

# The Regulatory Checkup

## Estimating the cost of regulation and identifying potentials for simplification and cost reduction

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### 1. The mandate

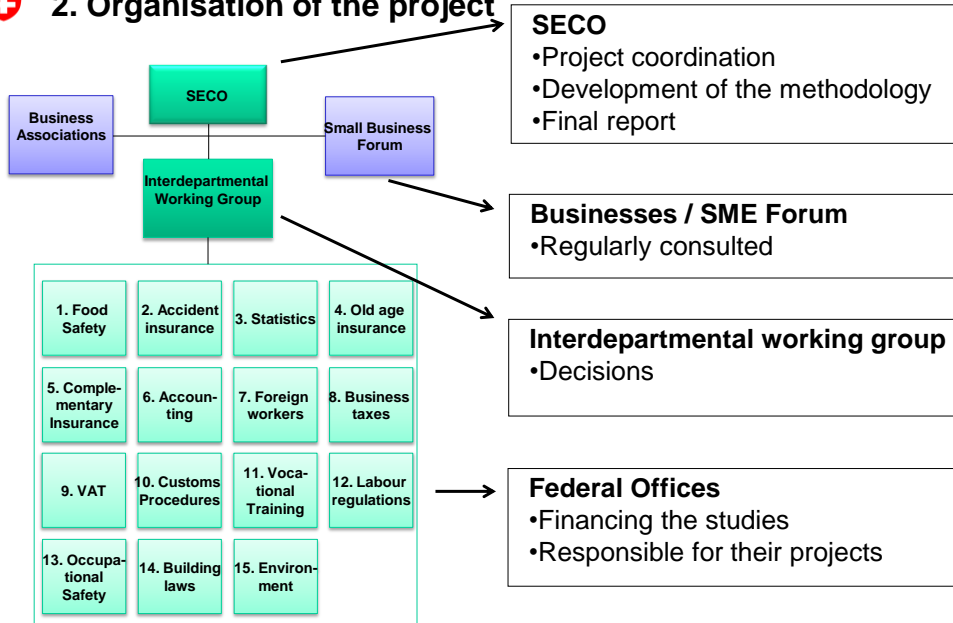
Parliament asked for a report on the measurement of regulatory costs (Postulates Fournier and Zuppiger):

- Measure 15 areas between 2011 - 2013

Decision of the government (Federal Council):

- **Interdepartmental working group**, headed by the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO)
- Responsibility for the measurement (and the financing): **individual federal offices**
- Develop **improvement proposals**, but no quantitative target

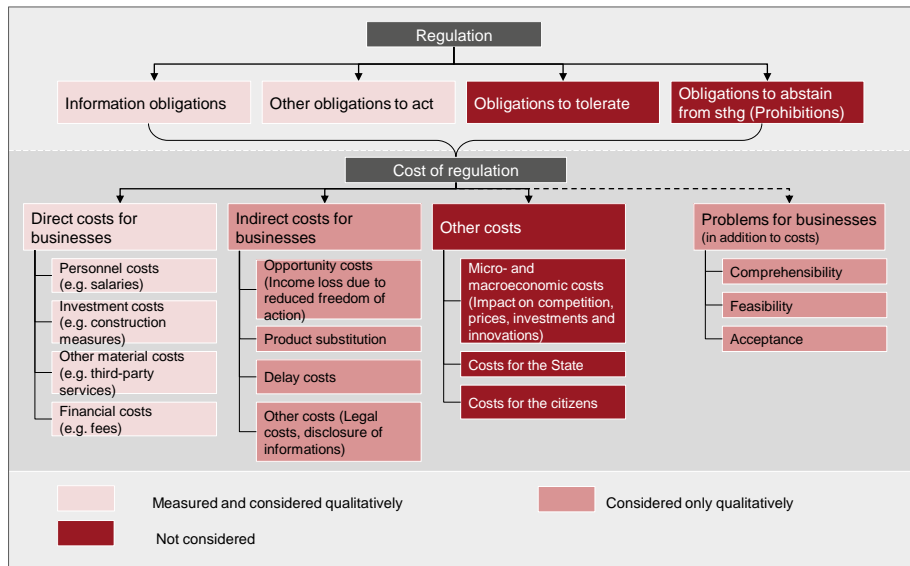
## 2. Organisation of the project



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## 3. Methodology : Which costs are estimated?



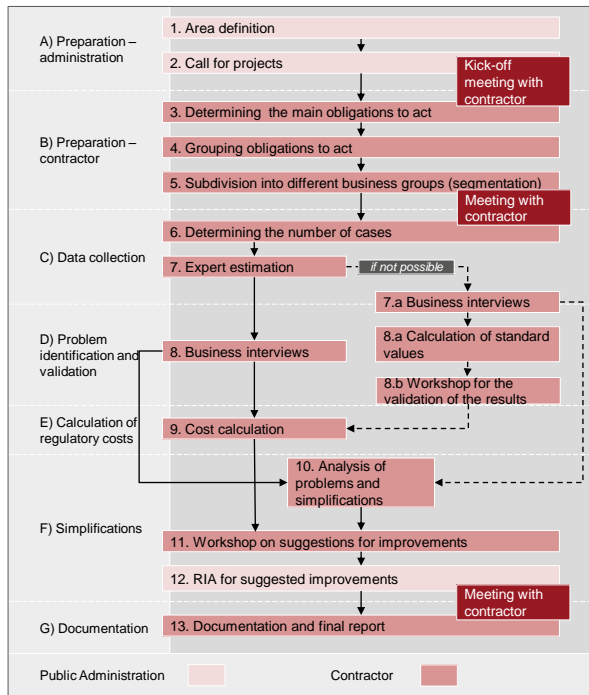
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### 3. Methodology

#### The measurement process



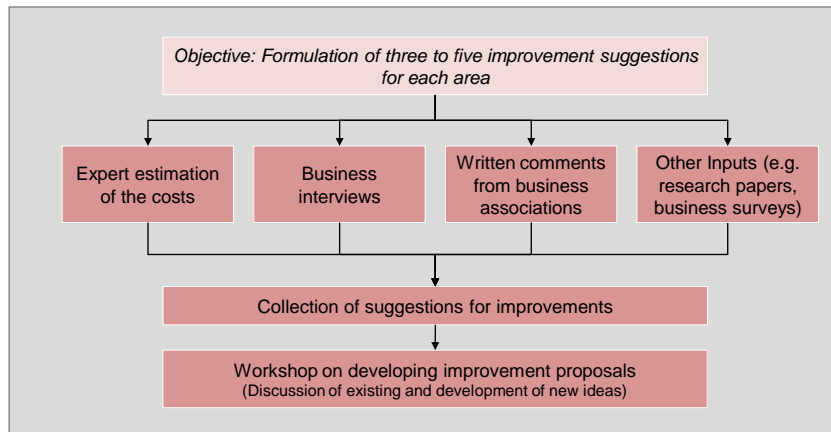
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### 3. Methodology

#### Proposals for simplification and cost reduction



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## 4. How to deal with the technical complexity?

- International experience
- Experience with SCM studies and Small business tests
- Detailed handbook
- Open tender
- Support groups
- Sufficient time
- Look for practical solutions

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## 5. How to involve ministries?

1. Decision of the Parliament and the Federal Council
2. Support from business associations
3. Peer pressure
4. Explain the advantages of the measurement
5. No target for cost reduction
6. Decisions are taken by the interdepartmental working group
7. Give the possibility to show the benefits of regulations
8. Decentralized implementation → flexibility and ownership

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Thank you for your attention!

