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The future of the Single Market

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45 members associations
1,700 regional and local chambers of commerce and industry
20,000,000 businesses
93% of which are small and medium-sized
120,000,000 employees





EUROCHAMBRES SURVEY

In September 2015:


592 entrepreneurs

from all **28** EU
countries





explained the obstacles and identified solutions:





Main OBSTACLES

 complex
administrative procedures **83%**

 inaccessibility of
information on
rules and
requirements **81%**

 different national
rules on
products/services **81%**

 different contractual/
legal practices **76%**


 concerns about
payment recovery **75%**


Possible SOLUTIONS




 single
online
portal

where businesses can:

 access information on all
necessary procedures and
formalities to operate in any
EU country **93%**

 complete all the formalities
and procedures **92%**

 prove product compliance
with EU legislation **88%**

 A standardized EU-wide
VAT declaration in
their native language **87%**





Quick overview Single Market under Juncker

- 2014: Single Market 1 of 10 priorities of Juncker;
- In 2015: Single Market Strategy and Digital Single Market Strategies published (May and October);
- 2015 – 2018: publication of legislative initiatives;
- 03/2018: European Council asks a “*state of play*” and “*assessment of remaining barriers*” of the Single Market;
- 07/2018: 16 member states ask for a new commitment for the Single Market;
- 22/11/2018: Commission Communication “*The Single Market in changing world*”;
- 10/12/2018: EP Resolution on the Single Market Package
- 14/12/2018: European Council



Commission Communication: *The Single Market in a changing world*

POLICY DESCRIPTION		 EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT	 COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION
SINGLE MARKET STRATEGY			
1.	Single Digital Gateway	●	●
2.	Notification Procedure	●	●
3.	Single Market Information Tool (SMIT)	●	●
4.	Goods Package (Mutual Recognition)	●	●
5.	Goods Package (Compliance and Enforcement)	●	●
6.	Supplementary Protection Certificate (SPC) - Manufacturing Waiver	●	●
7.	e-Card	●	●
8.	Regulation on cross-border parcel delivery services	●	●
9.	Proportionality test before adoption of new regulations of professions	●	●



Survey October 2018

Is the Single Market sufficiently integrated, allowing your company to operate and compete freely?

Yes: 30.7%

No: 69.3%

If the Single Market was fully functional, businesses would already be able to commercialize their goods or services in any other EU member state with little or no additional legal or administrative complexity.



Potential of the Single Market

- Goods: € 183 billion per year
- Services: € 338 billion per year - [Study](#) of Copenhagen Economics on potential for Services:
 - Low productivity growth in the EU;
 - High potential for ALL countries (including DE and FR);
 - Full implementation of Services Directive could add 2% to EU GDP;
 - Would be beneficial to SMEs!!!



List of recommendations for the next term

Online and offline rules should be more aligned; take into account new realities

Keep the **right balance** between traders and consumers' rights

Proper implementation of EU law and legal certainty

Stop the neo-protectionist measures (ie procedures, requirements)

More **harmonisation**, and less gold-plating

Better regulation: **REFIT and SME friendly (not all are GAFA!)**

No need to harmonise everything: eg penalties



Thank you for your attention!

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