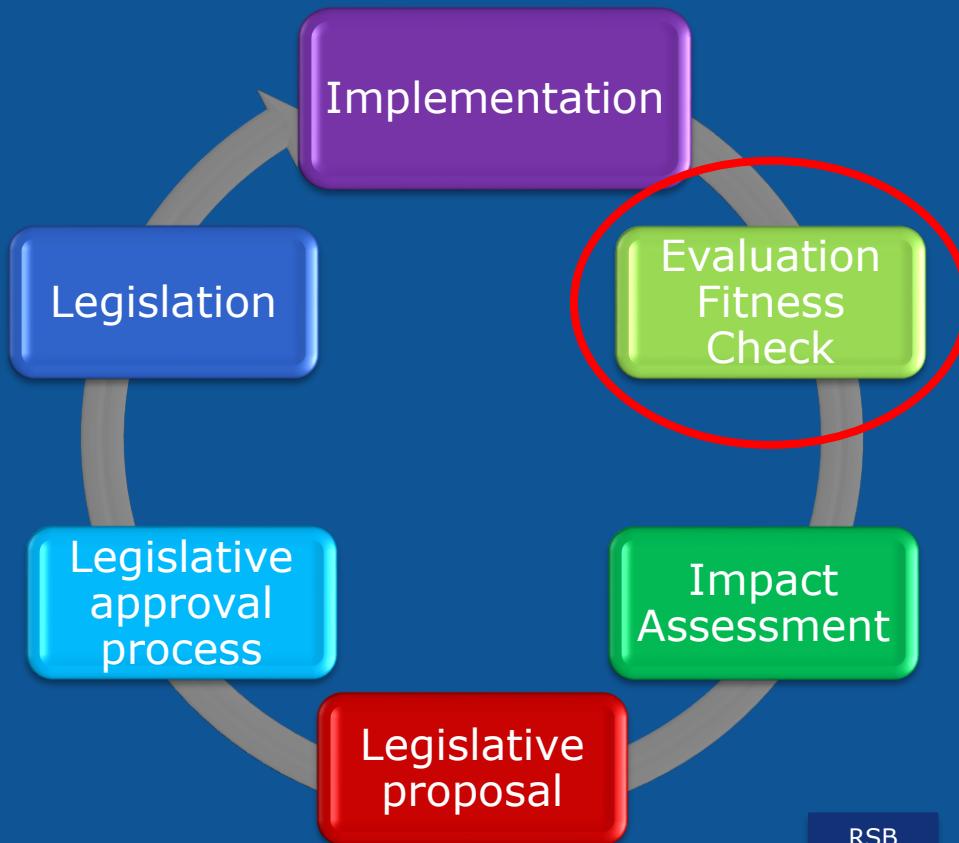
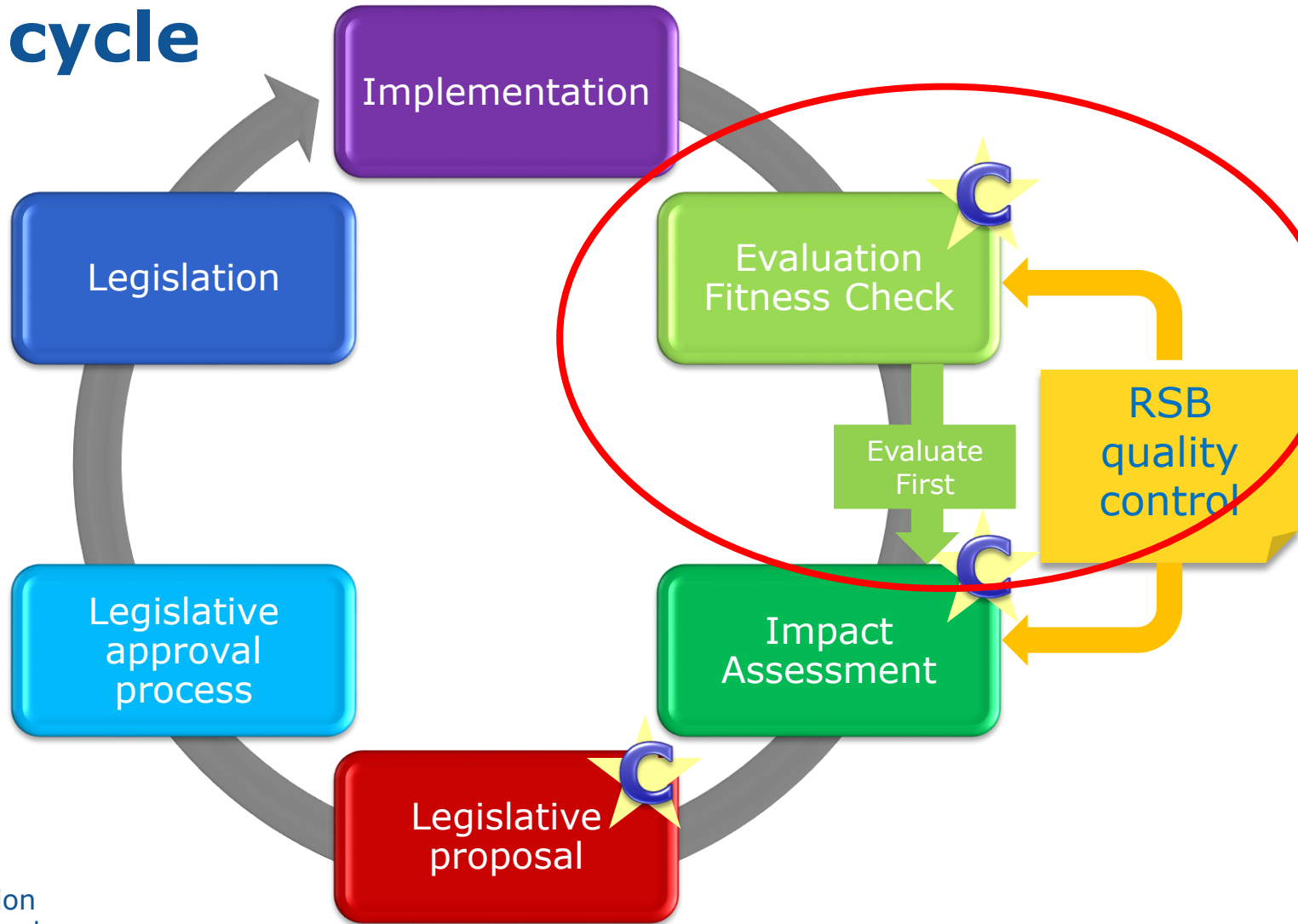


The European Commission's evaluation framework



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Policy cycle



 = Consultation and feedback

Evaluation in the policy cycle



Inform strategic decision-making

State of the Union speech by President (September)

Commission Work Programme

Give account, improve transparency

Contribute to setting objectives/indicators, Plan future evaluations

Annual Management and Performance Report (June following year)

Annual Activity Reports (March following year)



Management Plans + annexed Evaluation Plans

Implementation and Monitoring (year of execution)

Draft budget

Better Regulation

“Well-targeted, evidence-based and simply written regulation is more likely to be properly implemented and achieve its goals on the ground, whether these are economic, societal or environmental.”

Better Regulation: Delivering better results for a stronger Union, COM(2016)615

2015 BR Package: Main elements

- **More and Better Feedback/Consultation**
 - more extensive feedback/public consultation
 - improved explanatory memorandum
- **Better Assessment Tools/Wider Use**
 - integrated Guidelines
 - interinstitutional agreement
- **Increased focus on implementation**
 - Regulatory Fitness and Performance/evaluation



Definitions



Evaluation is an evidence-based judgement of the extent to which an intervention has been effective and efficient, relevant given the needs and its objectives, coherent both internally and with other EU policy interventions and achieved EU added value.

A **Fitness Check** is an evaluation covers a group of measures which have some relationship with each other which justifies their being evaluated together (normally a common set of objectives).

Reinforced focus on evaluation

- *"Evaluate First"*
- *Evaluation Roadmaps*
- *12 week public consultation*
- *Evaluation criteria*
- *Evaluation process*
- *Scrutiny by the RSB*



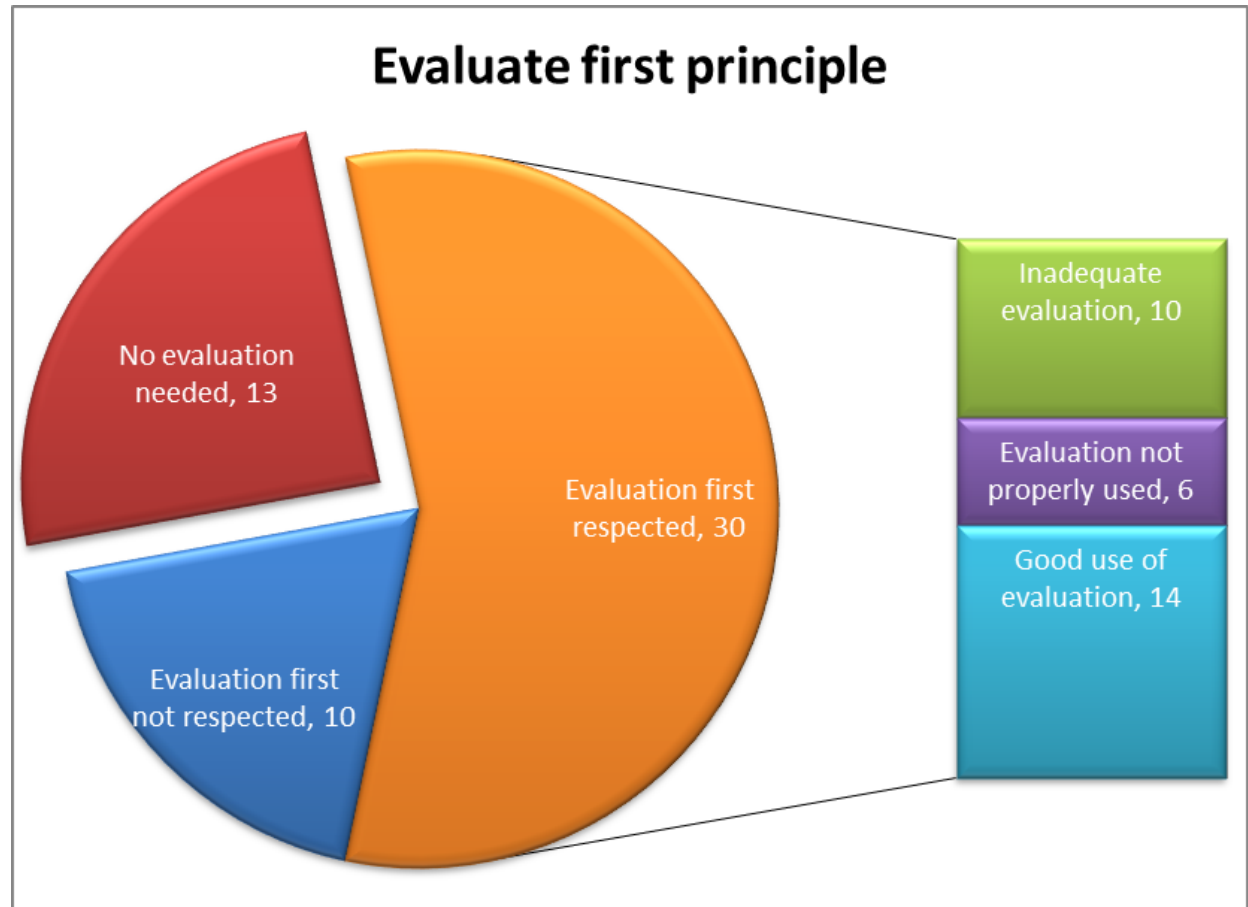
Evaluate First

2016: 50%
2017: 75%
2018: 79%

Results often not good or not properly used

75% of negative IA opinions either:

- No evaluate first
- Inadequate evaluation
- Evaluation not properly used



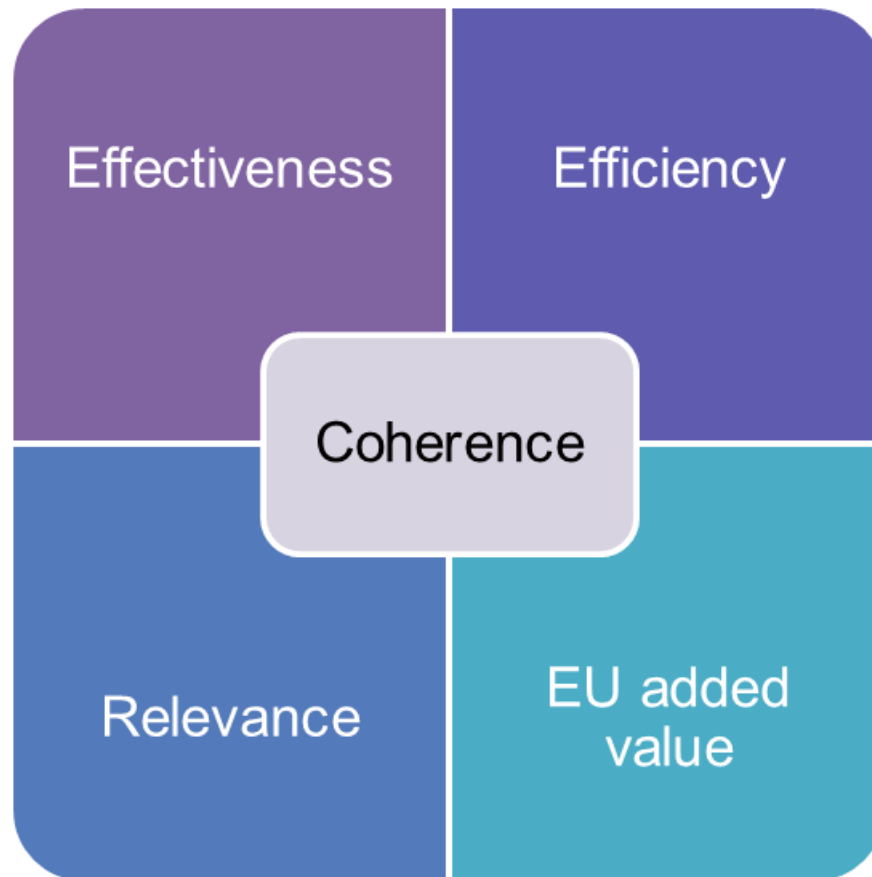
Consultation of stakeholders

- *Feedback on roadmaps*
- *Open public consultations*
- *Taregeted consultations*

Have your say!
https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say_en



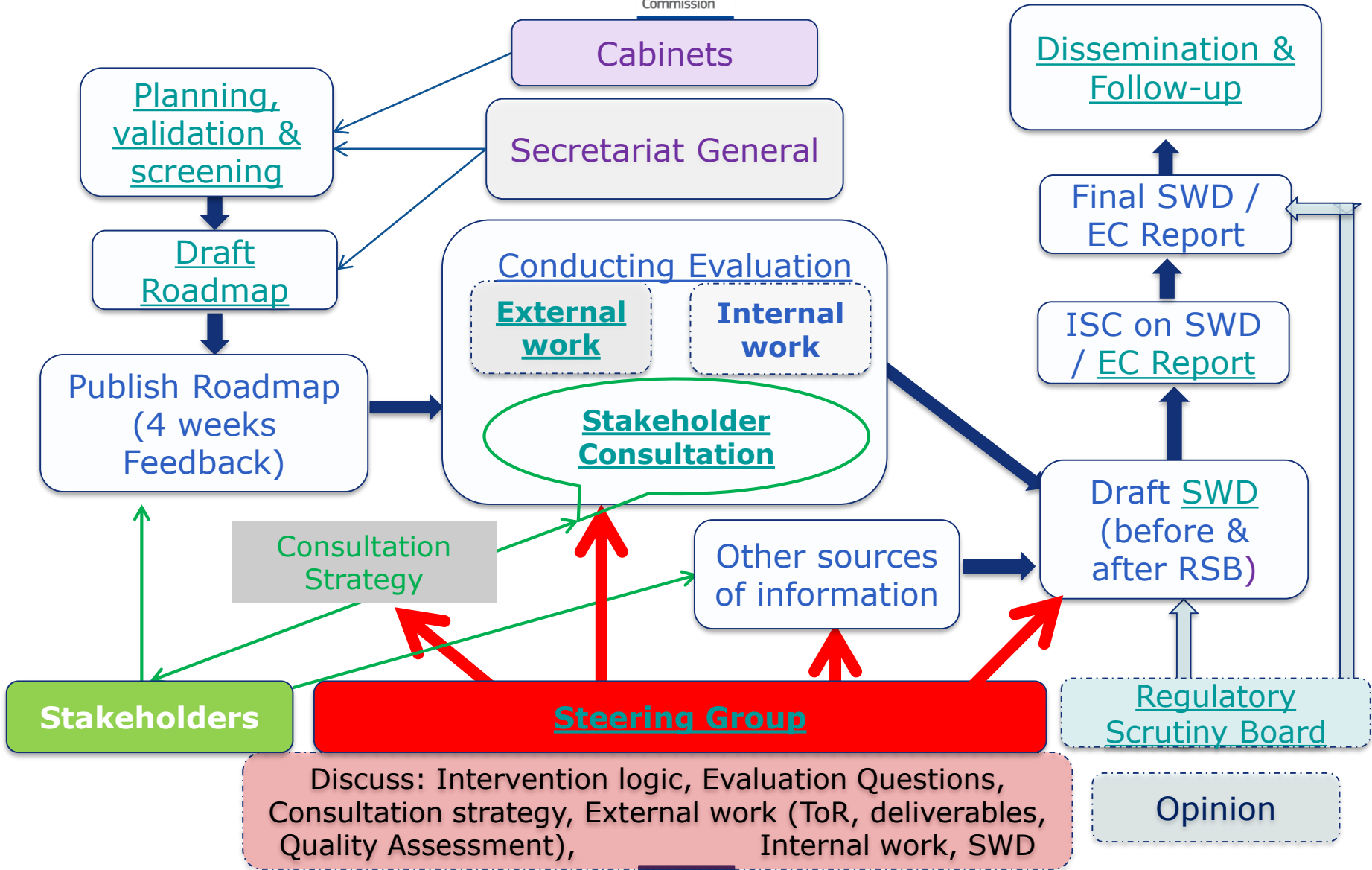
Evaluation criteria



Evaluation process



European Commission



Regulatory Scrutiny Board

- ✓ Established as part of May 2015 Better Regulation package; operational since 2016
- ✓ Succeeds Impact Assessment Board (2006)
- ✓ Main changes:
 - Independent; reports to President, informs FVP
 - Full-time, internal and external members, for 3 years
 - Covers fitness checks and major evaluations



In practice: evaluations

- ✓ Board reviews quality of all fitness checks + selected (major) evaluations
- ✓ Board also sees evaluations that are attached to IAs
- ✓ 2017: positive and negative opinions
- ✓ No resubmission required for negative opinions

	Evaluations scrutinised by RSB			Evaluations seen with IA		
	2016	2017	2018*	2016	2017	2018*
Fitness checks	2	4	1	-	-	-
ex post evaluations MFF 2007-2013	2	2	1			1
interim evaluations MFF 2014-2020		7	1			1
other evaluations	3	4	3	15	18	15
Total	7	17	6	15	18	17
* up to 11/07/2018						

Better Regulation

