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# Topics

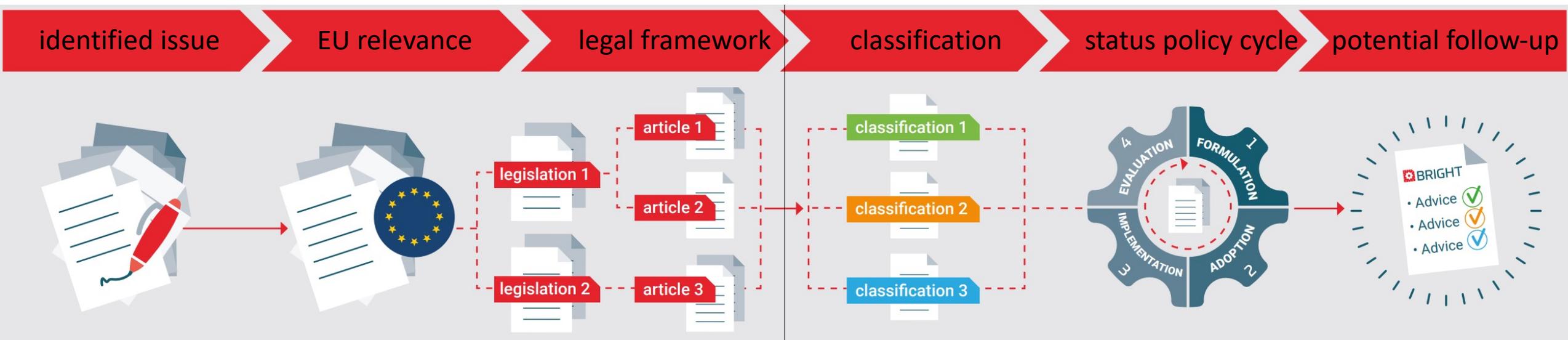
- The Better Regulation Initiative
- Quick Scan of current Better Regulations actions
- Better Regulation strategy of continued UAEU

# The Better Regulation Initiative

- Addressing regulatory issues and challenges can contribute to urban development
- Comprehensive assessment by the EC of the Urban Agenda in 2019:
  - *only limited number of Urban Agenda BR actions has had substantial impact on EU policymaking*
- Initiative to **1) increase impact of current BR actions** and **2) develop a strategy to strengthen BR pillar of continued Urban Agenda**

# 1. Quick Scan of BR actions already undertaken

- Goal: **increase impact** of existing BR actions.
- Assessment of all 31 actions using a proven selection framework.
- Result: identification of actions **most likely to yield follow-up success**.

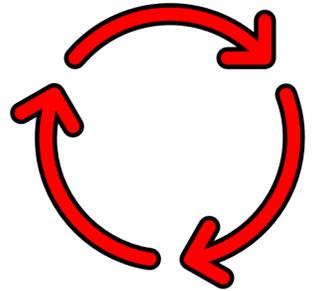


# Preliminary findings Quick Scan

- Several BR actions by the current Urban Agenda partnerships are not substantiated with specific suggestions on how to improve EU legislation.
- Several BR actions clearly identify the EU legal framework and propose specific changes to legislation to address issues at the urban level.
- Most BR actions lack a ‘lobby’ strategy which includes a roadmap of possible future opportunities at the EU level to present the partnerships recommendations.

## 2. A strategy and framework for BR in the future UAEU

- UAEU already at the forefront of multi-level governance and EU stakeholder participation!
- **Updating the strategy and governance of the BR pillar** can contribute to the effectiveness and impact of the future UAEU.
  - Using the **lessons learned** in the partnerships since 2016.
  - **Consulting and cooperating** with CoR, LRA's, stakeholder organisations, EC and Member states.
  - Taking into account **new developments** in the EU Better Regulation Agenda.
- **Result:** an **overview of different paths forward** for BR in the future UAEU.



# Discussion points about future BR strategy I

What could be the advantages and disadvantages for future Partnerships if:

- they align their BR actions with the EU policymaking cycle?  
(top-down strategy)
- they engage with regulatory issues and challenges that are experienced by cities, regardless of the EU policymaking cycle?  
(bottom-up strategy)

# Discussion points about future BR strategy II

How can partnerships increase their awareness of the EU legal framework and contribute effectively to EU policymaking?

- Making use of external (legal) experts that assist with the development of successful BR actions.
- Training participants of the partnerships in how to develop successful BR actions.