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A more efficient notification process

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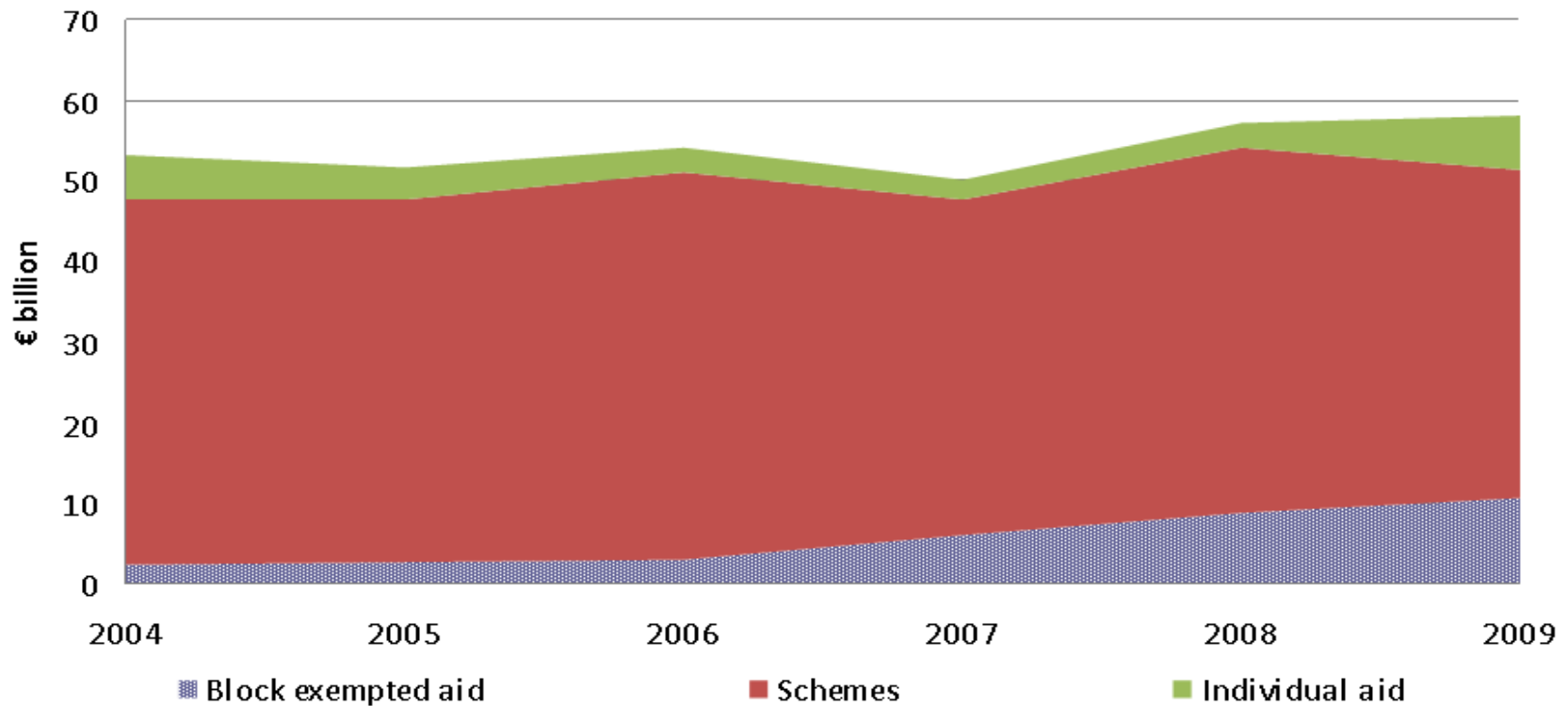
Number of newly introduced measures by type of aid* Trend 2004 - 2009



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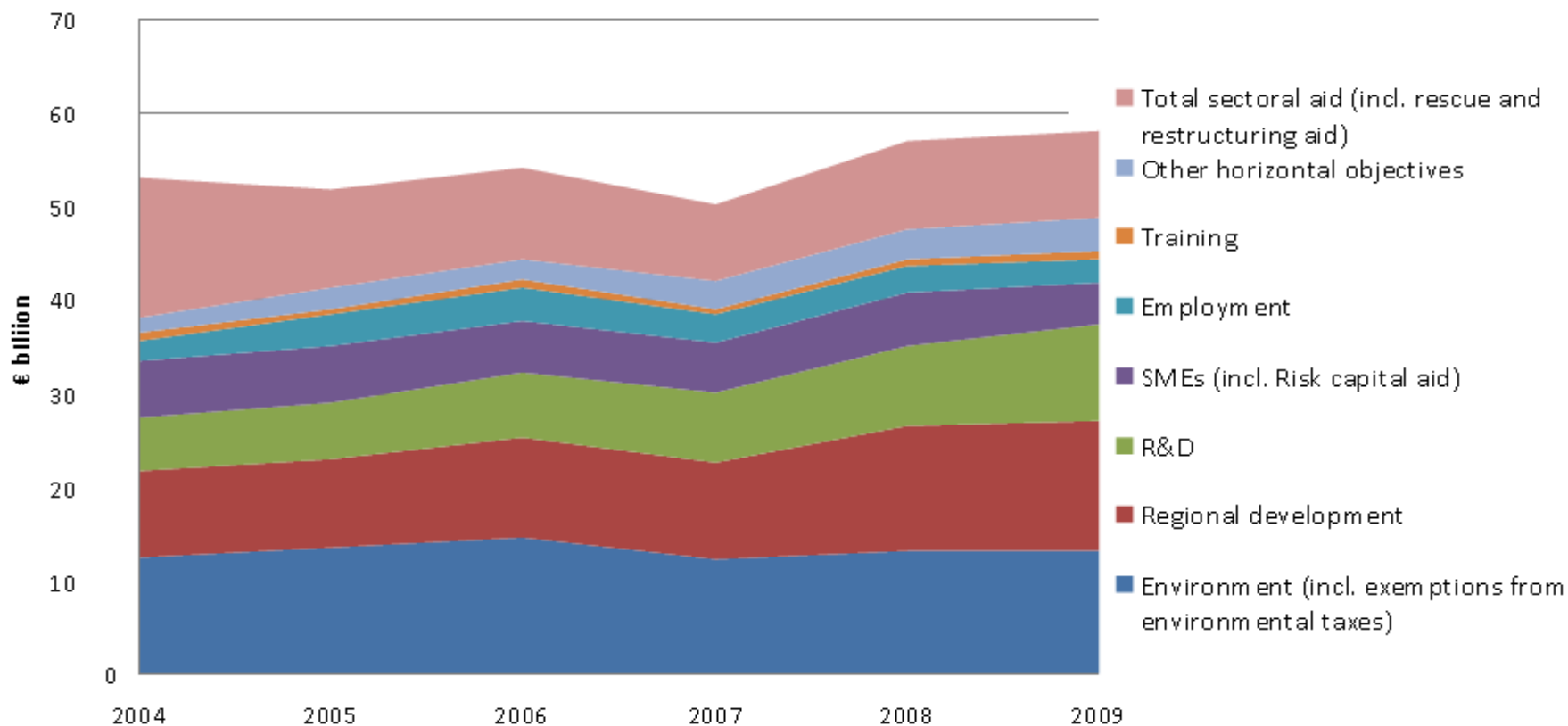
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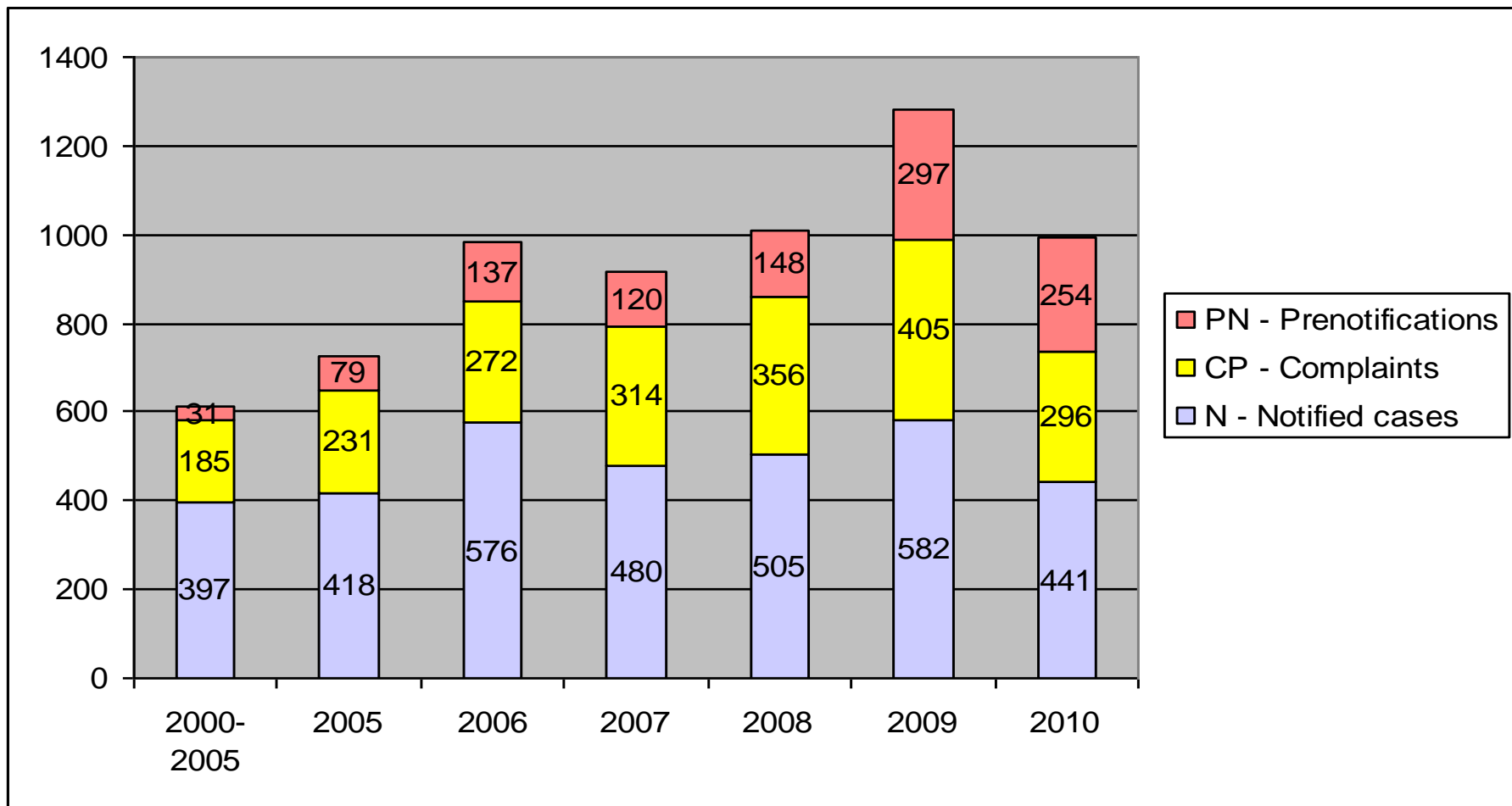
State aid to industry and services by primary objective*, 2004 -2009, in € billion



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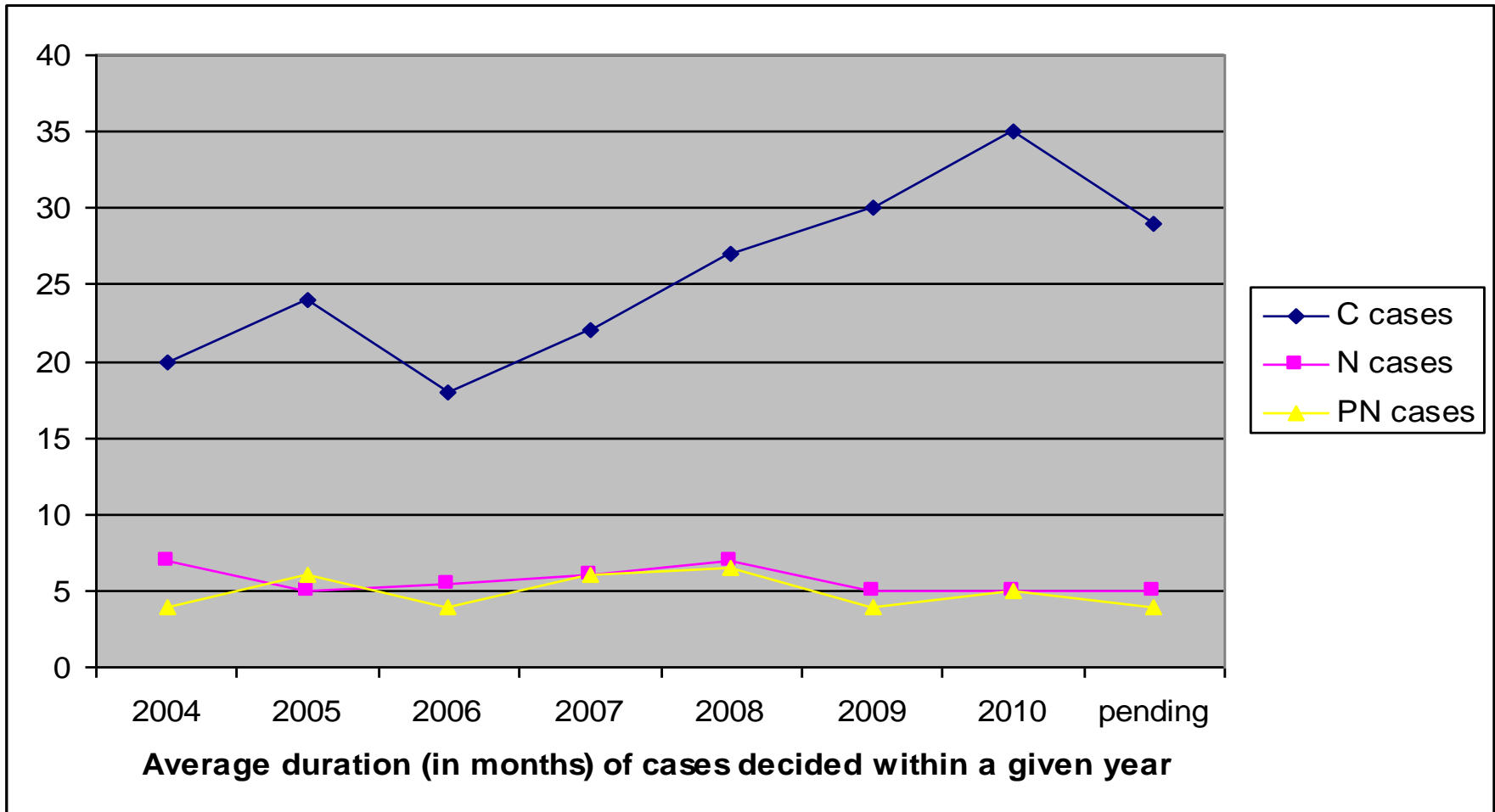


New cases by origine 2005 - 2010





Average duration PN+N cases 2005-2010





Conclusion:

- Schemes are the essential aid instrument for MS to achieve policy objectives
- GBER is effective tool in reducing number of notifications and reducing administrative burden
- MS continue to introduce high number of new measures → inflow of PN and N cases remains high; steady increase of PN-'s
- Average approval duration is 5 months (after PN)

Can we do better?



What has Commission done so far?

- SAAP: extended block exemptions review guidelines
- Best practices 2009
 - Guidelines for PN-phase, Mutually Agenda Planning, C-phase to streamline (and discipline) notification process.
 - Simplified Procedure
 - Streamlining internal procedures
- = Mixed results: PN-phase on average 5 months, 5 months also for 1st-phase (target 2 months), c-phase.



Can Commission do more?

(on basis existing rules)

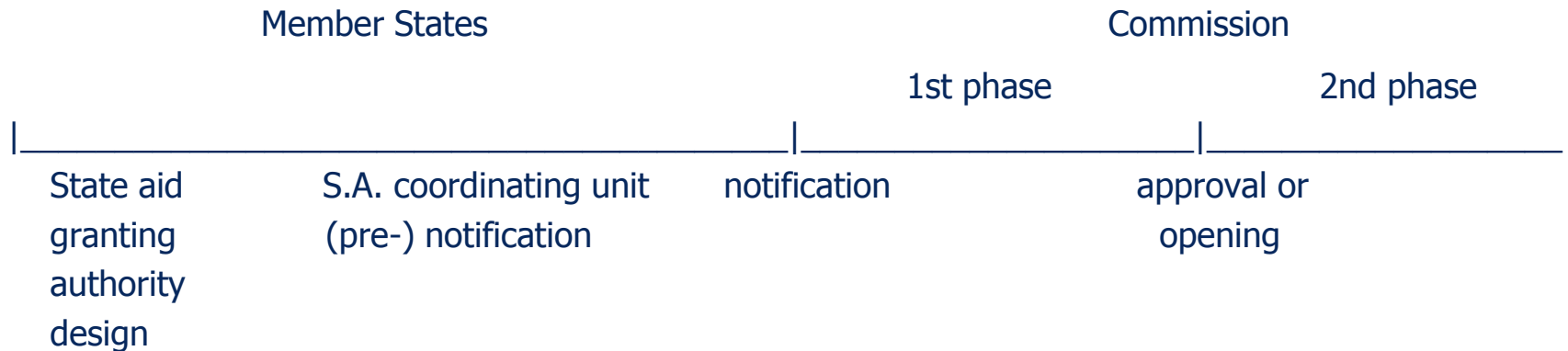
In principle:

- Apply Best Practice
- increase De Minimis
- move on scope block-exemption (thresholds)
- strengthen “substantive” support to MS
 - clear rules
 - bilateral/multilateral contacts



What can Member States do? (1)

Time line State Aid measure





What can Member States do? (2)

Issue: strengthen quality notifications

Role coordinating units in Member States

- different set-up, different responsibilities but at least: coordination of contacts with Commission and
- often an advisory role vis-à-vis state aid granting authorities



What can Member States do? (3)

- Time line for decision making process can be considerably shortened and predictability strengthened, if state aid/compatibility issues are dealt with when designing measures
- Examples: Jessica, co-funded measures
- Scope for strengthened advisory role?
- What support from Commission?