Implementation and Simplification for Competitiveness and Growth

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Geopolitical contexEU competitiveness



President von der Leyen – **2024-2029 new political guidelines** EC now needs to **focus on simplification and implementation** At least 25-35 % of the administrative burden on SMEs

• i.e. approximately EUR 37.5 billion over 5 years





1st Communication on Implementation and Simplification (11/2/2025)

describes the process for the whole mandate....

The process is organised by focusing on:

(a) Accelerating implementation and simplifying existing rules

(b) Improving new rules

(c) Partnership – with the European Parliament, the Council, Member States and European stakeholders

Dedicated website:

Simplification and Implementation - European Commission



How will we implement this? (2)

2. Commission Work Programme 2025:

First year of mandate (using new instruments and procedures from the Communication)

***** greater focus on simplification than ever before

* first series of Omnibus packages and other simplification proposals

- Il out of 18 initiatives only simplification
- ✤ 37 evaluations and fitness checks stress-testing the EU acquis.

a) Accelerating implementation and simplifying/ improving existing rulebook

Coherence, poor implementation, overregulation or fragmentation



Annual Regulatory "simplification" proposals – amendments, Omnibus(es), packages





b) Improving the **new** rules – new priorities

- SME and competitiveness checks in impact assessments
- Impact assessments for delegated and implementing acts

methodology, deeper analysis, impact on SMEs

 Analysis of costs and cost savings – if significant impacts are expected, even if there are no policy options from which to choose.



c) Partnership and Enforcement European Parliament – Council – Member States

The European Commission cannot do this on its own..... joint efforts by both legislators are needed ...including national legislators and administrations.....

Inter-Institutional Agreement on Law Making

- amendments with high cost/impact potential – early discussions

Enforcement

- Essential tool to fight fragmentation and gold-plating



Commission Work Programme 2025

- ✓ 26/2/2025 1st Omnibus CSRD, CSDDD and Taxonomy package Sustainable Finance Reporting, Sustainability Due Diligence and Taxonomy
- ✓ 26/2/2025 2nd Omnibus package to simplify investments will, among other things, facilitate the deployment and reporting of InvestEU and the European Fund for Strategic Investments.
- ✓ 26/2/2025 Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanisms (CBAM) simplification
 - Estimated yearly savenings of annual administrative costs EUR 6.3 bn
 - Additional mobilised public investment capacity of EUR 50 bn



What is coming next in 2025... Commission Work Programme 2025

Agriculture – Digital – Finance – Small Mid Caps

- 14/5/2025 Simplification of the Common Agricultural Policy and in Q4 2025 Cross cutting simplification
- 21/5/2025 Omnibus package, including small mid-caps.
- Q4 2025 The digital package will provide simplified and more flexible means to facilitate multi-purpose reporting to avoid duplication
- Q4 2025 Targeted revision of REACH

Thank you



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