



Cutting Red Tape

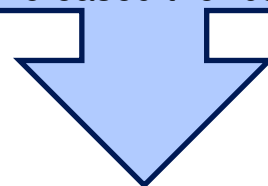
The Member State point of view

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The Action Programme created a momentum for reducing administrative burdens and inspired MS to launch or reinforce national initiatives

- Close cooperation with all 27 MS is a key feature of the Commission's Better Regulation Strategy
- MS were invited in March 2007 by the EU Council to set their own national targets
- An SCM Starterkit was developed by the Commission
- Media attention in the national press has increased the "burning platform" for national policy makers



Momentum

- *By October 2009 all Member States have set ambitious national targets*
- *Several MS have launched national reduction initiatives for the first time*
- *The Standard Cost Model is used throughout Europe*
- *The knowledge on the origin of the burden is increasing*

Administrative Burden Reduction at national level – an overview

Member State	Target setting	Dedicated service for AB reduction	SCM Measurements
Austria	V	V	Baseline
Belgium	V	V	V
Czech Republic	V		Baseline
Denmark	V	V	Baseline
Estonia	V		V
France	V	V	Baseline
Germany	V	V	Baseline
Italy	V	V	V
Latvia	V		V
The Netherlands	V	V	Baseline
Poland	V	V	V
Slovenia	V	V	
Spain	V		V

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Sweden	V	V	Baseline
UK	V	V	Baseline
Romania	V		Baseline
Ireland	V	V	V
Portugal	V		V
Cyprus	V	V	V
Greece	V	V	Baseline
Lithuania	V	V	
Finland	V		

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Attention points	Some ideas for the Commission and the MS
<p>MS have very different maturity levels in terms of Administrative Burden Reduction and Better Regulation in general</p> <p>→ organisation, skills, IT support,...</p>	<p>Promote knowledge sharing initiatives</p> <p>Enrich starterkit with accompanying training programme for less experience</p> <p>Develop customised support by SCM experts</p>
<p>Setting targets is the “easy” part. Monitoring their realisation is key.</p> <p>→ Different target realisation definitions</p> <p>→ Target realisation measurement not yet embedded in the state of mind of all Member States</p>	<p>Share successes to create “social pressure” and emphasize quantifiable benefits</p> <p>Disseminate good practices</p> <p>Communicate successes to the public in a “sexy” way (eg. Kafka barometer in Belgium)</p>



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Keep the momentum alive not only at EU but also on Member State level	<p>Active involvement of MS in all next steps of the process</p> <p>Repeat stakeholder consultation initiatives to provide feedback on achievements and collect information on experiences from the field</p> <p>Sectoral rather than MS approach in communication</p>
Admin burden reduction is only one aspect of Better Regulation	<p>Promote the integrated approach: impact assessments, compliance costs, internal costs for the public authorities, administrative burden for citizens,...</p> <p>→Work on awareness creation</p> <p>→Develop the necessary competencies</p>

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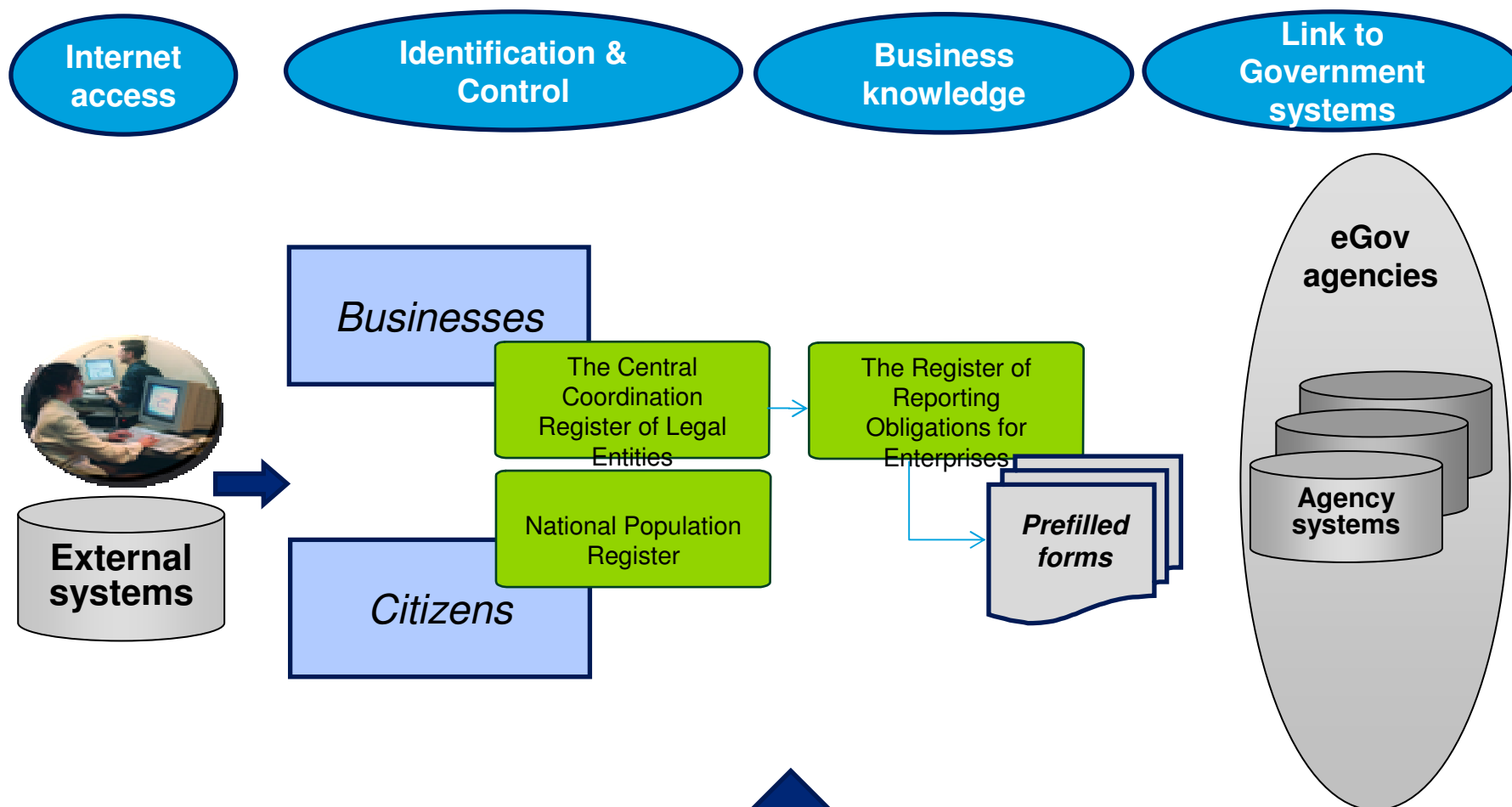
A good example of how e-government enhances real administrative burden reduction for businesses: ALTINN (Norway)

Altinn is the Norwegian government's portal for electronic dialogue with businesses

...but does also contain significant services for citizens



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ALTINN supports all legal reporting obligations for businesses as well as tax declarations for citizens

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