



Workshop on Regulatory Reform and individual meetings

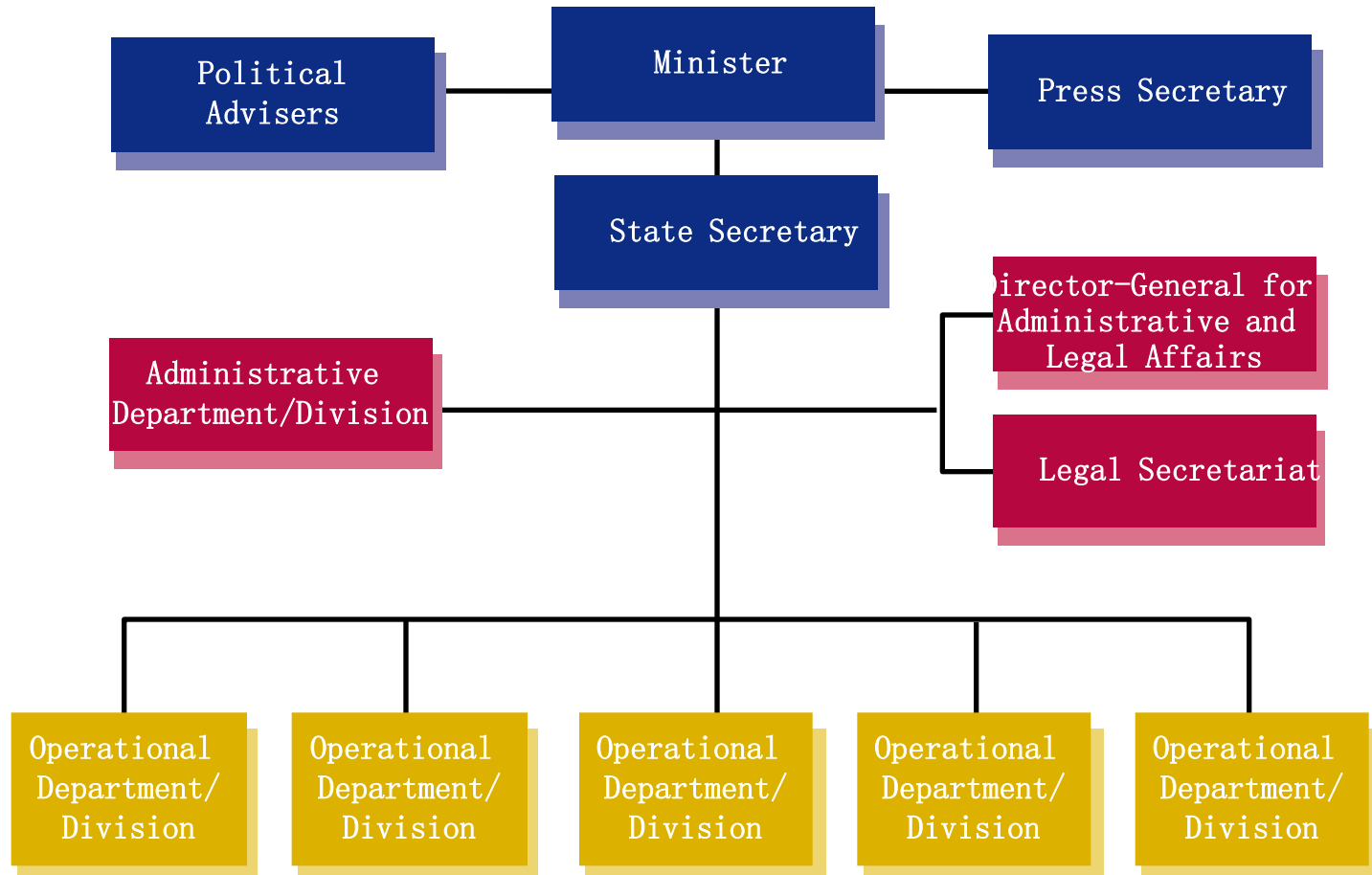
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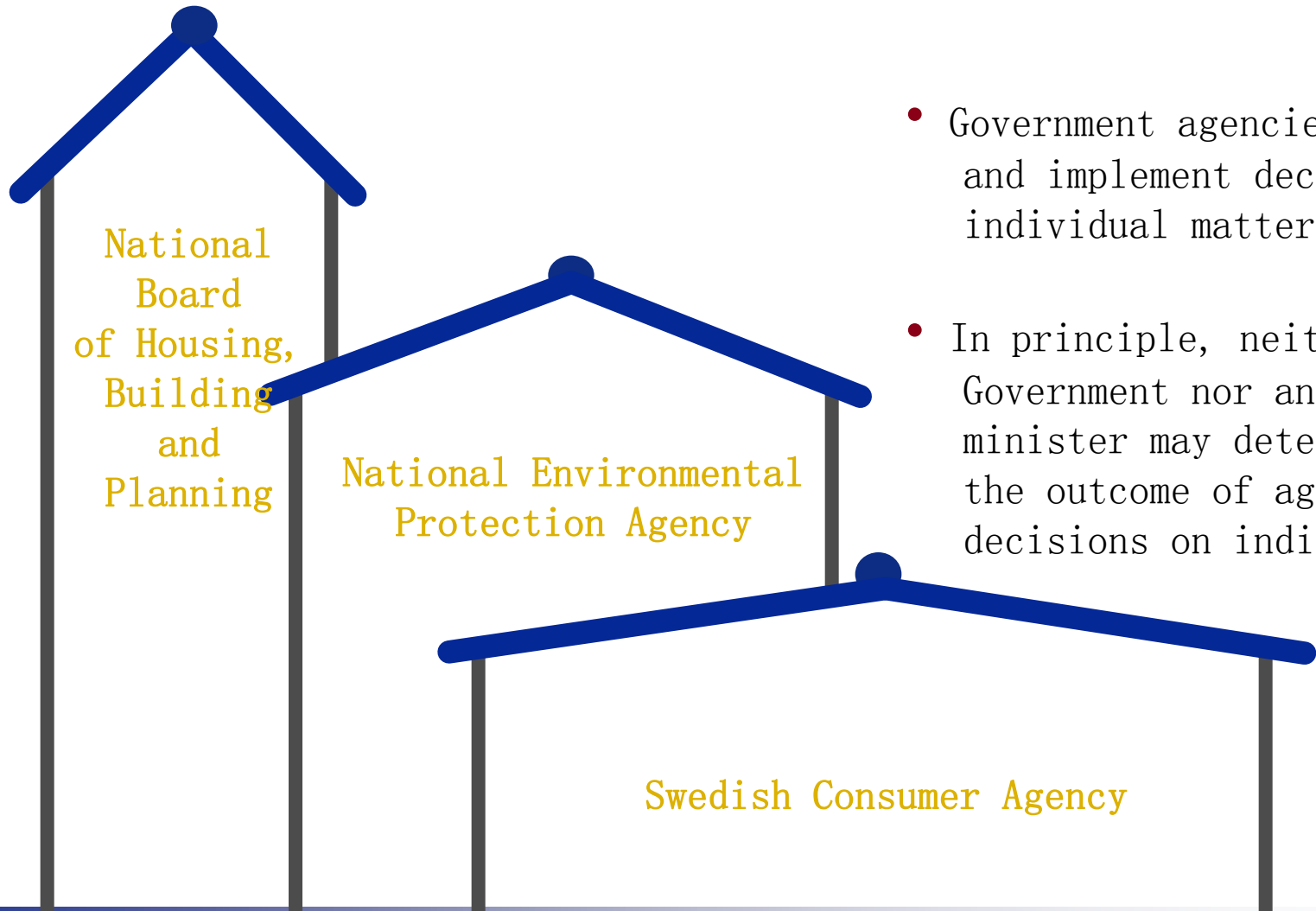
The Government – a single authority

- Prime Minister's Office
- Ministry of Justice
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Ministry of Defence
- Ministry of Health and Social Affairs
- Ministry of Finance
- Ministry of Education and Research
- Ministry of Agriculture
- Ministry of Environment
- Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communication
- Ministry of Intergration and Gender Equality
- Ministry of Culture
- Ministry of Employment
- Office for Administrative Affairs

The Organisation of the Ministries



Government Agencies



- Government agencies take and implement decisions on individual matters
- In principle, neither the Government nor an individual minister may determine the outcome of agencies' decisions on individual matters

Total of approximately 250 government agencies

The legislative system in Sweden

National level

Govern. laws & ordinance

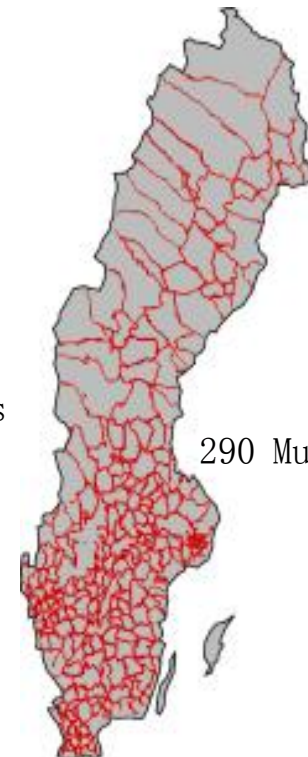
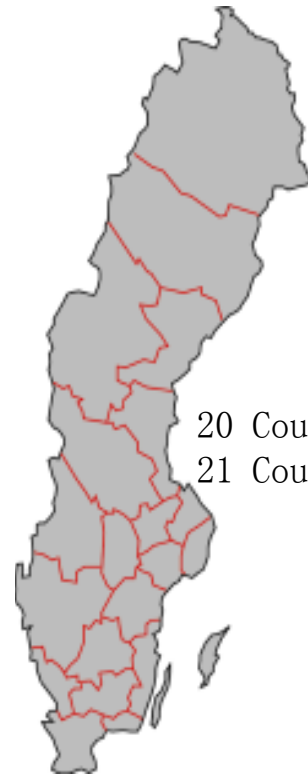
Agencies regulation

Regional level

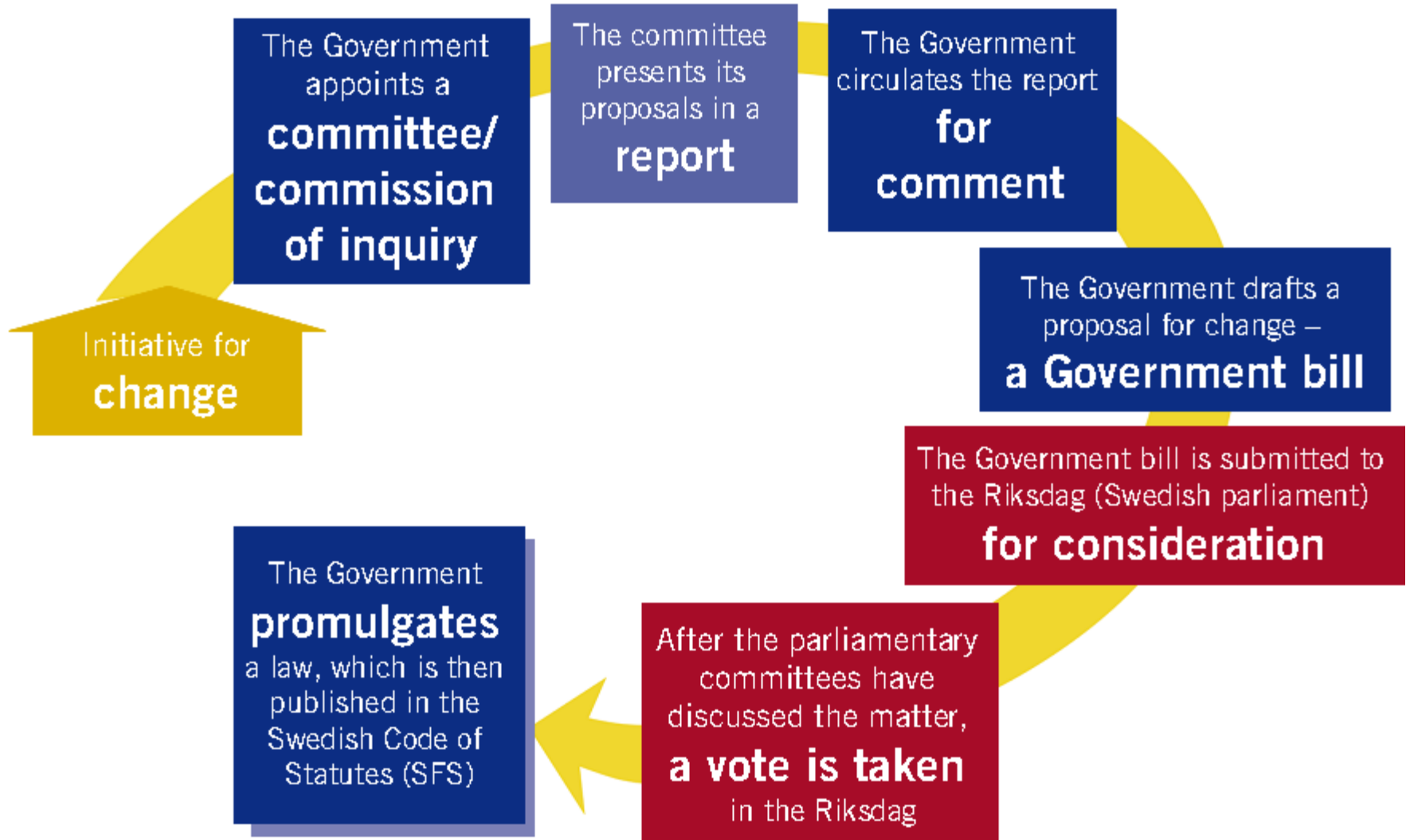
Regional regulations

Local level

Local regulations



The Process that precedes a new Act



Committees of Inquiry

The Government stipulates
**the Committee's
Terms of Reference**

The minister
concerned appoints
the members,
special advisers
and experts

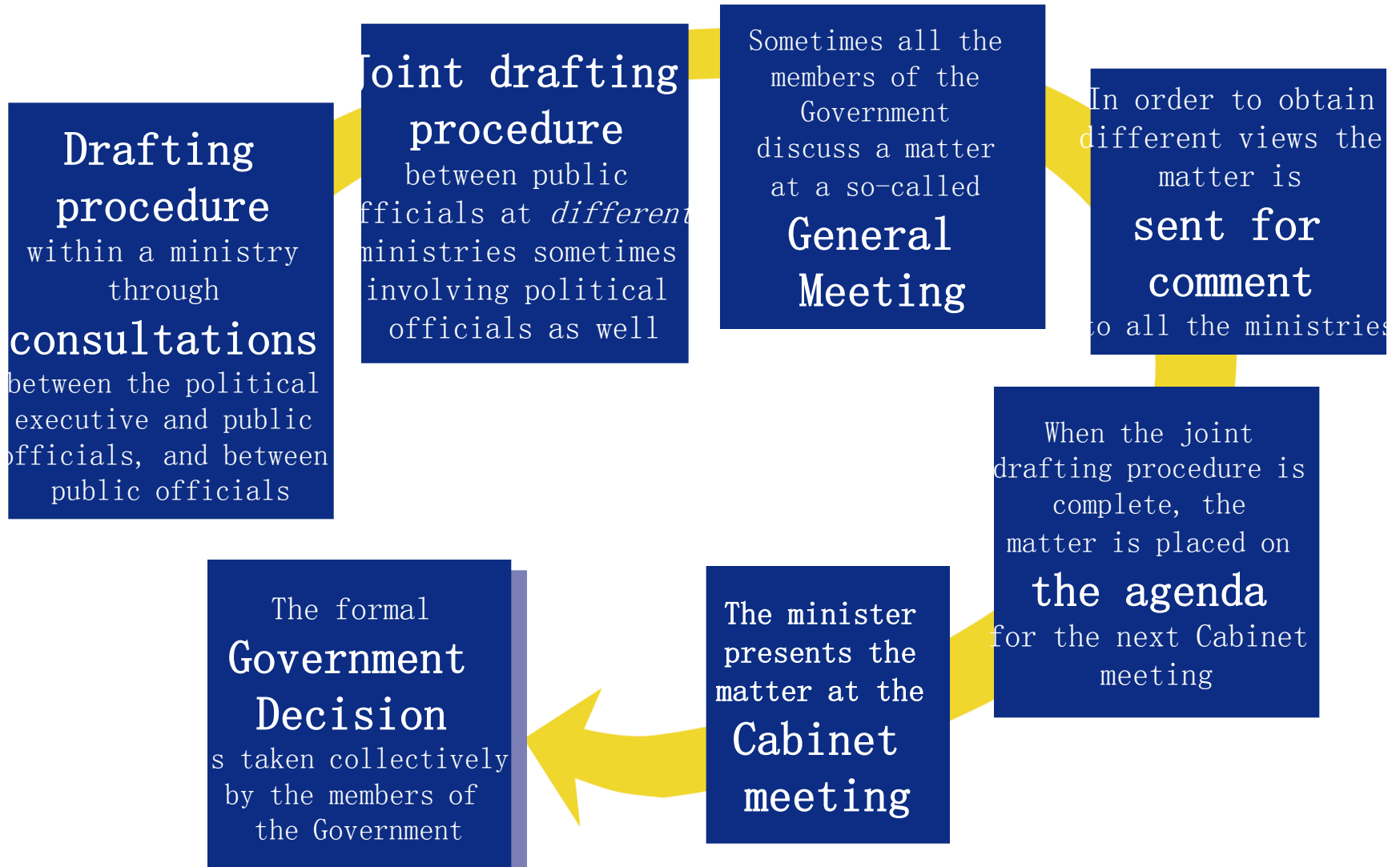
**Work of the
committee**
in accordance with the
terms of reference

The committee of
inquiry presents
its proposals in a
**committee
report**

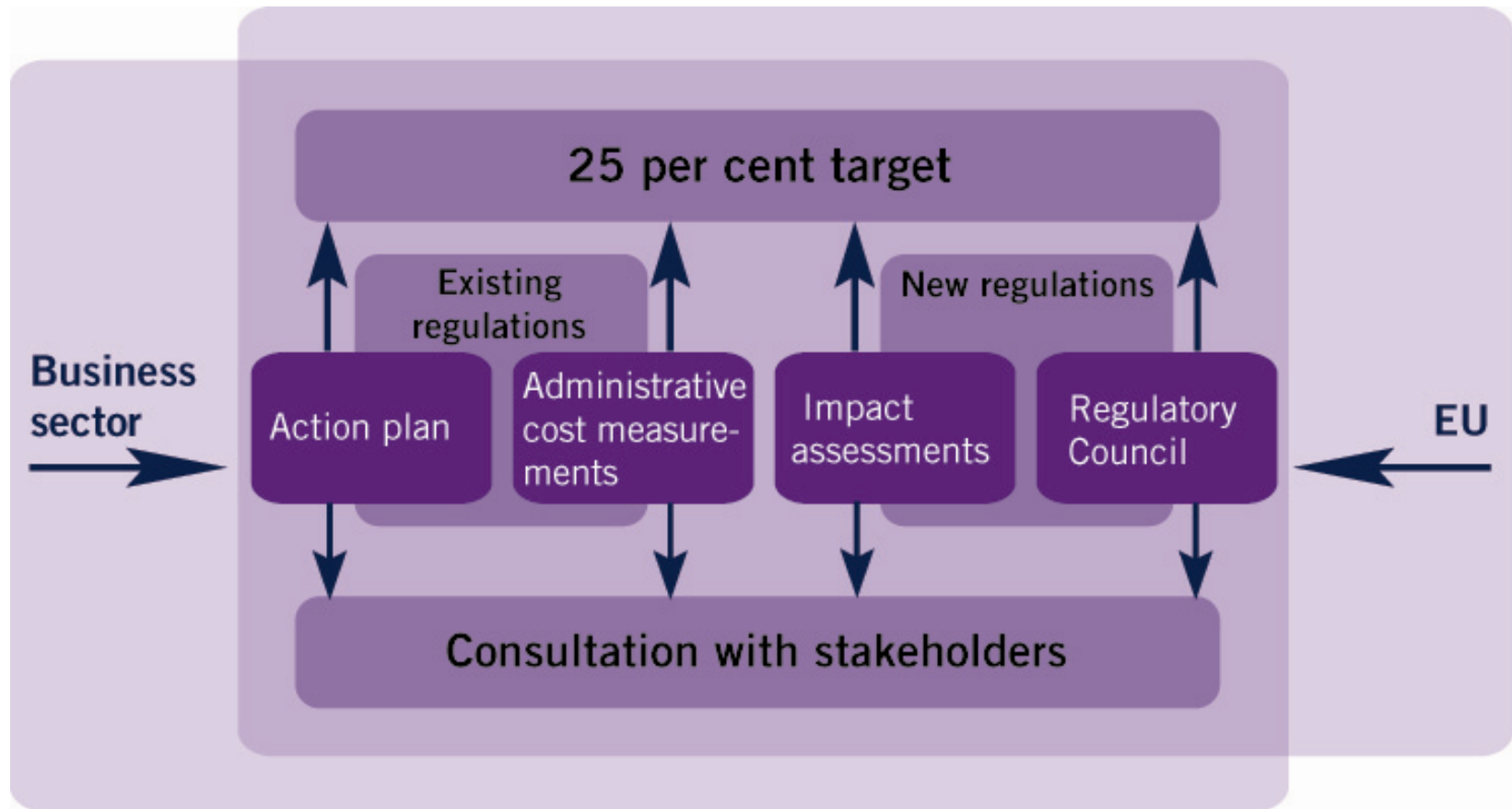
The ministries
circulate the report
**for
comment**

Committee report
and comments
provide
the basis
of a Government
Bill

Government Decisions - from the drafting stage to a formal decision

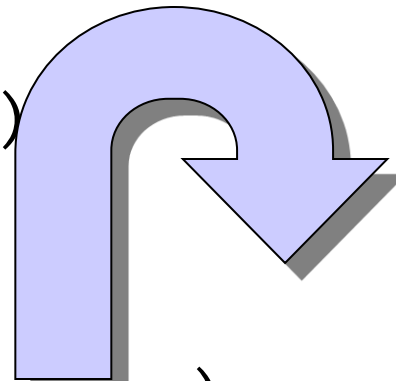


Making a positive difference in day-to-day businesses



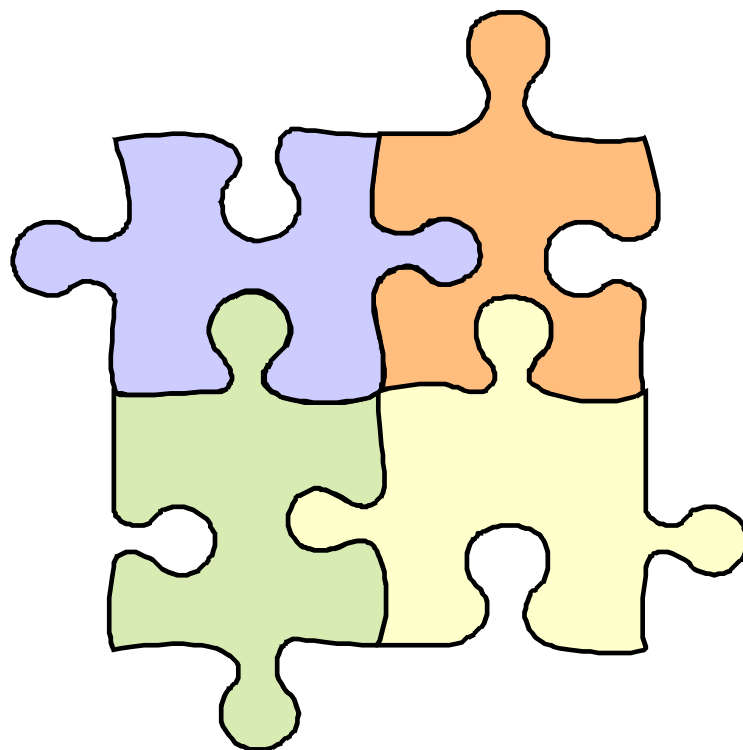
The legislative process and RIA in Sweden

- Initiation - RIA
- The inquiry stage - RIA (laws)
- The drafting stage - RIA
- The decision stage - RIA
- The parliamentary stage - RIA (laws)



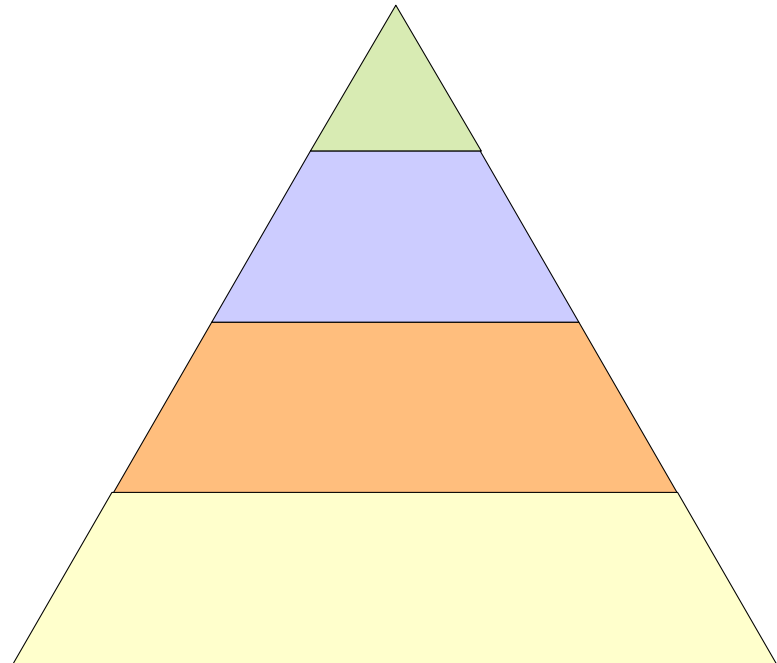
Overall intention

- To strengthen and promote a more systematic use of impact assessments
- An integrated process in the regulatory making process



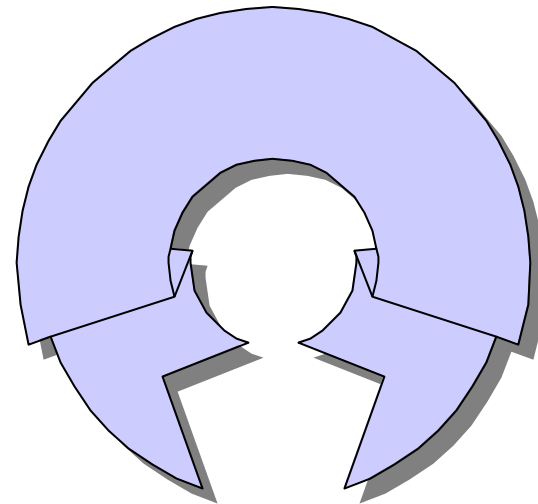
New approach

- One ordinance
- The same methods (provisions) shall be applied by the Government Agencies, Committees of Inquiry and ministries
- Top – bottom
- Watchdogs



Ordinance on Impact Assessments of regulations 2007:1244

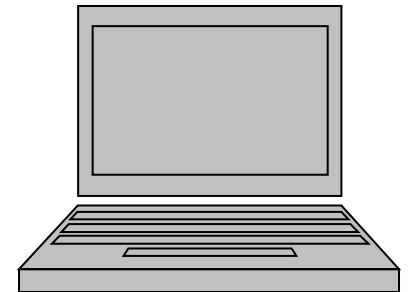
- Government Agencies
- Ministries guidelines
state secretaries group
- Committees special
ordinance
- Special guidelines
- Special unit (Division
for Market and
competition)
- Swedish Better
Regulation Council
- Evaluation



Impact assessments

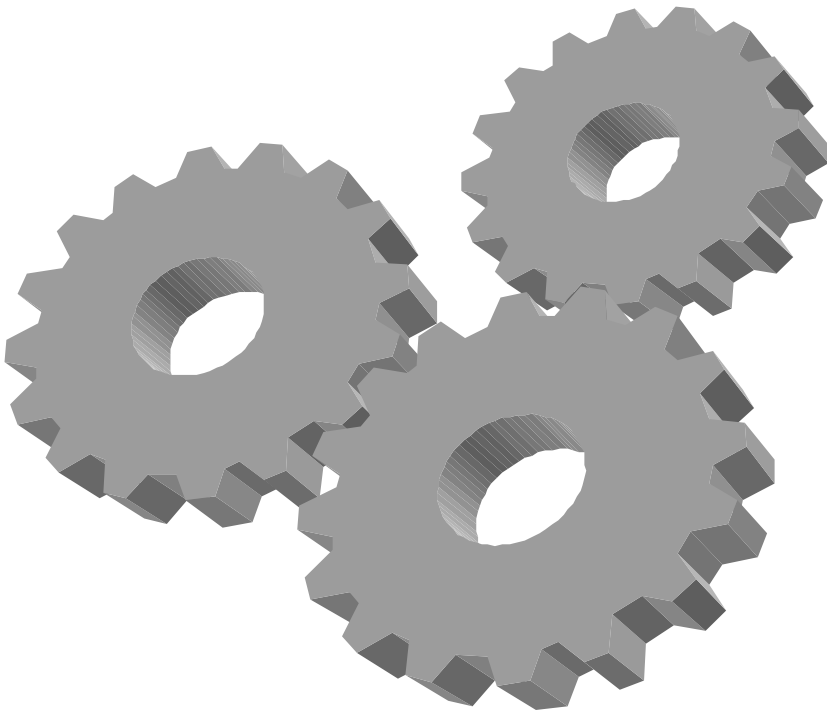
- Guidelines
- Ordinance

- *As early as possible*
- *6 och 7 §§*
- *Exemption*



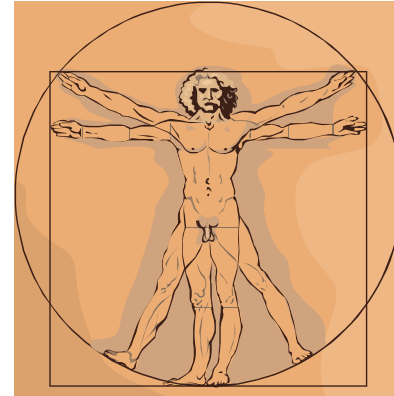
Three steps

- An integrated systematic way to work

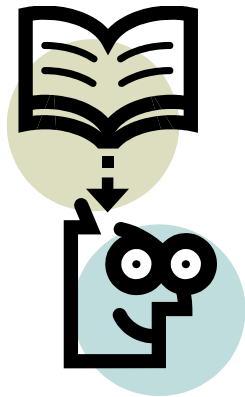


Description of the problem

- Description of the problem, desired result
- Alternative solutions
- Consequences no regulation
- No regulation – No RIA



Impacts



- Parties affected
- Cost
- Environment
- Social
- Economic
- EU
 - Entry in to force, information

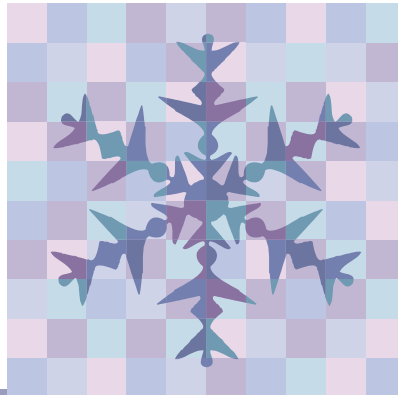
Enterprises

- Enterprises
- Period of time,
Administrative cost
- Other cost
- Competition
- Affect in other respect
- Small enterprises



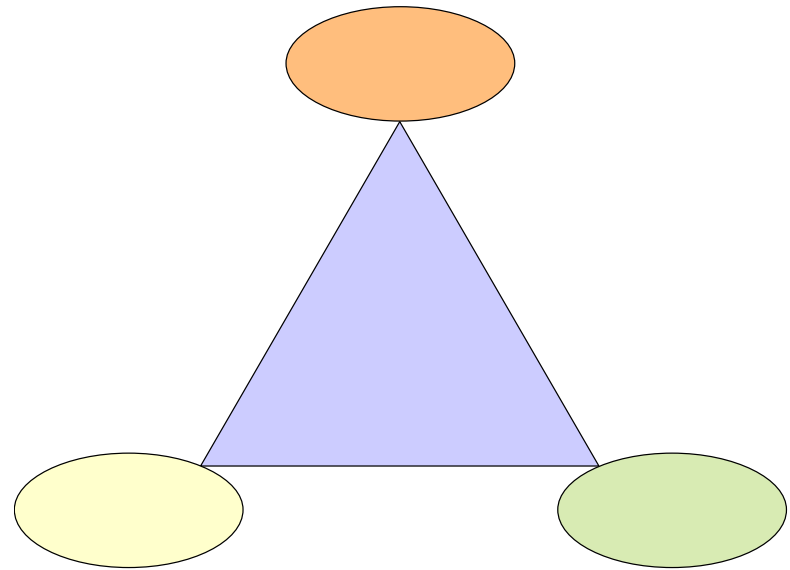
Consultation

Consultation with the business sector and other parties that will be affected



Watchdogs

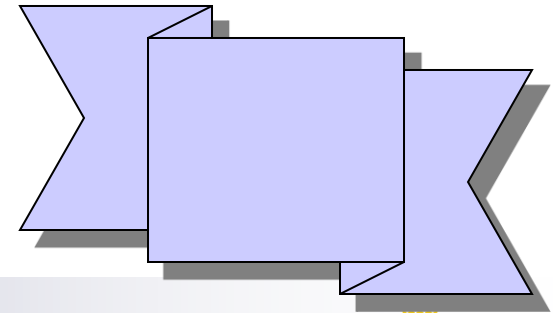
- Director of the Legal Secretariat
- Division for Market and Competition
- Swedish Better Regulation Council



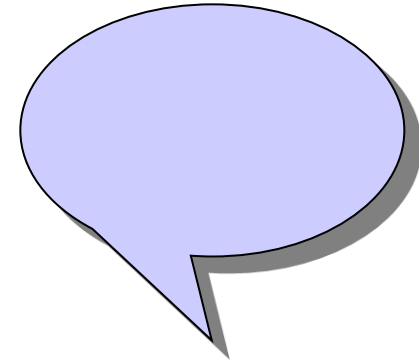
Key to success

- Attitudes

The work with impact assessments has to be considered to be important within the government and the government agencies and it has to have the support of management.



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- Working forms

Clearly-stated and well-known routines established for the work with impact assessments

should appear early on in the process.

Impact

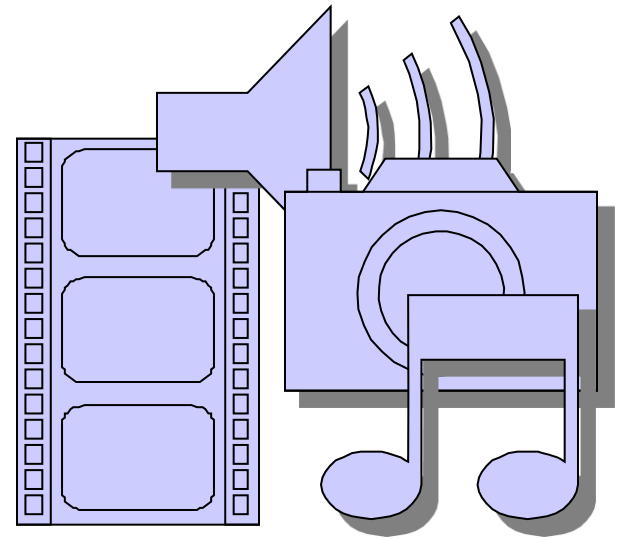
assessments should be a part of the background

information for decisions by those who actually

decides on regulations.

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- Resources

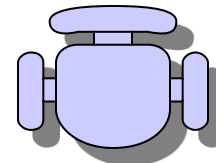


Sufficient time and personell resources should be allocated and the correct competens should be aviabile (e. g. expertise on special subjects, expert competence, competence within information and communication, language)

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- In-house support

Access to in-house support as training on good example of impact assessments and a certain level of in-house quality control during the course of work is important.





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