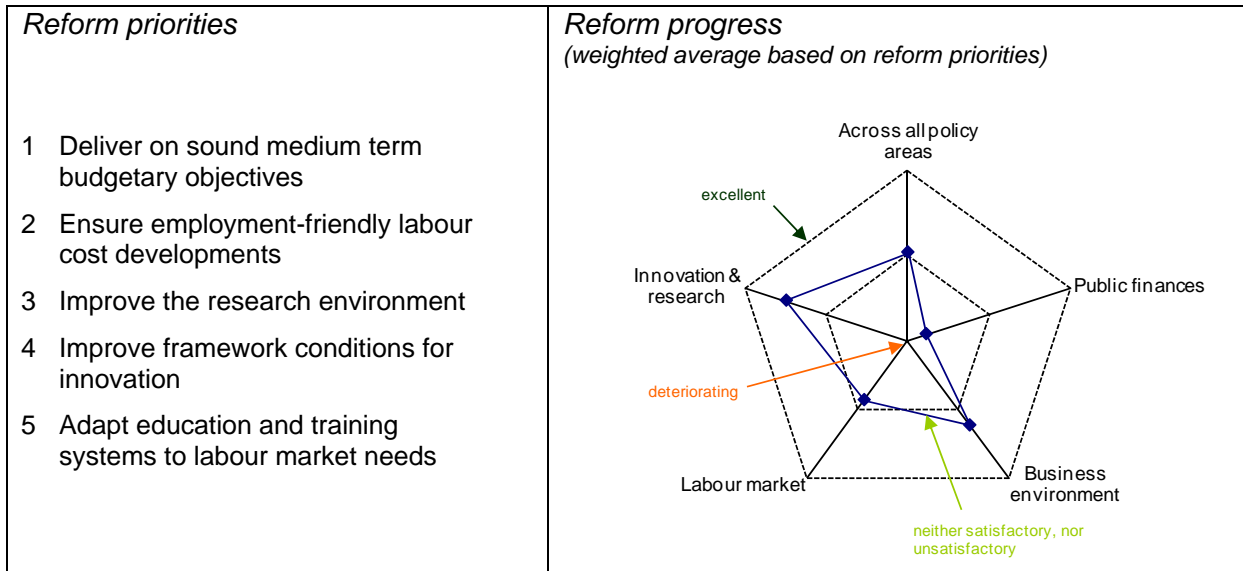


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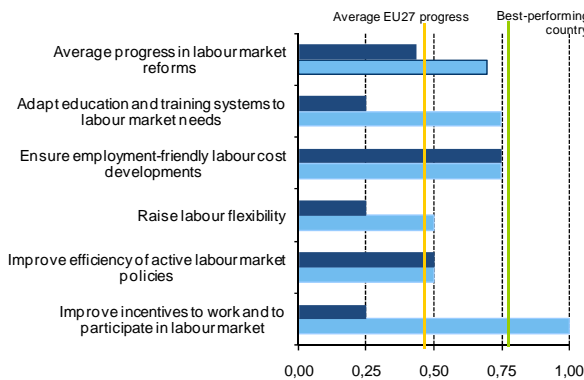


REFORM PROGRESS IN FOUR MAJOR POLICY AREAS IN 2008 AND 2007

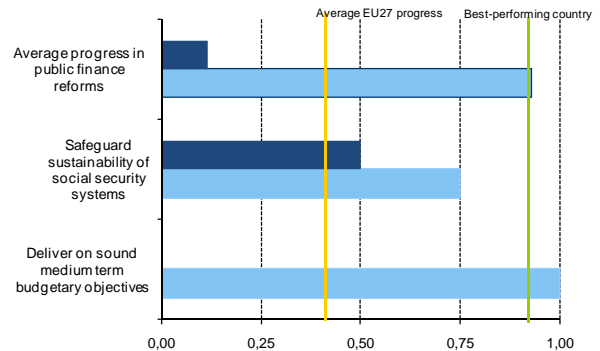
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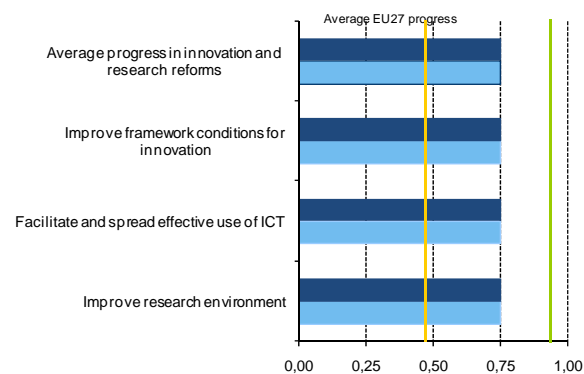
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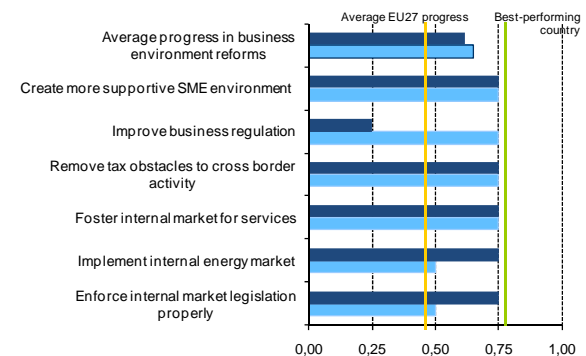
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Innovation and research



Business environment



ASSESSMENT OF SPRING SUMMIT 2008 COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS

Was an update of the Council's country-specific recommendations needed in 2009?

Yes

Were country specific recommendations implemented in 2008?

not enough

Is your federation appropriately involved in the national debate on the implementation of the EU Growth and Jobs Strategy?

To a large extent

Are the necessary steps taken to adjust policies to the specific requirements of euro area membership?

not enough