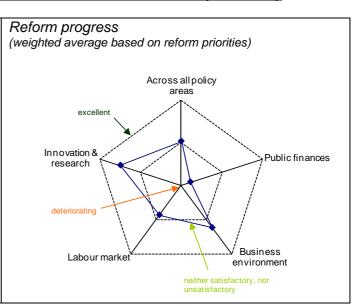




## SPRING 2009 REFORM BAROMETER: ANSWERS FROM IBEC (IRELAND)

## Reform priorities

- Deliver on sound medium term budgetary objectives
- 2 Ensure employment-friendly labour cost developments
- 3 Improve the research environment
- 4 Improve framework conditions for innovation
- 5 Adapt education and training systems to labour market needs

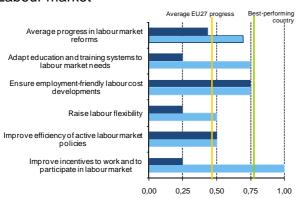


### REFORM PROGRESS IN FOUR MAJOR POLICY AREAS IN 2008 AND 2007

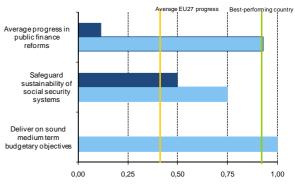
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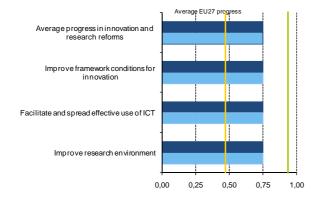
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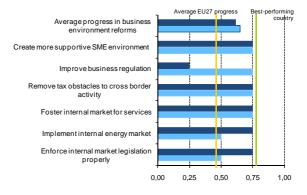
### Public finances



#### 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