



Simplicity Is Power

World Bank Reformers' Club

'How reap the benefits of reform?'

Vincent VAN QUICKENBORNE
Secretary of State for Regulatory Simplification,
attached to the Prime Minister

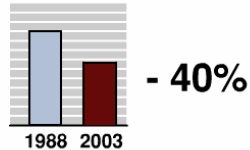
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The facts: for whom are we reforming?



Companies

Start ups
 Number of start ups:



Citizens

Millions of holidays
 are wasted



Public officials

18 out of 100
 Belgians work for the
 government



Existing companies (2003):
 administrative costs

BE = 9 billion euros



Annual cost amounting to
 tens of millions
 of euros



Stamping and pasting
 = a routine job for officials

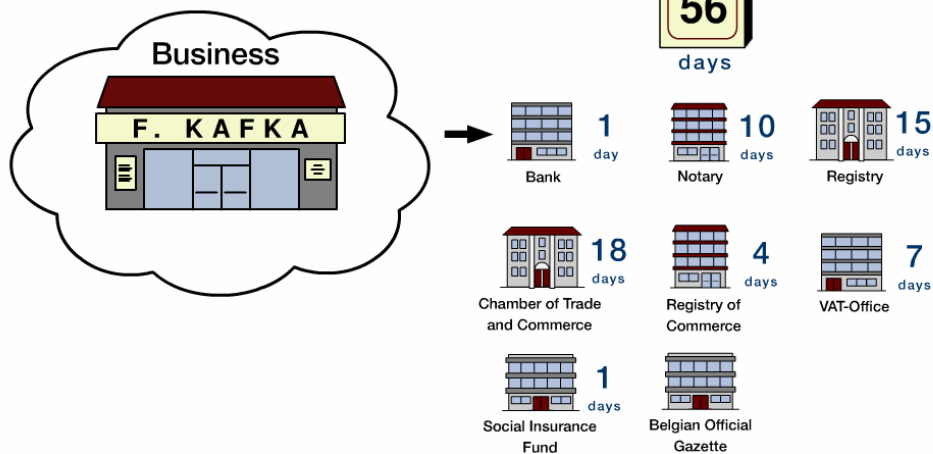


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2003

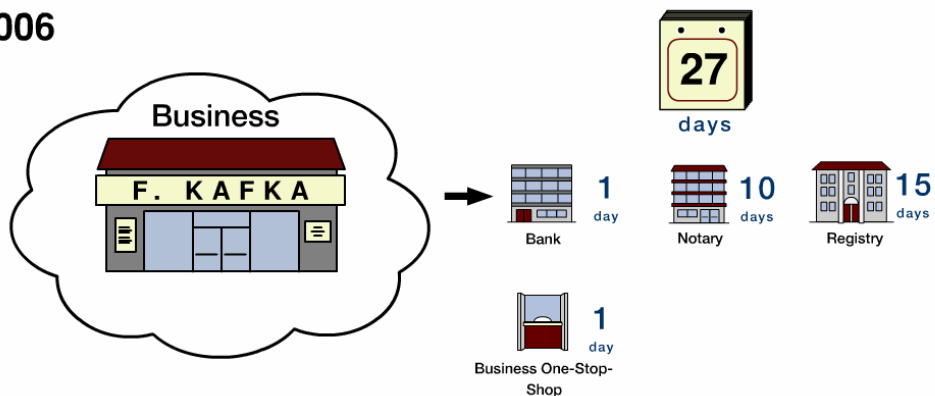


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2006

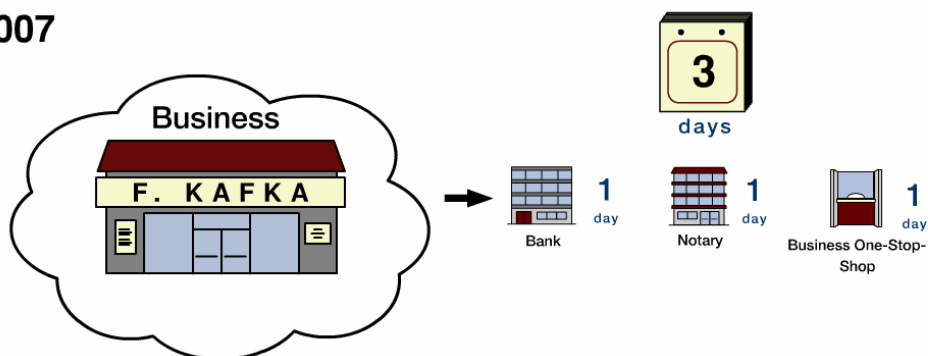


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2007

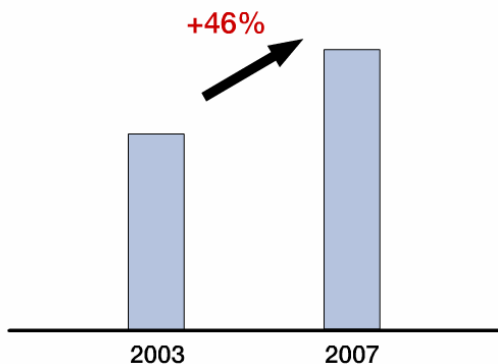


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New starters



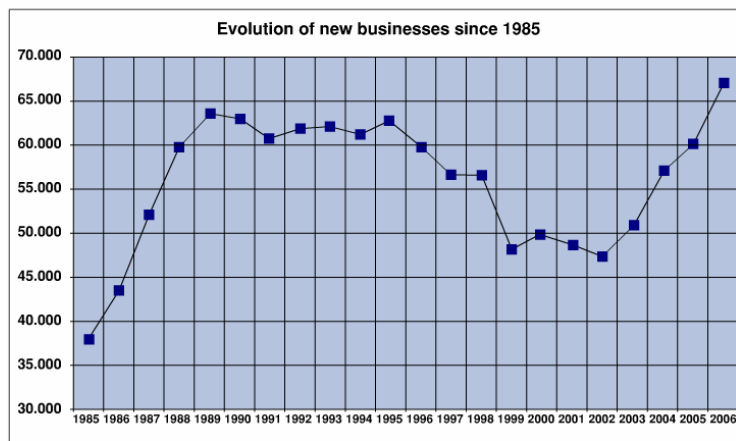
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2006 is a record year for starters



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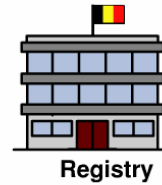
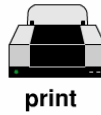
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E-accounting



2003

800,000 companies are obliged to do paper accounting



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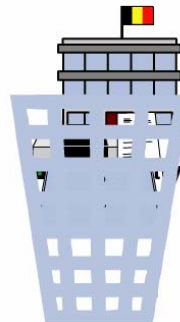
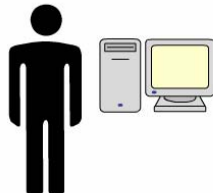
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E-accounting



2005

Electronic accounting will do



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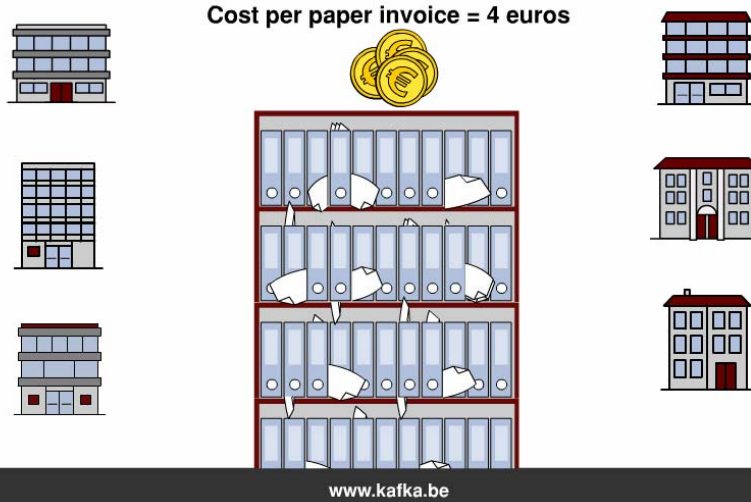
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E-invoicing



2003

Kafka sends paper invoices to his clients and receives paper invoices from his suppliers



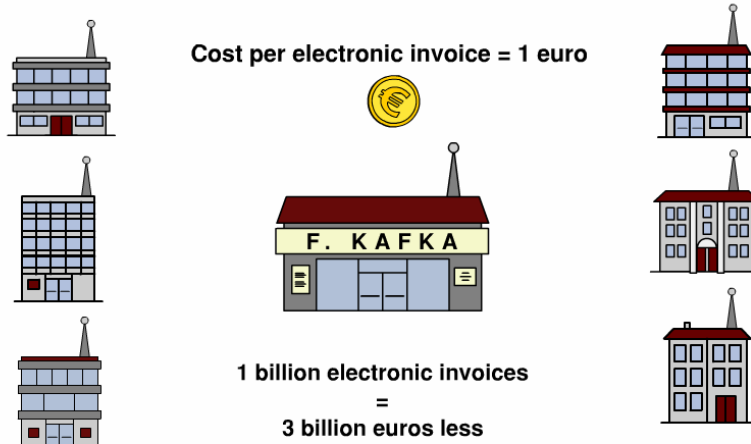
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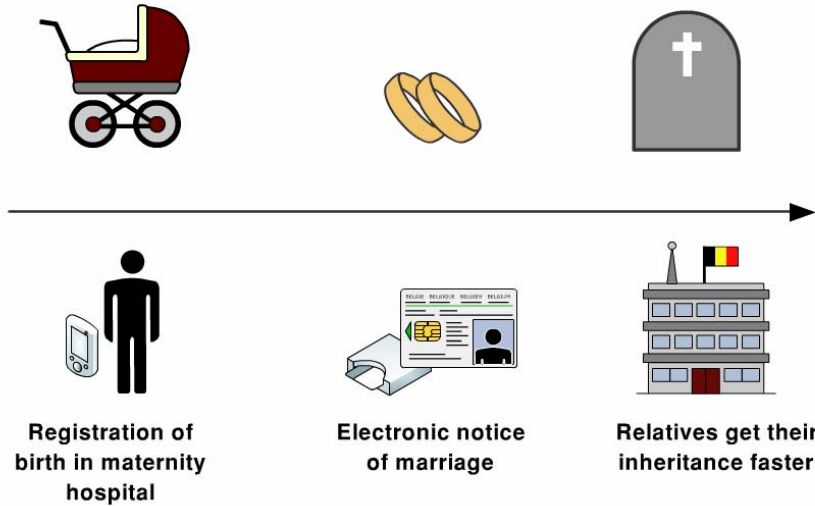
2004

Electronic invoices and e-archiving will do



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Less paper from cradle to grave: Ways to simplify the lives of citizens



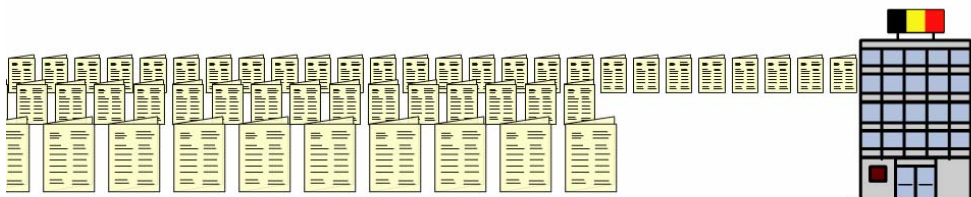
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Electronic tax filing



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Tax-on-Web = electronic tax filing

1 million users (2006)

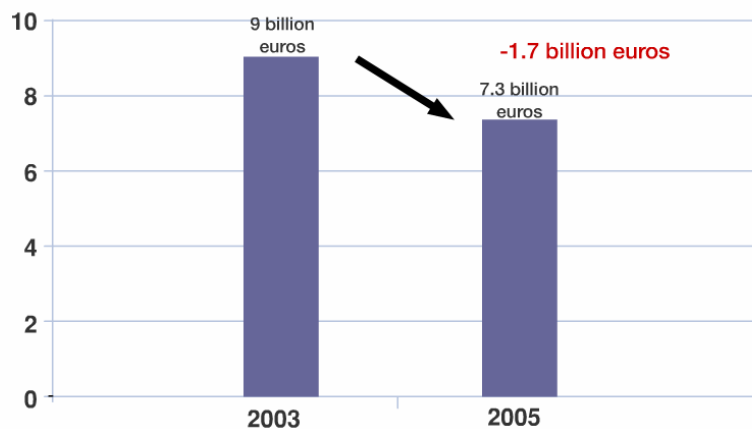


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25% less bureaucracy More than 200 laws simplified or abolished



Administrative burden for companies reduced by 1.7 billion euros



Source: Federal Planning Bureau

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Good reforms and good communication go
hand in hand



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**"It is much more important to kill bad laws
than to pass good ones"**

Calvin Coolidge (1872-1933) - American President