

Foreword

The OECD Review of Better Regulation in Italy is one of a series of country reports launched by the OECD in partnership with the European Commission. The objective is to assess regulatory management capacities in the 15 original member states of the European Union (EU), including trends in their development, and to identify gaps in relation to good practice as defined by the OECD and the EU in their guidelines and policies for Better Regulation.

Italy is part of the third group of countries to be reviewed – the other four are Austria, Greece, Ireland, and Luxembourg. The first group of Denmark, the Netherlands, Portugal and the United Kingdom were released in 2009, the second group of Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Spain and Sweden in 2010.

The project is also an opportunity to discuss the follow-up to past OECD reviews on regulatory policy and to find out what has happened in respect of the recommendations made at the time. A number of OECD Reviews of Regulatory Reform of Italy were published in 2001, 2007 and 2009 [OECD (2001), *OECD Reviews of Regulatory Reform: Regulatory Reform in Italy 2001*, OECD, Paris; OECD (2007), *OECD Reviews of Regulatory Reform: Ensuring Regulatory Quality across Levels of Government*; and OECD (2009), *OECD Reviews of Regulatory Reform: Better Regulation to Strengthen Market Dynamics*].

To maintain consistency with the other reports in the series, this revised edition of the report on Better Regulation in Italy includes the addition of a new Chapter 6 on Compliance, enforcement and appeals.



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