THINK SMALL TEST / SBA IMPLEMENTATION SCOREBOARD 2009

COUNTRY SHEET FOR IRELAND

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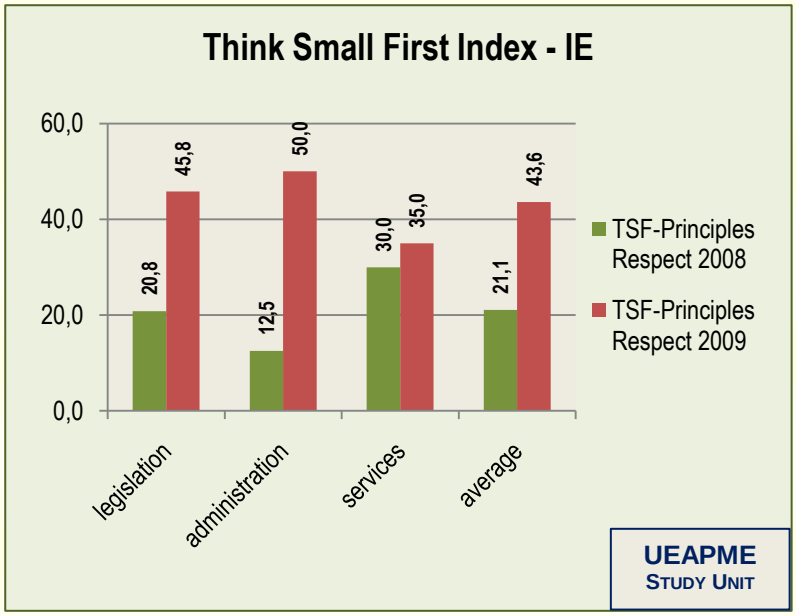
Chart 1



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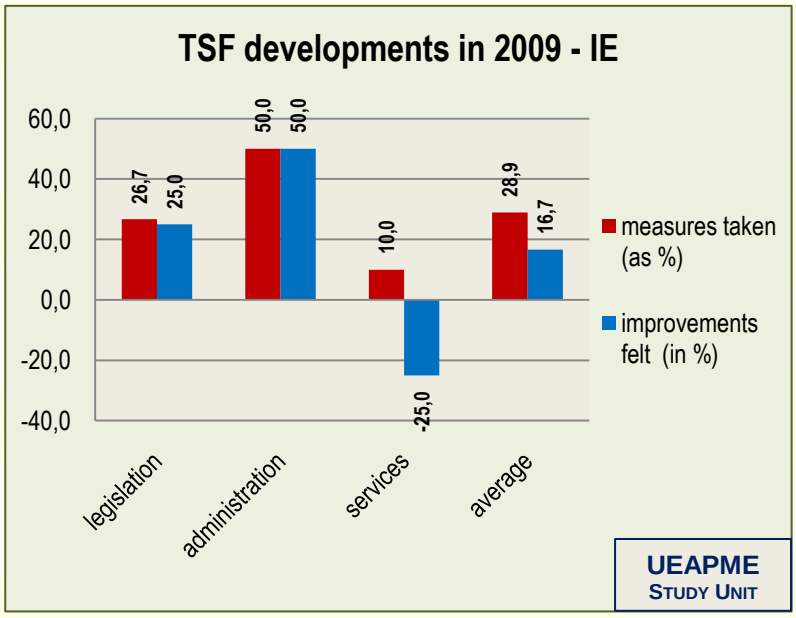

The **UEAPME Think Small Test** and the **SBA implementation Scoreboard** assess the degree to which public institutions in the EU are respecting their promises to respect the Think Small First Principles and to implement the commitments made within the Small Business Act.

The figures are based on judgements made by SME policy experts from Craft and SME associations all over Europe. The results show the degree, to which the commitments have been respected, the level of activity (measures) during the last year and its effects (improvements). More results and information can be found at the UEAPME website.

The **Country Sheets** present the findings for the 19 Member States their national association participated at this exercise. Even the chosen analytical method (personal judgements) does not allow real comparisons between countries, the relative deviation from the European average, shown by the "Radar" on page 2, gives **indications about relative strengths and weaknesses of the country**.

Relatively strong results for:

- **VAT registration threshold**
- **Entrepreneurial spirit**
- **Government support for energy efficient SMEs**

Relatively weak results for:

- **Insufficient financial guarantee schemes**
- **Support for non-technical innovation**
- **Treatment of re-starters**

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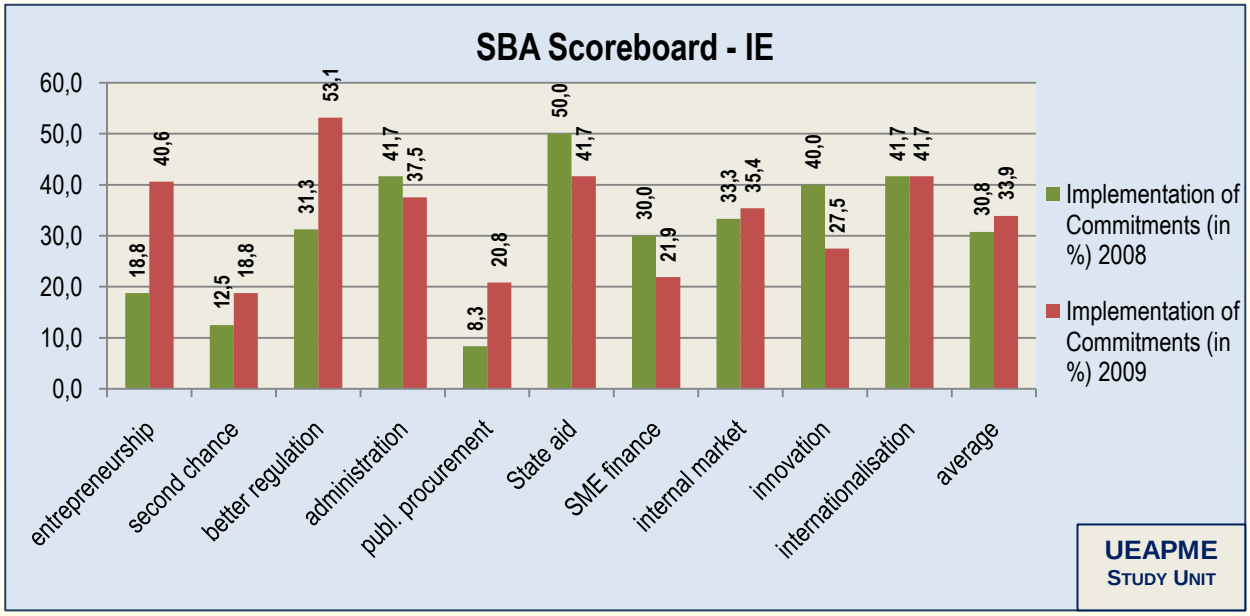

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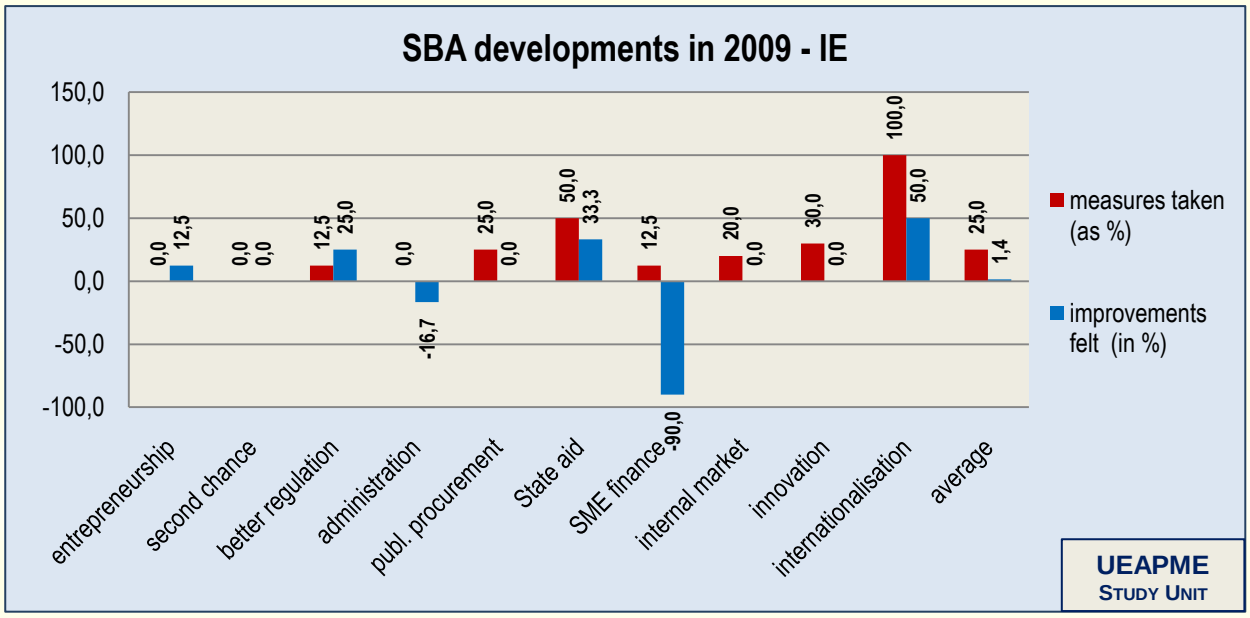
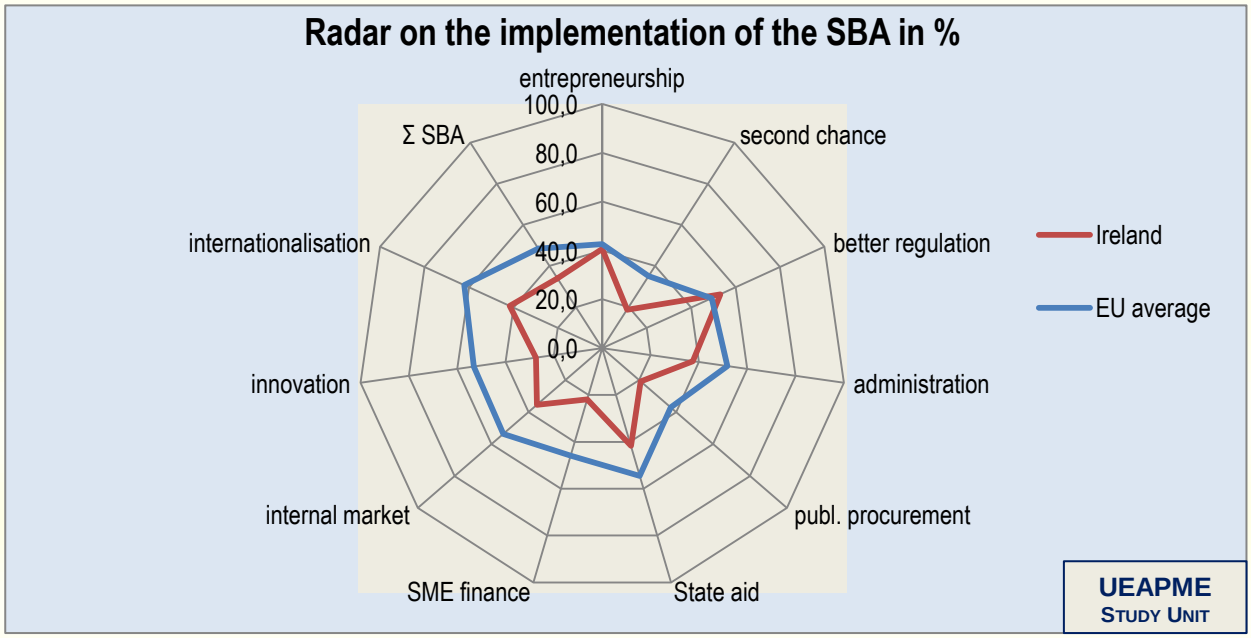
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