



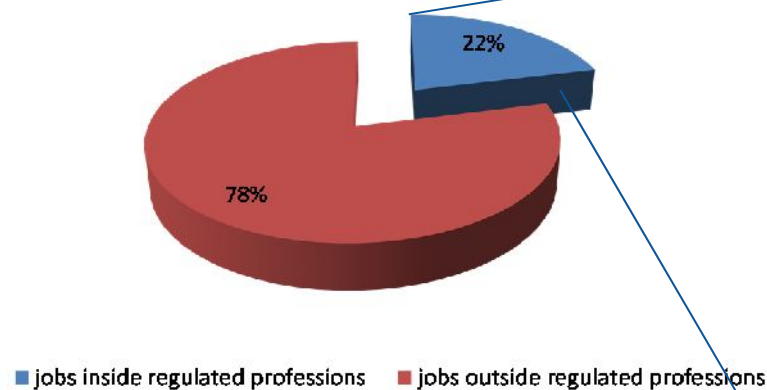
# Proportionality Test

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# Professional Services

## "It's the Economy!"

Percentage in total employment

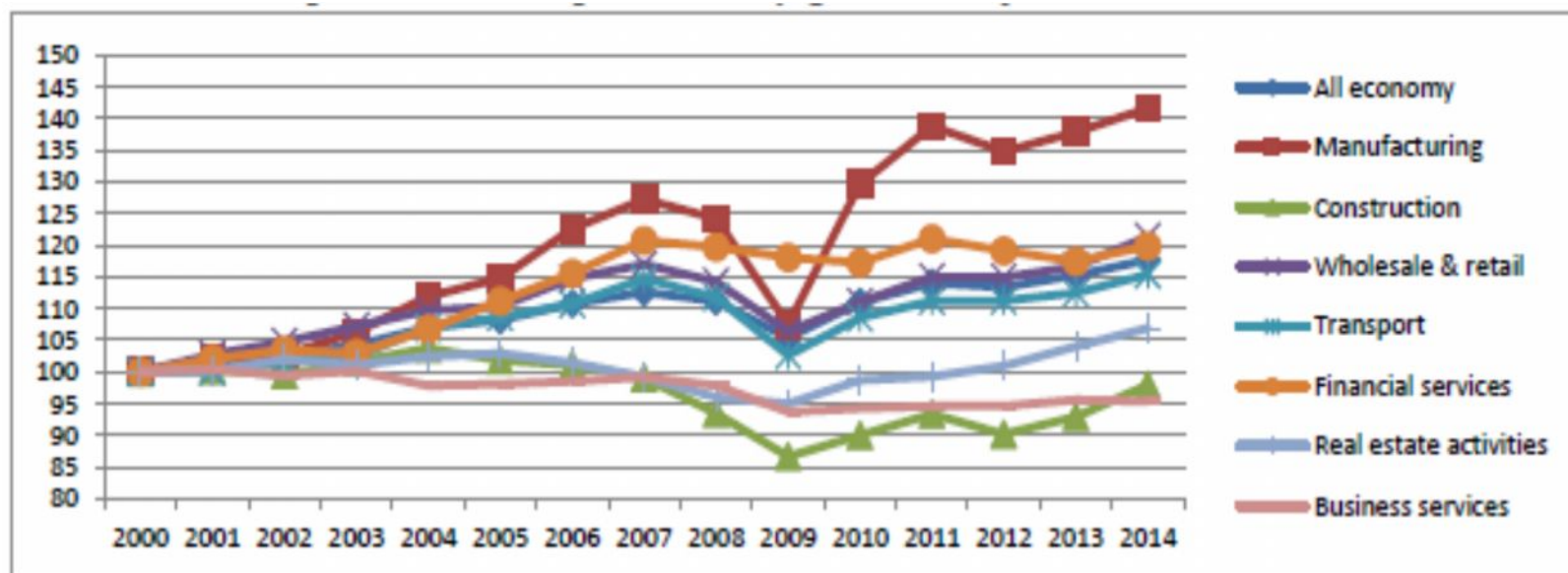


47 million professionals, accounting for 22% of EU total employment

Potential job creation: +700,000

4% to 19% extra costs to consumers and a loss of between 3-9% of jobs

# Labour productivity growth in major economic sectors



Source: Eurostat, Commission analysis



# Policy Context

1. European Council 2012: "[a] rigorous peer review of national restrictions and swift action to remove unjustified barriers".

European Parliament 2012: "identify areas where Member States are disproportionately blocking" access

Competitiveness Council 2016: "REEMPHASISES the need to ensure more consistent proportionality assessment of regulatory requirements and restrictions applicable to services markets"

2. Article 59 PQD

'...by 18 January 2017 submit its final findings ...accompanied where appropriate by proposals for further initiatives.'

3. SMS October 2015

4. Consultation Summer 2016 – approaches and attitudes





# Proportionality test – Why?

## Mutual Evaluation:

The extent of regulated professions (over 5600 professions, 333 professions regulated in less than 5 MS (103 in only 1)

The variety in intensity / approaches taken

The analysis provided as to proportionality - (1/3 proportionality assessments missing / many superficial)





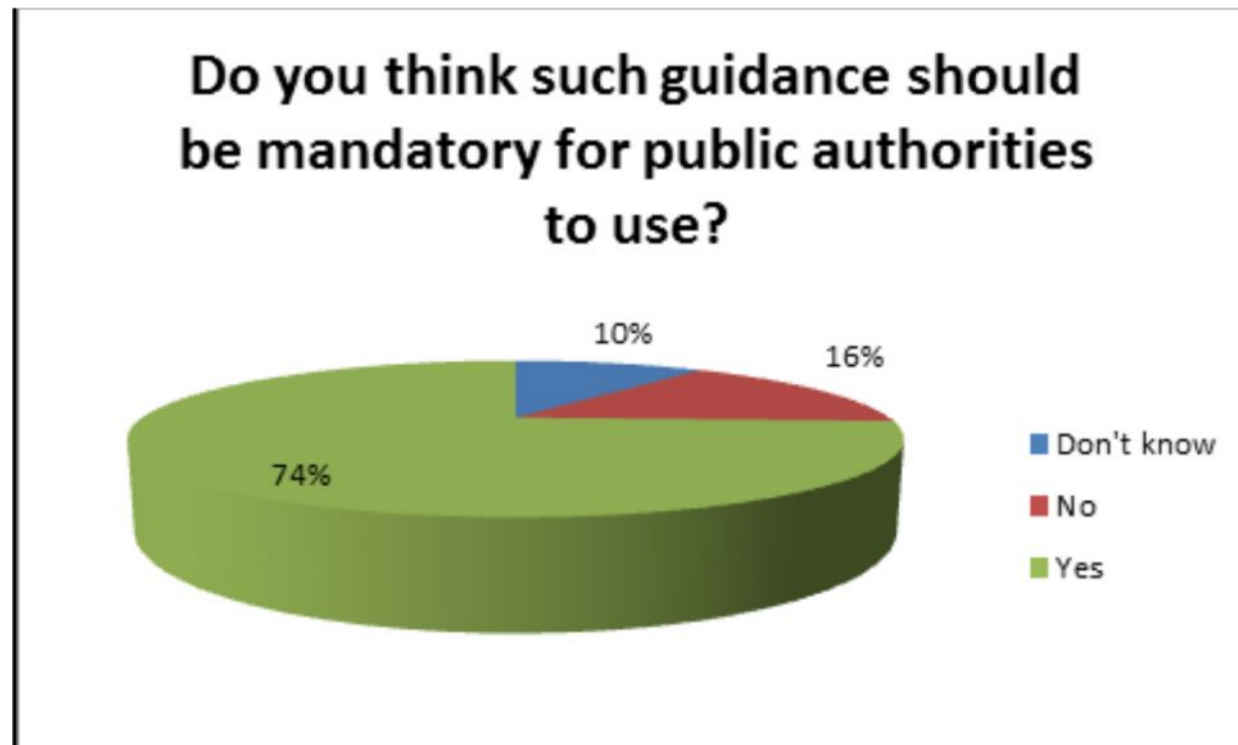
## Existing proportionality assessments

61% of 3500 analysed identified no sensible risk:  
sharp blades/ cooks, business reliability/ clothes launderer,  
fraud/interior designer, psychological risk/ hairdresser, wrist  
injury / watchmaker ...

84% did not evaluate effects. Those that were given  
were poor: gives a competitive advantage /mechanical  
engineer, preventative so difficult to measure / private detective,  
since 1968 road safety has improved / Driving instructor, 'not  
applicable' / numerous occasions/ no penalties have been  
imposed, numerous occasions ...



## Consultation results





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## 49 public authorities responded:

21 unaware of national and/ or EU level proportionality criteria;

16 review regulations on 'a case by case basis'; 8 operate without any methodology and 14 do not know if one is in place.

30 consult only the profession / 3 do not consult at all





## Proportionality test – What's in it?





# Thank you!

