

PROGRAMME

European Parliament Retail Market Roundtable of the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection

15 February 2016 from 15h00 to 17h30
European Parliament, Brussels
Altiero Spinelli building, room 3E2

Follow up to the European Parliament resolution of 5 July 2011 on a more efficient and fairer retail market, in which the Parliament asked "*the Commission and operators in the retail supply chain to report to Parliament on yearly basis on progress made in the existing platforms and informal dialogue mechanisms*" and suggested "*that the results should be debated at a yearly Retail Market Roundtable organised by its Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection*".

Opening session

15.00 - 15.10 Opening and welcome, **MEP Anna Maria Corazza Bildt**

Panel 1: Removing obstacles: delivering freedom of movement, establishment and choice

How can the Digital Single Market reduce legal and practical barriers? Translations, different payment systems, taxation, and local technical product requirements face many businesses today. Is there a risk of creating special rules just for digital/online? What are the roles of platforms, which have changed the way people sell, buy and get information? What policy initiatives are needed to promote growth and innovation? What's in the new package for retailers? And what are the challenges?

15.10 - 15.20 **Janine Tillema, CEO, Paula's Choice** - Best practice in the context of the DSM

15.20 - 15.30 **Maurits Bruggink, Secretary-General, EMOTA (European eCommerce and Omni-channel Trade Association)** - Demands for a better DSM: what should the Commission and Parliament do?

- 15.30 - 15.40 **Luís Filipe Reis, Chief Corporate Centre Officer, Sonae** – Presentation of the conclusions of the High Level Group on [Retail Competitiveness](#) as regards e-commerce, SME retail and innovation
- 15.40 - 16.15 Interventions from the audience

Panel 2: Internal Market barriers in retail

The Internal Market still poses significant problems for retail. How can it be better assessed whether national restrictions on the free movement of goods are justified, proportionate or necessary? How to best deal with current trade laws hindering the ability of retailers to operate in certain Member States? Retailers also suffer greatly from the criminality of itinerant gangs and organised crime. What can be done at EU level to prevent and combat this phenomenon?

- 16.15 - 16.25 **Bart Willemsen, National Coordinator High Impact Crime, Dutch Police** - What additional tools would retailers need to fight organised crime?
- 16.25 - 16.35 **Guillaume de Colonges, Executive Director, Carrefour Poland** - What are the main challenges for the competitiveness of the retail sector, in particular with regards to barriers to trade within the EU?
- 16.35 - 16.45 **Maria Rehbinder, Head of Unit, Business-to-business Services, DG GROW** - What is currently done to ensure the freedom of establishment? Are the tools available enough for this?
- 16.45 - 17.20 Interventions from the audience
- 17.20 - 17.30 Wrap up and conclusions by **MEP Dennis De Jong**

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