

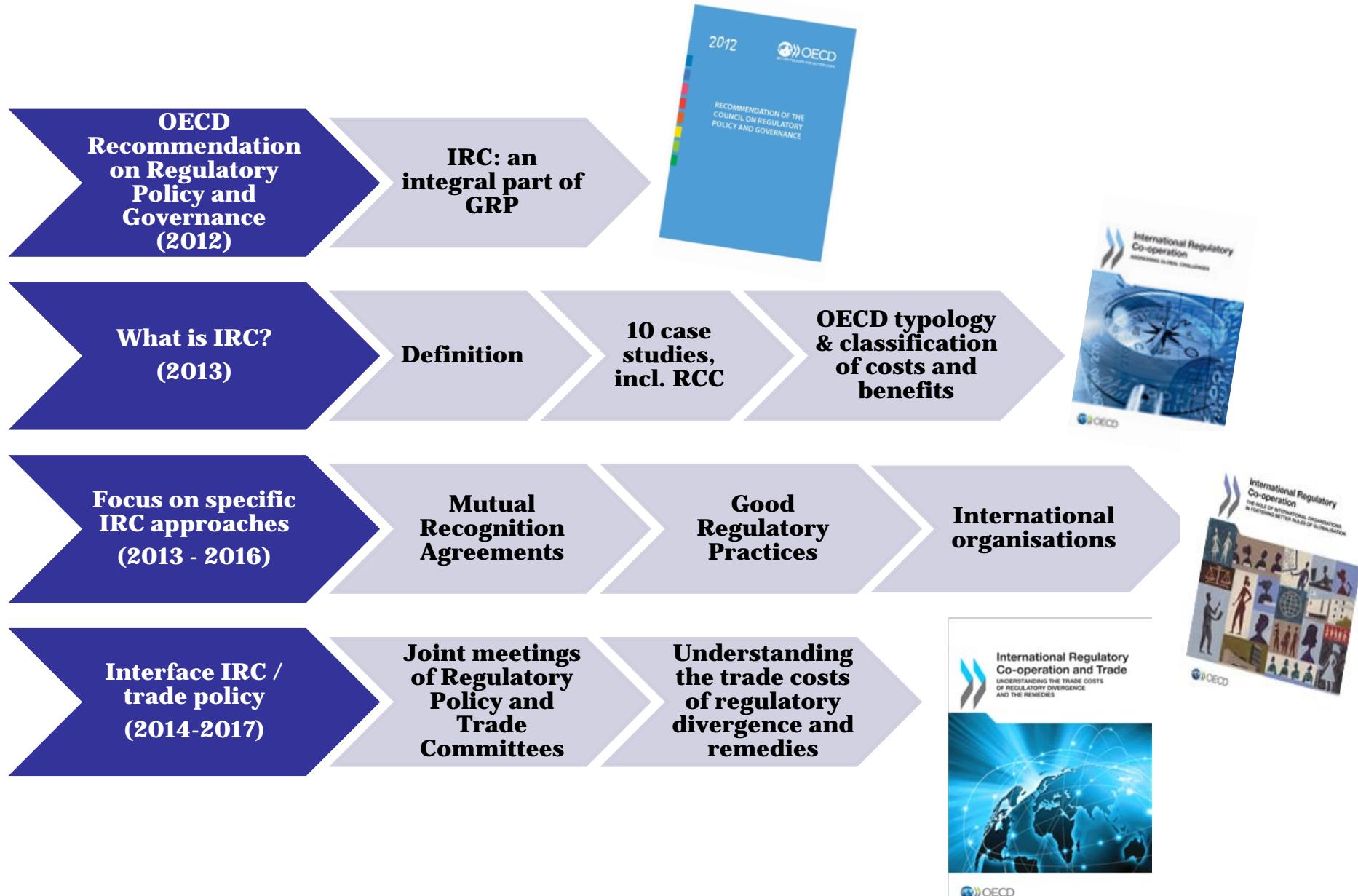


Update on OECD work on international regulatory cooperation

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Regulatory Policy Committee work on IRC

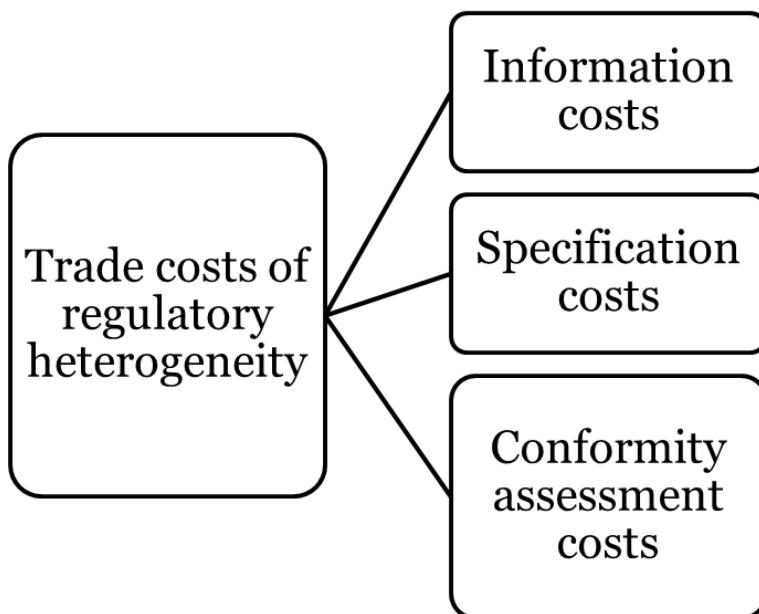


Trade costs of regulatory divergence & remedies

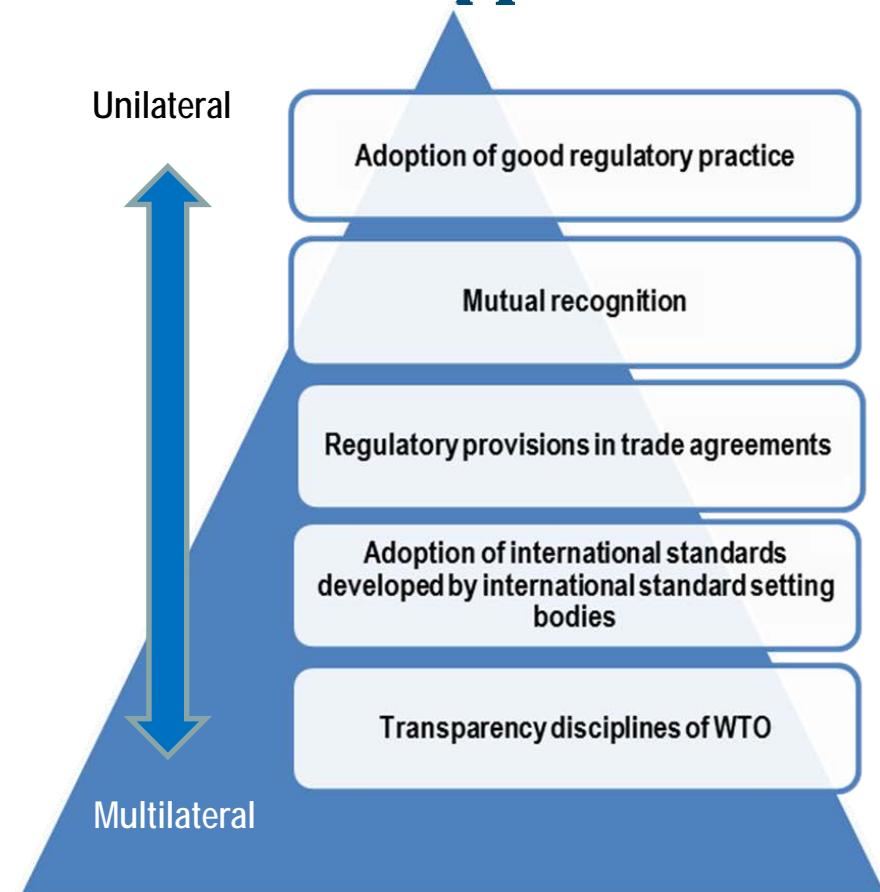


A joint undertaking of the Regulatory Policy Committee and the Trade Committee bridging 2 policy communities.

The trade costs



The IRC approaches



International standards: a driver for convergence

Benefits

Support globalised production and markets

Reduce costs for countries of their development

International platforms can help anticipate on new regulatory fields

Challenges

Potential of standards is under exploited

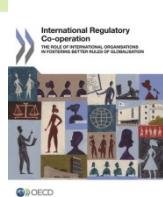
International dimension & appropriateness to local needs

Potential quality issues

Need to work with domestic regulators

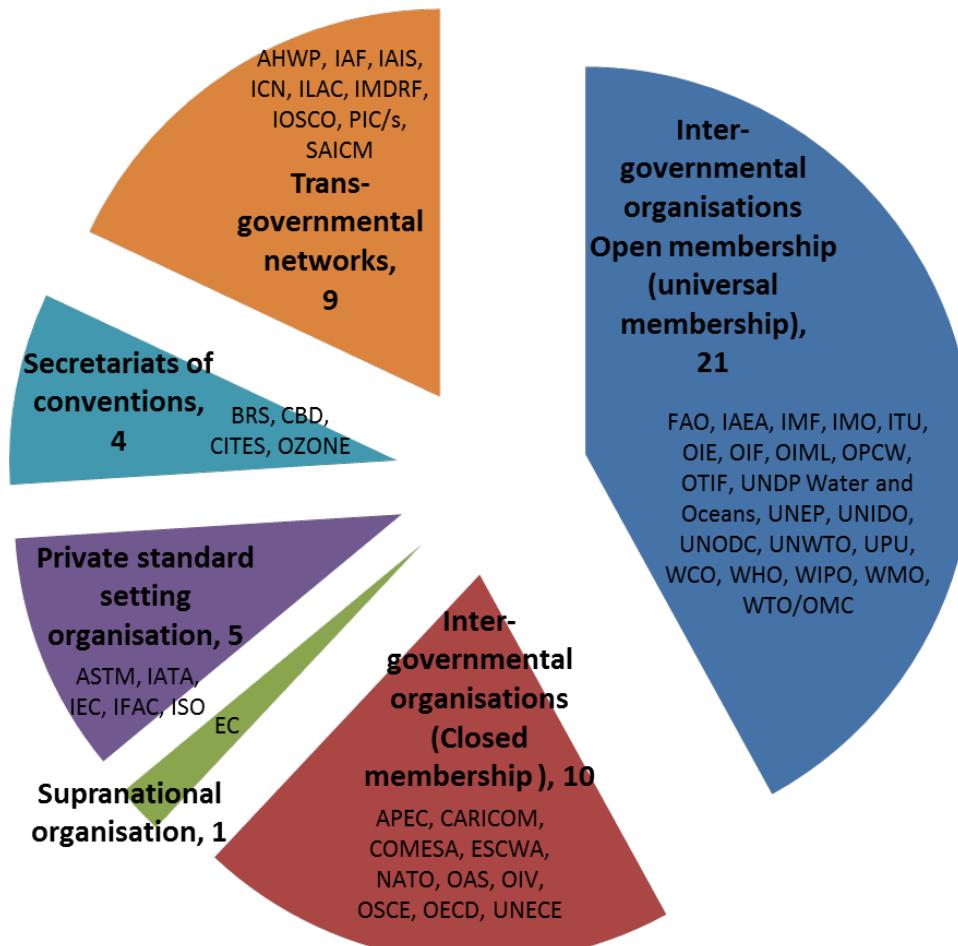
Need to work with international IO

The role of international organisations

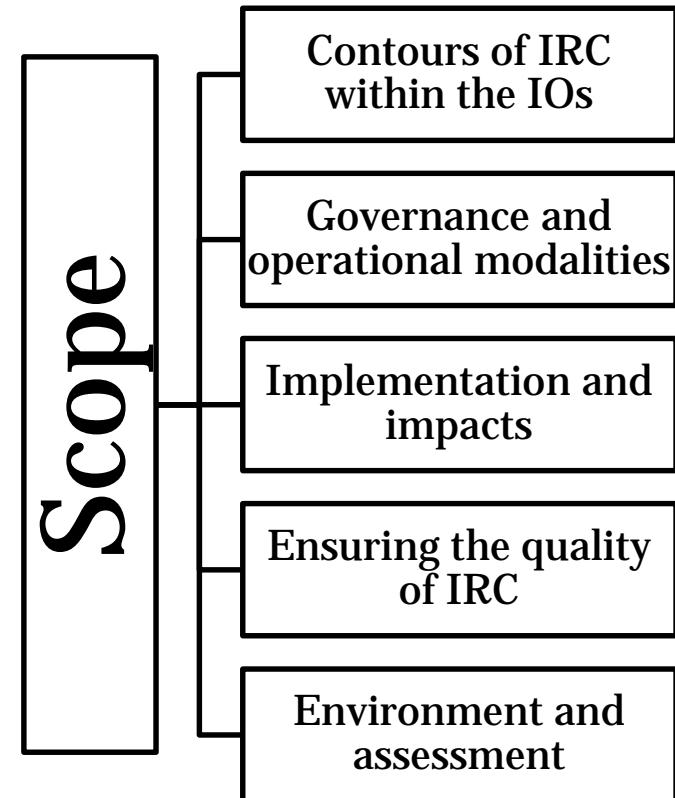


OECD (2016), *International Regulatory Co-operation: The Role of International Organisations in Fostering the Rules of Globalisation.*

Contributions by 50 IOs



Scope of the initial overview



Partnership for effective international rule-making

- Voluntary structured framework of IOs for:
 - exchange of experience on effective rule-making of international organisations;
 - analytical work building on evidence collected from the group of IOs and other sources.
- “Rules” understood broadly as legal, technical and policy instruments - from legally to non-legally binding
- “Rule-making” from the design & development of “rules” to their implementation and enforcement
- Cross-cutting: IOs with a wide range of mandates
- Going beyond IGOs, involving public & private

Partners and observers

Partners

Observers

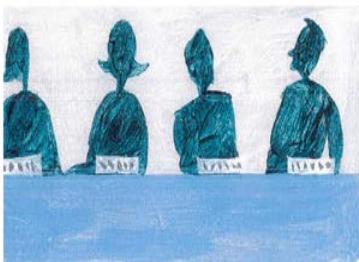
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Organisation of the work

- Annual meetings – next planned for 12 April at the Palais des Nations
- Working groups on 5 focus themes led by focal points
 - Understanding variety in international rules
 - Implementing IO instruments
 - Ensuring effective stakeholder engagement
 - Developing culture of evaluation of IO instruments
 - Maximising opportunities for co-ordination among IOs
- Dedicated electronic portals for exchange of documents and information
- Collect of practices to support evidence-based work
- Studies of specific IOs

The case of IRC @UNECE



- Large number and diversity of sectors encompassing: Trade, Environment, Transport, Sustainable Energy, Forestry, Housing and Land Management, Statistics, etc.
- Large variety of instruments developed (conventions, regulations, standards, recommendations, charters, action plans...)
- Number & diversity of actors participating in IRC
- 72% of respondents rated UNECE effective in the development of legally binding regulations, standards and technical recommendations as well as “soft law tools”
- “UNECE’s achievements have made it a go-to source for improving global public goods and services, with more than 100 countries beyond the UNECE region benefiting from its work” (UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon)

www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trade/wp6/AreasOfWork/RegulatoryCooperation/UNECE_Full_Report.pdf

The work continues...

- UNECE will co-host the next Annual meeting of the Partnership, planned for 12 April, with ISO and IEC
- UNECE is the convenor of one of the Groups, tasked to look into the variety of international instruments
- The Group aims at delineating a broad typology of international instruments with the objective of
 - developing terminology of the variety of IO instruments;
 - examples of instruments developed by different organizations
 - Identify variations i.e. organizations that define their instruments in ways that are different from most others
 - development, maintenance and update, is different across organizations and is suited to different needs

Thank you

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The OECD Regulatory Policy Committee was created by the OECD Council on 22 October 2009 to assist countries in implementing government-wide policies to promote regulatory policy and governance. Information about OECD work on international regulatory cooperation at: www.oecd.org/gov/regulatory-policy/irc

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