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Abstract

This study provides a graphic overview on core legislation in the area of the Internal Market and Consumer Protection. The presentation essentially covers the areas within the responsibility of the Committee on Internal Market and Consumer Protection, but also displays neighbouring areas of other Committees' competences which are closely connected to and impacting on IMCO's work.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ADR	Alternative Dispute Resolution
AGS	Annual Growth Survey
ATEX	Equipment and Protective Systems for Potentially Explosive Atmosphere
CCD	Consumer Credit Directive
CCIP	Customs Code Implementing Provisions
CESL	Common European Sales Law
CETA	EU-Canada Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement
CIS	Convention on the Use of Information Technology for Customs Purposes
COM	European Commission
CPA	Statistical Classification of Products by Activity
CPC	Consumer Protection Cooperation
CPV	Common Procurement Vocabulary
CRD	Consumer Rights Directive
DMA	Digital Market Act
DSA	Digital Services Act
DSM	Digital Single Market
ECC-Net	European Consumer Centres Network
ECON	Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee
EEA	European Economic Area
EEN	Enterprise Europe Network
e.g.	for example
EIF	European Interoperability Framework
EIS	European Interoperability Strategy
EMPL	Employment and Social Affairs Committee
ENVI	Environment, Public Health and Food Safety Committee
EP	European Parliament
ESPD	European Single Procurement Document
EU	European Union

EURES	European Job Mobility Portal
FTA	Free Trade Agreement
GATS	General Agreement on Trade in Services
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
GPA	Government Procurement Agreement
IMCO	Internal Market and Consumer Protection Committee
IMD	Insurance Mediation Directive
IMI	Internal Market Information System
INTA	International Trade Committee
IPI	International Procurement Instrument
IPR	Intellectual Property Rights
ISA	Interoperability Solutions for European Public Administrations
IT	Information Technology
ITA	Information Technology Agreement
JURI	Legal Affairs Committee
NLF	New Legislative Framework
ODR	Online Dispute Resolution
OJEU	Official Journal of the European Union
PRIPS	Packaged Retail Investment Products
PSC	Point of Single Contact
RAPEX	Rapid Alert System Facilitating the Exchange of Information on Products Posing a Serious Risk to the Health and Safety of Consumers
REACH	Regulation on Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals
RoP	Rules of Procedure
SMA	Single Market Act
SPS	WTO Agreement on the Application of the Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures
TBT	Agreements on Technical Barriers to Trade
TFEU	Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union
TRAN	Transport and Tourism Committee

TRIMs	Agreement on Trade-Related Investment Measures
TRIPS	Agreement on Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights
TTIP	EU-US Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership
UCC	Union Customs Code
UCPD	Unfair Commercial Practices Directive
UK	United Kingdom
US	United States
VAT	Value-added tax
WCT	WIPO Copyright Treaty
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organization
WPPT	WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty
WTO	World Trade Organization

INTRODUCTION

This study provides a graphic overview on core EU regulation on the Internal Market and consumer protection. It was prepared by the Policy Department for Economic, Scientific and Quality of Life Policies and the Secretariat of the Committee on Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO).

The objective is to offer the reader an at a glance understanding of the IMCO *acquis législatif* and, more generally of the 'legislative landscape' that frames our Committee's work. Thus, for each of the various policy areas that make up the IMCO remit, a set of graphic charts describes the most relevant existing EU legislation and adjacent rules in the field, and how these different acts relate to each other.

The presentation is structured into three chapters, as follows:

- (1) **Single Market policies** (public procurement and concessions; free movement of services and persons/professionals; free movement of goods; the Digital Single Market and e-commerce; Customs Union);
- (2) **Consumer protection** (general framework; redress; sectoral framework: transport and travel services; product safety and market surveillance);
- (3) **Single Market governance** (Single Market programming, governance and functioning documents; Single Market governance tools; external dimension of the Single Market: multilateral and plurilateral agreements; bilateral agreements).

Most importantly the infographics show the legislation in force; pending proposals (i.e., legislative acts at all stages of procedure for which a Commission proposal has been published in the EU Official Journal, and for which the related final act has not yet been adopted) and any other relevant provisions of particular importance (e.g., implementing measures). In addition, some practical tools (e.g., websites, networks, scoreboards) have been included as well as EU external agreements covering domains subject to Single Market rules. The most important acts in a given policy area are indicated in bold. At the end of each section, explanatory notes may provide some additional detail for specific acts or policy areas, followed by complete references for all acts.

The infographics focus on core IMCO areas and legislation. Hence the presentation essentially covers those policy areas that fall within the responsibility of IMCO. However, to the extent that there may be linkages or overlaps with specific sectoral or other related policies, some neighbouring areas that fall under the competences of other committees of the European Parliament are also displayed where these are closely connected to and/or impacting on IMCO's work. Any such linkages and related competencies are clearly highlighted in the notes sections.

This study was initially drafted in March 2015 and substantially updated in December 2022. It shows the situation at this time, to the best knowledge of the authors, and does not pretend to be exhaustive. As legislation and policy-making evolve over time, the intended overview can only ever have the character of a 'snapshot', and should be considered as a living document to be regularly updated.

LEGEND: HOW TO READ THIS DOCUMENT

Infographics colour code

Directive	dark blue: Adopted legislative acts (i.e., that have been published in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU))
Commission Delegated/ Implementing Act ...	blue: Adopted delegated/implementing acts (only included where of particular relevance)
Proposal ... Regulation	light blue: Legislative proposals (i.e., legislative initiatives at all stages of procedure for which a Commission proposal has been published, but where the final act has not yet been adopted)
Communication, Green/White Paper on ...	grey: Communications, Green Papers, White Papers and other policy documents of non-binding nature (only included where of particular relevance)
Agreement/ Partnership	orange: International agreements concluded by the EU that have entered into force
Agreement/Partnership	light orange: International agreements by the EU still under negotiation or concluded, but not yet in force
Scoreboard, Network...	green: Tools such as websites, platforms or networks by the Commission in support of EU Single Market policies
Possible forthcoming document	mauve: Possible forthcoming documents (i.e., initiatives for legislation or non-binding documents, for which no formal Commission proposal has been issued but which are scheduled with some certainty)

Explanations

Dates: The date mentioned in each box refers to the date of adoption of the act or document in question.

Fonts: normal (directives), *italics* (regulations), **bold** (important acts in a **given** field/policy area)

Notes: At the end of each section, below the infographics chart boxes, detailed notes provide additional information on a particular act, legislation or policy area.

Order: The infographics present legislative acts and documents according to thematic clusters, in reverse chronological order, with important acts in **bold**. Those legislative acts considered to be of general application or scope are generally on the left of each category or subcategory, the more sectorally oriented ones on the right. The **size of boxes** may vary depending on editorial constraints and is not related to the relevance of any given acts.

References (endnotes): At the end of the document, bibliographic endnotes reference the full official title of each act or document indicated in the infographics charts or notes, and provide hyperlinks to the corresponding page of the EurLex repertory.

N.b. *Hyperlinks are as accessed in December 2022. Where available, they lead to (non-official) consolidated versions*

Titles: The infographics chart boxes contain short hand titles of legal acts; the full official titles are provided in the endnotes.

1. SINGLE MARKET POLICIES

1.1. Public Procurement and Concessions

General provisions		Sectoral provisions	Procurement Tools	International aspects
Public Procurement Directive 'Classic' (Revised 2014) ¹	Concessions Directive (2014) ²	Public Procurement Directive 'Utilities' (Revised 2014) ³	Commission Implementing Regulation on Standard Forms for Procurement Notices (2019) ⁴	International Procurement Instrument (IPI) (2022) ⁵
Directive on e-Invoicing in Public Procurement (2014) ⁶	Remedies Directive (2007) ⁷	Commission Decision on Exemptions from the Utilities Directive (application of Article 34) (2016) ⁸	Commission Implementing Regulation on the European Single Procurement Document (ESPD) (2016) ⁹	Government Procurement Agreement (GPA) (2012)
		Defence Procurement Directive (2009) ¹⁰	Commission Regulation on a Common Procurement Vocabulary (CPV) (2008) ¹¹	FTAs (Canada, Chile, Korea, MERCOSUR, Mexico, Singapore, Switzerland, UK)
Biannual Commission Delegated Regulations on Procurement Thresholds (2021) ^{12,13,14,15}			Commission Regulation on the Central Exclusion Database (2008) ¹⁶	
Communication on using the public procurement framework in the COVID-19 crisis (2020) ¹⁷		Proposal for a Regulation on European Defence Industry Reinforcement through common Procurement Act ¹⁸		
Communication on Making Public Procurement work in and for Europe (2017) ¹⁹				
Communication on Community law applicable to contracts not or not fully subject to the procurement Directives (2006) ²⁰				

Notes:

- Generally speaking, IMCO has the exclusive lead on public procurement-related files, with the exception of the International Procurement Instrument (IPI), for which the Committee on International Trade (INTA) was in the lead and IMCO associated under Rule 57 of the Rules of Procedure.
- Principles for procurements not or not fully subject to the above directives are set out in a **2006 Commission interpretative communication**. It applies to:
 - low-value contracts below the directives' thresholds with a cross-border interest. and
 - contracts for which the directives provide limited rules, e.g. health and legal services.

EP Studies:

- [The Digital Single Market and the digitalisation of the public sector - GovTech and other innovations in public procurement](#) (2022)
- [Foreign subsidies and public procurement](#) (2021)
- [The impact of COVID-19 on the Internal Market](#) (2021)
- [The EU's Public Procurement Framework](#) (2020)
- [Contribution to Growth: European Public Procurement](#) (2019)

- [Innovation and Better Synergies of Public Procurement with other Policies](#) (2018)
- [Contribution of Internal Market and Consumer Protection to Growth](#) (2015)
- [The Cost of Non-Europe in the Single Market. Part IV - Public Procurement and Concessions](#) (2014).

- ¹ Directive 2014/24/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on public procurement and repealing Directive 2004/18/EC (Text with EEA relevance), OJ L 94, 28.3.2014, p. 65–242, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02014L0024-20220101>.
- ² Directive 2014/23/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on the award of concession contracts (Text with EEA relevance), OJ L 94, 28.3.2014, p. 1–64, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02014L0023-20220101>.
- ³ Directive 2014/25/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on procurement by entities operating in the water, energy, transport and postal services sectors and repealing Directive 2004/17/EC (Text with EEA relevance), OJ L 94, 28.3.2014, p. 243–374, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02014L0025-20220101>.
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- ⁵ Regulation (EU) 2022/1031 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 June 2022 on the access of third-country economic operators, goods and services to the Union's public procurement and concession markets and procedures supporting negotiations on access of Union economic operators, goods and services to the public procurement and concession markets of third countries (International Procurement Instrument – IPI) (Text with EEA relevance), OJ L 173, 30.6.2022, p. 1–16, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32022R1031>.
- ⁶ Directive 2014/55/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 on electronic invoicing in public procurement (Text with EEA relevance), OJ L 133, 6.5.2014, p. 1–11, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32014L0055>.
- ⁷ Directive 2007/66/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2007 amending Council Directives 89/665/EEC and 92/13/EEC with regard to improving the effectiveness of review procedures concerning the award of public contracts (Remedies Directive) (Text with EEA relevance), OJ L 335, 20.12.2007, p. 31–46, <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32007L0066>.
- ⁸ Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/1804 of 10 October 2016 on the detailed rules for the application of Articles 34 and 35 of Directive 2014/25/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on procurement by entities operating in the water, energy, transport and postal services sectors (notified under document C(2016) 6351) (Text with EEA relevance), OJ L 275, 12.10.2016, p. 39–53, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32016D1804>.
- ⁹ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/7 of 5 January 2016 establishing the standard form for the European Single Procurement Document (Text with EEA relevance), OJ L 3, 6.1.2016, p. 16–34, https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2016/7/oj.
- ¹⁰ Directive 2009/81/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 on the coordination of procedures for the award of certain works contracts, supply contracts and service contracts by contracting authorities or entities in the fields of defence and security (Defence Procurement Directive), and amending Directives 2004/17/EC and 2004/18/EC (Text with EEA relevance), OJ L 216, 20.8.2009, p. 76–136, <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex:32009L0081>.
- ¹¹ Commission Regulation (EC) No 213/2008 of 28 November 2007 amending Regulation (EC) No 2195/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Common Procurement Vocabulary (CPV) and Directives 2004/17/EC and 2004/18/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on public procurement procedures, as regards the revision of the CPV (Text with EEA relevance), OJ L 74, 15.3.2008, p. 1–375, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2008/213/oj>.
- ¹² Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/1952 of 10 November 2021 amending Directive 2014/24/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council in respect of the thresholds for public supply, service and works contracts, and design contests (Text with EEA relevance), OJ L 398, 11.11.2021, p. 23–24, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32021R1952>.
- ¹³ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/1951 of 10 November 2021 amending Directive 2014/23/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council in respect of the thresholds for concessions (Text with EEA relevance), OJ L 398, 11.11.2021, p. 21–22, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32021R1951>.
- ¹⁴ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/1953 of 10 November 2021 amending Directive 2014/25/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council in respect of the thresholds for supply, service and works contracts, and design contests (Text with EEA relevance), OJ L 398, 11.11.2021, p. 25–26, https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2021/1953.
- ¹⁵ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/1950 of 10 November 2021 amending Directive 2009/81/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council in respect of the thresholds for supply, service and works contracts (Text with EEA relevance), OJ L 398, 11.11.2021, p. 19–20, https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv%3AOJ.L_.2021.398.01.0019.01.ENG&toc=OJ%3AL%3A2021%3A398%3ATOC.
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- ¹⁸ Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on establishing the European defence industry Reinforcement through common Procurement Act, COM(2022) 349 final, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52022PC0349>.
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²⁰ Commission interpretative communication on the Community law applicable to contract awards not or not fully subject to the provisions of the Public Procurement Directives, OJ C 179, 1.8.2006, [http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52006XC0801\(01\)](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52006XC0801(01)).

1.2. Free Movement of Services and Persons (professionals)

Treaty provisions: Art 49 TFEU on freedom of establishment and Art 56 TFEU on freedom to provide services					
I - General provisions	II - Free movement of professionals	II - Sectoral provisions			
		Credit and retail financial services	Insurance services	Payment services	Transport
Single Market Programme (2021) ¹	Proportionality Test Directive (2018) ²	Markets in Financial Instruments Directive (2014) ³	Insurance Distribution Directive (2016) ⁴	SEPA Regulation (2009, codified in 2021) ⁵	Interoperability Directive (2016) ⁶
Services Directive (2006) ⁷	Recognition of Professional Qualifications Directive (2005, amended in 2013) ⁸	Mortgage Credit Directive (2014) ⁹	Omnibus II Directive (2009) ¹⁰	Payment Services Directive (2015) ¹¹	Single European Railway Area Directive (2012) ¹²
	European Professional Card Implementing Regulation (2016) ¹³	Packaged Retail Investment and Insurance Products (PRIIPS) Regulation (2014) ¹⁴	Solvency II Directive (2009) ¹⁵	Funds Transfers Regulation (2015) ¹⁶	Reservation System Regulation (2009) ¹⁷
	Lawyers Directive (1998) ¹⁸	Banking Directive (2013) ¹⁹	Financial Conglomerates Directive (2002) ²⁰	Multilateral Interchange Fees Regulation (2015) ²¹	Coach and Bus Services Regulation (2009) ²²
	Lawyers Directive (1977) ²³	Banking Regulation (2013) ²⁴	Insurance Accounts Directive (1991) ²⁵	Late Payment Directive (2011) ²⁶	Road Haulage Regulation (2009) ²⁷
Proposal for a Regulation on Single Market Emergency Instrument (SMEI) (2022) ²⁸		Consumer Credit Directive (CCD) (2008) ²⁹		E-Money Directive (2009) ³⁰	Air Service Regulation (2008) ³¹
Proposal for a Regulation on emergency procedures for conformity assessment, adoption of common specifications and market surveillance (2022) ³²		Proposal for a Directive on Distance Marketing of Financial Services (2022) ³³			Single European Sky Regulation (2004) ³⁴
Proposal for a Directive on emergency procedures for conformity assessment, adoption of common specifications and market surveillance (2022) ³⁷		Proposal for a Revised Consumer Credit Directive (2021) ³⁸			Inland Navigation Regulation (1996) ³⁵
Long term action plan for better implementation and enforcement of single market rules (2020) ⁴¹					Maritime Cabotage Directive (1992) ³⁶
Communication on Unfair Trading Practices in the B2B food supply chain (2014) ⁴³					Non-resident carriers Regulation (1991) ³⁹
Communication on European Retail Action Plan (2013) ⁴⁵					Maritime Transport Regulation (1986) ⁴⁰
Communication on the implementation of the Services Directive (2012) ⁴⁶					
		Communication on long-term financing of European Economy (2014) ⁴²			
		Communication on Shadow Banking (2013) ⁴⁴		Proposal on Revision of Payment Directive	Proposal on Revision of Air Service Regulation

Notes:

- The principle of free movement within the European Single Market, enshrined in Articles 49 and 56 TFEU, is fundamental to the European Union's efforts to enhance growth and competitiveness. This principle ensures that businesses and professionals can provide and access services across Member States' borders without discrimination based on nationality or residence. Moreover, this principle positively impacts the EU economy and society, as it fosters innovation, increases productivity, and provides opportunities for businesses to diversify and access new markets.
- In times of economic crisis, the free movement of services and professionals has demonstrated its significance as a "life jacket" for businesses and individuals by providing them access to new markets and opportunities. This allows companies to diversify their customer base by accessing new markets in other Member States, which can mitigate the impact of a crisis. It also allows individuals to seek work and opportunities in other EU countries, offering a safety net during periods of high unemployment. Additionally, free movement contributes to the EU's overall resilience during times of crisis by creating a more diverse and integrated market with a broader range of goods and services, which decreases the dependence on one market that may be affected by the crisis, thus leading to greater stability for the European economy.
- The Services Directive strengthens the freedom to provide services within the EU. This directive is crucial for completing the internal market, since it has huge potential for delivering benefits to consumers and SMEs. The aim is to create an open single market in services within the EU while at the same time ensuring the quality of services provided to consumers. Expectations concerning the full implementation of the Services Directive are high, as it could increase trade in commercial services by 45% and foreign direct investment by 25%, bringing an increase of between 0.5% and 1.5% in GDP.
- The general legislative framework regulating the free movement of services and persons (professionals) falls within the responsibility of IMCO, while many of the relevant sectoral regulations are under the lead responsibility of other committees of the European Parliament, such as the Employment and Social Affairs Committee (EMPL), the Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee (ECON) or the Transport and Tourism Committee (TRAN). For the sake of completeness, some of those references have also been included.

EP Studies:

- [The role of Points of Single Contact and other information services in the Single Market](#) (2020)
- [Legal obstacles in Member States to Single Market rules](#) (2020)
- [The European Services Sector and the Green Transition](#) (2020)
- [Contribution to Growth: The Single Market for Services](#) (2019)
- [Mis-selling of Financial Products - Consumer Credit](#) (2018)
- [Mis-selling of Financial Products - Mortgage Credit](#) (2018)
- [Contribution of Internal Market and Consumer Protection to Growth](#) (2015)
- [The Cost of Non-Europe in the Single Market. Part II - Single Market for Services](#) (2014)
- [Consumer Protection Aspects of Financial Services](#) (2014)

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- ⁴ Directive (EU) 2016/97 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 January 2016 on insurance distribution (recast) (Text with EEA relevance), OJ L 26, 2.2.2016, p. 19–59, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02016L0097-20200612>.
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1.3. Free Movement of Goods

Technical harmonisation					
Non-harmonised products	Harmonised products	Sectoral provisions			Standardisation
Mutual recognition Regulation (2019) ¹	Regulation on market surveillance and compliance of products (2019) ²	Common Charger Directive (2022) ³	Medical Devices Regulation (2017) ⁴	Type-approval Regulation (2019) ⁵	European standardisation organisations Regulation (2022) ⁶
		Mercury Regulation (2017) ⁷	In vitro Diagnostic Medical Devices Regulation (2017) ⁸	Approval and market surveillance of motor vehicles and their trailers Regulation (2019) ⁹	
Information Directive (1998, codified 2015) ¹⁰	Regulation setting out the requirements for accreditation and market surveillance relating to the marketing of products (2008) ¹¹	Personal Protective Equipment Regulation (2016) ¹²	Appliances burning gaseous fuels Regulation (2016) ¹³	Cableway installations Regulation (2016) ¹⁴	European Standardisation Regulation (2012) ¹⁵
		E-Call Regulation (2015) ¹⁶	Potential Explosives Atmosphere Directive (2014) ¹⁷	Directive on reduced consumption of lightweight plastic carrier bags (2015) ¹⁸	
		Low Voltage Directive (2014) ¹⁹	Explosives for Civil Uses Directive (2014) ²⁰	Electromagnetic Compatibility Directive (2014) ²¹	
		Radio Equipment Directive (2014) ²²	Measuring Instruments Directive (2014) ²³	Lifts Directive (2014) ²⁴	
Regulation on the functioning of the internal market (1998) ²⁵	Decision on a common framework for the marketing of products (2008) ²⁶	Simple Pressure Vessels Directive (2014) ²⁷	Pressure Equipment Directive (2014) ²⁸	Non-Automatic Weighting Directive (2014) ²⁹	
	Directive on ecodesign requirements for energy-related products (recast) (2009) ³¹	Recreational Crafts Directive (2013) ³²	Tobacco Directive (2014)	Approval and market surveillance of agricultural and forestry vehicles (2013) ³⁰	
		Pyrrotechnic Articles Directive (2013) ³⁵	Hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment Directive (2011) ³³	Type-approval of two or three wheel vehicles and quadricycles Regulation (2013) ³⁴	
		General Product Safety Directive (2001) ³⁶	Biocidal Products Regulation (2012) ³⁷	Construction Product Regulation (2011) ³⁸	
		Toys Directive (2009) ³⁹	Cosmetics Regulation (2009) ⁴⁰		
		Machinery Directive (2006) ⁴¹	REACH Regulation (2006) ⁴²		
Proposal for a General Product Safety Regulation (2021) ⁴³		Proposal for a Machinery Regulation (2021) ⁴⁴		Communication An EU Strategy on standardisation (2022) ⁴⁵	

Notes:

- The right to free movement of goods originating in Member States, or of goods from third countries which are in free circulation in the Member States, is one of the fundamental principles of the Treaty (Article 28 TFEU).
- Originally, free movement of goods was seen as part of a customs union between the Member States, involving the abolition of customs duties, quantitative restrictions on trade and equivalent measures, and the establishment of a common external tariff for the Community. Later, the emphasis was laid on eliminating all remaining obstacles to free

movement of goods with a view to creating the internal market — an area without internal borders, in which goods could move as freely as on a national market.

- Given the large amount of Union harmonisation legislation, the list of sectoral provisions presented here is not exhaustive. Further references can be found in Annex I of Regulation (EU) 2019/1020.

EP Studies:

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- [Contribution to Growth: Free Movement of Goods – Delivering Economic Benefits for Citizens and Businesses](#) (2019)
- [Contribution of Internal Market and Consumer Protection to Growth](#) (2015)
- [The Cost of Non-Europe in the Single Market. Part I - Free Movement of Goods](#) (2014)
- [Product Safety and Market Surveillance Package](#) (2014)

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Digital Services Act(2022) ¹			Copyright Directive (2019) ²
Digital Markets Act (2022) ³			
Data Governance Act (2022) ⁴			General Data Protection Regulation (2016) ⁵
Single Market Programme Regulation (2021) ⁶			
Digital EuropeProgramme Regulation (2021) ⁷			Collective management of copyright Directive (2014) ⁸
Contracts for the supply of digital content and services Directive (2019) ⁹	Platforms to Business Regulation (2019) ¹⁰	Open data and re-use of public sector information Directive (2019) ¹¹	
Enforcement of consumer protection rules Directive(2019) ¹²	Audiovisual Media Services Directive (2018) ¹³	European Accessibility Act (2019) ¹⁴	Orphan Works Directive (2012) ¹⁵
Consumer Rights Directive (2011) ¹⁶	Public procurement directives (e-procurement) (2014) ¹⁷	Accessibility of public sector bodies' websites Directive (2016) ¹⁸	E-privacy Directive (2002) ¹⁹
Misleading Advertising Directive (2006) ²⁰	Online Dispute Resolution Regulation (2013) ²¹	Postal Services Directive (2008) ²²	Copyright in information sodety Directive (2001) ²³
Unfair Commercial Practices Directive (2005) ²⁴	Services Directive (2006) ²⁵	E-commerce Directive (2000) ²⁶	
Unfair Contract Terms Directive (1993) ²⁷			
Proposal on AI Liability Directive (2022) ²⁸	Proposal on Artificial Intelligence Act (2021) ²⁹	Proposal on Data Act (2022) ³⁰	Proposals on the legal protection of designs (2022) ³¹
Proposal on Product Liability Directive (2022) ³²	Proposal for a Directive on Distance Marketing of Financial Services (2022) ³³	Proposal on short- term rentals (2022) ³⁴	
White Paper on Artificial Intelligence (2020) ³⁵	Communication on 2030 Digital Compass (2021) ³⁶	Dedaration on Digital Rights and Principles (2021) ³⁷	EU Intellectual Property Action Plan (2020) ³⁸
Communication on Shaping Europe's digital future(2020) ³⁹	Communication on a European Strategy for data (2020) ⁴⁰	Communication on crowdfunding in the EU (2014) ⁴¹	
	Green Paper on Parcel Delivery (2012) ⁴²	Recommendation on access to scientific information (2012) ⁴³	Revision of 2001 Copyright Directive

Electronic communication services and infrastructure	Trust and security	E-government	
<i>Roaming Regulation (recast) (2022)</i> ⁴⁴	NIS 2 Directive (2022) ⁴⁵	<i>Single Digital Gateway (2018)</i> ⁴⁶	<i>Consumer Protection Cooperation Network (2017)</i> ⁴⁷
<i>Connecting Europe Facility Regulation (2021)</i> ⁴⁸	NIS Directive (2016) ⁴⁹	<i>E-Call Regulation (2015)</i> ⁵⁰	SOLVIT (2013) ⁵¹
European Electronic Communications Code Directive (2018) ⁵²	<i>Regulation on e-identification and trust services for electronic transactions (2014)</i> ⁵³	Points of Single Contact under Services Directive (2006) ⁵⁴	<i>IMI Regulation (2012)</i> ⁵⁵
<i>Connected Continent Regulation (2015)</i> ⁵⁶		Your Europe (2013) ⁵⁷	European Consumer Centres Network ⁵⁸
Directive on measures to reduce cost of deploying high-speed electronic communications networks (2014) ⁵⁹			
Radio Spectrum Policy Programme Decision (2012) ⁶⁰			
<i>Proposal for Union Secure Connectivity Programme Regulation (2021)</i> ⁶¹	<i>Proposal for a Cyber Resilience Act (2022)</i> ⁶²	<i>Proposal for a Digital Identity Regulation (2021)</i> ⁶³	<i>Proposal for a Interoperable Europe Act (2022)</i> ⁶⁴
	Joint Communication on Cyber Defence (2022) ⁶⁵	Communication on strengthened public sector interoperability policy (2022) ⁶⁶	eGovernment Action Plan 2016-2020 ⁶⁷
		Green Paper on e-Health (2014) ⁶⁸	Communication on Internet Policy and Government (2014)

Notes:

- The Digital Single Market (DSM) aims to create a cohesive digital market where businesses and individuals can buy and sell goods and services and operate freely and seamlessly, for instance by removing barriers to cross-border e-commerce and access to online content. The significance of the DSM lies in its ability to generate substantial economic growth, foster innovation, enhance competition, and improve consumer choice and welfare.
- The DSM boosts the economy, decreases environmental impacts and improves quality of life through e-commerce and e-government, at a time where market and government services are fastly evolving from fixed to mobile platforms and becoming increasingly ubiquitous. These developments call for an EU regulatory framework to develop cloud computing, cross-border access to content and borderless mobile data connectivity, while safeguarding privacy, personal data and cybersecurity.
- The DSM can catalyse economic growth and innovation by creating a more extensive and more integrated market for digital goods and services, resulting in increased demand and economies of scale, which can increase investment in digital infrastructure, technology, and research and development. Furthermore, eliminating barriers to cross-border trade and investment can lead to greater competition, fostering the emergence of new business models and services.

- By standardising regulations and standards across the EU, the DSM can also provide citizens with benefits regarding data protection, privacy, and digital security. This not only safeguards citizens' rights but also increases trust in online transactions and e-commerce throughout the EU.

EP Studies:

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- [Personalised pricing](#) (2022)
- [The impact of influencers on advertising and consumer protection in the Single Market](#) (2022)
- [Privacy and security aspects of 5G technology](#) (2022)
- [Online advertising: the impact of targeted advertising on advertisers, market access and consumer choice](#) (2021)
- [Regulating targeted and behavioural advertising in digital services](#) (2021)
- [Liability of online platforms](#) (2021)
- [The legal framework for e-commerce in the Internal Market](#) (2020)
- [The role of Points of Single Contact and other information services in the Single Market](#) (2020)
- [New Developments in Digital Services](#) (2020)
- [How to Fully Reap the Benefits of the Internal Market for E-Commerce?](#) (2020)
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1.5. Customs Union

General provisions		Customs and intellectual property rights	Tariff and non-tariff instruments	Mutual assistance and e-customs
Up to 2016	After 2016			
Community Customs Code (1992) ¹	Union Customs Code (2013) ²	<i>Regulation on customs enforcement of intellectual property rights (2013)</i> ³	<i>Reliefs from customs duty Regulation (2009)</i> ⁴	<i>EU Single Window Environment for Customs Regulation (2022)</i> ⁵
Implementing Regulation for Community Customs Code (1993)	Delegated and Implementing Acts for Union Customs Code ⁶	<i>Implementing Regulation on customs enforcement of intellectual property rights (2013)</i> ⁷	<i>Regulation on the elimination of border controls (2008)</i> ⁸	Decision on a paperless environment for customs and trade (2008) ⁹
<i>CUSTOMS Programme Regulation (2021)</i> ¹⁰			Common Customs Tariff (1987) ¹¹	Naples II Convention (1997) ¹²
<i>Customs Control Equipment Instrument (2021)</i> ¹⁴				<i>Mutual assistance and cooperation Regulation (1997, 2015)</i> ¹³
Communication on EU Customs Action Plan (2020) ¹⁶		Council Conclusions on an EU Customs Action Plan to combat IPR infringements 2018-2022 (2019) ¹⁷		CIS Convention (1995) ¹⁵
Biennial Report on Progress in Developing the EU Customs Union and its Governance (2018) ¹⁹		Customs Cooperation and Mutual Assistance Agreements (Canada, China, India, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, US) ¹⁸		
Proposal for revision of the Union Customs Code				

Notes:

- **General provisions:** The Union Customs Code (UCC) entered into force on 30 October 2013 and applies from 1 May 2016, replacing the Community Customs Code. The end of the IT transitional period was initially set to 31 December 2020, then extended to 2025. The corresponding Delegated Acts and Implementing Acts were adopted by 2016.
- **Tariff and non-tariff instruments:** The Commission regularly adopts measures relating to suspensions and quotas for certain agricultural and industrial products²⁰.
- **Customs and intellectual property rights:** A EU-China IPR Action Plan, first launched in 2009, was renewed for 2016-2017 and 2018-2020, within the EU-China Strategic Framework for Customs Cooperation 2018-2020²¹.

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2. CONSUMER PROTECTION

2.1. General framework for consumer protection

Policy programme and financial instrument	Consumer and marketing law		Enforcement
	Consumer contract law	Unfair commercial practices	
Single Market Programme Regulation (2021) ¹	Enforcement of Consumer Protection Rules Directive (2019) ²		
New Consumer Agenda (2020) ³	Sales of Goods Directive (2019) ⁴	Misleading and Comparative Advertisement Directive (2006) ⁵	Representative Actions Directive (2020) ⁶
New Deal for Consumers (2018) ⁷	Contracts for the supply of digital content and services Directive (2019) ⁸	Unfair Commercial Practices Directive (UCPD) (2005) ⁹	Consumer Protection Cooperation (CPC) Regulation (2017) ¹⁰
	Consumer Rights Directive (CRD) (2011) ¹¹	Price Indication Directive (1998) ¹²	Consumer Protection Cooperation (CPC) Network ¹³
	Unfair Contract Terms Directive (UCTD) (1993) ¹⁴		
	Proposal for a Directive on Distance Marketing of Financial Services (2022) ¹⁵	Proposal for a Directive on Empowering consumers for the green transition (2022) ¹⁶	
	Proposal for a Revised Consumer Credit Directive (2021) ¹⁷		
	Guidance on CRD (2021) ¹⁸	Guidance on UCPD (2021) ¹⁹	
	Guidance on UCTD (2019) ²⁰	Guidance on Price indication Directive (2021) ²¹	

Notes:

- Consumer protection is an important aspect of EU law and policy, as it aims to ensure that consumers are provided with adequate information and are protected against unfair and misleading practices. The EU's consumer protection framework is based on the Consumer Acquis, a set of rules and regulations that the EU has adopted over the years to protect consumers' rights and interests. It comprises a wide range of measures, including regulations, directives, and decisions, that cover various aspects of consumer protection, such as product safety, distance selling, and unfair commercial practices. These measures are intended to ensure that consumers are provided with accurate and relevant information about products and services and that they are protected against unfair and misleading practices.
- This chart maps the legislation falling under the competence of the IMCO Committee, who is responsible for consumer protection. Throughout the years, the IMCO Committee has been involved in several high-profile initiatives aimed at protecting consumer rights, such

as the Unfair Contract Terms Directive, the Consumer Sales and Guarantees Directive, and the Consumer Rights Directive. In recent years, the IMCO Committee has also focused on issues related to online consumer protection, such as the regulation of online platforms, the protection of personal data, and the fight against counterfeit goods. The Committee also engages in dialogue with consumer organisations and stakeholders to ensure that consumer interests are taken into account in the legislative process.

- For the sake of completeness, the chart includes other legislation which can be relevant for consumer protection but falls under the remit of the Committee on Legal Affairs (JURI), generally responsible for civil and commercial law files.

EP Studies:

- [Personalised pricing](#) (2022)
- [The impact of influencers on advertising and consumer protection in the Single Market](#) (2022)
- [Online advertising: the impact of targeted advertising on advertisers, market access and consumer choice](#) (2021)
- [Regulating targeted and behavioural advertising in digital services](#) (2021)
- [Liability of online platforms](#) (2021)
- [Application of the Unfair Commercial Practices Directive](#) (2017)
- [Misleading packaging practices](#) (2011)
- [Information requirements in the CRD](#) (2011)

¹ Regulation (EU) 2021/690 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 April 2021 establishing a programme for the internal market, competitiveness of enterprises, including small and medium-sized enterprises, the area of plants, animals, food and feed, and European statistics (Single Market Programme) and repealing Regulations (EU) No 99/2013, (EU) No 1287/2013, (EU) No 254/2014 and (EU) No 652/2014 (Text with EEA relevance), OJ L 153, 3.5.2021, p. 1–47, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/en/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32021R0690>.

² Directive (EU) 2019/2161 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 November 2019 amending Council Directive 93/13/EEC and Directives 98/6/EC, 2005/29/EC and 2011/83/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the better enforcement and modernisation of Union consumer protection rules (Text with EEA relevance), OJ L 328, 18.12.2019, p. 7–28, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dir/2019/2161/oj>.

³ Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council New: Consumer Agenda Strengthening consumer resilience for sustainable recovery, COM(2020) 696 final, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A52020DC0696>.

⁴ Directive (EU) 2019/771 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2019 on certain aspects concerning contracts for the sale of goods, amending Regulation (EU) 2017/2394 and Directive 2009/22/EC, and repealing Directive 1999/44/EC (Text with EEA relevance), OJ L 136, 22.5.2019, p. 28–50, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32019L0771>.

⁵ Directive 2006/114/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2006 concerning misleading and comparative advertising (codified version) (Text with EEA relevance) OJ L 376, 27.12.2006, p. 21–27, <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32006L0114&from=EN>.

⁶ Directive (EU) 2020/1828 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2020 on representative actions for the protection of the collective interests of consumers and repealing Directive 2009/22/EC (Text with EEA relevance), OJ L 409, 4.12.2020, p. 1–27, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32020L1828>.

⁷ Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council and the European Economic and Social Committee: A New Deal for Consumers, COM(2018) 183 final, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1573718927782&uri=CELEX%3A52018DC0183>.

⁸ Directive (EU) 2019/770 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2019 on certain aspects concerning contracts for the supply of digital content and digital services (Text with EEA relevance), OJ L 136, 22.5.2019, p. 1–27, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex%3A32019L0770>.

⁹ Directive 2005/29/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2005 concerning unfair business-to-consumer commercial practices in the internal market and amending Council Directive 84/450/EEC, Directives 97/7/EC, 98/27/EC and 2002/65/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Regulation (EC) No 2006/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council (Unfair Commercial Practices Directive), OJ L 149, 11.6.2005, p. 22–39, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02005L0029-20220528>.

¹⁰ Regulation (EU) 2017/2394 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2017 on cooperation between national authorities responsible for the enforcement of consumer protection laws and repealing Regulation (EC) No 2006/2004 (Text with EEA relevance), OJ L 345, 27.12.2017, p. 1–26, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02017R2394-20220101>.

- ¹¹ Directive 2011/83/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2011 on consumer rights, amending Council Directive 93/13/EEC and Directive 1999/44/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Council Directive 85/577/EEC and Directive 97/7/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council - OJ L 304, 22.11.2011, p. 64–88, <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32011L0083&from=EN>.
- ¹² Directive 98/6/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 February 1998 on consumer protection in the indication of the prices of products offered to consumers OJ L 080, 18/03/1998 P. 0027 - 0031, <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:31998L0006>.
- ¹³ Regulation (EU) 2017/2394 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2017 on cooperation between national authorities responsible for the enforcement of consumer protection laws and repealing Regulation (EC) No 2006/2004 (Text with EEA relevance), OJ L 345, 27.12.2017, p. 1–26, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02017R2394-20220101>.
- ¹⁴ Council Directive 93/13/EEC of 5 April 1993 on unfair terms in consumer contracts OJ L 95, 21.4.1993, p. 29–34, <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:31993L0013>.
- ¹⁵ Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2011/83/EU concerning financial services contracts concluded at a distance and repealing Directive 2002/65/EC, COM(2022) 204 final, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex%3A52022PC0204>.
- ¹⁶ Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directives 2005/29/EC and 2011/83/EU as regards empowering consumers for the green transition through better protection against unfair practices and better information, COM(2022) 143 final, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A52022PC0143>.
- ¹⁷ Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on consumer credits, COM(2021) 347 final, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A52021PC0347>.
- ¹⁸ Commission notice - Guidance on the interpretation and application of Directive 2011/83/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on consumer rights (Text with EEA relevance), OJ C 525, 29.12.2021, p. 1–85, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A52021XC1229%2804%29&qid=1640961745514>.
- ¹⁹ Commission Notice – Guidance on the interpretation and application of Directive 2005/29/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning unfair business-to-consumer commercial practices in the internal market (Text with EEA relevance), OJ C 526, 29.12.2021, p. 1–129, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A52021XC1229%2805%29&qid=1640961745514>.
- ²⁰ Commission notice — Guidance on the interpretation and application of Council Directive 93/13/EEC on unfair terms in consumer contracts (Text with EEA relevance), OJ C 323, 27.9.2019, p. 4–92, https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv:OJ.C_.2019.323.01.0004.01.ENG&toc=OJ:C:2019:323:TOC.
- ²¹ Commission Notice – Guidance on the interpretation and application of Article 6a of Directive 98/6/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on consumer protection in the indication of the prices of products offered to consumers (Text with EEA relevance), OJ C 526, 29.12.2021, p. 130–140, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A52021XC1229%2806%29&qid=1640961745514>.

2.2. Redress

In-Court settlement	Out-of-Court settlement
Representative Actions Directive (2020) ¹	Insurance Distribution Directive (2016) ²
Directive on Actions for Damages for Infringements of Competition Law (2014) ³	Directive on ADR (2013) ⁴
Recommendation on Collective Redress (2013) ⁵	Regulation on ODR (2013) ⁶
Injunctions for the Protection of Consumers' Interests Directive (2009) ^{7,8}	
<i>Small Claims Procedure Regulation</i> (2007) ⁹	
<i>European Order for Payment Procedure Regulation</i> (2006) ¹⁰	
<i>European Enforcement Order Regulation</i> (2004) ¹¹	
Communication on Collective Redress (2013) ¹²	

Notes:

- Several committees may be competent for legislation on consumer redress. Thus the general legislation relating to civil and procedural law (order for payment, small claims procedure, enforcement order, injunctions, mediation) presented here falls into the competence of the Committee on Legal Affairs (JURI). However, for the sake of completeness and better understanding of consumer redress issues, these are being included in the chart. The Directive on damages for infringements of competition law is in the competence of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON).
- The Directive on **Consumer Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)** was transposed into national law by Member States by 9 July 2015 and the Regulation is directly applicable in Member States from 9 January 2016. Previously to the Directive on alternative dispute resolution, the Commission had endeavoured to promote the greater use of ADR procedures in consumer disputes in two recommendations on principles which ADR bodies are encouraged to adhere to (Commission Recommendation 98/257/EC on the principles applicable to the bodies responsible for out-of-court settlement of consumer disputes¹³ and Commission Recommendation on the principles for out-of-court bodies involved in the consensual resolution of consumer disputes¹⁴), then replaced by the new legislation.
- In the specific area of competition, the EU adopted already in 2014 a binding text (Directive on certain rules governing actions for damages under national law for infringements of the competition law provisions¹⁵).
- It is worth mentioning private international law as a tool for the use of national redress and enforcement instruments in cross-border disputes: the **Brussels I Regulation**¹⁶ on

jurisdiction and recognition and enforcement of judgements and the **Rome I¹⁷ and Rome II Regulations¹⁸** for identifying the applicable law for contractual and non-contractual obligations.

EP studies:

- [Collective redress in the Member States of the European Union](#) (2018)
- [The Mediation Directive](#) (2016)
- ['Rebooting' the Mediation Directive: Assessing the Limited Impact of its Implementation and Proposing Measures to Increase the Number of Mediations in the EU](#) (2014)
- [Collective Redress in Antitrust](#) (2012)
- [Optimal integration of the European Dispute Resolution Platform](#) (2012)

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- ¹ Directive (EU) 2020/1828 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2020 on representative actions for the protection of the collective interests of consumers and repealing Directive 2009/22/EC (Text with EEA relevance), OJ L 409, 4.12.2020, p. 1–27, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32020L1828>.
 - ² Directive 2008/52/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 May 2008 on certain aspects of mediation in civil and commercial matters, OJ L 136, 24.5.2008, p. 3–8, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/FR/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32008L0052>.
 - ³ Directive 2014/104/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 November 2014 on certain rules governing actions for damages under national law for infringements of the competition law provisions of the Member States and of the European Union (Text with EEA relevance) OJ L 349, 5.12.2014, p. 1–19 <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32014L0104>.
 - ⁴ Directive 2013/11/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 May 2013 on alternative dispute resolution for consumer disputes and amending Regulation (EC) No 2006/2004 and Directive 2009/22/EC, OJ L 165, 18.6.2013, p. 63–79, <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32013L0011>.
 - ⁵ Commission Recommendation of 11 June 2013 on common principles for injunctive and compensatory collective redress mechanisms in the Member States concerning violations of rights granted under Union Law, OJ L 201, 26.7.2013, p. 60–65, http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ:L_2013_201_R_NS0013.
 - ⁶ Regulation (EU) No 524/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 May 2013 on online dispute resolution for consumer disputes and amending Regulation (EC) No 2006/2004 and Directive 2009/22/EC, OJ L 165, 18.6.2013, p. 1–12, http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv:OJL_2013.L65.01.0001.01.ENG.
 - ⁷ Directive 2009/22/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 April 2009 on injunctions for the protection of consumers' interests (Codified version) (Text with EEA relevance) OJ L 110, 1.5.2009, p. 30–36, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02009L0022-20220101>.
 - ⁸ Directive 2009/22/EC will be repealed as of 25 June 2023 by the Representative Actions Directive
 - ⁹ Regulation (EC) No 861/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 July 2007 establishing a European Small Claims Procedure OJ L 199, 31.7.2007, p. 1–22, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02007R0861-20170714>.
 - ¹⁰ Regulation (EC) No 1896/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2006 creating a European order for payment procedure, OJ L 399, 30.12.2006, p. 1–32, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02006R1896-20170714>.
 - ¹¹ Regulation (EC) No 805/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 April 2004 creating a European Enforcement Order for uncontested claims, OJ L 143, 30.4.2004, p. 15–39, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02004R0805-20221026>.
 - ¹² Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions, Towards a European Horizontal Framework for Collective Redress, COM(2013)401 final, <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=COM:2013:0401:FIN>.
 - ¹³ Commission Recommendation 98/257/EC of 30 March 1998 on the principles applicable to the bodies responsible for out-of-court settlement of consumer disputes (Text with EEA relevance) OJ L 115, 17.4.1998, p. 31–34, <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:31998H0257>.
 - ¹⁴ Commission Recommendation of 4 April 2001 on the principles for out-of-court bodies involved in the consensual resolution of consumer disputes (Text with EEA relevance) (notified under document number C(2001) 1016) OJ L 109, 19.4.2001, p. 56–61, <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1413452653111&uri=CELEX:32001H0310>.
 - ¹⁵ Directive 2014/104/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 November 2014 on certain rules governing actions for damages under national law for infringements of the competition law provisions of the Member States and of the European Union (Text with EEA relevance), OJ L 349, 5.12.2014, p. 1–19, https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv:OJL_2014.349.01.0001.01.ENG.
 - ¹⁶ Regulation (EU) No 1215/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2012 on jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters (recast), OJ L 351, 20.12.2012, p. 1–32, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02012R1215-20150226>.
 - ¹⁷ Regulation (EC) No 593/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 June 2008 on the law applicable to contractual obligations (Rome I) OJ L 177, 4.7.2008, p. 6–16, <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/ALL/?uri=CELEX:32008R0593>.

¹⁸ Regulation (EC) No 864/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 July 2007 on the law applicable to non-contractual obligations (Rome II) OJ L 199, 31.7.2007, p. 40–49, <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32007R0864>.

2.3. Sectoral frameworks: Transport and Travel Services

Transport			Travel
Air	Road and rail	Maritime	
<i>Regulation on the rights of disabled persons and persons with reduced mobility when travelling by air (2006)¹</i>	<i>Regulation on rail passengers' rights and obligations (2021)²</i>	<i>Regulation on the rights of passengers when travelling by sea and inland waterway (2010)³</i>	Package Travel Directive (2015)⁴
<i>Regulation on the establishment of a list of air carriers subject to an operating ban (2005)⁵</i>	<i>Regulation on the rights of passengers in bus and coach transport (2011)⁶</i>	<i>Regulation on the liability of carriers of passengers by sea in the event of accident (2009)⁷</i>	Directive on timeshare, long-term holiday products, resale and exchange contracts (2009)⁸
Air Passenger Rights Regulation (2004)⁹			
<i>Regulation air carrier liability in respect of the carriage of passengers and their baggage by air (1997)¹⁰</i>			
<i>Proposal for revision of Regulations on Air Passenger Rights (2013)¹¹</i>			<i>Proposal on short-term rentals regulation (2022)¹²</i>
Communication on passenger rights in all transport modes (2011) ¹³			Report on implementation of the Timeshare Directive (2015) ¹⁴

Notes:

- Timeshare and Package Travel Directives are IMCO competence, while regulations on transport fall under the competence of the Committee on Transport and Tourism (TRAN). However, as some of those regulations reinforce passenger, i.e. consumers, rights, the chart presents the most relevant legislation in that area.
- The EU has over time adopted a body of rules designed to protect passengers, irrespective of the mode of transport they use (air, road, rail and maritime). These rules build on previous legislation on the protection of consumers and package holidays, and on the applicable international conventions, the Charter of Fundamental Rights and the relevant national provisions.
- The Package Travel Directive provides important rights for consumers who book package holidays, including the right to a refund or the right to receive assistance in case of the insolvency of the tour operator. With the outbreak of COVID-19, these rights have become particularly relevant, as many consumers have had to cancel or postpone their holidays due to travel restrictions and quarantine measures. In response to the pandemic, the European Commission issued interpretative guidelines on the application of the Directive. These guidelines clarified that consumers have the right to a refund if the package holiday cannot be provided due to the COVID-19 pandemic, regardless of the reason for the cancellation. They also confirmed that tour operators are obliged to refund the consumer within 14 days

of the cancellation, and that consumers are entitled to reimbursement in the form of vouchers or rebooking only if they have given their explicit and informed consent.

- The European Court of Auditors (ECA) conducted a review of the application of EU consumer law, including the Package Travel Directive, in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. The review found that consumers have faced several challenges in obtaining refunds for cancelled package holidays, such as delays, disputes over the applicable law, confusion regarding refund conditions, and a lack of consistency in the application of EU consumer law across the EU. These challenges have resulted in difficulties for consumers in understanding their rights and enforcing them. The ECA report recommends that steps should be taken to ensure a more consistent and harmonized application of EU consumer law across the EU in order to better protect consumers.

EP studies:

- [Reimbursement and compensation in case of transport cancellation or delay: rights and their enforcement](#) (2021)
- [Rail passengers' rights and obligations in the EU](#) (2021)
- [Consumer Choice and Fair Competition on the Digital Single Market in the Areas of Air Transportation and Accommodation](#) (2018)
- [Implementation of the Package Travel Directive](#) (2012)

- ¹ Regulation (EC) No 1107/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 July 2006 concerning the rights of disabled persons and persons with reduced mobility when travelling by air (Text with EEA relevance) OJ L 204, 26.7.2006, p. 1–9, <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32006R1107>.
- ² Regulation (EU) 2021/782 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2021 on rail passengers' rights and obligations (recast) (Text with EEA relevance), OJ L 172, 17.5.2021, p. 1–52, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex%3A32021R0782>.
- ³ Regulation (EU) No 1177/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 November 2010 concerning the rights of passengers when travelling by sea and inland waterway and amending Regulation (EC) No 2006/2004 Text with EEA relevance OJ L 334, 17.12.2010, p. 1–16, <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32010R1177>.
- ⁴ Directive (EU) 2015/2302 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2015 on package travel and linked travel arrangements, amending Regulation (EC) No 2006/2004 and Directive 2011/83/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Council Directive 90/314/EEC, OJ L 326, 11.12.2015, p. 1–33, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/en/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32015L2302>.
- ⁵ Regulation (EC) No 2111/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 December 2005 on the establishment of a Community list of air carriers subject to an operating ban within the Community and on informing air transport passengers of the identity of the operating air carrier, and repealing Article 9 of Directive 2004/36/EC (Text with EEA relevance) OJ L 344, 27.12.2005, p. 15–22, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02005R2111-20190726>.
- ⁶ Regulation (EU) No 181/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 February 2011 concerning the rights of passengers in bus and coach transport and amending Regulation (EC) No 2006/2004, OJ L 55, 28.2.2011, p. 1–12, <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32011R0181>.
- ⁷ Regulation (EC) No 392/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 April 2009 on the liability of carriers of passengers by sea in the event of accidents (Text with EEA relevance), OJ L 131, 28.5.2009, p. 24–46, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02009R0392-20190726>.
- ⁸ Directive 2008/122/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 January 2009 on the protection of consumers in respect of certain aspects of timeshare, long-term holiday product, resale and exchange contracts (Text with EEA relevance) OJ L 33, 3.2.2009, p. 10–30, <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32008L0122>.
- ⁹ Regulation (EC) No 261/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 February 2004 establishing common rules on compensation and assistance to passengers in the event of denied boarding and of cancellation or long delay of flights, and repealing Regulation (EEC) No 295/91, OJ L 46, 17.2.2004, p. 1–8, <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32004R0261>.
- ¹⁰ Council Regulation (EC) No 2027/97 of 9 October 1997 on air carrier liability in the event of accidents OJ L 285, 17.10.1997, p. 1–3, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A01997R2027-20020530>.
- ¹¹ Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 261/2004 establishing common rules on compensation and assistance to passengers in the event of denied boarding and of cancellation or long delay of flights and Regulation (EC) No 2027/97 on air carrier liability in respect of the carriage of passengers and their baggage by air COM(2013)0130 final - 2013/0072 (COD) 13.03.2013, <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52013PC0130>.
- ¹² Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on data collection and sharing relating to short-term accommodation rental services and amending Regulation (EU) 2018/1724, COM(2022)571 final, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/ALL/?uri=CELEX:52022PC0571>.
- ¹³ Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council - A European vision for Passengers Communication on Passenger Rights in all transport modes, COM(2011) 898 final, http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legalcontent/EN/ALL/ELX_SESSIONID=btmKJXShZvfBicZTfsvxSGfFLH3XP9YkSSdT42r12n6llnOVxGII395893856?uri=CELEX:52011DC0898.

¹⁴ Report on the evaluation of Directive 2008/122/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 January 2009 on the protection of consumers in respect of certain aspects of timeshare, long-term holiday product, resale and exchange contracts, COM(2015) 644 final, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/ALL/?uri=CELEX%3A52015DC0644>.

2.4. Product Safety and Market Surveillance

Horizontal legislation		Sector-specific product safety legislation			
Product safety	Market Surveillance	Alignment with the New Legislative Framework (NLF) legislation		Other legislation	
General Product Safety Directive (2001) ¹	Regulation on market surveillance and compliance of products (2019) ²	Medical Devices Regulation (2017) ³	Personal Protective Equipments Directive (2016) ⁴	Cosmetics Regulation (2009) ⁵	Regulation on General Safety of Motor Vehicles (2009) ⁶
		Cableway installations Regulation (2016) ⁷	Pressure Equipment Directive (2014) ⁸		
Proposal for a General Product Safety Regulation (2021) ⁹	Regulation on requirements on accreditation and surveillance for the marketing of products (2008) ¹⁰	Electromagnetic Compatibility Directive (2014) ¹¹	Low Voltage Directive (2014) ¹²	REACH Regulation (2006) ¹³	Directive on Community code relating to medicinal products for human use (2001) ¹⁴
		Radio Equipment Directive (2014) ¹⁵	Lifts Directive (2014) ¹⁶		
		ATEX Directive (2014) ¹⁷	Measuring Instruments Directive (2004, modified 2009) (2014) ¹⁸	Medical Devices Directives (1990) ¹⁹	
		Simple Pressure Vessels Directive (2014) ²⁰	Civil Explosives Directive (2014) ²¹		
		Non-automatic Weighing Instruments Directive (2014) ²²	Pyrotechnic Articles Directive (2013) ²³		
		Recreational Crafts Directive (2013) ²⁴	Directive on Restriction of Hazardous Substances in Electrical & Electronic Equipment (2011) ²⁵		
		Toys Safety Directive (2009) ²⁶	Measuring Instruments & Metrological Control Methods Directive (2009) ²⁷		

Notes:

- IMCO is generally responsible for product safety legislation, while the legislation dealing with specific products in many cases is under other Committees' remit. For instance, the legislation on cosmetics, dangerous substances, or medical devices are of the competence of the ENVI Committee. As this overview focuses on the consumer protection areas relevant for IMCO, the chart only presents some of the most important sector-specific legislation, and excludes food-related legislation.
- Given the large amount of legislation on consumer safety, the list of sector-specific product safety legislation presented here is not exhaustive. Also, the large number of **delegated and implementing acts**, which are of particular importance for safety issues, are not included in the chart either.

- The category "Alignment with the New Legislative Framework (NLF) legislation" includes technical legislation related to standardisation that has incorporated the provisions of **Decision 768/2008 concerning a common framework for the marketing of products**. This decision contains consolidated and standardised technical horizontal instruments to ensure better consistency of the legislation. Alignment of new legislation in the area of product safety and market surveillance as well as of the existing legislation (when revision is foreseen) is done progressively.
- The NLF package includes Regulation (EC) No 765/2008 setting out the requirements for accreditation and market surveillance relating to the marketing of products and Decision 768/2008/EC, that which also lay down general principles for the CE marking. The third act initially part of the NLF, Regulation (EC) No 764/2008²⁸, has been repealed by Regulation (EU) 2019/515.

EP studies:

- [New technologies and new digital solutions for improved safety of products on the internal market](#) (2022)
- [The EU Toy Safety Directive](#) (2021)
- [The Product Safety and Market Surveillance Package](#) (2014)
- [Proceedings of the Workshop on "The Product Safety and Market Surveillance Package"](#) (2013)
- [Hotel fire safety: the case for legislation](#) (2013)

¹ Directive 2001/95/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 3 December 2001 on general product safety (Text with EEA relevance) OJ L 11, 15.1.2002, p. 4–17, http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/en/ALL/ELX_SESSIONID=722tJsTH5QWxjlr8dz2g4GB5d8gHWz70LNLBhY2ms0M2QY2VDO1v!260665475?uri=CELEX:32001L0095.

² Regulation (EU) 2019/1020 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 June 2019 on market surveillance and compliance of products and amending Directive 2004/42/EC and Regulations (EC) No 765/2008 and (EU) No 305/2011 (Text with EEA relevance), OJ L 169, 25.6.2019, p. 1–44, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32019R1020&from=EN>.

³ Regulation (EU) 2017/745 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 April 2017 on medical devices, amending Directive 2001/83/EC, Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 and Regulation (EC) No 1223/2009 and repealing Council Directives 90/385/EEC and 93/42/EEC (Text with EEA relevance), OJ L 117, 5.5.2017, p. 1–175, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32017R0745>.

⁴ 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), OJ L 81, 31.3.2016, p. 51–98, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32016R0425>.

⁵ Regulation (EC) No 1223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 November 2009 on cosmetic products (Text with EEA relevance) JO L 342 du 22.12.2009, p. 59–209, <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32009R1223>.

⁶ Regulation (EC) No 661/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 concerning type-approval requirements for the general safety of motor vehicles, their trailers and systems, components and separate technical units intended therefor (Text with EEA relevance) OJ L 200, 31.7.2009, p. 1–24, <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32009R0661>.

⁷ 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), OJ L 81, 31.3.2016, p. 1–50, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/en/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32016R0424>.

⁸ Directive 2014/68/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to the making available on the market of pressure equipment, <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32014L0068>.

⁹ Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on general product safety, amending Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and repealing Council Directive 87/357/EEC and Directive 2001/95/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (Text with EEA relevance), COM(2021) 346 final, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A52021PC0346>.

¹⁰ Regulation (EC) No 765/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 July 2008 setting out the requirements for accreditation and market surveillance relating to the marketing of products and repealing Regulation (EEC) No 339/93 (Text with EEA relevance) OJ L 218, 13.08.2008, p. 30–47, http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv:OJ.L_.2008.218.01.0030.01.ENG.

¹¹ Directive 2014/30/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to electromagnetic compatibility (recast), http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv:OJ.L_.2014.096.01.0079.01.ENG.

¹² Directive 2014/35/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to the making available on the market of electrical equipment designed for use within certain voltage limits, http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv:OJ.L_.2014.096.01.0357.01.ENG.

- ¹³ Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH), establishing a European Chemicals Agency, amending Directive 1999/45/EC and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 793/93 and Commission Regulation (EC) No 1488/94 as well as Council Directive 76/769/EEC and Commission Directives 91/155/EEC, 93/67/EEC, 93/105/EC and 2000/21/EC (Text with EEA relevance) OJ L 136 of 29.05.2007, <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/en/ALL/?uri=CELEX:32006R1907>.
- ¹⁴ Directive 2001/83/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 November 2001 on the Community code relating to medicinal products for human use OJ L 311, 28.11.2001, p. 67–128, <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/en/ALL/?uri=CELEX:32001L0083>.
- ¹⁵ Directive 2014/53/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to the making available on the market of radio equipment and repealing Directive 1999/5/EC Text with EEA relevance, OJ L 153, 22.05.2014, p. 62–106, <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32014L0053>.
- ¹⁶ Directive 2014/33/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to lifts and safety components for lifts Text with EEA relevance OJ L 96, 29.03.2014, p. 251–308, http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv:OJ.L_.2014.096.01.0251.01.ENG.
- ¹⁷ Directive 2014/34/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to equipment and protective systems intended for use in potentially explosive atmospheres (recast) Text with EEA relevance OJ L 96, 29.03.2014, p. 309–356, http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv:OJ.L_.2014.096.01.0309.01.ENG.
- ¹⁸ Directive 2014/32/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to the making available on the market of measuring instruments (recast) Text with EEA relevance OJ L 96, 29.03.2014, p. 149–250, <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32014L0032>.
- ¹⁹ Council Directive 90/385/EEC of 20 June 1990 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to active implantable medical devices OJ L 189, 20.7.1990, p. 17, <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:31990L0385>; Council Directive 93/42/EEC of 14 June 1993 concerning medical devices OJ L 169, 12.7.1993, p. 1, <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:31993L0042>; Directive 98/79/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 October 1998 on in vitro diagnostic medical devices - OJ L 331, 7.12.1998, p. 1–37, <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/ALL/?uri=CELEX:31998L0079>.
- ²⁰ Directive 2014/29/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to the making available on the market of simple pressure vessels Text with EEA relevance OJ L 96, 29.03.2014, p. 45–78, http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv:OJ.L_.2014.096.01.0045.01.ENG.
- ²¹ Directive 2014/28/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to the making available on the market and supervision of explosives for civil uses (recast) Text with EEA relevance OJ L 96, 29.03.2014, p. 1–44, http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv:OJ.L_.2014.096.01.0001.01.ENG.
- ²² Directive 2014/31/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to the making available on the market of non-automatic weighing instruments Text with EEA relevance OJ L 96, 29.03.2014, p. 107–148, <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32014L0031>.
- ²³ Directive 2013/29/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 June 2013 on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to the making available on the market of pyrotechnic articles (recast) Text with EEA relevance OJ L 178, 28.06.2013, p. 27–65, <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/en/ALL/?uri=CELEX:32013L0029>.
- ²⁴ Directive 2013/53/Eu Of The European Parliament and of the Council of 20 November 2013 on recreational craft and personal watercraft and repealing Directive 94/25/EC, OJ L 354/90, <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2013:354:0090:0131:EN:PDF>.
- ²⁵ Directive 2011/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2011 on the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment Text with EEA relevance, OJ L 174, 01.07.2011, p. 88–110, <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32011L0065>.
- ²⁶ Directive 2009/48/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 June 2009 on the safety of toys (Text with EEA relevance) OJ L 170, 30.6.2009, p. 1–37, <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32009L0048>.
- ²⁷ Directive 2009/34/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 April 2009 relating to common provisions for both measuring instruments and methods of metrological control (Recast) (Text with EEA relevance), OJ L 106, 28.4.2009, p. 7–24, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02009L0034-20190726>.
- ²⁸ Regulation (EC) No 764/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 July 2008 laying down procedures relating to the application of certain national technical rules to products lawfully marketed in another Member State and repealing Decision No 3052/95/EC (Text with EEA relevance) OJ L 218, 13.08.2008, p. 21–29, <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32008R0764>.

3. SINGLE MARKET GOVERNANCE AND FUNCTIONING

3.1. Single Market programming, governance and functioning documents

Single Market programming	Single Market governance		Single Market functioning	
	Guidelines & recommendations	“EU Semester” exercise		
Long term action plan for better implementation and enforcement of single market rules (2020) ¹	Communication on Better governance for the Single Market (2012) ²	2023 Annual Growth Survey (AGS) (2022) ³	AGS - Report on Single Market Integration (2022) ⁴	Single Market Emergency Instrument (SMEI) (2022) ⁵
Communication on Single Market Strategy (2015) ⁶	Recommendation on Measures to improve the functioning of the Single Market (2009) ⁷			Single Digital Gateway (2018) ⁸
Communication on Single Market Act (SMA) II (2013) ⁹	Recommendation on Transposition of Directives affecting the Internal Market (2004) ¹⁰			Your Europe Portal (2013) ¹¹
Communication on Single Market Act (SMA) I (2012) ¹²	Communication on Monitoring the application of EU law (2002) ¹³			
	Annual Single Market Reports ¹⁴			

Notes:

- Single Market policy coordination has been structured around specific work programmes, such as the **Single Market Acts** (SMA I and SMA II) and the **Single Market Strategy**. In addition, more general guidelines and recommendations have been adopted with a view to improving the transposition and coherent implementation of EU law in the Single Market.
- Member States' economic policies are coordinated at EU level through the annual **'European Semester' exercise**. Launched in 2010, it synchronises the timing of economic and fiscal policy reporting and evaluation at EU level, and introduces ex-ante coordination of national economic policies. The **Annual Growth Survey** (AGS) is the first step launching the **European Semester** annual cycle. The AGS sets out the broad EU economic priorities for the year to come. It is accompanied by different documents including, e.g. **country-specific recommendations** for each Member State, along with an overarching Commission **communication** and a **Staff Working Document** assessing the implementation of previous country-specific recommendations. Specific reports are also attached, such as the **Joint Employment Report** and an annual **Report on Single Market Integration**. Published since 2012, the later analyses how the single market works in key areas with the greatest growth potential and points out possible gaps in implementing EU legislation.

EP studies:

- [Contribution of Internal Market and Consumer Protection to Growth](#) (2015)
- [Single Market Act: state of play](#) (Update 2014)
- [Indicators for Measuring the Performance of the Single Market – Building the Single Market Pillar of the European Semester](#) (2014)
- [Towards indicators for measuring the performance of the Single Market](#) (2014)
- [From Shadow to Formal Economy: Levelling the Playing Field in the Single Market](#) (2013)
- [Performance-based full policy cycle for the digital single market](#) (2013)
- [Better Governance of the Single Market](#) (2013)

- ¹ Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: Long term action plan for better implementation and enforcement of single market rules, COM(2020) 94 final, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=COM%3A2020%3A94%3AFIN>.
- ² Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and social Committee and the Committee of the Regions - Better Governance for the Single Market, COM(2012) 259 final, <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=COM:2012:0259:FIN:EN:PDF>.
- ³ Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the European Council, the Council, the European Central Bank, the European Economic and social Committee, the Committee of the Regions and the European Investment Bank - Annual Sustainable Growth Survey 2023, COM(2022) 780 final, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=COM%3A2022%3A780%3AFIN&qid=1669158965799>.
- ⁴ Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Central Bank, the European Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of the Regions and the European Investment Bank - A Single Market for growth and jobs: An analysis of progress made and remaining obstacles in the Member States - Contribution to the Annual Growth Survey 2014, COM(2013)0785 final, http://ec.europa.eu/europe2020/pdf/2014/smr2014_en.pdf.
- ⁵ Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a Single Market emergency instrument and repealing Council Regulation No (EC) 2679/98, COM(2022) 459 final, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52022PC0459>.
- ⁶ Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and social Committee and the Committee of the Regions - Upgrading the Single Market: more opportunities for people and business, COM(2015) 550 final, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=COM%3A2015%3A550%3AFIN>.
- ⁷ Commission Recommendation of 29 June 2009 on measures to improve the functioning of the single market (Text with EEA relevance) (2009/524/EC), OJ L 176, 7.7.2009, <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32009H0524>.
- ⁸ Regulation (EU) 2018/1724 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 2 October 2018 establishing a single digital gateway to provide access to information, to procedures and to assistance and problem-solving services and amending Regulation (EU) No 1024/2012 (Text with EEA relevance), OJ L 295, 21.11.2018, p. 1–38, https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv:OJ.L_.2018.295.01.0001.01.ENG.
- ⁹ Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and social Committee and the Committee of the Regions - Single Market Act II Together for new growth (Text with EEA relevance), COM(2012) 573 final, <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=COM:2012:0573:FIN:EN:PDF>.
- ¹⁰ Commission Recommendation (2005/309/EC) of 12 July 2004 on the transposition into national law of Directives affecting the internal market (Text with EEA relevance), OJ L 98, 16.4.2005, p. 47–52, http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv:OJ.L_.2005.098.01.0047.01.ENG.
- ¹¹ Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions - Empowering businesses and citizens in Europe's single market: An Action Plan for boosting Your Europe in cooperation with the Member States (Text with EEA relevance), COM(2013) 636 final, http://europa.eu/youreurope/advice/index_en.htm.
- ¹² Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions - Single Market Act Twelve levers to boost growth and strengthen confidence "Working together to create new growth", COM(2011)0206 final, <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/ALL/?uri=CELEX:52011DC0206>.
- ¹³ Commission Communication - Better monitoring of the application of Community law, COM(2002)725 final, http://ec.europa.eu/governance/docs/comm_infraction_en.pdf.
- ¹⁴ Commission Staff Working Document Annual Single Market Report 2022, SWD(2022) 40 final, https://single-market-economy.ec.europa.eu/news/commission-presents-2022-single-market-report-and-updated-depth-review-europes-strategic-2022-02-23_en.

3.2. Single Market governance tools

Single Market governance tools			
Information tools	Monitoring tools	Problem solving tools	Tools for administrative cooperation
Your Europe/Your Europe Advice portal ¹	Single Market Scoreboard ² (annual publication)	"EU Pilot" platform ³	Internal Market Information System (IMI) ⁴
European Consumer Centres Network (ECC-Net) ⁵	Consumer Markets Scoreboard ⁶ (annual publication)	SOLVIT service portal ⁷	Consumer Protection Cooperation (CPC) Network ⁸
European Employment Services Network (EURES) ⁹	Consumer Conditions Scoreboard ¹⁰ (annual publication)	Single Market Enforcement Taskforce (SMET) ¹¹	
Points of Single Contact (PSCs) ¹²			
Enterprise Europe Network (EEN) ¹³			

Notes:

- The chart presents practical "Single Market tools", i.e. the websites, platforms, networks etc set up by the Commission in support of the EU policy on Single Market governance. Unlike the other charts in this document, the aim here is not to present the legislative and non-legislative acts in force, but to give an overview of the existing tools. The footnotes therefore refer to the texts used as a legal basis for creating the tools.
- Regarding **monitoring tools**, a number of other tools and reports in specific sectors are also available, for example the EC European Financial Stability and Integration Review (EFSIR)¹⁴ or the EC report on public procurement¹⁵.
- The **Points of Single Contact** have been set up in all the Member States under the EU 'Services Directive'. They provide businesses with information relating to business opportunities and related legislation and allow them to complete online administrative procedures for setting up a business in all the Member States.
- **"EU Pilot"** is an online platform used by Member States and the European Commission to communicate and clarify the factual and legal background of problems arising in relation to the conformity of national law with EU law or the correct application of EU law.

EP studies:

- [The role of Points of Single Contact and other information services in the Single Market](#) (2020)
- [A European Single Point of Contact](#) (2013)
- [Data protection in the IMI system](#) (2012)

¹ Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions - Empowering businesses and citizens in Europe's single market: An Action Plan for boosting Your Europe in cooperation with the Member States (Text with EEA relevance) COM(2013) 636 final, http://europa.eu/youreurope/http://europa.eu/youreurope/advice/index_en.htm.

² Single Market Scoreboard <http://ec.europa.eu/single-market-scoreboard>.

³ Communication from the Commission - A Europe of results - Applying Community law, COM(2007) 502 final, https://single-market-scoreboard.ec.europa.eu/governance-tools/eu-pilot_en.

- ⁴ Regulation (EU) No 1024/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on administrative cooperation through the Internal Market Information System and repealing Commission Decision 2008/49/EC ('the IMI Regulation') (Text with EEA relevance), OJ L 316, 14.11.2012, p. 1–11, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02012R1024-20220221>.
- ⁵ The network of European Consumer Centres (ECC-Net) gives information and advice to consumers on their rights in the EU and helps them with their disputes with traders in other EU countries. ECC-Net is a result of the merger in 2005 of two existing consumer protection networks (EEJ-Net and the Network of Euroguichet), https://commission.europa.eu/live-work-travel-eu/consumer-rights-and-complaints/resolve-your-consumer-complaint/european-consumer-centres-network-ecc-net_en.
- ⁶ Consumer Markets Scoreboard, https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/policies/consumers/consumer-protection-policy/evidence-based-consumer-policy/consumer-scoreboards_en.
- ⁷ The Commission Recommendation of 17 September 2013 on the principles governing SOLVIT (Text with EEA relevance) 2013/461/EU, OJ L 249, 19.9.2013, p. 10–15, <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32013H0461> replaces the 2001 Commission Recommendation.
- ⁸ Regulation (EU) 2017/2394 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2017 on cooperation between national authorities responsible for the enforcement of consumer protection laws and repealing Regulation (EC) No 2006/2004 (Text with EEA relevance), OJ L 345, 27.12.2017, p. 1–26, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02017R2394-20220101>.
- ⁹ Regulation (EU) 2016/589 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 April 2016 on a European network of employment services (EURES), workers' access to mobility services and the further integration of labour markets, and amending Regulations (EU) No 492/2011 and (EU) No 1296/2013 (Text with EEA relevance), OJ L 107, 22.4.2016, p. 1–28, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02016R0589-20190731>.
- ¹⁰ Consumer Conditions Scoreboard, https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/policies/consumers/consumer-protection-policy/evidence-based-consumer-policy/consumer-scoreboards_en.
- ¹¹ The Single Market Enforcement Task Force (SMET) was set up by the [Action plan for better implementation and enforcement of single market rules](https://single-market-economy.ec.europa.eu/single-market/single-market-enforcement-taskforce_en) adopted in March 2020, https://single-market-economy.ec.europa.eu/single-market/single-market-enforcement-taskforce_en.
- ¹² Directive 2006/123/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2006 on services in the internal market, OJ L 376, 27.12.2006, p. 36–68, <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32006L0123>.
- ¹³ The Enterprise Europe Network was established in 2008 under the Competitiveness and Innovation Programme (2007–2013). It builds on the former Euro Info Centre (EIC) and Innovation Relay Centre (IRC) Networks, established in 1987 and 1995 respectively, <http://een.ec.europa.eu/>.
- ¹⁴ https://finance.ec.europa.eu/publications/european-financial-stability-and-integration-review-efsr_en.
- ¹⁵ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52021DC0245>.

3.3. External dimension of the Single Market: Bilateral agreements

Free movement of goods	Free movement of persons	Free movement of services	Free movement of capital	Public procurement
EU-Singapore Free Trade Agreement (2019) ¹		EU-Singapore Free Trade Agreement (2019) ²		
EU-Canada Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) (2017) ³				
EU-Georgia Association Agreement (2014) ⁴		EU-Georgia Association Agreement (2014) ⁵		
EU-Iraq Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (2012) ⁶				EU-Iraq Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (2012) ⁷
EU-South Korea Free Trade Agreement (2010) ⁸		EU-South Korea Free Trade Agreement (2010) ⁹		
EU-South Africa Trade Development and Cooperation Agreement (2004) ¹⁰		EU-South Africa Trade Development and Cooperation Agreement (2004) ¹¹		
Agreements with American countries ¹²		Agreements with American countries ¹³		
Association Agreements with Mediterranean countries ¹⁴		Association Agreements with Mediterranean countries ¹⁵		
EU-Switzerland Free Trade Agreement ¹⁶ (1972) and additional protocols		EU-Switzerland "Bilateral Agreements I" (1999) and "Bilateral Agreements II" (2004) ¹⁷		

Notes:

- General provision:** only the EU Member States are fully part of the European single market, while several other countries and territories have been granted various degrees of participation. The Single Market has been extended, with exceptions, to Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway through the Agreement on the European Economic Area (EEA), and to Switzerland through sectoral bilateral agreements.
 The exceptions, where the three states member of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) are not bound by EU law, are:
 - the common agricultural policy and the common fisheries policy (although the EEA agreement contains provisions on trade in agricultural and fishery produce);
 - the customs union;
 - the common trade policy;
 - the common foreign and security policy;
 - the field of justice and home affairs (although each EFTA country is part of the Schengen area); and
 - the economic and monetary union (EMU).
- This chart aims at presenting the main bilateral international agreements between the EU and third countries and regions that cover issues of interest for the IMCO Committee.
- Therefore, the presentation excludes:

- EU-enlargement issues (including Ukraine and Moldova) and the Agreement on the European Economic Area (EEA),
 - Internal EU regulations such as the **Regulation on access to international public procurement markets (IPI)**¹⁹ and the **Strategy for the protection and enforcement of intellectual property rights in 3rd countries**²⁰;
 - International agreements touching upon Internal Market policies but with no direct link to the core issues dealt with by the IMCO Committee (e.g. competition, energy, intellectual property rights, financial services, investment, food, animal and plants products). Such agreements include e.g. the **Agreement on Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS)**²¹, the **Fifth Protocol to GATS on financial services**²², the **WIPO Copyright Treaty (WCT)**²³ and the **WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty (WPPT)**²⁴, the **WTO Agriculture Agreement**²⁵, the **WTO Agreement on the Application of the Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS Agreement)**²⁶, the **WTO Anti-dumping Agreement**²⁷, the **Agreement on Trade-Related Investment Measures (TRIMs)**²⁸.
- The scope of each bilateral agreement presented in the chart depends on the negotiations that took place between the EU and the country concerned. Therefore, the agreements appearing under one specific issue (e.g. free movement of services) may differ as regards the scope and intensity of the commitments.
 - **Agreements EU-Switzerland:**
 - "**Bilateral Agreements I**" is a package of seven sectoral agreements with the Swiss Confederation (free movement of persons, air and land transport, public procurement, scientific and technological cooperation, mutual recognition in relation to conformity assessment, and trade in agricultural products). The "**Bilateral Agreements II**" deal with different issues, such as the Schengen and Dublin agreements, the taxation of savings' interest, the fight against fraud, processed agricultural products, statistics, pensions, the environment, the MEDIA audiovisual programme, education, occupational training and youth.
 - There is no general agreement on **free movement of services with Switzerland**. However, a limited application of it in the Free Movement of Persons Agreement and in some specific sectors under specific agreements (e.g. the Transport Agreements). **Free movement of capital** is in principle not covered by bilateral agreements; but a minor element may be found in Article 25 of Annex I attached to the Free Movement of Persons Agreement (Bilateral Agreements I), concerning the purchase of real estate.

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- [EU-Swiss trade relations and the institutional framework agreement](#) (2021)
- [CETA implementation - SMEs and regions in focus](#) (2019)
- [Internal Market beyond the EU: EEA and Switzerland](#) (2010)

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² Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Singapore, OJ L 294, 14.11.2019, p. 3-755, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/GA/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A2019A1114%2801%29>.

³ Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) between Canada, of the one part, and the European Union and its Member States, of the other part, OJ L 11, 14.1.2017, p. 23-1079, [https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex:2017A0114\(01\)](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex:2017A0114(01)).

- ⁴ Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and Georgia, of the other part, OJ L 261, 30.8.2014, p. 4–743, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02014A0830%2802%29-20210901>.
- ⁵ Ibidem.
- ⁶ Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Iraq, of the other part, OJ L 204, 31.7.2012, p. 20, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A2012A0731%2801%29>.
- ⁷ Ibidem
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- ⁹ Free trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Korea, of the other part, p. 6–1343, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02011A0514%2801%29-20210701>.
- ¹⁰ Council Decision 2004/441/EC of 26 April 2004 concerning the conclusion of the Trade, Development and Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, on the one part, and the Republic of South Africa, on the other part - OJ L 127, 29.04.2004, p. 109–109, <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/ALL/?uri=CELEX:32004D0441>.
- ¹¹ Ibidem
- ¹² These refer to the following agreements: EU's Trade agreement with Peru and Colombia (2012), EU-Chile Association Agreement (2003), EU-Central America Association Agreement (2012), EU-Mexico Economic Partnership, Political Coordination and Cooperation Agreement (2000).
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- ²⁰ Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council and the European Economic and Social Committee - Trade, growth and intellectual property - Strategy for the protection and enforcement of intellectual property rights in third countries COM(2014) 389 final 01.07.2014, <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52014DC0389>.
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3.4. External dimension of the Single Market: Multilateral and plurilateral agreements

Free movement of goods	Free movement of persons	Free movement of services	Free movement of capital	Public procurement
Information Technology Agreement (ITA) (1996) ¹	General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS) - 3rd Protocol (1996) ²	General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS) (1994) ³		WTO Government Procurement Agreement (GPA) (1994) ⁴
Agreement on Trade-Related Investment Measures (TRIMs) (1994) ⁵		General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS) - Annex 1 Disciplines on Services Domestic Regulation (2021)		
Rules of Origin Agreement (1994) ⁶				
Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures (1994) ⁷				
Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) (1994) ⁸				
Agreement on customs valuation (1994) ⁹				
Preshipment inspection Agreement (1994) ¹⁰				
General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) (1994) ¹¹				
Agreement on Trade in Civil Aircraft (1979) ¹²				

Notes:

- This chart aims at presenting the main multilateral and plurilateral international agreements between the EU and third countries and regions that cover issues of interest for the IMCO Committee.
Therefore, the presentation excludes:
 - Internal EU regulations such as the **Regulation on access to international public procurement markets (IPI)** ¹³ and the **Strategy for the protection and enforcement of intellectual property rights in 3rd countries** ¹⁴;
 - International agreements touching upon Internal Market policies but with no direct link to the core issues dealt with by the IMCO Committee (e.g. competition, energy, intellectual property rights, financial services, investment, food, animal and plants products). Such agreements include e.g. the **Agreement on Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS)** ¹⁵, the **Fifth Protocol to GATS on financial services** ¹⁶, the **WIPO Copyright Treaty (WCT)** ¹⁷ and the **WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty (WPPT)** ¹⁸, the **WTO Agriculture Agreement** ¹⁹, the **WTO Agreement on the Application of the Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS Agreement)** ²⁰, the **WTO Anti-dumping Agreement** ²¹, the **Agreement on Trade-Related Investment Measures (TRIMs)** ²².

- EU-enlargement issues and the Agreement on the European Economic Area (EEA) are also excluded from the chart.
- The basic structure of the WTO agreements is made of the umbrella "**WTO agreement**"²³ (Agreement establishing the WTO); three agreements defining the basic principles in the three areas covered by the WTO (goods, services, intellectual property); dispute settlements and a trade policy review mechanism.

In addition to the sectoral agreements (GATT for goods, GATS for services and TRIPS for intellectual property), further additional agreements and annexes cover specific sectors (except for TRIPS) and lists of commitments made by individual countries. The chart only presents the most important additional agreements and annexes to the extent that the IMCO Committee's competences are concerned.²⁴

The provisions of the GATT 1947 (international treaty predating the WTO Agreement incorporated into the GATT 1994) continue to have legal effect as part of the GATT 1994, itself a component of the WTO Agreement.

- The GATS comes with different annexes dealing with rules for specific sectors, such as the **2nd Protocol to the GATS (financial services)**²⁵; **4th Protocol to the GATS (telecommunications)**²⁶; **5th Protocol to the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS)**²⁷.
- The **Agreement on Trade in Civil Aircraft** and the **WTO Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)** are plurilateral agreements. The revised WTO Government Procurement Agreement (GPA) entered into force on 6 April 2014.
- Negotiations on a Trade in Services Agreement (TiSA) were launched in March 2013. Until November 2016, 21 rounds took place and negotiations were said to have been at an advanced stage, although the ambition to have an agreed text did not materialize and TiSA negotiations were halted. On a separate track, following a joint declaration in December 2017 Buenos Aires WTO Ministerial Conference, negotiations on domestic services regulation were conducted on a plurilateral basis and successfully concluded in December 2021²⁸.

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⁶ Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations (1986–1994) - Annex 1 - Annex 1A - Agreement on Rules of Origin - Common Declaration with regard to preferential rules of origin (WTO-GATT 1994), OJ L 336, 23.12.1994, p. 144, [http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:21994A1223\(12\)](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:21994A1223(12)). For further information on this agreement: http://www.wto.org/english/docs_e/legal_e/22-roo_e.htm.

⁷ Multilateral Agreements resulting from the trade negotiations of 1973–1979 (GATT) - Agreement on import licensing procedures, OJ L 71, 17.03.1980, p. 102–106, [http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:21979A0412\(08\)](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:21979A0412(08)).

- ⁸ Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations (1986- 1994) - Annex 1 - Annex 1A - Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade (WTO-GATT 1994), OJ L 336, 23.12.1994, p. 86–99, [http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:21994A1223\(07\);](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:21994A1223(07);) for further information, see: http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/tbt_e/tbt_e.htm.
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