

Legislative Process Reform in Poland: Stocktaking and evaluation



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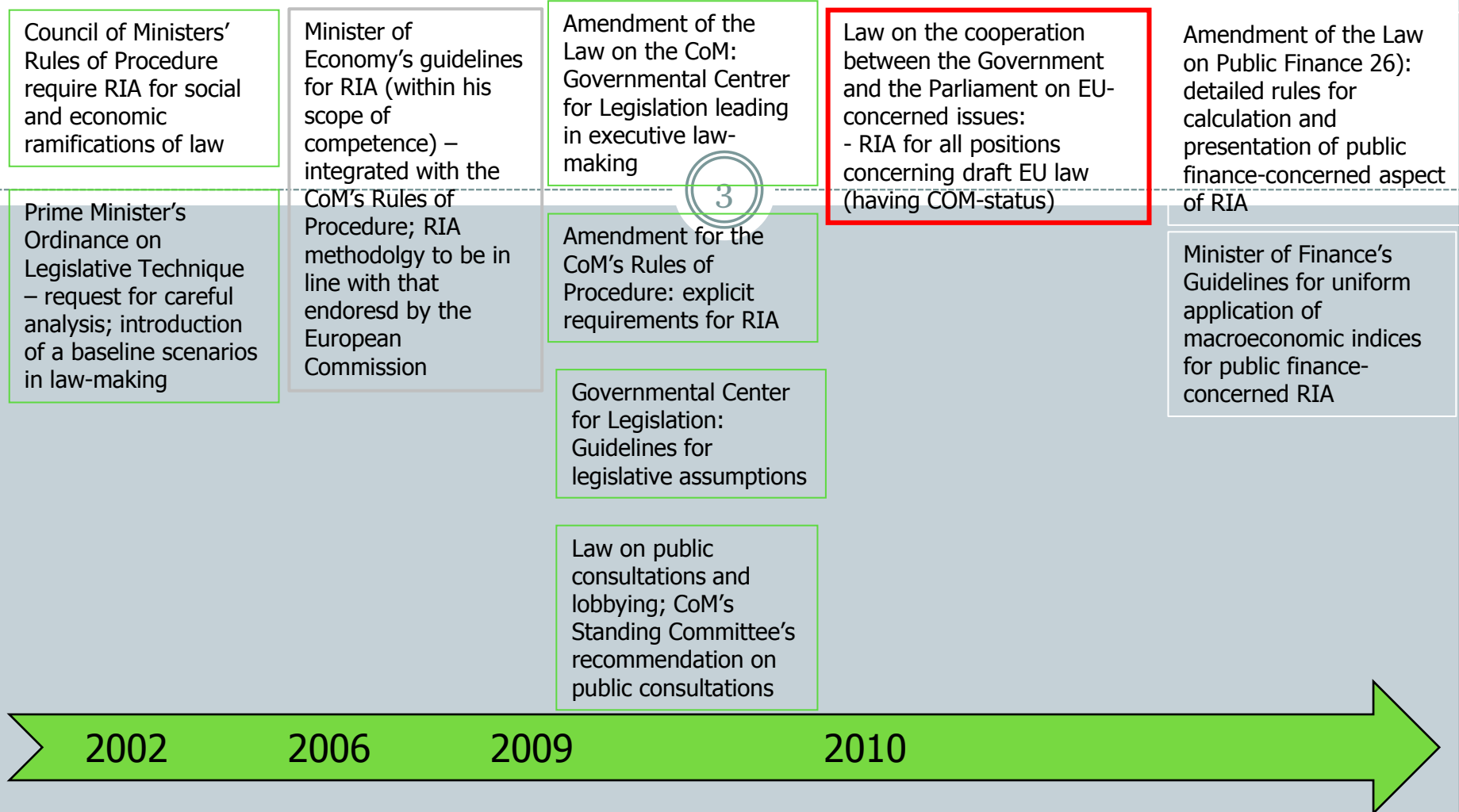
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Headlines



- Increasing institutionalisation of RIA in Poland
- relative failure of spontaneous approach to legislative reform („Friendly State” program)
- relative success of the institutionalized approach

Institutionalisation of the RIA system in Poland



Institutionalized approach



- RIA embedded formally in the regulatory system
- peer-pressure present and (allegedly) well-performing

A scene from an office involved in the nuclear energy legislation



- the high-rank Law has already been adopted
- now, some new lower-level regulations drafted
- one of lower-level drafts – rudimentary RIA (the „old-style”, „rule-of-the-thumb” one)
- „you’d better do RIA”; „look how we have done it”; „you’d better correspond to the Nuc-RIA we have done”...

Relative failure of „Friendly State” approach



- „Friendly State” approach was based on reform initiatives by users of
- good part of the approach: stock-taking, hearing and fixing up exercise
- bad part of the approach: „incidental”; not evidence-based; prone to discounting; „glossy” selections-prone; internally disorganized

Regulatory Reform Program: Success factors



- evidence based – thus highly legitimized
- logically conceived – training (content attracting even ministerial level); burden-measuring; „low-hanging fruits” approach
- thus, highly legitimized and „getting people on the same boat”

What can be expected?



- continuity because of the political context dynamics
- increasing interest in application of RIA – critical mass (most likely) achieved
- attempts to formalize RIA – thus pressure to find „golden mean”
- „low-hanging fruits” picked up – thus more politically divisive agenda emerging



- Thank you for your attention