



10 years Actal

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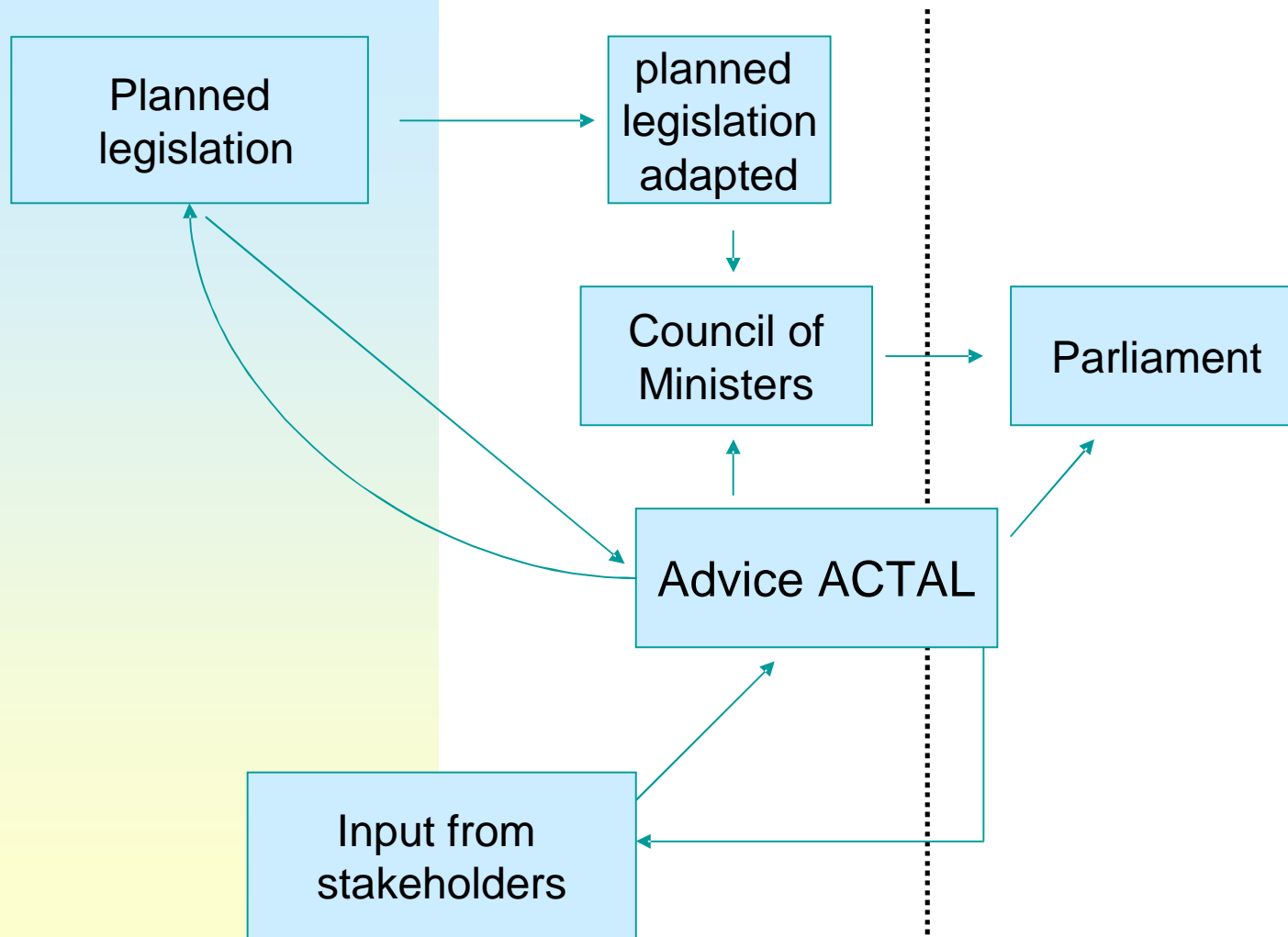


Actal: the organisation

- u Independent and external advisory board
- u Small organisation
- u Two roles:
 - § Scrutiny board (200 opinions/year)
 - § Centre of expertise



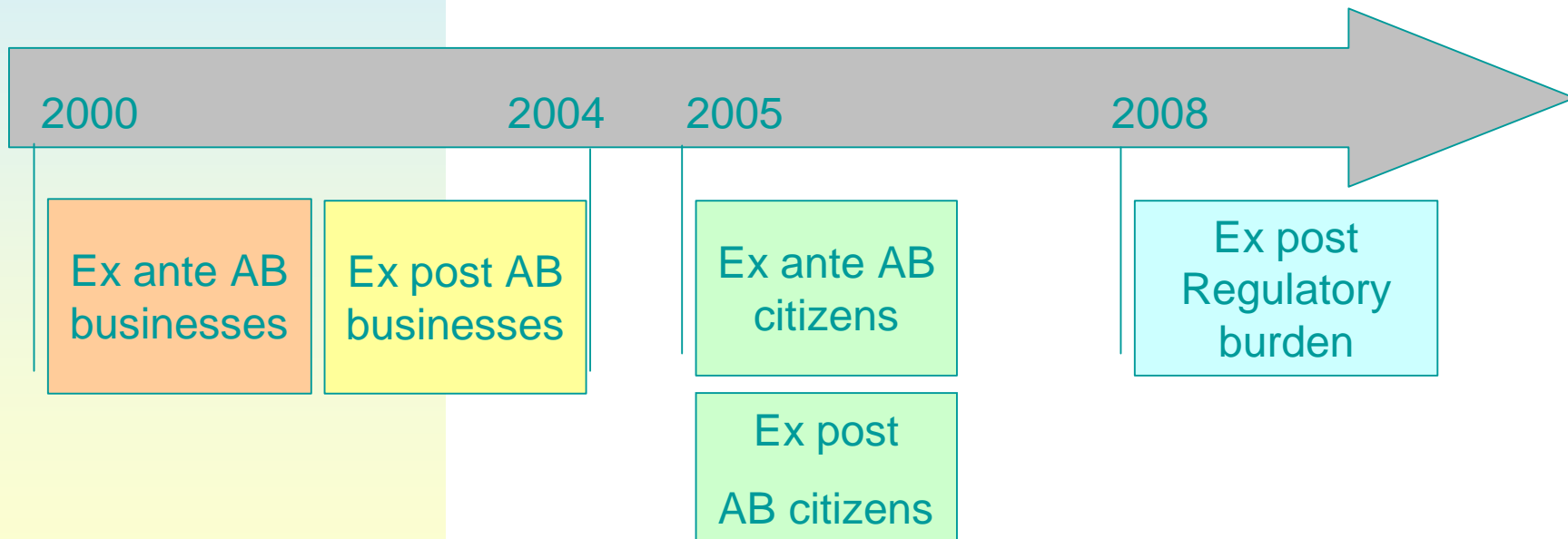
Scrutiny in overview



Regulatory process

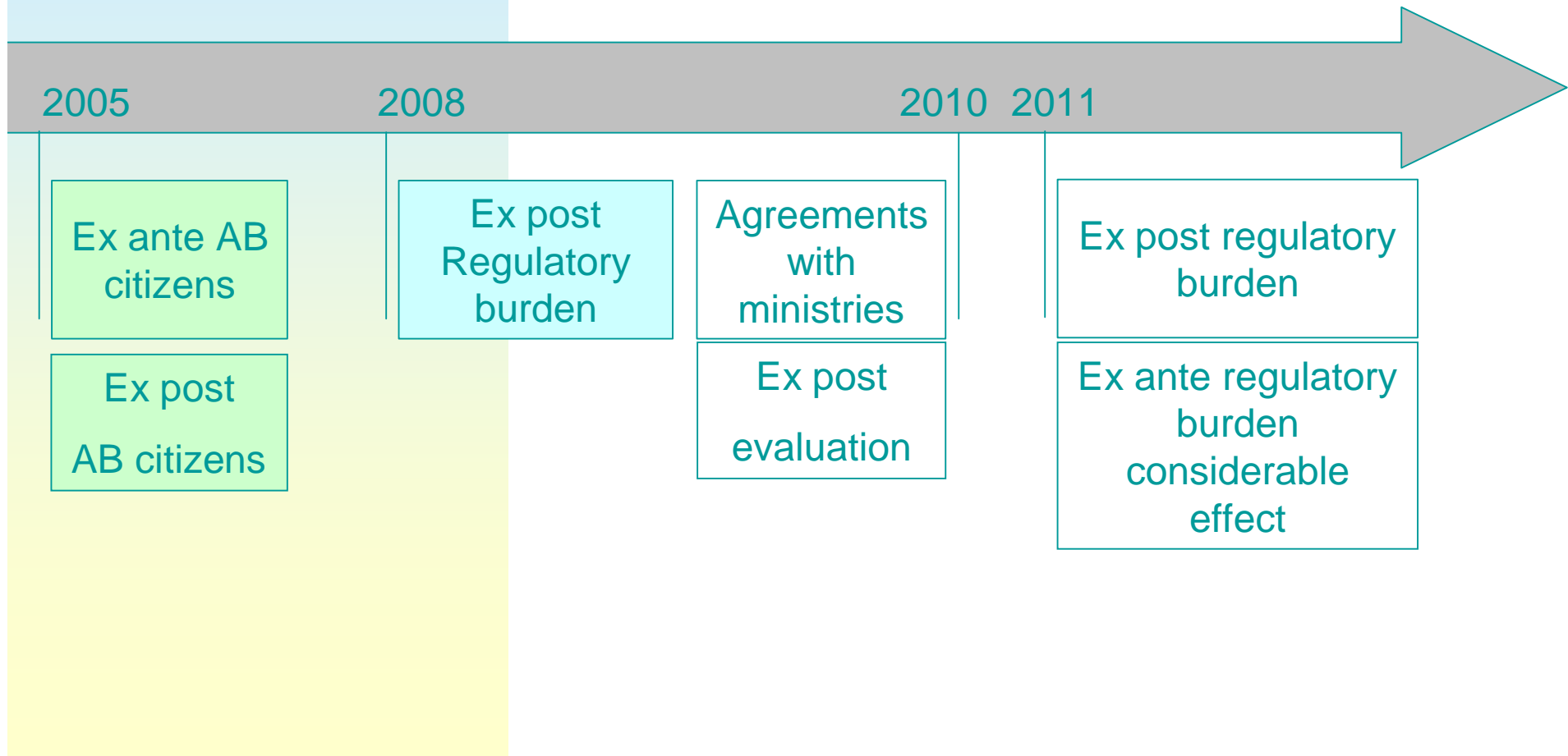


Mandate Actal 2000 - 2010





Transition 2010 - 2011





Good governance within ministries

1. Ministries themselves conduct a regulatory burden review that covers all regulatory costs and benefits (including “Actal review”).
2. The review can be independently identified and is made public.
3. Responsibility for regulatory burden should be at the highest level within the ministry. Power to veto is best practice.
4. Ministries keep their know-how on the reduction of regulatory burdens up to standard. Active internal communication.
5. Ministries keep systematic records of developments in regulatory burden (AB and SCC), maintaining a ceiling in total CC.
6. Ministries periodically and systematically examine possibilities for further regulatory reduction (EU legislation included).



Lessons learned

- u Scrutiny board and centre of expertise: mutually reinforcing roles
 - § Incorporation in regulatory process contributes to awareness
 - § Expertise leads to credibility, also to Parliament
- u Start with a narrow scope, expand it
 - § Target groups (businesses, citizens, professionals, etc.)
 - § Types of reg. burden (admin burden, compliance costs, etc.)
 - § Sources of reg. burden (central, regional, local authorities, EU)
- u After a while a no pain-no gain situation emerges
 - § Focus on policy measures with considerable impact
 - § Ex ante scrutiny on a systemic level



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