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REGULATORY REFORM IN POLAND

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of Better Regulation

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The Beginnings of Regulatory Reform in Poland

- **June 1999** - A Conception of Medium Term Economic Development of Poland until the year 2002
- **March 2000** - Decision of the Polish government to undergo a review by the OECD of its regulatory practises and reforms
- **September 2000** - The Regulatory Quality Team is established



Regulatory Quality Team

- **Advisory body to the Prime Minister**
- **High rank representatives**
- **Responsibilities**
 - cooperation with the OECD team during the review
 - preparation of the draft documents on Regulatory Reform in Poland
 - implementation of the RIA into the Polish legal system



OECD Review of Regulatory Practises and Reforms in Poland

- **Timescale
(December 2000 – July 2002)**
- **The scope of the Review**
- **Conclusions and
recommendations**



The Introduction of Regulatory Impact Analysis (RIA)

- **From November 2001 obligatory preparation of RIA for all government legislation**
- **Duty of conducting public consultation with all parties affected by the proposed legislation**



Current Regulatory Policy Initiatives

- **Implementation of the OECD review's conclusions and recommendations**
- **Promotion of Regulatory Impact Analysis (RIA)**
- **Simplification of administrative procedures for business**



Implementation of the OECD review's conclusions and recommendations

- **Responsibility of the Regulatory Quality team**
- **Program of implementation of the OECD review's recommendations**
- **Review of the extent to which the conclusions contained within the OECD report are being introduced**



Promotion of Regulatory Impact Analysis

- **Publication of guidelines on RIA (1st July 2003)**
- **Continuation of training programs for central government officials regarding the use of the RIA**



Introduction of procedures aimed at simplifying business activity

- **Simplification of registration procedures for new businesses (from 1st January 2004)**
- **Plans for further reduction of “red tape” for businesses announced in the draft Business Liberty Act**
 - reduction of the number of licences and permits
 - further simplification of registration procedures for new businesses
 - automatic registration of permits for certain types of business activity instead of granting them by way of administrative decisions
 - limiting the number of governmental controls of businesses



Adjustment of existing regulation to European Union standards

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Poland's accession to the European Union