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Action plan for the implementation of the key project and reforms defined in the Strategic Government Programme







KEY PROJECT 3: LEGAL PROVISIONS WILL BE IMPROVED

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The goal is regulation that is enabling, deregulation and the reduction of the administrative burden. The everyday lives of citizens will be eased, competitiveness boosted, and market access and digitalisation will be promoted.





- 1. Regulation simplification and deregulation will be coordinated through a cross-sectoral executive group.
- 2. Criteria for the outcomes of deregulation will be established.
- 3. Any required legislative amendments will be enacted quickly and systematically.

Timeframe	(mm/yyyy) and phasing	1.5
Phase 1	Analysis of Acts, Decrees and other regulatory instruments begun immediately.	
Phase 2	List drawn up of legislation to be amended or repealed.	12/2015
Phase 3	Together with the impact assessment expert unit, criteria (indicators) established for evaluating and monitoring the results of legislative streamlining, regulation simplification and deregulation. Proposals for amending legislation prepared in 2016–2017 together with lobbying at the EU and international levels. Lower-level regulations repealed.	5/2016 2016– 2017
Phase 4	Latest Government proposals concerning amendments submitted to Parliament.	12/2017
Phase 5	National legislation overhaul completed.	12/2018
Resources	2016: - 2017: - 2018: -	





- 1. A public service promise will be issued and included in the performance management of Government agencies.
- 2. Processes will be systematically revised.
- 3. Further adoption of notification procedures will be promoted.
- 4. Online services for permit and complaint processes will be developed.

Phase 1	Public service promise prepared and published. Also included in the performance management of Government agencies.	12/2015
Phase 2	Permit and complaint processes evaluated and needs for reform presented. Agencies encouraged to commit to updating their permit practices.	2/2016
Phase 3	Online services (e-transactions) developed to ease permit and complaint processes.	2016
Phase 4	Adopting notification procedures within the bounds of EU legislation.	2017
Phase 5	All measures completed.	12/2018
Resources	2016: - 2017: - 2018: -	(4)



Measure 3: Minimise the number of complaints filed by authorities against other authorities, e.g. through an advance negotiation procedure.

As part of the process to streamline regulation, complaint and appeal processes will be systematically reviewed and the necessary legislative amendments enacted.

Phase 1	Regulation streamlining regarding complaint and appeal processes begun.	autumn 2015
Phase 2	Required legislative amendments enacted.	6/2016
Phase 3	Authorities' consultation procedures harmonised (e.g. by standardising the use of advance hearings or talks).	
Phase 4	All measures completed.	12/2018 (2019)
Resources	2016: -	M23 23
	2017: -	
	2018: -	



Measure 4: Establish a body charged with the task of ensuring the high-quality impact assessment of legislation within the Government.

The principal task of the impact assessment body is to evaluate financial impacts, including impacts on private individuals and businesses (administrative burden) as well as impacts on the tasks and obligations of local authorities. This expert body is set up as a committee.

The impact assessment body is an independent, permanent expert body. A secretariat with competence in legislative preparation and impact assessments will be set up to support the committee in preparation and presentation. One of the tasks of the impact assessment body is to help the Government determine indicators for measuring and monitoring the economic impacts of streamlining legislation, simplifying regulations and deregulation. See Measure 1.



Timeframe (mm/yyyy) and phasing	Implementation preparation begun immediately; the new function to start up on 1 January 2016.	
Phase 1	Procedure and criteria for appointing the committee completed; legislative amendment proposals prepared jointly by the Prime Minister's Office and the Ministry of Justice completed. Government discussion.	10/2015
Phase 2	Committee composition decided and secretariat recruitment prepared so that the committee can begin its work on 1 January 2016.	11/2015
Phase 3	Legislation enters into force. Committee and secretariat begin work.	1/2016
Phase 4	Measure completed as planned.	1/2016
Resources	2016: proposed Government TAE 2016 2017: 2018:	