



# Regulatory Reform: the Dutch approach 2003-2011 and beyond

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## Focus 2003-2007 – Admin Burdens and SCM

- Focus on part of the regulatory costs: AB
- Administrative burden (AB): costs for businesses or citizens when complying to information obligations imposed by government regulation.
- Using Standard Cost Model (SCM)



## 2007 – 2011 Broadening of the approach

- (1) Use the 'reform vehicle' to tackle other regulatory issues as well
- (2) Broadening and widening the program
- (3) In doing so, align more to business priorities and irritations

Less, Simpler, Tangible

(4) The reform vehicle was strengthened :

- Regulatory Reform Group was formed
- Mandate of watchdog Actal: prolonged and broadened
- More stakeholder involvement
- High level business committee was founded
- Recommendations of OECD and World Bank



## Meeting the targets?

Costs	Target 2011	May 2010	Year-end 2011	Long term
Adm Burden	-25% net	-13% net	-22% net	-28% net
Compliance costs	-544 mln €	-329 mln €	-544 mln €	- 994 mln €
Red tape for Grants	111 = 100%	23	111	111
Inspections	-25%	-4%	-12%	-25%



## Programme 2011- 2015 and beyond

5 interacting policy fields

Concrete measures

Quantitative objectives (again)

<2012

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– A new yearly 10% reduction target 'regulation costs'

– Yearly reduction of 5%

Preventing new regulatory burdens  
ceiling, capping

-Regulatory Impact Assessments

-Integrated Policy Framework

Improving level of service

ICT

- Standard Business Reporting, Information HUB

'Only once principle'

- Certificate of Good Practise

Municipalities

High trust approach

Trust

- Combined inspections, Inspection holiday

Other Governmental bodies

Europe

- Smart Regulation, commitment and ownership,  
RIAs, broadening of programme, High Level Group.