).

Transparency and accountability

- Stakeholder consultations
- Impact Assessments and IAB opinions published

Extending scope and scrutiny

Integrated approach

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	2007	2008	2009	Total
Impact assessments	102	135	79	316
Including:				
<i>CLWP proposals</i>	66%	34%	27%	
<i>legislative proposals</i>	56%	64%	68%	
<i>comitology proposals</i>	4%	7%	16%	
IAB Opinions	112	182	106	400
<i>Resubmission requested</i>	9%	33%	37%	

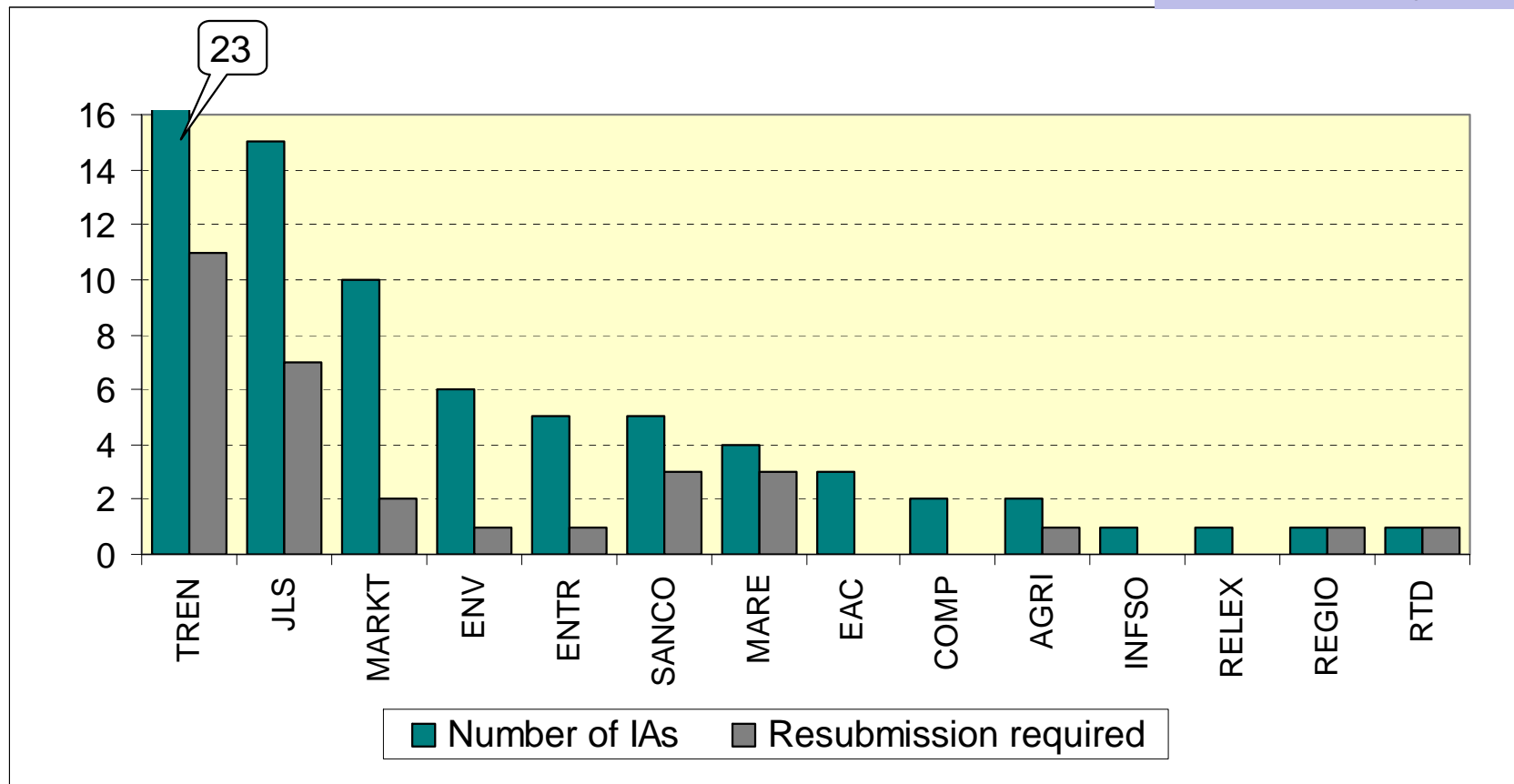
A vast range and degree of scrutiny in 2009

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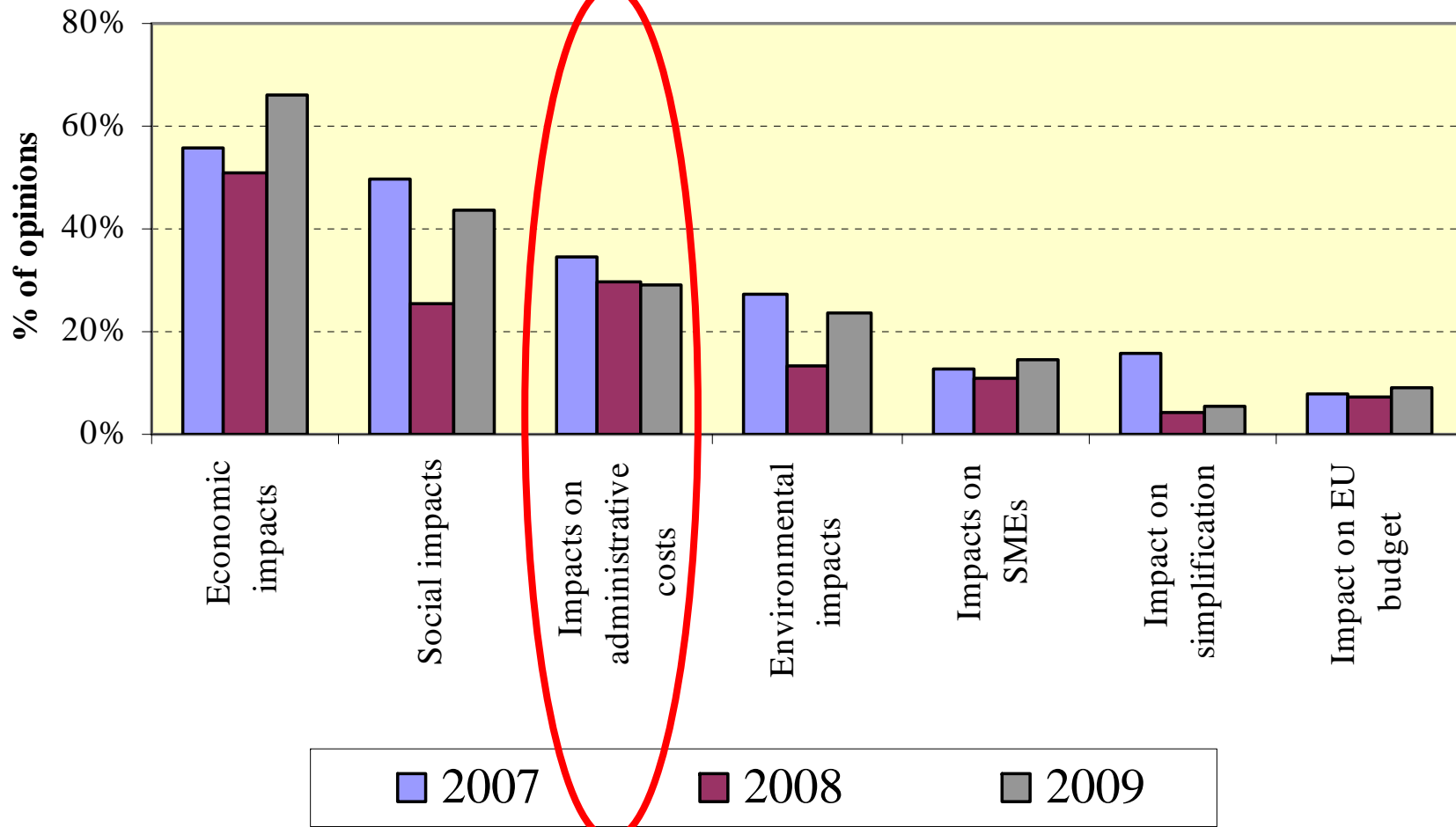
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Analytical issues raised in Board opinions



Impact Assessment *in* Smart Regulation

A strengthened political context

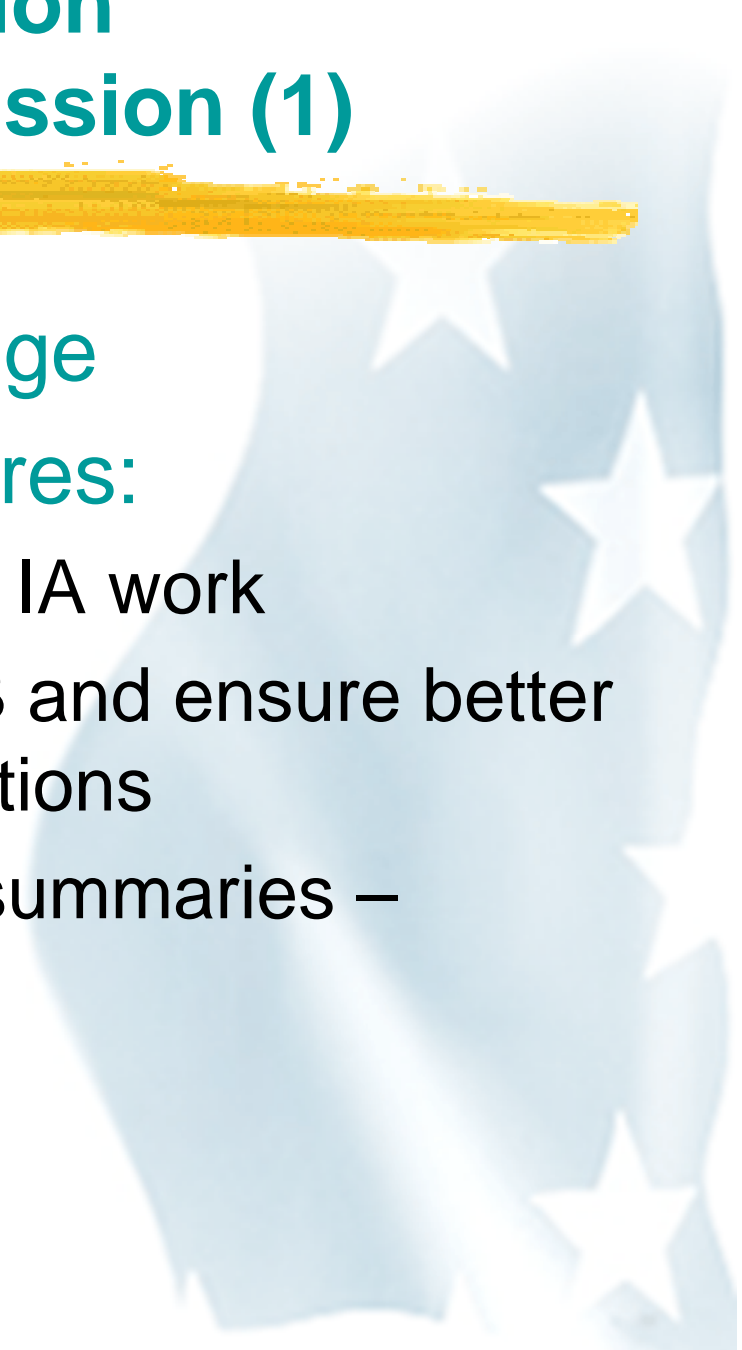


A new impetus

- **Smart Regulation-high up on the agenda of the Barroso II Commission**
 - President's political guidelines
 - Europe 2020
 - Commission Working Methods-all components of the cycle under the direct authority of the President
- **Smart regulation-a global and dynamic concept**
 - Impact Assessment is a key element
 - Ex-post evaluation to close the cycle
- **Smart regulation-an upstream and downstream process**
 - Administrative burden reduction programme for existing measures
 - Scrutiny of administrative burden of future policy measures (IA)
- **Smart regulation-a shared responsibility along the policy cycle**
 - Priority for the European Parliament: Resolution on the Framework Agreement (02/2010)

Smart regulation and the new Commission (1)



- Sustaining the culture change
 - Reinforcing existing structures:
 - Further enhance planning of IA work
 - Reinforce position of the IAB and ensure better follow-up of its recommendations
 - Greater clarity of executive summaries – standardised presentation
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Smart regulation and the new Commission (2)



- Responding to the priorities set by the President:
 - Better assessment of social impacts
 - Better assessment of administrative burdens
 - Ex-post evaluation to track policy results and identify shortcomings
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