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1. The Commission's Better Regulation system relies on a process, which encompasses the intervention of the Regulatory Scrutiny Board (RSB). The scores quoted in the question refer to the initial impact assessment reports as first submitted to the RSB. It shows that 60% of initial impact assessments have sufficient quality already at first submission. The remaining 40% require further work and will be resubmitted for another round of scrutiny. Once the recommendations of the RSB have been addressed, all final impact assessments have the necessary level of quality.
2. The Commission has developed appropriate guidance and training programmes for policy officers conducting impact assessments. The Commission's 'better regulation' policy is one of the most comprehensive regulatory policy among the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development and EU countries and it keeps expanding with new elements. Even in cases where the average score for initial impact assessments is not yet 'acceptable', once the RSB's recommendations in their final positive opinion are addressed, the final impact assessments always have an 'acceptable' score.
3. The Commission seeks to continuously improve the quality of impact assessments supporting the political decision-making. This is why there is quality control carried out by the RSB. This quality control is successful, as between 2020 and 2023, all final impact assessments that accompany policy proposals have on average a quality score above 'acceptable'. That is the only relevant 'target' for the Commission's impact assessments.