Single Market Act: State of Play

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IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS for the IMCO Committee
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IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS

Abstract
The present In-depth Analysis assesses the progress made by the EU institutions on the implementation of the set of actions presented by the European Commission in April 2011 and October 2012 and known as the Single Market Act I and the Single Market Act II. It was prepared by Policy Department A for the information of the European Parliament's Committee on Internal Market and Consumer Protection.
OVERVIEW OF CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS

The present note assesses the progress made by the Commission, Parliament and Council on the implementation of the set of actions presented in two communications adopted by the Commission in April 2011 and October 2012; namely the Single Market Act I (SMA I) and Single Market Act II (SMA II). Resulting from a broad consultation process, these two action plans aim to remedy the Single Market shortcomings as highlighted by Mario Monti in his report A New Strategy for the Single Market and by the European Parliament's report entitled Delivering a Single Market to consumers and citizens.

Both the SMA I and the SMA II contain a set of twelve key actions each, which were to be adopted by the end of 2012 (the former) and 'can all be delivered within the mandate of this Commission' (the latter). A number of complementary actions complete the plans: fifty for the SMA I and just over ten for the SMA II. These recommendations for actions are grouped within twelve categories, or levers, corresponding to the priorities set for boosting growth and reinforcing citizens' confidence in the Single Market.

The main achievements in implementing the key actions that have been accomplished over the last three years relate in particular to the areas of access to finance for SMEs, mobility for citizens, public procurement and the digital single market. Among the 'completed actions' (nine out of twelve for the SMA I and five and half out of twelve for the SMA II), we can identify the following: the adoption of a regulation on venture capital funds; of a directive modernising the system for recognition of professional qualifications; of two regulations setting up a unitary patent protection; of legislation on alternative dispute resolution and on online dispute resolution; a regulation revising the European standards system; regulations on energy and transport infrastructure to roll out strategic projects; a regulation facilitating social investment funds; a directive on the enforcement of the posting of workers directive; a directive simplifying the accounting directives and directives revising the procurement directives; a regulation on measures to reduce the cost of deploying high speed electronic communication networks and a directive on e-invoicing in the field of public procurement. As regards non-legislative texts, the Commission also adopted an action plan to improve the implementation and enforcement of the third energy package and an implementing decision to develop the EURES portal into a true European placement and recruitment tool. The "Blue Belt Package" was also partly adopted.

As for the actions still 'under process' (that is, the legislative files that have not been adopted yet by Parliament or/Council), some are on the way to being adopted by the co-legislators: the digital single key action relating to electronic identification, authentication and signature and the initiative on access to a basic payment account, transparency of bank account fees. Other legislative initiatives are pending in Council. This

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3 For the SMA I: access to finance for SMEs, mobility for citizens, intellectual property rights, consumer empowerment, services, networks, the digital single market, social entrepreneurship, taxation, social cohesion, business environment, public procurement. For the SMA II: rail transport, maritime transport, air transport, energy, mobility of citizens, access to finance, business environment, services, digital single market, public procurement & electronic invoicing, consumers, social cohesion and social entrepreneurship.
4 Ten if we include the "patent package" (part of it is still subject to ratification by the Member States).
5 However, the third and last component of the "patent package" (key action 3 of the SMA I) will only be completed once the unified patent litigation system is ratified by the Member States.
6 Awaiting Council formal agreement.
is the case for files dealing with transport (the fourth railway package, the Single European Sky II), consumers' interests (product safety and market surveillance package) and the business environment (access to long-term investment funds, modernisation of the EU insolvency rules). Other initiatives such as the review of the taxation of energy products and the electricity framework are blocked in Council. By contrast, the dead-end situation in which the file on a European private company statute found itself has been overcome with the recent adoption by the Commission of a new proposal for a directive on single-member private limited liability companies. However, the new proposal only addresses some of the obstacles SMEs face. The revision of the Payment Services Directive together with the adoption of the legislative proposal for multilateral interchange fees for card payments (key action 8 of the SMA II) and the proposal for legislation on procurement with third countries are pending in Parliament.

Finally, Parliament and Council have given their green light to the 'patent package' including the setting up of a Unified Patent Court, but the international agreement materialising the latter still has to be ratified by most of the Member States.\(^7\)

Turning to the Commission's side, among the twenty-four proposals for key actions that were to be presented by the Commission, only two are pending: the part of key action 10 of the SMA I dealing with the right to take collective action\(^8\) and the set-up of a harmonised electronic cargo manifest ("eManifest").

The two following charts summarise the progress in the implementation of the SMA I & SMA II key actions.

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\(^7\) Austria and France are the only Member State having already ratified the agreement.

\(^8\) The proposal was withdrawn by the EC and given the lack of political support in Council and the reasoned opinions issued by national Parliaments, it seems unlikely to have a new amended proposal published.
Among the various **complementary actions** presented in the SMA I and II, the adoption of a large number of non-legislative initiatives (e.g. action plans (on SMEs' access to finance, e-commerce, European retail), white paper on pensions, creation of a European skills passport, recommendation on collective redress, environmental footprint of products, passenger rights, unfair B2B commercial practices, corporate social responsibility) and legislative actions can be noticed. The latter includes: the revision of the market abuse directive and of the transparency directive, the directive on supplementary pension rights (portability directive) and intellectual property rights legislation (collective rights management, orphan works). It is nonetheless worth mentioning that some proposals, such as the common consolidated corporate tax base, face problems in Council.

The diagram below shows the state of progress of the fifty complementary actions of the SMA I.
The assertion could be made that the SMA I and SMA II have fallen short of expectation, at least in terms of meeting deadlines for delivering the full range of key actions. However, the institutions have shown determination in proposing and examining a high number of technical and complex issues in a short period of time and before the end-of-term as far as Parliament and Commission are concerned. As a result, European citizens and businesses will benefit from important improvements such as the creation of a unitary patent protection, the setting up of a system of alternative dispute resolution, cheaper roaming tariffs, better enforcement rules on the posting of workers and more simple and flexible public procurement rules.
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## SINGLE MARKET ACT I: PROCEDURAL STATE OF PLAY (as of 10 June 2014)

- **Actions completed**
- **Actions under process (pending in Parliament and/or Council)**
- **Actions not launched or collapsed**

### Lever 1: Access to finance for SMEs

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**Portability Directive (complementary pension rights)**

- **COM(2005)507**
  - (20/10/2005)
- **Amended proposal COM(2007)603**
  - (09/10/2007)

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**Plenary 09/10/2013**  
Act adopted by Council 15/11/2013  
Final Act signed 20/11/2013  

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**White Paper on pensions**

- **COM(2012)0055**
  - (16/02/2012)

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**EMPL vote 21/03/2013**  
Plenary (1st reading) 20/06/2007  
Council position 18/02/2014  
EMPL vote 18/03/2014  
Plenary (2nd reading) 15/04/2014  
Final Act signed 16/04/2014  

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**Revision of IORPs Directive**

- **COM(2014)167**
  - (27/03/2014)

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**COMPLETED**  
EMPL vote 21/03/2013  
Plenary 21/05/2013

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**Creation of a European Skills Passport**

- **European Skills Passport launched 21/12/2012**
- **COM(2012)485**
  - (05/09/2012)

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Council agreement 26/11/2012  
Council Formal adoption 20/12/2012

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**Council Recommendation on the validation of non-formal and informal learning**

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JURI vote 20/12/2011  
Competitiveness Council green light on compromise Cypriot Presidency 10/12/2012  
Text adopted by EP (1st reading) 11/12/2012  
Council formal adoption 17/12/2012  
Regulation (EC) no 1257/2012 of 17 December 2012, OJ L 361 31/12/2012 |
| Jurisdictional system for patent disputes | | JURI | K.-H. LEHNE | AFCO, ITRE | 2011/2176(INI) | AWAITING RATIFICATION BY MEMBER STATES  
JURI vote 20/12/2011  
Plenary 11/12/2012  
Signature by 25 MS of the international agreement establishing a Unified Patent Court (19/02/2013 and 05/03/2013)  
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Upgrade Observatory on Counterfeiting and Piracy

COM(2011)0288 (24/05/2011)
MARKT JURI A. MASIP HIDALGO IMCO, CULT

PROCEEDURE COMPLETED
JURI vote 20/12/2011 Plenary vote 13/03/2012
Regulation 2012/386 of 19 April 2012, OJ L 129 16/05/2012

Amend existing customs regulation

COM(2011)285 (24/05/2011)
TAXUD IMCO J. CREUTZMANN JURI, INTA

PROCEEDURE COMPLETED
IMCO vote 29/02/2012
Plenary 03/07/2012 (1st reading)
IMCO vote 30/05/2013 Council position 16/05/2013 Plenary vote (2nd reading) 11/06/2013
Signature 12/06/2013

Modernise European trademark system

COM(2013)161 (27/03/2013)
COM(2013)162 (27/03/2013)
MARKT JURI C. WIKSTRÖM IMCO, INTA

PROCEEDURE COMPLETED
AWAITING COUNCIL 1st READING
Debate in Council 03/12/2013, 26/05/2014
JURI vote 17/12/2013
Plenary 25/02/2014

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TRAN vote 18/09/2012
Plenary 23/10/2012

IMCO vote11/02/2014
Plenary 12/03/2014
Debate in Council 19/05/2014

ECON vote 18/11/2013
Plenary 12/12/2013 (partial vote) referred back to ECON
Plenary 15/04/2014

ECON vote 07/06/2012
Debate in Council 22/06/2012
EP vote on amendments: 10/09/2013
Plenary 10/12/2013
Act adopted by Council 28/01/2014
Final Act signed 04/02/2014
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**PROCEDURE COMPLETED**

- Debate in Council 24/11/2011 & 15/06/2012 & 03/12/2012
- ITRE vote: 18/12/2012
- Plenary vote 12/03/2013
- Council formal adoption 21/03/2013
- Final Act signed 17/04/2013
- Regulation 2013/347 of 17 April 2013, OJ L 115 25/04/2013

- Debate in Council 07/06/2012 & 20/12/2012 & 06/06/2013
- ITRE vote 18/12/2012
- Plenary 19/11/2013
- Act adopted by Council 05/12/2013
- Regulation 2013/1316 of 11 December 2013, OJ L 348 of 20/12/2013

- Debate in Council 07/06/2012
- TRAN vote 18/12/2012
- Plenary 19/11/2013
- Act adopted by Council 05/12/2013
- Regulation 2013/1315 of 11 December 2013, OJ L 348 of 20/12/2013

- Decision No 243/2012/EU of 14 March 2012, OJ L 81, 21/03/2012
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Final Act signed 15/05/2014 |
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- Rapporteur: M. TARABELLA
- Committees for opinion: INTA, EMPL, ITRE, TRAN, REGI, JURI
- OEIL link: 2011/0439(COD)
- State of play: PROCEDURE COMPLETED
  - IMCO vote 24/01/2013
  - Plenary 15/01/2014
  - Act adopted by Council 11/02/2014
  - Final Act signed 26/02/2014

**Revision of Procurement Directives**
- **COM(2011)896 (20/12/2011)**
- Lead committee: MARKT IMCO
- Rapporteur: M. TARABELLA
- Committees for opinion: INTA, EMPL, ENVI, ITRE, REGI, JURI, TRAN
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- State of play: PROCEDURE COMPLETED
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- **COM(2011)897 (20/12/2011)**
- Lead committee: MARKT IMCO
- Rapporteur: P. JUVIN
- Committees for opinion: INTA, EMPL, ITRE, TRAN, REGI, JURI
- OEIL link: 2011/0437(COD)
- State of play: PROCEDURE COMPLETED
  - IMCO vote 24/01/13
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- Lead committee: MARKT INTA
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  - INTA vote 28/11/2013
  - Plenary 15/01/2014 (partial vote, referred back to committee)
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- **EC conference on “Taking Action: Promotion of Employee Share Ownership – Debating concrete policy options” (30/01/2014)**

**Reading**
- Debate in Council 03/12/2013
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**Awaiting Council 1st Reading**
- IMCO vote 17/10/2013
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<td>Focus attention on the issue of cooperatives and employee share-ownership</td>
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