Better Regulation - Environment

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Background

• PhD on the quality of environmental directives (2010)
• Cause of implementation problems?

Conclusions

- Lack of coherence between directives
- Problems with definitions
- Scope of directives
- Specific problems related to the kind of obligation
- Soft law
Recommendations (2010)

• Improve coherence by creating an overarching directive with definitions, rules on reporting, general rules for different kinds of obligations and consequences of non-compliance
• Reduce the number of environmental directives
• Make a clearer distinction between directives and regulations
• Improve the explanatory memoranda with legislative acts
• Create clarity on the status of soft law
• Create supporting policy on a European level
• Let a small number of Member States make an impact assessment on the basis of a draft directive and use the results in the legislative procedure
Developments since 2010

• Recasting
• REFIT evaluations / Fitness checks
• Focus on implementation
• Impact assessments
• Make it Work