




European
Commission

BETTER REGULATION AND TRANSPARENCY



A photograph of Jean-Claude Juncker, the President of the European Commission, speaking. He is wearing a dark pinstriped suit, a white shirt, and a patterned tie. He has short grey hair and is wearing glasses. He is gesturing with his hands as he speaks. The background is blurred, showing other people in a large room.

*“This Commission will be different: political, experienced and result-orientated. We will be doing our work more effectively. We will be working as a team and not in silos. We will be political, and not technocratic. I want to be serious about **being big on big things and small on small things.**”*

Jean-Claude Juncker, 10 September 2014



European
Commission

WHY DO WE NEED BETTER REGULATION

44% of Europeans do not understand how the EU is functioning

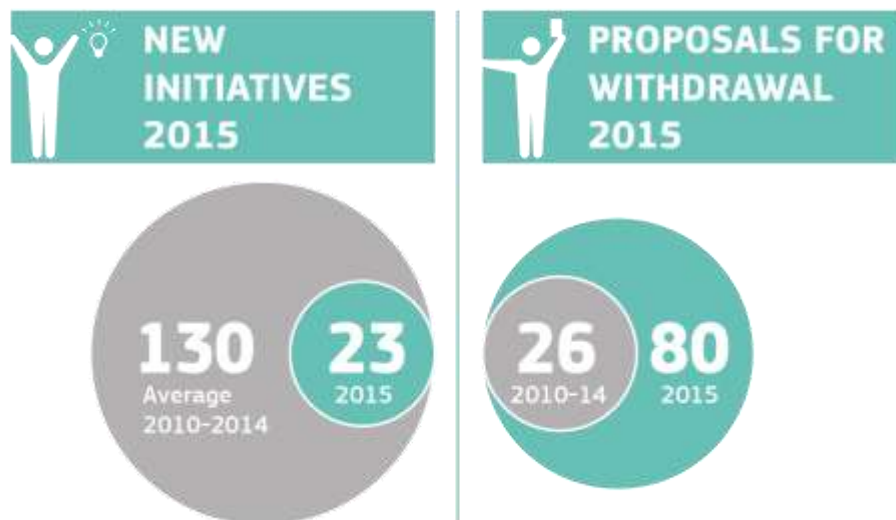
71% think that the EU generates too much “red tape”

Source: Eurobarometer, July 2015

The EU must not be big on small things



2015 COMMISSION WORK PROGRAMME



A COMPACT WORK PROGRAMME, FOCUSED ON THE KEY **23** PROPOSALS.

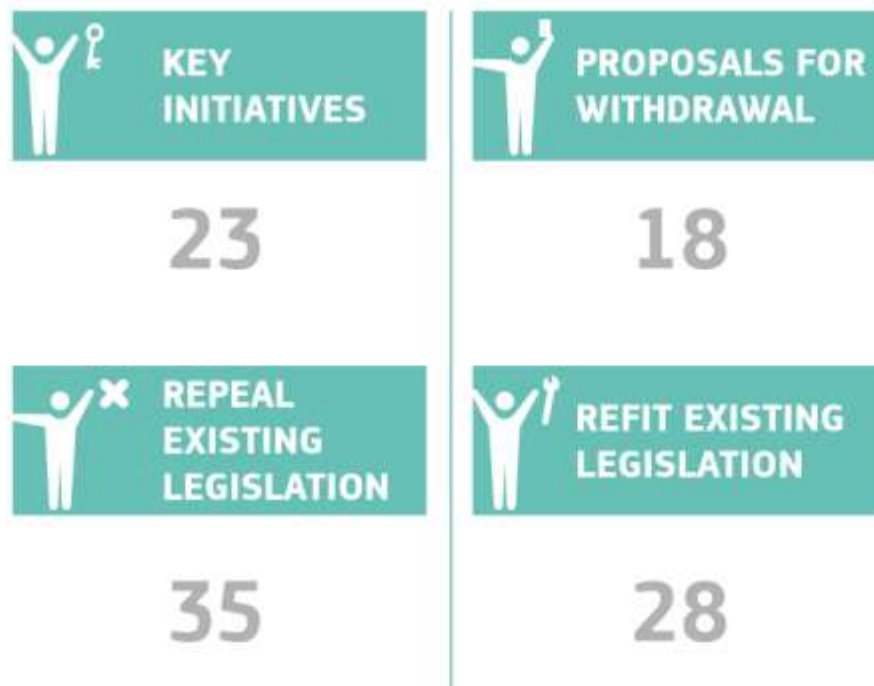
WE ARE SUGGESTING TO ELIMINATE **80** PENDING PROPOSAL FOR 3 MAIN REASONS:



- Don't match our political priorities
- Have been sitting on a negotiation table for too long
- Won't deliver the results that we need in their current form

2016 COMMISSION WORK PROGRAMME


FOLLOWING UP ON THE FOUNDATIONS LAID IN 2015



Making sure our current rules are fit for purpose through an evaluation and reform exercise.

BIG on **BIG** things
small on **small** things

 Focus on
10 priorities

 Taking a closer look
at **existing law**

 EU to **serve citizens**
and businesses

WHAT IS BETTER REGULATION ABOUT?

EU rules should be:



Fit for purpose



Provide added value



Avoid unnecessary burdens

MAKING
EUROPEANS'
LIFE EASIER





*“Better regulation is not about “more” or “less” EU rules, or undermining our high social and environmental standards, our health or our fundamental rights. **Better regulation is about making sure we deliver on the ambitious policy goals we have set ourselves in the most efficient way.**”*

Frans Timmermans, 19 May 2015



European
Commission

ENHANCING TRANSPARENCY AND SCRUTINY



We are **listening to citizens and stakeholders throughout the policy cycle** (through consultations, REFIT platform, "Ligthen the load" web portal, etc.)



Impact assessments not only at the beginning but also when proposal is amended



Independent **Regulatory Scrutiny Board**



More accountable and effective policy-making



Example:

A record number of **500,000** people commented on our review of the Birds and Habitats Directives when we asked their opinion.

A BOOST TO TRANSPARENCY

➤ Publication of information about meetings by Commissioners, their Cabinet Members and Directors-General with organisations and self-employed individuals (since 1 December 2014)

➤ Improved EU Transparency Register (since January 2015)

Before 7000 names → Now 8464 names **+ 1464 new names**

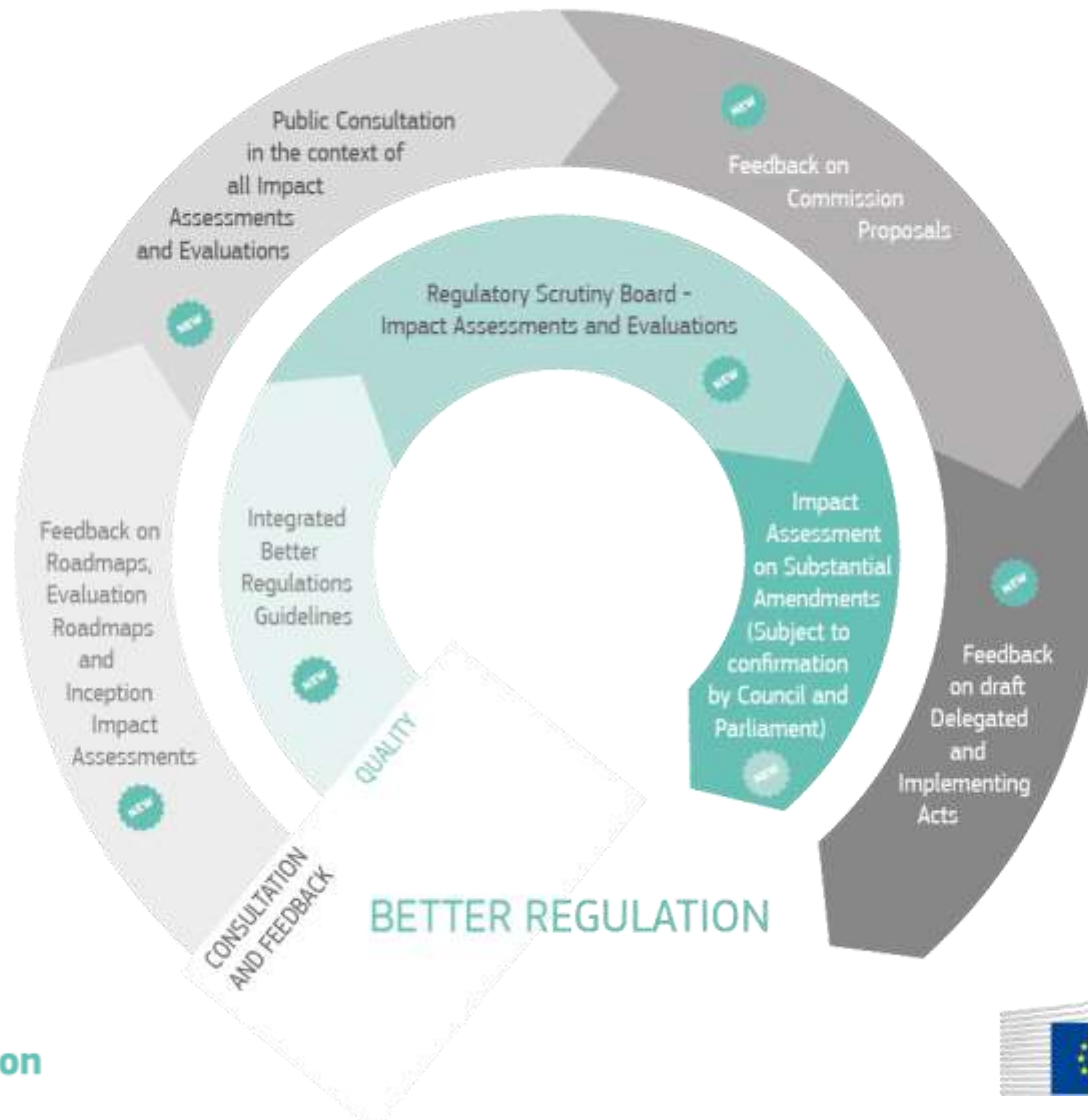
➤ Propose an Interinstitutional Agreement for a Mandatory Transparency Register (foreseen in the 2015 Work Programme)

➤ Enhanced transparency in international trade negotiations

TTIP: 13 legal textual proposals and **12** negotiating position papers published.

BETTER REGULATION AND TRANSPARENCY

BETTER REGULATION AGENDA: IMPACTING THE WHOLE POLICY CYCLE



BETTER REGULATION



European
Commission