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Regulatory Fitness and Performance. Programme (**REFIT**)



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Guiding principles:

- **Transparency** – The REFIT Platform works in a transparent way and operates in full accordance with the Commission’s general rules on expert groups. Suggestions, meeting minutes and working documents are all made public.
- **Inclusiveness** – Work is based on input from stakeholders and from the Platform members themselves, as well as on requests from the Commission. External experts can be invited to participate on specific issues.
- **Responsiveness** – The Platform responds to all suggestions received. If the Platform decides not to pursue a suggestion, an explanation is provided to the relevant stakeholder.



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Regulatory Fitness and Performance Programme (REFIT) and the 10 Priorities of the Commission – scoreboard

- PRIORITY 1: A NEW BOOST FOR JOBS, GROWTH AND INVESTMENT
- PRIORITY 2: A CONNECTED DIGITAL SINGLE MARKET
- PRIORITY 3: A RESILIENT ENERGY UNION WITH A FORWARD-LOOKING CLIMATE CHANGE POLICY
- PRIORITY 4: A DEEPER AND FAIRER INTERNAL MARKET WITH A STRENGTHENED INDUSTRIAL BASE



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Regulatory Fitness and Performance Programme (REFIT) and the 10 Priorities of the Commission – scoreboard

- PRIORITY 5: A DEEPER AND FAIRER
ECONOMIC AND MONETARY UNION
- PRIORITY 6: A REASONABLE AND
BALANCED FREE TRADE AGREEMENT
WITH THE U.S.
- PRIORITY 7: UPHOLDING THE RULE OF
LAW AND LINKING UP EUROPE'S JUSTICE
SYSTEMS



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Regulatory Fitness and Performance Programme (REFIT) and the 10 Priorities of the Commission – scoreboard

- PRIORITY 8: TOWARDS A NEW
POLICY ON MIGRATION
- PRIORITY 9: STRONGER GLOBAL
ACTOR
- PRIORITY 10: A UNION OF
DEMOCRATIC CHANGE



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Set up in 2015 as part of the Commission's
better regulation agenda, the platform:

*supports the process of simplifying EU law
and reducing regulatory burdens, for the
benefit of civil society, business and public
authorities makes recommendations to the
Commission, taking into account
suggestions made by citizens and interested
parties*

The Commission analyses these
recommendations and explains how it
intends to follow them up.



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Members and structure

2 groups meet independently and in
plenary sessions:

Government group –

1 representative from each EU
country

Stakeholders group –

representatives of business, social
partners and civil society, European
Economic and Social Committee and
Committee of the Regions



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Lighten the load

Suggestions on how to make EU laws and initiatives more effective and efficient can be submitted via an online contact form.

All suggestions are published on the platform website.

Suggestions falling outside of the mandate of the REFIT Platform are either answered by the European Commission or by the EU helpdesk.



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REFIT Platform work-in-progress

The Commission examines all suggestions from stakeholders on how to make EU laws more effective and efficient.

The Commission submits relevant suggestions to the REFIT Platform for advice.



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REFIT Platform recommendations and other work

REFIT Platform members assess the merits of the stakeholder contributions and look at practical ways to follow up on their suggestions without undermining policy objectives. The Commission will react to all the Platform's suggestions and systematically and publicly explain how it intends to follow up.

The recommendations of the Platform have been regrouped into thematic areas and can be consulted on this page.

In line with Article 3 establishing the REFIT Platform, Commission services may consult the Platform on any matter relating to its better regulation work and the REFIT Programme.

The results of such consultation activities can also be consulted in this page.



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Environment

REFIT Platform Recommendations:

- Environment: IX.1a – ‘WEEE’
- Environment: IX.6.b - “BREFs”
- Environment: IX.12a – ‘Hydraulic fracturing’
- Environment: IX.13.a – Disposal charge on batteries, energy-saving bulbs and electronic equipment



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Follow-up of the Platform recommendations (opinions)

In setting its priorities for the coming months, the Commission has taken particular account of the opinions of the REFIT Platform.

The 2017 work programme identifies the most important initiatives and REFIT actions planned for next year.

The REFIT Scoreboard which accompanies the work programme provides detailed information on the follow up to the REFIT Platform opinions.



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Priority 10: SIMPLIFICATION AND BURDEN REDUCTION FOR A UNION OF DEMOCRATIC CHANGE

First Vice–President Frans Timmermans on the
simplification of reporting requirements in the
area of environment:

“This action plan is about simplifying
environmental reporting and informing citizens
better. It’s a good example of how better
regulation helps us uphold our high
environmental standards and meet our evidence–
based policy objectives.”



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In 2015-2016, the Commission, assisted by an external consultant, carried out an extensive evaluation of the effectiveness, efficiency, coherence, relevance and the EU added value of the Regulation (EC)N° 166/2006 of the European Parliament and the Council of 18 January 2006 concerning the establishment of a European Pollutant Release and Transfer Register (E-PRTR), which provides publicly available information on pollution emission by EU's major industrial plants.



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There was no obvious need for major improvement to the existing Regulation, although there is potential refinement as follows:

- while Member States are converging on consistent interpretation, further gains would come from updating the existing EU-level guidance
- gains in efficiency and coherence would flow from further harmonisation with closely related environmental reporting
- there appears to be limited value in the triennial obligation on Member States to report on E-PRTR implementation, which suggests scope for simplification.
- providing more contextual data would improve the E-PRTR's effectiveness as a comprehensive source of environmental information.

The evaluation concludes that the E-PRTR Regulation is an important instrument in the European Union's environmental acquis and is fit for purpose.



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