

Impact Assessment Board

2014 activity statistics

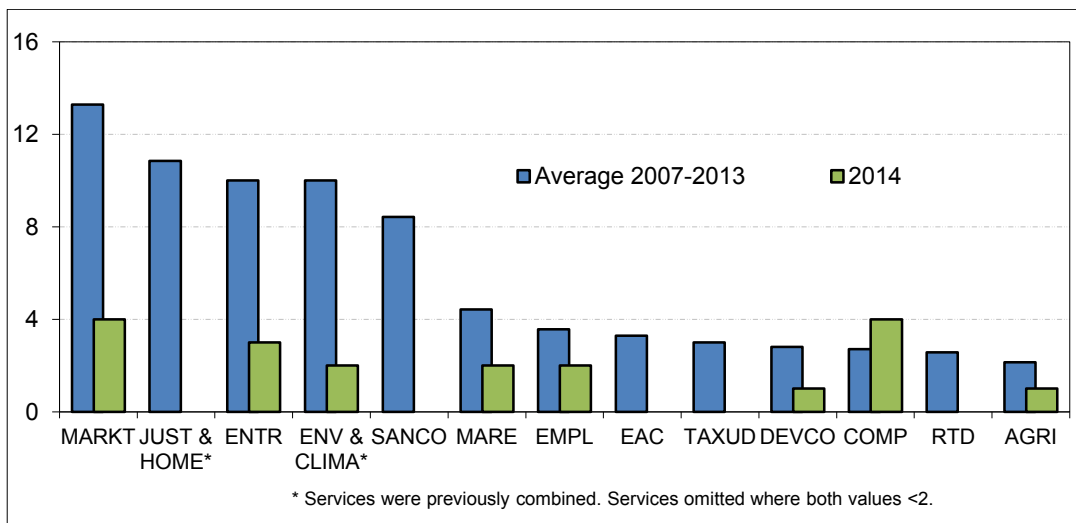
1. General statistics

The number of impact assessments (IA) submitted to the Board in 2014 decreased considerably. This decrease was motivated by the changeover of the European Commission and of the European Parliament legislature.

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Total impact assessments examined	102	135	79	66	104	97	97	25
Number of meetings	22	26	21	23	25	20	19	10
Number of opinions issued	112	182	106	83	138	144	142	35
Opinions requesting resubmission (first submissions)	9	44	28	27	37	46	40	10
Resubmission rate	9 %	33 %	37 %	42 %	36 %	47%	41%	40%

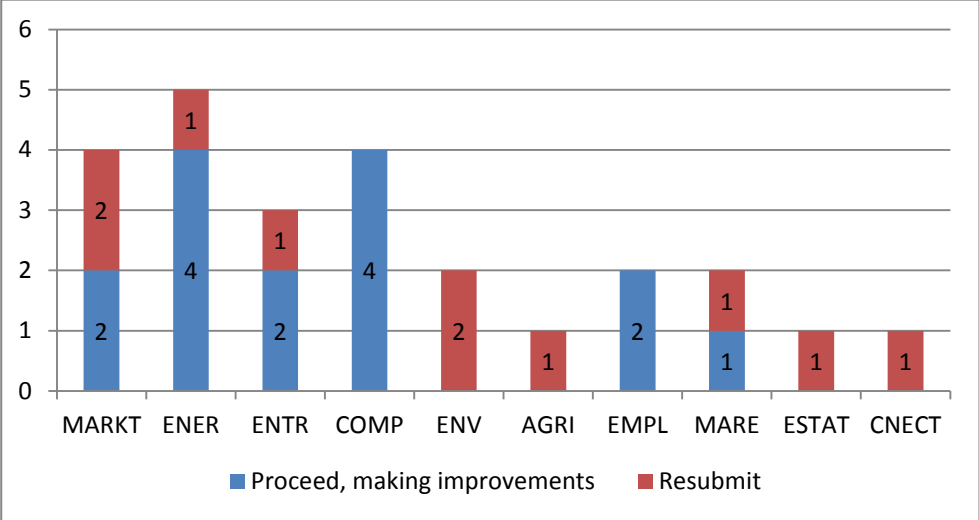
As a result, during 2014, the Board examined 25 draft IA reports and issued 35 opinions (25 on first submissions and 10 on re-submitted drafts). Likewise, the number of IAs submitted by the different Commission Directorate Generals was, in most cases, well below their medium-term average (Figure 1).

Figure 1 : Number of draft IA reports submitted in 2014 and before, selected services



However, the reduction in the number of IAs did not have an impact on the resubmission rate that remained in line with that of previous years. Thus, 40% of the draft IAs submitted to the Board in 2014 were considered of insufficient quality and were sent back to services for improvement. Performance of services remained diverse (Figure 2), often reflecting the complexity of the corresponding files.

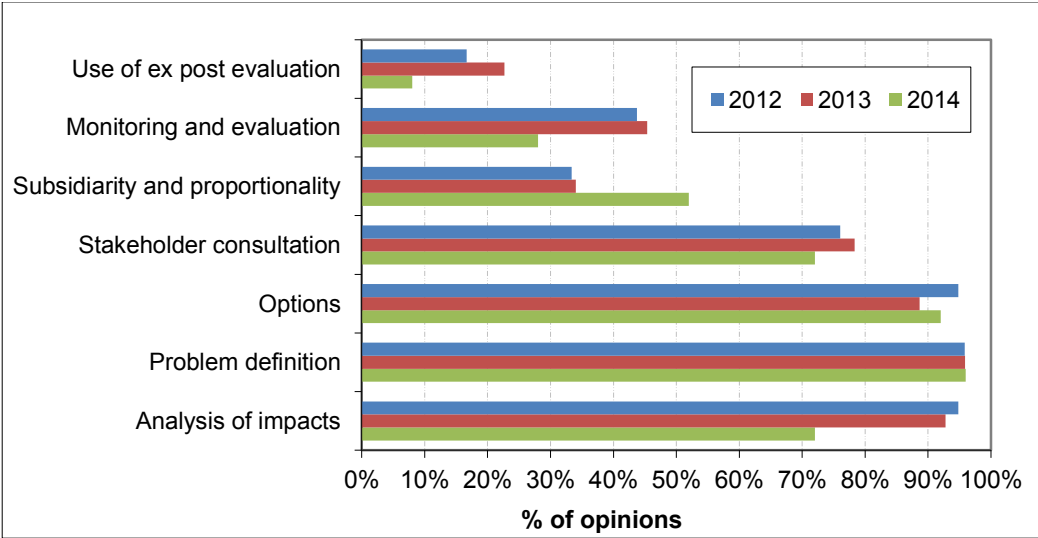
Figure 2: Board decisions by service, based on the first submission of draft IA Report



2. Board's Opinions' main recommendations

As in previous years, the 2014 Board's recommendations focussed on three main aspects: i) the need to improve the problem definition section, ii) the need to develop the analysis of impacts, and iii) the need to improve the presentation of the options. Figure 3, shows how often these and other issues were mentioned in the Board's opinion. It should be noted the Board's recommendations relate to the draft IA report, which Commission services should subsequently address in the finalisation of the IA. Therefore, these statistics do not directly relate to the quality of the final IA report.

Figure 3: Structural issues raised in opinions, based on the first submission of draft IA Report



The presentation of a number of relevant impacts also received attention in 2014 Opinions (Figure 4). Given the diverse nature and focus of the examined IA, comparisons vis-à-vis previous years are less relevant and therefore, any particular trend is difficult to identify.

Figure 4: Analytical issues raised in opinions, based on the first submission of draft IA Report

