



# Supporting the Institutional Framework for RIA: **Oversight Bodies for Regulatory Quality**

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# Objective of the presentation

Overview...

The role of the oversight  
bodies regarding RIA

# Oversight Bodies for Regulatory Quality

## *Presentation outline*

- 1. Some institutional challenges in the Regulatory System*
- 2. Oversight Bodies. An approach in some OECD countries:*
  - a. Definition and functions*
  - b. Elements for institutional design*
- 3. The work of Oversight Bodies on RIA*

# 1. Some institutional challenges in the Regulatory System:

## *The need for an institutional framework...*

- Complex structure of Regulatory Institutions
- Regulatory quality: Respect to regulatory principles and achievement of policy objectives
- Promotion of *Momentum* for reform
- Technical capacities and needs

## 2. Oversight Bodies. An approach in some OECD countries

### *Definition – **Engines of reform***

*“Institution responsible for promoting regulatory policy and monitoring and reporting on regulatory quality”*

#### a. Functions

1. Coordination and supervision
2. The *'challenge'* function
3. Advocacy
4. Advice and support

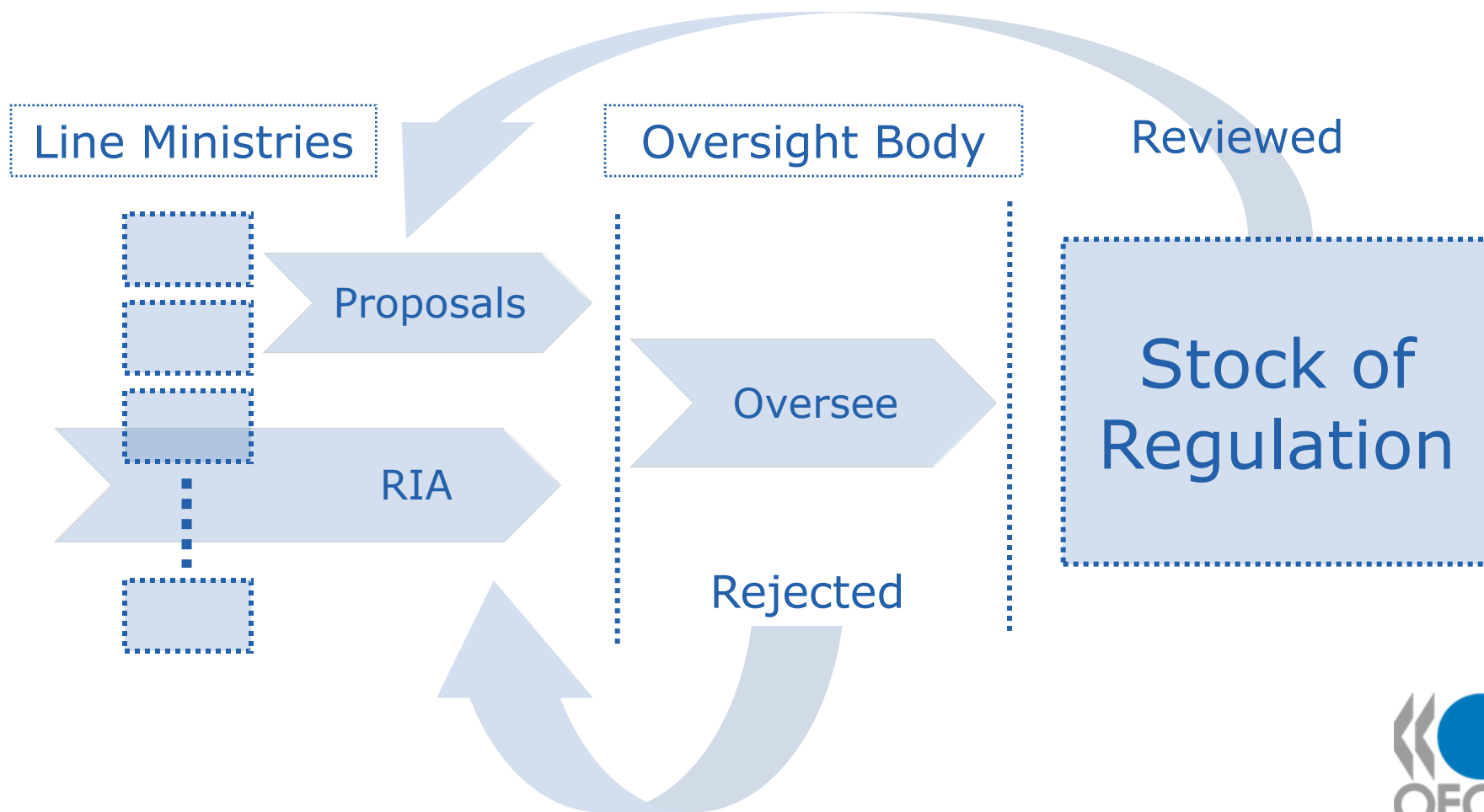
## 2. Oversight Bodies: some OECD countries' approach

### b. Elements for institutional design

- Centre of government
- Whole-of-government perspective
- Independence and authority
- Political support at high level
- Integration in a broad concept of reform
- Internal composition:  
*multidisciplinary and working groups*

### 3. Oversight Bodies working on RIA


#### The 'challenge' function



### 3. The work of Oversight Bodies on RIA

A RIA lacks of quality if there is...

- Unclear description of the policy problem
- Obscure ranking of the objectives
- Narrow range of alternative policy options
- Unbalanced coverage of different types of impacts: economic, social, environmental
- Unreliable assessment findings
- Deficiencies in presentation of results
- Lack of transparency in the process
- Inadequate arrangements for external consultation



# Thank you for your attention

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