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# I. IMCO Legislative Reports

During the 8<sup>th</sup> legislative term, the IMCO Committee has adopted legislative reports on a number of legislative proposals put forward by the Commission.

## 1. Internal market

In the field of the internal market, the following legislative measures have been successfully adopted by the European Parliament and the Council from 2014 to 2019<sup>1</sup>:

- Regulation 661/2009 of the European Parliament and the Council on type-approval requirements for motor vehicles and their trailers, and systems, components and separate technical units intended for such vehicles (“General Vehicle Safety Regulation”)<sup>2</sup>

*This Regulation sets requirements for the type approval of vehicles and systems, components, and separate technical units designed and constructed for vehicles, with regard to their general safety and the protection of vehicle occupants and vulnerable road users. For further information see [here](#).*

- Regulation (EU) 2019/519 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 March 2019 amending Regulation (EU) No 167/2013 on the approval and market surveillance of agricultural and forestry vehicles

*Regulation (EU) 2019/519 applies to agricultural and forestry vehicles and establishes the administrative and technical requirements for the type-approval of all new vehicles, systems, components and separate technical units. For further information see [here](#).*



- Regulation 2019/515 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mutual recognition of goods lawfully marketed in another Member State

*Regulation 2019/515 lays down rules and procedures concerning the application by Member States of the principle of mutual recognition in individual cases in relation to goods which are subject to Article 34 TFEU and which are lawfully marketed in another Member State, having regard to Article 36 TFEU and the case-law of the Court of Justice of the European Union. For further information see [here](#).*



- Regulation (EU) 2019/129 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 January 2019 as regards the application of the Euro 5 step to the type-approval of two- or three-wheel vehicles and quadricycles

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<sup>1</sup> The IMCO Committee has adopted a report on the Commission’s proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Programme for single market, competitiveness of enterprises, including small and medium-sized enterprises (MFF). The Parliament has adopted its first reading position on 12 February 2019. The file will pass on to the next legislature (“early second reading agreement”).

<sup>2</sup> Agreed file pending approval by the new Parliament (i.e. final adoption by way of a Corrigendum).

*Regulation (EU) 2019/129 amends Regulation (EU) No 168/2013, which establishes the administrative and technical requirements for the type-approval of all new vehicles, systems, components and separate technical units. For further information see [here](#).*

- Regulation (EU) 2019/26 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 January 2019 complementing Union type-approval legislation with regard to the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union

*Regulation (EU) 2019/26 complements existing legislation by establishing special provisions for the EU type-approval and the placing on the market of vehicles, systems, components and separate technical units which have been type-approved by the type-approval authority of the United Kingdom. For further information see [here](#).*

- Directive (EU) 2018/958 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 June 2018 on a proportionality test before adoption of new regulation of professions



*Directive (EU) 2018/958 lays down rules on a common framework for conducting proportionality assessments with the aim to removing disproportionate restrictions on access to or pursuit of regulated professions. For further information see [here](#).*



- Regulation (EU) 2018/858 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2018 on the approval and market surveillance of motor vehicles and their trailers

*Regulation (EU) 2018/858 ensures the proper functioning of the internal market by introducing harmonised technical requirements concerning the safety and environmental performance of motor vehicles and their trailers. For further information see [here](#).*

- Regulation (EU) 2018/302 of 28 February 2018 on addressing unjustified geo-blocking

*Regulation (EU) 2018/302 prohibits unjustified geo-blocking and other forms of discrimination based, directly or indirectly, on the customers' nationality, place of residence or place of establishment. For further information see [here](#).*



- Directive (EU) 2017/853 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 May 2017 amending Council Directive 91/477/EEC on control of the acquisition and possession of weapons

*Directive (EU) 2017/853 amends Council Directive 91/477/EEC on control of the acquisition and possession of weapons. For further information see [here](#).*



- Regulation (EU) 2016/426 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 on appliances burning gaseous fuels and repealing Directive 2009/142/EC

*Regulation (EU) 2016/426 lays down rules for the placing on the market and the putting into service of appliances burning gaseous fuels ('appliances'). For further information see [here](#).*



- Regulation (EU) 2016/425 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 on personal protective equipment and repealing Council Directive 89/686/EEC

*Regulation (EU) 2016/425 lays down requirements for the design and manufacture of personal protective equipment (PPE), which is to be made available on the market, in order to ensure the protection of the health and safety of users and establish rules on the free movement of PPE in the Union. For further information see [here](#).*

- Regulation (EU) 2016/425 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 on personal protective equipment and repealing Council Directive 89/686/EEC (Text with EEA relevance)

- Regulation (EU) 2016/424 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 on cableway installations and repealing Directive 2000/9/EC (Text with EEA relevance)

- Regulation (EU) 2016/424 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 on cableway installations and repealing Directive 2000/9/EC

*Regulation (EU) 2016/424 lays down rules on the making available on the market and the free movement of subsystems and safety components for cableway installations. It also contains rules on the design, construction and entry into service of new cableway installations. For further information see [here](#).*

- Directive (EU) 2015/2302 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2015 on package travel and linked travel arrangements

*Directive (EU) 2015/2302 aims to contribute to the proper functioning of the internal market and to the achievement of a high level of consumer protection by approximating certain aspects of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States in respect of contracts between travellers and traders relating to package travel and linked travel arrangements. For further information see [here](#).*

- Regulation (EU) 2015/1775 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 October 2015 on trade in seal products

*Regulation (EU) 2015/1775 amends Regulation (EC) No 1007/2009 on trade in seal products to take account of the recommendations and rulings from the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) of the World Trade Organisation (WTO). For further information see [here](#).*

- Regulation of the European Parliament and the Council laying down rules and procedures for compliance with and enforcement of Union harmonisation legislation on products<sup>3</sup>



*This Regulation aims to ensure that products placed on the Union market comply with the requirements of Union harmonisation legislation. For further information see [here](#).*



- Directive of the European Parliament and the Council on accessibility requirements for products and services (“European Accessibility Act”)<sup>4</sup>



*This Directive aims to improve the proper functioning of the internal market, and to remove and prevent barriers for the free movement of accessible products and services, including for disabled people. For further information see [here](#).*



- Regulation of the European Parliament and the Council laying down rules on the making available on the market of CE marked fertilising products<sup>4</sup>



*This Regulation aims to guarantee the functioning of the internal market in fertilizing products while ensuring that CE marked fertilising products on the market fulfil the requirements providing for a high level of protection of human, animal, and plant health, safety and the environment. For further information see [here](#).*



## **2. Digital Single Market**

In the field of the digital single market, the following legislative measures have been successfully adopted by the European Parliament and the Council during the 8<sup>th</sup> legislative term:

- Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on promoting fairness and transparency for business users of online intermediation services<sup>4</sup>

<sup>3</sup> Pending publication in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJ) at the time of writing.

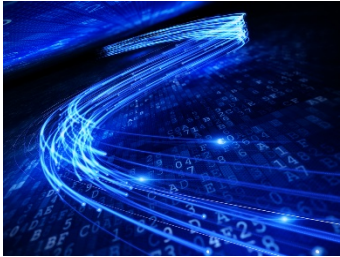
<sup>4</sup> Pending publication in the OJ at the time of writing.



*This Regulation aims to establish a fair, predictable, sustainable and trusted online business environment within the internal market. For further information see [here](#).*



- Regulation (EU) 2018/1807 of 14 November 2018 on a framework for the free flow of non-personal data in the European Union



*Regulation (EU) 2018/1807 aims to ensure the free flow of data other than personal data within the Union by laying down rules relating to data localization requirements, the availability of data to competent authorities and the porting of data for professional users. For further information see [here](#).*



- Regulation (EU) 2018/1724 of 2 October 2018 establishing a single digital gateway

*Regulation (EU) 2018/1724 aims to establish a single digital gateway to ensure that citizens and businesses have easy online access to the information, procedures and assistance and problem solving services they need for the exercise of their rights in the internal market. For further information see [here](#).*

- Directive (EU) 2016/2102 of 26 October 2016 on the accessibility of the websites and mobile applications of public sector bodies



*Directive (EU) 2016/2102 aims to create a harmonised market for the accessibility of public sector bodies' websites. For further information see [here](#).*



- Directive (EU) 2016/1148 of 6 July 2016 concerning measures for a high common level of security of network and information systems across the Union (NIS Directive)

*Directive (EU) 2016/1148 ensures a high common level of network and information security (NIS) across the Union. For further information see [here](#).*

- Decision No 585/2014/EU of the European Parliament and the Council of 15 May 2014 on the deployment of the interoperable EU-wide eCall service

*Decision No 585/2014/EU ensures the coordinated and coherent deployment of the interoperable EU-wide eCall service and to guarantee interoperability and continuity of the service throughout Europe. For further information see [here](#).*

### **3. Consumer protection**

In the field of consumer protection, the European Parliament and the Council adopted the

following proposals put forward by the Commission during the 8<sup>th</sup> legislative term:

- Directive of the European Parliament and the Council as regards better enforcement and modernisation of EU consumer protection rules<sup>5</sup>

*This Directive amends the Council Directive on unfair terms in consumer contracts, Directive on consumer protection in the indication of the prices of products offered to consumers, Directive concerning unfair business-to-consumer commercial practices and Directive on consumer rights. It aims to ensure better enforcement and the modernisation of EU consumer protection rules, in particular in light of digital developments. For further information see [here](#).*

- Directive of the European Parliament and the Council on certain aspects concerning contracts for the sale of goods<sup>6</sup>



*This Directive aims to contribute to fostering growth through the creation of a true Digital Single Market, to the benefit of both consumers and businesses, by eliminating the key contract law-related barriers hindering cross-border trade. For further information see [here](#).*



- Directive of the European Parliament and the Council on certain aspects concerning contracts for the supply of digital content<sup>8</sup>



*This Directive sets out requirements concerning contracts for the supply of digital content to consumers, in particular rules on conformity of digital content with the contract, remedies in case of the lack of such conformity and the modalities for the exercise of those remedies as well as the modification and termination of such contracts. For further information see [here](#).*



- Regulation (EU) 2017/2394 of 12 December 2017 on cooperation between national authorities responsible for the enforcement of consumer protection laws



*Regulation (EU) 2017/2394 amends Regulation (EC) No 2006/2004, which establishes harmonised rules and procedures to facilitate cooperation between the national authorities that are responsible for the enforcement of cross-border consumer protection laws. For further information see [here](#).*



<sup>5</sup> Agreed file pending approval by the new Parliament (i.e. final adoption by way of a Corrigendum).

<sup>6</sup> Pending publication in the OJ at the time of writing.



#### 4. Customs policy

In the field of customs, the European Parliament and the Council adopted the following proposals put forward by the Commission during the 8<sup>th</sup> legislative term<sup>7</sup>:

- Regulation of the European Parliament and the Council on the import of cultural goods<sup>8</sup>

*This Regulation sets out the conditions and procedure for the entry of cultural goods into the customs territory of the Union. It does not apply to cultural goods that are in transit through the customs territory of the Union. For further information see [here](#).*

- Regulation (EU) 2019/632 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 April 2019 amending Regulation (EU) No 952/2013 to prolong the transitional use of means other than the electronic data-processing techniques provided for in the Union Customs Code

*Regulation (EU) 2019/632 amends Regulation (EU) No 952/2013, which establishes the Union Customs Code. Regulation (EU) 2019/632 establishes an extension to the use of means other than electronic data-processing techniques provided for in the Union Customs Code. For further information see [here](#).*

- Regulation (EU) 2016/2339 of 14 December 2016 amending Regulation (EU) No 952/2013 laying down the Union Customs Code, as regards goods that have temporarily left the customs territory of the Union by sea or air

*Regulation (EU) 2016/2339 amends Regulation (EU) No 952/2013, which establishes the Union Customs Code, as regards goods that have temporarily left the customs territory of the Union by sea or air and return to the customs territory. For further information see [here](#).*

- Council Decision (EU) 2016/979 of 20 May 2016 concerning the accession of Croatia to the Convention drawn up on the basis of Article K.3 of the Treaty on European Union, on mutual assistance and cooperation between customs administrations

*Council Decision (EU) 2016/979 of 20 May 2016 establishes the process regarding the accession of Croatia to the Convention drawn up on the basis of Article K.3 of the Treaty on European Union, on mutual assistance and cooperation between customs administrations. For further information see [here](#).*

- Regulation (EU) 2015/1525 of 9 September 2015 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 515/97 on mutual assistance between the administrative authorities of the Member States and cooperation between the latter and the Commission to ensure the correct application of the law on customs and agricultural matters

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<sup>7</sup>The IMCO Committee has adopted reports on two other important legislative proposals in the customs area, put forward by the Commission in the framework of the preparation of the next Multiannual Financial Framework. These are: IMCO's report on the Commission's proposal for a Regulation establishing, as part of the Integrated Border Management Fund, the instrument for financial support for customs control equipment (MFF), and IMCO's report on the Commission's proposal for a Regulation establishing the "Customs" programme for cooperation in the field of customs (MFF). Parliament's 1st reading closed on 17 April 2019. In both files negotiations are to be concluded ("early second reading agreement") along with other MFF files.

<sup>8</sup> Pending publication in the OJ at the time of writing.

*Regulation (EU) 2015/1525 amends Council Regulation (EC) No 515/97 on mutual assistance between the administrative authorities of the Member States and cooperation between the latter and the Commission to ensure the correct application of the law on customs and agricultural matters. For further information see [here](#).*

## II. Non-Legislative (Own-Initiative) Reports

- European Parliament resolution of 4 October 2018 on the **public procurement strategy** package (2017/2278(INI))
- European Parliament resolution of 13 September 2018 on **dual quality of products** in the single market (2018/2008(INI))
- European Parliament resolution of 4 July 2017 on **European standards** for the 21st century (2016/2274(INI))
- European Parliament resolution of 4 July 2017 on a **longer lifetime for products**: benefits for consumers and companies (2016/2272(INI))
- European Parliament resolution of 15 June 2017 on **online platforms** and the digital single market (2016/2276(INI))
- European Parliament resolution of 15 June 2017 on a European Agenda for the **collaborative economy** (2017/2003(INI))
- European Parliament resolution of 16 May 2017 on the **EU eGovernment Action Plan 2016-2020** (2016/2273(INI))
- European Parliament resolution of 15 February 2017 on the Annual Report on the **Single Market Governance** within the European Semester 2017 (2016/2248(INI))
- European Parliament resolution of 7 June 2016 on **unfair trading practices in the food supply chain** (2015/2065(INI))
- European Parliament resolution of 26 May 2016 on **Non-Tariff Barriers** in the Single Market (2015/2346(INI))
- European Parliament resolution of 26 May 2016 on the **Single Market Strategy** (2015/2354(INI))
- European Parliament resolution of 19 January 2016 on Towards a **Digital Single Market Act** (2015/2147(INI))
- European Parliament resolution of 12 April 2016 on Towards an improved **Single Market Regulation** (2015/2089(INI))
- European Parliament resolution of 25 February 2016 on the **Single Market governance** within the European Semester 2016 (2015/2256(INI))

- European Parliament resolution of 9 September 2015 on **EEA-Switzerland**: Obstacles with regard to the full implementation of the internal market (2015/2061(INI))

### III. Non-Legislative (Own-Initiative) Implementation Reports

- European Parliament resolution of 14 February 2019 on strengthening the competitiveness of the Internal Market by developing the **EU Customs Union** and its governance (2018/2109(INI))
- European Parliament resolution of 17 January 2019 on the implementation of Directive 2011/7/EU on **combating late payment** in commercial transactions (2018/2056(INI))
- European Parliament resolution of 18 January 2018 on the implementation of Directive 2005/36/EC as regards regulation and the need for reform **in professional services** (2017/2073(INI))

### IV. IMCO Legislative Opinions

During the 8<sup>th</sup> legislative term, the IMCO Committee has delivered **opinions** on several proposals put forward by the Commission which eventually led to the adoption of the following **legislative acts**:

- Directive (EU) 2019/1 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2018 to **empower the competition authorities** of the Member States to be more effective enforcers and to ensure the proper functioning of the internal market
- Regulation (EU) 2018/1971 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2018 establishing the **Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications** (BEREC) and the Agency for Support for BEREC (BEREC Office)
- Regulation (EU) 2018/644 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 April 2018 on cross-border **parcel delivery services**
- Directive (EU) 2018/1972 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2018 establishing the **European Electronic Communications Code**
- Regulation (EU) 2018/1092 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 establishing the **European Defence Industrial Development Programme** aiming at supporting the competitiveness and innovation capacity of the Union's defence industry
- Directive (EU) 2018/957 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 June 2018 amending Directive 96/71/EC concerning the **posting of workers** in the framework of the provision of services
- Regulation (EU) 2017/826 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 May 2017 on establishing a **Union programme** to support specific activities enhancing the involvement of consumers and other **financial services** end-users in Union policy-

making in the area of financial services for the period of 2017-2020

- Regulation (EU) 2017/1128 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 June 2017 on **cross-border portability** of online content services in the internal market
- Regulation (EU) 2017/746 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 April 2017 on **in vitro diagnostic medical devices**
- Regulation (EU) 2017/745 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 April 2017 on **medical devices**
- Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 June 2017 on the prospectus to be published when **securities** are offered to the public or admitted to trading on a regulated market
- Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data (**General Data Protection Regulation**)
- Directive (EU) 2016/943 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2016 on the protection of **undisclosed know-how and business information** (trade secrets) against their unlawful acquisition, use and disclosure
- Regulation (EU) 2016/1628 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 September 2016 on **requirements relating to gaseous and particulate pollutant emission limits and type-approval** for internal combustion engines for non-road mobile machinery
- Regulation (EU) 2015/1017 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 June 2015 on the **European Fund for Strategic Investments**, the European Investment Advisory Hub and the European Investment Project Portal
- Decision (EU) 2015/2240 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2015 establishing a programme on interoperability solutions and common frameworks for European public administrations, businesses and citizens (**ISA2 programme**)
- Regulation (EU) 2015/2120 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2015 laying down measures concerning **open internet access**

The IMCO Committee has also issued an **opinion** on a number of other important legislative proposals put forward by the Commission, which are either still under negotiation or about to be adopted:

- IMCO Opinion of 8 June 2017 on the Commission's proposal for a **Directive on Copyright in the Digital Single Market**<sup>9</sup>
- IMCO Opinion of 24 September 2018 on the Commission's proposal for a Directive

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<sup>9</sup> Pending publication in the OJ at the time of writing.

on unfair trading practices in business-to-business relationships in the food supply chain

- IMCO Opinion of 22 November 2018 on the Commission's proposal for a Directive on **representative actions for the protection of the collective interests of consumers**
- IMCO Opinion of 5 November 2018 on the Commission's proposal for a Regulation establishing the **Digital Europe programme for the period 2021-2027**
- IMCO Opinion of 12 July 2018 on the Commission's proposal for a Regulation on **health technology assessment**
- IMCO Opinion of 4 June 2018 on the Commission's proposal for a Regulation on **rail passengers' rights and obligations**
- IMCO Opinion of 17 May 2018 in the Commission's proposal for a Regulation on the **reform of ENISA** and a voluntary framework for EU-wide cybersecurity certification of ICT products and services
- IMCO Opinion of 5 November 2018 on the Commission's proposal for a Regulation establishing the **European Defence Fund**
- IMCO Opinion of 28 September 2017 on the Commission's proposal for a Regulation on **Privacy and Electronic Communications**
- IMCO Opinion of 25 September 2017 on the Commission's proposal for a Regulation on **access of third-country goods and services to the Union's internal market in public procurement**
- IMCO Opinion of 11 May 2017 on the Commission's proposal for a Regulation on **copyright and related rights applicable to certain online transmissions of broadcasting organisations** and retransmissions of television and radio programmes
- IMCO Opinion of 4 March 2019 on the Commission's proposal for a Regulation on **preventing the dissemination of terrorist content online**
- IMCO Opinion of 21 February 2019 on the Commission's proposal for a Directive on **discontinuing seasonal changes of time**
- IMCO Opinion of 11 October 2018 on the Commission's proposal on the **re-use of public sector information**
- IMCO Opinion of 19 June 2018 on the Commission's proposal for a Regulation on **Pan-European Personal Pension Product (PEPP)**
- IMCO Opinion of 23 September 2015 on the Commission's proposal for a Regulation on the **reduction of pollutant emissions from road vehicles**

## V. IMCO Non-Legislative Opinions

During the 8<sup>th</sup> legislative term, the IMCO Committee has delivered the following **non-legislative opinions**:

- IMCO Non-Legislative Opinion on the “Recommendation on the Institutional Framework Agreement between the European Union and the Swiss Confederation”
- IMCO Non-Legislative Opinion on “Comprehensive European industrial policy on artificial intelligence and robotics”
- IMCO Non-Legislative Opinion on the “Implementation of the cross-border Healthcare Directive”
- IMCO Non-Legislative Opinion on “Autonomous Driving in European Transport”
- IMCO Non-Legislative Opinion on “Deployment of infrastructure for alternative fuels in the European Union: time to act”
- IMCO Non-Legislative Opinion “European Strategy on Cooperative Intelligent Transport Systems”
- IMCO Non-Legislative Opinion on the “Annual Report on competition policy”
- IMCO Non-Legislative Opinion on “Towards a digital trade strategy”
- IMCO Non-Legislative Opinion “Action Plan on Retail Financial Services”
- IMCO Non-Legislative Opinion “Saving lives: boosting car safety in the EU”
- IMCO Non-Legislative Opinion “The fight against cybercrime”
- IMCO Non-Legislative Opinion “Space strategy for Europe”
- IMCO Non-Legislative Opinion “A new skills agenda for Europe”
- IMCO Non-Legislative Opinion “Internet connectivity for growth, competitiveness and cohesion: Europeans gigabit society and 5G”
- IMCO Non-Legislative Opinion “Report on the Implementation of the European Fund for Strategic Investments”
- IMCO Non-Legislative Opinion “FinTech: the influence of technology on the future of the financial sector”
- IMCO Non-Legislative Opinion “Digitalising European Industry - reaping the benefits of a Digital Single Market”
- IMCO Non-Legislative Opinion European Cloud initiative - Building a competitive data and knowledge economy in Europe

- IMCO Non-Legislative Opinion Report on Competition Policy 2015
- IMCO Non-Legislative Opinion Civil Law Rules on Robotics
- IMCO Non-Legislative Opinion An Aviation Strategy for Europe
- IMCO Non-Legislative Opinion Delivering a New Deal for Energy Consumers
- IMCO Non-Legislative Opinion Green Paper on Retail and Financial Services
- IMCO Non-Legislative Opinion European Defence Union
- IMCO Non-Legislative Opinion Competition Policy 2014
- IMCO Non-Legislative Opinion New challenges and concepts for the promotion of Tourism in Europe
- IMCO Non-Legislative Opinion European Semester for economic policy coordination: implementation of 2014 priorities
- IMCO Non-Legislative Opinion Competition policy 2013
- IMCO Non-Legislative Opinion The review of the economic governance framework: stocktaking and challenges
- IMCO Non-Legislative Opinion Towards a renewed consensus on the enforcement of Intellectual property rights: an EU action plan
- IMCO Non-Legislative Opinion The external impact of EU trade and investment policy on public-private initiatives in countries outside the EU
- IMCO Non-Legislative Opinion The impact of developments in European defence markets on the security and defence capabilities in Europe
- IMCO Non-Legislative Opinion Regulatory fitness and performance programme (REFIT): state of play and outlook
- IMCO Non-Legislative Opinion The impact of developments in European defence markets on the security and defence capabilities in Europe
- IMCO Non-Legislative Opinion Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP)
- IMCO Non-Legislative Opinion Harmonisation of certain aspects of copyright and related rights in the information society (INFOSOC)
- IMCO Non-Legislative Opinion European Energy Security Strategy
- IMCO Non-Legislative Opinion The possible extension of geographical indication protection of the EU to non-agricultural products

- IMCO Non-Legislative Opinion European Semester for economic policy coordination: implementation of 2015 priorities
- IMCO Non-Legislative Opinion Negotiations for the Trade in Services Agreement (TISA)
- IMCO Non-Legislative Opinion Virtual Currencies
- IMCO Non-Legislative Opinion New Forward-Looking and innovative future strategy on Trade and Investment
- IMCO Non-Legislative Opinion Postal Services Directive
- IMCO Non-Legislative Opinion European Semester for economic policy coordination: implementation of 2016 priorities
- IMCO Non-Legislative Opinion Reduction of pollutant emissions from road vehicles

## **VI. IMCO questions for oral answer and motions for resolutions**

- Question for oral answer on “Radio Equipment Directive”, 22 March 2018
- Question for oral answer on 'Towards a thriving data-driven economy', 2 March 2016
- IMCO opinion to ITRE Resolution on "Towards a thriving data-driven economy", 10 March 2016
- Resolution of the European Parliament on "Tackling the challenges of the Union Customs Code implementation", 19 January 2017
- Resolution of the European Parliament on "Emission measurements in the automotive sector", 27 October 2015
- Question for oral answer on "Emission measurements in the automotive sector", 28 September 2015

## **VII. IMCO Legislative scrutiny time**

- IMCO Legislative scrutiny time on the “Medical Devices Regulation”, 21-22 January 2019
- IMCO Legislative scrutiny time on the “Implementation of the Professional Qualifications Directive and the European Professional Card”, 21-22 November 2018
- IMCO Legislative scrutiny time on the “Firearms Directive” 21-22 February 2018
- IMCO Legislative scrutiny time on the “Directive 2014/53 on Radio Equipment”, 21 November 2017
- IMCO Legislative scrutiny time on the “Action plan on the Reinforcement of SOLVIT”, 25 September 2017
- IMCO Legislative scrutiny time on the “Proposal for a Union act on differences in the declarations, composition and taste of products in central/eastern and western markets of the EU”, 22 June 2017



- IMCO Legislative scrutiny time on “2014 Public Procurement Directives”, 2 May 2017
- IMCO Legislative scrutiny time on the implementation of “Directive 2016/1148 concerning measures for a high common level of security of network and information systems across the Union (NIS Directive)”, 11 May 2017
- IMCO Legislative scrutiny time on the “Regulated Professions in the EU”, 6 February 2017
- IMCO Legislative scrutiny time on the “Results of the European Consumer Summit 2016 on the Fitness Check on consumer and marketing law”, 28-29 November 2016
- IMCO Legislative scrutiny time on the “Directive 2014/53 on Radio Equipment”, 9-10 November 2016
- IMCO Legislative scrutiny time on the “Regulation 305/2011 laying down harmonised conditions for the marketing of construction products”, 09-10 November 2016
- IMCO Legislative scrutiny time on “The Consumer Impact Assessment Tool”, 10-11 October 2016
- IMCO Legislative scrutiny time on “The 2016 edition of the Consumer Markets Scoreboard”, 10-11 October 2016
- IMCO Legislative scrutiny time on “Your Europe Advice (YEA)”, 14 June 2016
- IMCO Legislative scrutiny time on “European Court of Auditors special report on implementation of Services Directive”, 30 May 2016
- IMCO Legislative scrutiny time on “Transitional rules for certain provisions of the Union Customs Code where the relevant electronic systems are not yet operational”, 25 January 2016
- IMCO Legislative scrutiny time on “Infringements”, 10 December 2015
- IMCO Legislative scrutiny time on “Construction products”, 7 December 2015
- IMCO Legislative scrutiny time on “The registration of motor vehicles in the EU”, 10 December 2015
- IMCO Legislative scrutiny time on “Public Procurement”, 9 November 2015
- IMCO Legislative scrutiny time on “PSC”, 12 October 2015
- IMCO Legislative scrutiny time on “Volkswagen emissions issues”, 12 October 2015
- IMCO Legislative scrutiny time on “Infringements cases in the Single Market”, 12 October 2015
- IMCO Legislative scrutiny time on “UCC DA”, 22-23 September 2015
- IMCO Legislative scrutiny time on “Late Payment”, 23 June 2015
- IMCO Legislative scrutiny time on the transposition of "Directive 2013/55/EU amending the Directive on the recognition of professional qualification", 6 May 2015
- IMCO Legislative scrutiny time on the "Transposition of the new Public Procurement Directives", 23 April 2015

- IMCO Legislative scrutiny time on “The implementation of the ODR Regulation: the ODR Platform”, 7 December 2015
- IMCO Legislative scrutiny time on “The implementation of the ODR Regulation: the ODR Platform”, 23 April 2015
- IMCO Legislative scrutiny time on “The implementation of the ODR Regulation: the ODR Platform”, 3 March 2015

## VIII. IMCO Structured Dialogue

During the 8<sup>th</sup> legislative term, the IMCO Committee exchanged views, as part of the Structured Dialogue, with the following Commissioners:

- **Elżbieta Bieńkowska**, Commissioner responsible for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs
- **Mariya Gabriel**, Commissioner responsible for Communications Networks, Content and Technology
- **Pierre Moscovici**, Commissioner responsible for Economic and Financial Affairs, Taxation and Customs
- **Věra Jourová**, Commissioner responsible for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality

## IX. IMCO public hearings and workshops

- CONT-IMCO Joint Public Hearing on “Combatting Customs Fraud”, 8 April 2019
- IMCO Public Hearing on “Harmonisation as a principle for Single Market legislation”, 22 January 2019
- IMCO Public Hearing on “Impact and state of implementation of the Late Payment Directive in the Member States”, 12 July 2018
- IMCO Public Hearing on “Better enforcement and modernisation of EU consumer protection rules”, 11 July 2018
- IMCO Public Hearing on “Addressing unfair trading practices in B2B relations in the online environment”, 19 June 2018
- IMCO Public Hearing on “The EU’s horizontal regulatory framework for illegal content removal in the DSM”, 19 June 2018
- IMCO Public Hearing on “The Goods Package”, 21 March 2018
- IMCO Public Hearing on “European Services e-card”, 21 June 2017
- IMCO Public Hearing on “European Electronic Communications Code”, 21 March 2017
- IMCO Public Hearing on “European Standards for the 21st Century”, 26 January 2017
- IMCO Public Hearing on “The revision of the Consumer Protection Cooperation Regulation”, 9 November 2016

- IMCO JURIC Public Hearing on “Contractual relations and consumer remedies in the digital sphere”, 24 May 2016
- IMCO Public Hearing on “How to make defence procurement work better for the Single Market?”, 21 April 2016
- IMCO INTA Public Hearing on “TTIP: Public Procurement - challenges and opportunities for the EU and the US”, 20 April 2016
- IMCO Public Hearing on “The revision of the Firearms Directive”, 15 March 2016
- IMCO Public Hearing on “Single Market Strategy”, 23 February 2016
- IMCO Public Hearing on “Non-tariff barriers to Trade in the Internal Market”, 14 January 2016
- IMCO Public Hearing on “EEA-Switzerland: Obstacles with regard to the full implementation of internal market”, 7 May 2015
- IMCO INTA Public Hearing on “TTIP: Challenges and opportunities for the Internal Market”, 24 February 2015
- IMCO Public Hearing on “Why Europe needs a legal framework for customs sanctions”, 22 January 2015
- IMCO Public Hearing on “The impact of the TTIP in the internal market”, 17 March 2014

The following **workshops** have been organised by the Policy Department A: Economic and Scientific Policy for the IMCO Committee:

- Workshop on “Type-approval requirements for motor vehicles”, November 2018
- Workshop on “Strengthening the competitiveness of the Internal Market”, October 2018
- Workshop on “Contribution of Internal market and Consumer Protection to Growth”, July 2018
- Workshop on “Free Flow of Data Regulation - a cornerstone of the Digital Single Market”, February 2018
- Workshop on “Public Procurement Strategy Package”, February 2018
- Workshop on “Reforming professional services”, July 2017
- Workshop on “Workshop on the consequences of Brexit”, February 2017
- Workshop on “Workshop on Collaborative economy”, November 2016
- Workshop on “Reforming Single Market for fertilising products”, October 2016
- Workshop on “Relations between franchisors & franchisees: regulatory framework & current challenge”, July 2016
- Workshop on “Unfair trading practices in the business-to-business food supply chain (UTP)”, March 2015
- Workshop on “Building blocks of the Ubiquitous Digital Single Market”, November

2014

## **X. Missions, delegations and other events**

- IMCO Mission to Greece (Port of Piraeus, Crete), 17-19 December 2018
- IMCO Mission to Japan (Tokyo - Kyoto), 17-21 September 2018
- IMCO Mission to China (Shanghai and Guangzhou), 17-19 July 2018
- IMCO Mission to Italy (Florence and Livorno), 4-6 April 2018
- IMCO Mission to Spain (Madrid) on 12-14 February 2018
- IMCO Delegation Visit to Canada (Ottawa), 17-21 July 2017
- IMCO Delegation Visit to the United States (Washington DC), 19-21 September 2017
- IMCO Mission to Estonia (Tallinn), 19-21 April 2017
- IMCO Delegation Visit to India (Mumbai and New Delhi), 21-23 February 2017
- IMCO Delegation Visit to Mexico (Cancun), 6-9 December 2016
- IMCO Delegation Visit to Switzerland (Geneva), 31 October 2016
- IMCO Mission to the United Kingdom, 21-23 September 2016
- IMCO Delegation Visit to Mexico, 20-23 June 2016
- IMCO Mission to Latvia, 16-17 February 2015
- IMCO delegation to the Netherlands, 5 and 6 November 2015
- IMCO Delegation to the United States (Silicon Valley), 21-23 July 2015

### IMCO Working Groups:

- Working Group on the Digital Single Market (DSM)

In total, 17 meetings of the Working Group were held during the 8th Mandate of the European Parliament during which the members of the IMCO discussed a number of key issues for the Digital Single Market such as e-commerce, geo-blocking, artificial intelligence, fake news, competition and consumer choice. For further detailed information on these topics, see [here](#).

### Other Working Groups:

- WG on legal questions related to the development of robotics
- WG on Intellectual Property Rights and Copyright Reform
- WG on Digital Union
- WG on Labour market impacts of digitalisation, robotics and artificial intelligence

### Other events and activities:

- IMCO Conference: “Training SMEs Consumer Law - EP pilot project: taking stock and follow up”, 27 November 2018

- IMCO “Retail Market Roundtable”, 15 February 2016
- Inter-committee network on the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)
- Gender Mainstreaming Network
- MFF Network
- Petitions Network
- INTA Monitoring Group for the US on TTIP negotiations
- High Level Forum for a better functioning food supply chain - mechanism for feedback from the Commission