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Cabinet of Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs  
Sector for Regulatory Reforms

**Streamlining existing regulations and  
Strengthening legislative processes**

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# Guillotine on regulations – Building institutional capacity

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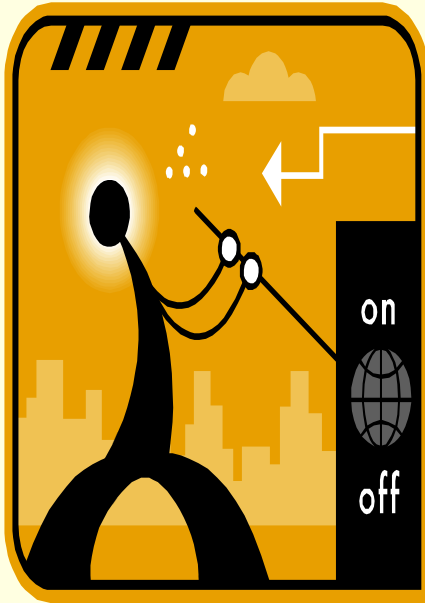
- Introduced by Government Decree on 28.11.2006
- High level of political support through the Committee for implementation of regulatory reforms, chaired by DPM for Economic Affairs
- Coordinator of the process - Sector for Regulatory Reform
- Operative level consisted of 14 working groups within ministries and 20 working groups within other government bodies



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# Guillotine on regulations - inputs

## Sector for Regulatory Reforms (Coordinator of the process)



Ministries and other administrative bodies (34 working groups)

Business sector (Economic Chambers, International Council of Investors), NGOs and citizens

Independent local experts

International experts (World Bank, USAID, Jacobs & Associates, Hitrorez)

- ❖ Inventory of **2162** Laws and Bylaws
- ❖ About **900** proposals by Business sector, NGOs, citizens and independent experts

# Guillotine on regulations - outputs

## **Government of the Republic of Macedonia has adopted 6 categories of measures:**

1. Implementing statutory time limits, including “silence is consent” rule
2. Reduction of time limits
3. Reduction of documentation
4. Reduction of tariffs and fees
5. Amending Laws
6. Abolishment of Laws



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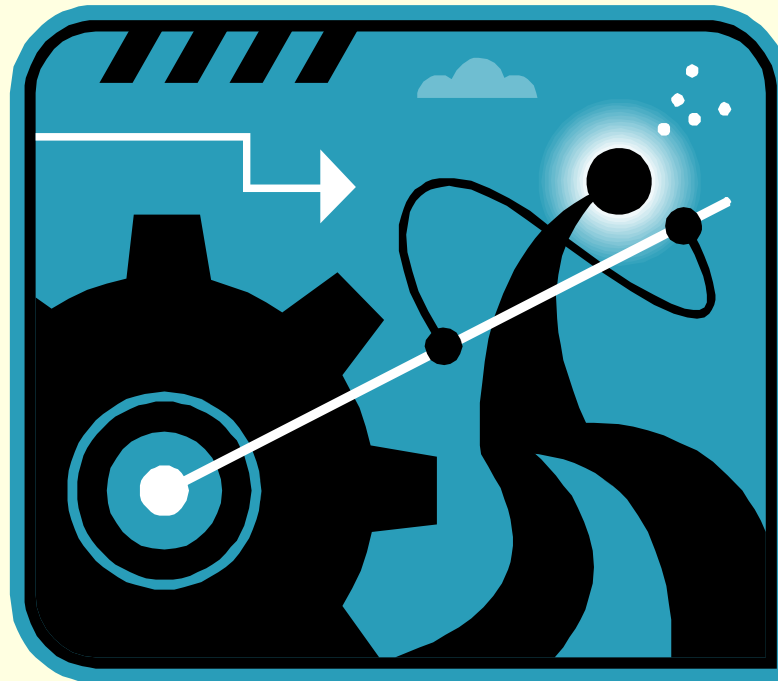
# Recent Success of Government's proactive approach in carrying out Regulatory Reforms

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- According to Doing Business 2008 publication of the World Bank, Macedonia is:
  - ❖ 4-th World Reformer compared with 178 countries according
- Success in 4 areas:
  - ❖ Starting a Business
  - ❖ Dealing with Licenses
  - ❖ Paying Taxes
  - ❖ Trade Across Borders

# Reforms continue...

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# Next step – Implementing RIA

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Impact assessment of specific regulations is already incorporated in the Macedonian legislation. All proposed regulations to the Government must have attached:

- ❖ Fiscal impact assessment
- ❖ Assessment of the harmonization of national legislation with EU directives

# Next step – Implementing RIA

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- **Legal framework for implementing RIA:**  
RIA to be introduced as other provisions for assessment of the impact i.e. by amending the **Rules of Procedures of the Government of the Republic of Macedonia**
- **Scope of the RIA (targeting):**  
Laws concerning businesses, social issues and environment

# Next step – Implementing RIA

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- Building Institutional capacity:
  - ❖ Sector for Regulatory Reform will have a role of coordinator in RIA process
  - ❖ Deputy Minister or State Secretary in line ministries, will be in charged for RIA implementation
  - ❖ At least two officials within line ministries will be engaged at operational level
  - ❖ On long term, each ministry will aim to establish a RIA unit

# Next step – Implementing RIA

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- Develop supporting materials and training
  - ❖ In cooperation with international and domestic experts, Sector for Regulatory Reform will develop RIA Manual and RIA assessment forms
  - ❖ Utilizing best international practice, all RIA officials will be provided with training. Our aim is to produce and obtain high quality RIA process.
- Pilot projects – gaining practical knowledge
  - ❖ Several pilot projects will be launched in 2008

# RIA Methodology

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- **Preliminary RIA** (determine the problem, objectives and available options for achieving, impacts for each proposed option, method for selecting the preferred option, evaluation of possibility for implementation of the rule “silence is consent”)
- **Expanded RIA:**
  - ❖ Economic Impact Assessment and/or
  - ❖ Social Impact Assessment and/or
  - ❖ Environmental Impact Assessment

# RIA Expectations

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- ❖ Transparency in production of regulations – improved dialogue with business community and citizens
- ❖ Obtaining high efficiency of the administration – as result of higher quality of its work and rising its responsibilities
- ❖ Improving the business environment – “business friendly” regulations

# Questions & Answers

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# **THANK YOU**

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