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on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on European business statistics, amending Regulation (EC) No 184/2005 and repealing 10 legal acts in the field of business statistics (COM(2017)0114 – C8-0099/2017 – 2017/0048(COD))

Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

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Symbols for procedures

- * Consultation procedure
- *** Consent procedure
- ***I Ordinary legislative procedure (first reading)
- ***II Ordinary legislative procedure (second reading)
- ***III Ordinary legislative procedure (third reading)

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DRAFT EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

**on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on European business statistics, amending Regulation (EC) no 184/2005 and repealing 10 legal acts in the field of business statistics
(COM(2017)0114 – C8-0099/2017 – 2017/0048(COD))**

(Ordinary legislative procedure: first reading)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to Parliament and the Council (COM(2017)0114),
 - having regard to Article 294(2) and Article 338(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, pursuant to which the Commission submitted the proposal to Parliament (C8-0099/2017),
 - having regard to Article 294(3) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
 - having regard to Rule 59 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (A8-0094/2018),
1. Adopts its position at first reading hereinafter set out;
 2. Calls on the Commission to refer the matter to Parliament again if it replaces, substantially amends or intends to substantially amend its proposal;
 3. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council, the Commission and the national parliaments.

Amendment 1

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(3 a) Union guidance, such as Commission Recommendation 2003/361/EC^{1a}, is of relevance for European business statistics. A clear and harmonised definition of an enterprise is needed to foster legal certainty and business predictability and create a level playing field for Union-based SMEs.

1a. Commission Recommendation concerning the definition of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (2003/361/EC) (OJ L 124, 20.5.2003, p. 36).

Amendment 2

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) The administrative burden on small and medium sized enterprises should be as limited as possible taking into account to the extent possible other data sources than surveys. For the purpose of alleviating the burden on enterprises it should be possible to establish different data requirements depending on the size and importance of the business economies of Member States.

Amendment

(5) The administrative burden ***on businesses and in particular*** on small and medium sized enterprises should be as limited as possible taking into account to the extent possible other data sources than surveys. For the purpose of alleviating the burden on enterprises it should be possible to establish different data requirements depending on the size and importance of the business economies of Member States.

Amendment 3

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 20 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(20 a) Members States or national competent authorities should endeavour to simplify the collection of statistics from European businesses to the greatest extent possible. The European business statistics system should factor in the latest digital developments at the time when the instruments and methods for collecting statistics are being established.

Amendment 4

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 21

Text proposed by the Commission

(21) There is a need to provide business statistics structured by sector of activity, in order to measure the productivity of businesses in the Union. In particular, there is an increasing demand of statistics on the services sector, which is the most dynamic sector of modern economies, especially in terms of that sector's potential for growth and employment creation and taking into account the relations with the manufacturing sector. Statistics on trade in services are essential for monitoring the functioning of the internal market for services and assessing the impact of barriers on trade in services.

Amendment

(21) There is a need to provide business statistics structured by sector of activity, in order to measure the productivity of businesses in the Union. In particular, there is an increasing demand of statistics on the services sector, which is the most dynamic sector of modern economies, especially in terms of that sector's potential for growth and employment creation and taking into account the relations with the manufacturing sector. ***This trend is further enhanced by the development of new digital services. The increasing demand for statistics is also the case for creative and cultural industries, as stated in the European Parliament resolution on a coherent EU policy for cultural and creative industries^{1a}.*** Statistics on trade in services are essential for monitoring the functioning of the internal market for services and ***the digital single market and*** assessing the impact of barriers on trade in services.

^{1a} P8_TA-PROV(2016)0486.

Amendment 5

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 22

Text proposed by the Commission

(22) The monitoring of the progress towards the goals set by the Europe 2020 strategy at Member State and Union level requires ***harmonised*** statistics for the Union economy regarding research and development, innovation, the information society covering both market and non-market activities and on the business landscape as a whole, in particular on business demography and employment

Amendment

(22) The monitoring of the progress towards the goals set by the Europe 2020 strategy at Member State and Union level requires ***harmonised*** statistics for the Union economy regarding ***climate change and resource efficiency***, research and development, innovation, the information society covering both market and non-market activities and on the business landscape as a whole, in particular on

related to market activities. Such information allows decision makers to take informed policy decisions in order to develop an economy based on knowledge and innovation, to improve access to the single market for small and medium sized enterprises, develop entrepreneurship and improve competitiveness.

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Amendment 6

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 23

Text proposed by the Commission

(23) The coordination of economic policies within the Union and the euro area and the provision of information to economic agents within the single market requires comparable data on labour market developments including statistics on labour costs, earnings *and* on the number of occupied and vacant posts. In addition, lifelong learning is a key element in developing and promoting a skilled, trained and adapted workforce, and particular attention should be given to vocational training in enterprises as a crucial contributor to lifelong learning. Such data are mainly collected from businesses and should in the future be legislated and better integrated with other business statistics. Data on the level and composition of labour costs and on the structure and distribution of earnings are needed to assess medium-term developments of Union economies. Data on labour cost developments and job vacancies are needed for the short-term monitoring of Union economies, including for monetary policy purposes. Data on enterprises' investment in continuing vocational training, the characteristics and volume of such training as well as information on enterprises' strategies for vocational training are

Amendment

(23) The coordination of economic policies within the Union and the euro area and the provision of information to economic agents within the single market requires comparable data on labour market developments including statistics on labour costs, *working conditions*, earnings *and the ratio between the management wage and the wage of the bottom 10% of workers, as well as* on the number of occupied and vacant posts. *Together with the integrated framework for European statistics relating to persons and households, this data will also contribute to achieving the targets of the European Pillar of Social Rights.* In addition, lifelong learning is a key element in developing and promoting a skilled, trained and adapted workforce, and particular attention should be given to vocational training in enterprises as a crucial contributor to lifelong learning. Such data are mainly collected from businesses and should in the future be legislated and better integrated with other business statistics. Data on the level and composition of labour costs and on the structure and distribution of earnings are needed to assess medium-term developments of Union economies. Data on labour cost

needed to monitor the implementation of the Union's strategy for enhanced cooperation in vocational education and training.

developments and job vacancies are needed for the short-term monitoring of Union economies, including for monetary policy purposes. Data on enterprises' investment in continuing vocational training, the characteristics and volume of such training as well as information on enterprises' strategies for vocational training are needed to monitor the implementation of the Union's strategy for enhanced cooperation in vocational education and training.

Amendment 7

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 24

Text proposed by the Commission

(24) Statistics on innovation, research and development activities are needed for the development and monitoring of policies that aim to strengthen the competitiveness of Member States and increase their medium and long term potential for smart growth and employment. An expanding digital economy and the increased use of information and communication technologies are also among the important drivers of competitiveness and growth in the Union, and statistical data are needed to support the related strategies and policies.

Amendment

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Amendment 8

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 25 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(25 a) Harmonised statistics on the circular economy collected from businesses are needed to support the Union's policy action to develop a

sustainable, low carbon, resource efficient and competitive economy in Member States and the Union. The feasibility of collecting the additional information needed for this purpose should be assessed by the Commission by means of a pilot study before being legislated and better integrated with other statistics.

Amendment 9

Proposal for a regulation Recital 25 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(25b) In order to reflect the ever wider use of innovative technologies and in order to minimise the possible negative impact on businesses, the responsible national statistical authorities should make use of these technologies and should be encouraged to implement innovative approaches.

Amendment 10

Proposal for a regulation Recital 26

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(26) Statistics on international trade in services as required for the compilation of the balance of payments of the Union and of the euro area, are defined by the Commission (Eurostat) and the European Central Bank in close co-operation.

(26) Statistics on international trade in services as required for the compilation of the balance of payments of the Union and of the euro area, are defined by the Commission (Eurostat) and the European Central Bank in close co-operation. *As a priority, the Commission should launch a pilot study that will cover the modes of supply of international trade in services and the international trade in services by enterprise characteristics.*

Amendment 11

Proposal for a regulation Recital 28

Text proposed by the Commission

(28) While maintaining the principle of providing business statistics on the entire economy, the data requirements should take into account to the extent possible, simplifying measures for alleviating the burden on business economies of Member States which are relatively small, in accordance with the principle of proportionality.

Amendment

(28) While maintaining the principle of providing business statistics on the entire economy, the data requirements should take into account to the extent possible, simplifying measures for alleviating the burden on business economies of Member States which are relatively small, in accordance with the principle of proportionality. ***Additional requirements should not pose a disproportionate administrative burden to respondents.***

Amendment 12

Proposal for a regulation Recital 30

Text proposed by the Commission

(30) In order to take account of economic and technical developments, the power to adopt acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty should be delegated to the Commission in respect of the detailed topics set out in Annexes I and II as well as the coverage rate for intra-Union exports of goods. The Commission should also have the power to supplement the detailed topics with subjects and characteristics for the dynamic business statistics on ICT, Innovation and Global value chains and exact information to be provided by tax authorities and custom authorities. It is of particular importance that the Commission carry out appropriate consultations during its preparatory work, including at expert level, and that those consultations be conducted in accordance with the principles laid down in the Interinstitutional Agreement on Better Law-Making of 13 April 2016¹. In

Amendment

(30) In order to take account of economic and technical developments, the power to adopt acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty should be delegated to the Commission in respect of the detailed topics set out in Annexes I and II as well as the coverage rate for intra-Union exports of goods. The Commission should also have the power to supplement the detailed topics with subjects and characteristics for the dynamic business statistics on ICT, Innovation and Global value chains, ***to supplement the register detailed topics with descriptive details, to supplement the statistical data elements for the micro-data collected through surveys on intra-Union trade in goods to be provided to the Member State of import and to supplement*** exact information to be provided by tax authorities and custom authorities. It is of particular importance that the Commission carry out appropriate

particular, to ensure equal participation in the preparation of delegated acts, the European Parliament and Council receive all documents at the same time as Member States' experts, and their experts have systematic access to meetings of Commission expert groups dealing with the preparation of delegated acts.

consultations during its preparatory work, including at expert level, and that those consultations be conducted in accordance with the principles laid down in the Interinstitutional Agreement on Better Law-Making of 13 April 2016¹. In particular, to ensure equal participation in the preparation of delegated acts, the European Parliament and Council receive all documents at the same time as Member States' experts, and their experts have systematic access to meetings of Commission expert groups dealing with the preparation of delegated acts.

¹ OJ L 123, 12.5.2016, p. 1.

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Amendment 13

Proposal for a regulation Recital 31

Text proposed by the Commission

(31) In order to ensure uniform conditions for the technical implementation of certain elements of requirements including for business registers, the format, security and confidentiality measures and the procedure for the exchange of confidential data for the purpose of the European network of statistical business registers, the data and metadata transmission, data quality and metadata reports and derogations implementing powers should be conferred on the Commission. With the same purpose additional implementing powers should be conferred on the Commission with regards to the modalities of and the format, security and confidentiality measures and the procedure for the exchange of confidential data for the purpose of the intra-Union trade in goods statistics, the specifications of the relevant metadata, the timetable, the modalities of the collection and compilation of the statistical

Amendment

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information on intra-Union exports of goods provided to the Member State of import, the modalities for the application of the coverage rate of the total intra-Union exports of goods, *the statistical data elements for the micro-data collected through surveys on intra-Union trade in goods to be provided to the Member State of import* and the *related simplifications*. Those powers should be exercised in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and the Council¹.

¹ Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 February 2011 laying down the rules and general principles concerning mechanisms for control by Member States of the Commission's exercise of implementing powers (OJ L 55, 28.2.2011, p. 13).

Amendment 14

Proposal for a regulation Recital 32

Text proposed by the Commission

(32) Where appropriate the Commission should conduct cost-benefit analysis and ensure any action it puts forward does not impose a significant additional burden on Member States or respondents taking into account the expected user benefits.

Amendment 15

Proposal for a regulation Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point o a (new)

information on intra-Union exports of goods provided to the Member State of import, the modalities for the application of the coverage rate of the total intra-Union exports of goods, and the *detailed arrangements for the simplification of the statistical data elements for the micro-data collected through surveys on intra-Union trade in goods to be provided to the importing Member State*. Those powers should be exercised in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and the Council¹.

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Amendment

(32) Where appropriate the Commission should conduct cost-benefit analysis and ensure any action *that* it puts forward does not impose a significant additional burden on Member States or respondents, *in particular for SMEs*, taking into account the expected user benefits, *and that it leads to an increase in statistical quality*.

(oa) ‘performance’ means any relevant assessment indicators of economic, social and environmental dimensions related to the functioning and outputs of the undertakings;

Amendment 16

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 2 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. The European network of statistical business registers shall cover the national business registers and the EuroGroups Register, as well as the exchanges between them.

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Amendment 17

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. Member States shall produce the statistics referred to in Articles 6 and 7 as well as the national statistical business registers referred to in Article 9, using any relevant data sources while avoiding excessive burden on respondents and taking due account of the cost effectiveness of the national statistical authorities. The national statistical authorities may use the following data sources for the production of the statistics and the national statistical business registers required under this Regulation:

1. Member States shall produce the statistics referred to in Articles 6 and 7 as well as the national statistical business registers referred to in Article 9, using any relevant **and reliable** data sources while avoiding excessive burden on respondents and taking due account of the cost effectiveness of the national statistical authorities. The national statistical authorities may use the following data sources for the production of the statistics and the national statistical business registers required under this Regulation:

Amendment 18

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) administrative records, including information from tax and customs authorities;

Amendment

(b) administrative records, including information from tax and customs authorities ***such as annual financial statements***;

Amendment 19

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point d a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(d a) scientifically based and well documented statistical estimation, imputation and modelling methods.

Amendment 20

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. When the required statistics cannot be produced by means of the data sources referred to in paragraph 1 which comply with the quality criteria referred to in Article 16, Member States may use scientifically based and well documented statistical estimation and imputation methods to produce those statistics.

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Amendment 21

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. In order to produce statistics on international trade in goods and to improve the quality of those statistics, the national statistical authorities of the Member States concerned *may* exchange data received from their customs authorities related to the exports or imports of goods, *in particular where those exports or imports involve the customs authorities of more than one Member State.*

Amendment 22

**Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 4**

Text proposed by the Commission

4. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 21 for the purpose of amending the detailed topics specified in Annex I and for the purpose of *specifying* subjects and characteristics covered by the detailed topics of Innovation and ICT usage and e-commerce and Global value chains.

Amendment 23

**Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 5 – point b**

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) not more than a maximum of one detailed topic for the subject area "short term business statistics", five detailed topics for the subject area "country-level business statistics", two detailed topics for

Amendment

4. In order to produce statistics on international trade in goods and to improve the quality of those statistics, the national statistical authorities of the Member States concerned *shall* exchange data received from their customs authorities related to the exports or imports of goods.

Amendment

4. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 21 for the purpose of amending the detailed topics specified in Annex I and for the purpose of *supplementing* subjects and characteristics covered by the detailed topics of Innovation and ICT usage and e-commerce and Global value chains *and supplementing the variables for all the detailed topics except for Innovation and ICT usage and e-commerce and Global value chains.*

Amendment

(b) not more than a maximum of one detailed topic for the subject area "short term business statistics", five detailed topics for the subject area "country-level business statistics", two detailed topics for

the subject area "regional business statistics" and two detailed topics for the subject area "statistics on international activities" in an existing delegated act are **added or** replaced by another detailed topic over a period of five consecutive years. The maximum does not apply to amendments that result from agreements, Treaties and conventions and from other international institutions in which the Union is a member, and to changes that result from the changes to accounting frameworks of national and regional accounts in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 549/2013 and of balance of payments statistics in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 184/2005. The number of characteristics for detailed topics of dynamic business statistics shall not increase significantly between two consecutive reference periods and shall not exceed the number of characteristics of the first year of implementation of this Regulation;

the subject area "regional business statistics" and two detailed topics for the subject area "statistics on international activities" in an existing delegated act are replaced by another detailed topic **over a period of five consecutive years, and not more than a maximum of one detailed topic for the subject areas in an existing delegated act is added** over a period of five consecutive years. The maximum does not apply to amendments that result from agreements, Treaties and conventions and from other international institutions in which the Union is a member, and to changes that result from the changes to accounting frameworks of national and regional accounts in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 549/2013 and of balance of payments statistics in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 184/2005. The number of characteristics for detailed topics of dynamic business statistics shall not increase significantly between two consecutive reference periods and shall not exceed the number of characteristics of the first year of implementation of this Regulation;

Amendment 24

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 5 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) delegated acts are adopted **at least 15** months before the end of the reference period of the data except for the topics of "Innovation" and "ICT usage and e-commerce" for which the delegated acts shall be adopted at least six and twelve months respectively before the end of the reference period of the data.

Amendment

(c) delegated acts are adopted at least **18** months before the end of the reference period of the data except for the topics of "Innovation" and "ICT usage and e-commerce" for which the delegated acts shall be adopted at least six and twelve months respectively before the end of the reference period of the data.

Amendment 25

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) variables (except for the detailed topics of Innovation and ICT usage and e-commerce and Global value chains);

deleted

Amendment 26

Proposal for a regulation Article 7 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. When exercising the powers referred to in paragraph 1 with regard to the simplifications, the Commission shall take into account the size and importance of the business economies, in accordance with the principle of proportionality, in order to alleviate the burden on enterprises. In addition, the Commission shall ensure that the input needed for compiling the accounting frameworks of national and regional accounts according to Regulation (EC) No 549/2013 and of balance of payments statistics according to Regulation (EC) No 184/2005 is maintained. Implementing acts, except for those that regulate the first implementation of this Regulation, shall be adopted at least **15** months before the end of the reference period of the data for the topics listed in Annex I. For the topics "Innovation" and "ICT usage and e-commerce" the implementing acts shall be adopted at least six and twelve months respectively before the end of the reference period of the data.

2. When exercising the powers referred to in paragraph 1 with regard to the simplifications, the Commission shall take into account the size and importance of the business economies, in accordance with the principle of proportionality, in order to alleviate the burden on enterprises. In addition, the Commission shall ensure that the input needed for compiling the accounting frameworks of national and regional accounts according to Regulation (EC) No 549/2013 and of balance of payments statistics according to Regulation (EC) No 184/2005 is maintained. Implementing acts, except for those that regulate the first implementation of this Regulation, shall be adopted at least **18** months before the end of the reference period of the data for the topics listed in Annex I. For the topics "Innovation" and "ICT usage and e-commerce" the implementing acts shall be adopted at least six months respectively before the end of the reference period of the data.

Amendment 27

Proposal for a regulation Article 7 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3. The implementing acts referred to

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in paragraph 1 shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 22(2).

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When preparing such implementing acts potential extra costs and administrative burdens on Member States or on the respondent shall be taken into account together with an estimate of the projected increase of statistical quality and any other direct or indirect benefit resulting from the additional proposed action.

Amendment 28

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

National statistical business registers and the EuroGroups Register shall be the ***authoritative*** source for deriving high quality, consistent and coordinated register populations according to Article 16 of this Regulation, for the production of European statistics.

Amendment

National statistical business registers and the EuroGroups Register shall be the ***authentic and reliable*** source for deriving high quality, consistent and coordinated register populations according to Article 16 of this Regulation, for the production of European statistics.

Amendment 29

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

National statistical business registers shall be the authoritative source for national register populations. The EuroGroups Register shall be the authoritative source for the European Statistical System register population for business statistics requiring the coordination of cross-border information.

Amendment

National statistical business registers shall be the authoritative source for national ***statistical*** register populations. The EuroGroups Register shall be the authoritative source for the European Statistical System ***of*** register population for business statistics requiring the coordination of cross-border information.

Amendment 30

Proposal for a regulation

Article 9 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 21 to amend the register detailed topics included in Annex III to relevant technical and economic developments and new user needs.

Amendment

2. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 21 to amend the register detailed topics included in Annex III to relevant technical and economic developments and new user needs **and to add the descriptive details for each of the register detailed topics.**

Amendment 31

Proposal for a regulation

Article 9 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. ***The Commission shall be empowered to adopt implementing acts in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 22(2) for the purpose of further specifying the descriptive details for each of the register detailed topics.***

Amendment

deleted

Amendment 32

Proposal for a regulation

Article 10 – paragraph 6 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Transmission of confidential data between national statistical authorities and the Commission (Eurostat) shall take place to the extent that such transmission is necessary for the production of European statistics. Any further transmission must be explicitly authorised by the national authority that collected the data.

Amendment

Transmission of confidential data between national statistical authorities and the Commission (Eurostat) shall take place to the extent that such transmission is necessary ***exclusively for statistical purposes*** for the production of European statistics. Any further transmission must be explicitly authorised by the national authority that collected the data.

Amendment 33

Proposal for a regulation

Article 13 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

The Commission *shall be* empowered to adopt *implementing* acts in accordance with *the examination procedure referred to in* Article 22(2) for the purpose of *specifying* the statistical data elements referred to in points (a) to (i), and for *specifying* the list of statistical data elements applicable for the specific goods or movements and the data compiled by using the particulars of customs declarations referred to in points (b) and (c) of Article 12(1).

Amendment

The Commission *is* empowered to adopt *delegated* acts in accordance with Article 21 for the purpose of *supplementing* the statistical data elements referred to in points (a) to (i), and for *supplementing* the list of statistical data elements applicable for the specific goods or movements and the data compiled by using the particulars of customs declarations referred to in points (b) and (c) of Article 12(1).

Amendment 34

Proposal for a regulation

Article 16 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The Commission (Eurostat) shall assess the quality of the data and metadata transmitted.

Amendment

3. The Commission (Eurostat) shall assess *in a transparent way* the quality of the data and metadata transmitted.

Amendment 35

Proposal for a regulation

Article 16 – paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission

6. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt implementing acts specifying the modalities, content and deadlines for the transmission of the metadata and quality reports. These implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure

Amendment

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When preparing such implementing acts potential extra costs and administrative burdens on Member States or on the respondent shall be taken into account together with an estimate of the projected increase of statistical quality and any other direct or indirect benefit resulting from the additional proposed action.

Amendment 36

Proposal for a regulation Article 16 – paragraph 8

Text proposed by the Commission

8. At the request of the Commission (Eurostat), Member States shall provide the additional information *necessary* to evaluate the quality of the statistical information.

Amendment

8. At the request of the Commission (Eurostat), Member States shall provide the additional information *and any updates to that information, needed* to evaluate the quality of the statistical information.

Amendment 37

Proposal for a regulation Article 17 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. Member States shall transmit to the Commission (Eurostat), at its request, any relevant information with regard to the implementation of this Regulation in the Member States.

Amendment

3. Member States shall transmit to the Commission (Eurostat), at its request, any relevant information, *and updates to that information*, with regard to the implementation of this Regulation in the Member States. *Such Commission requests shall not impose a significant additional administrative or financial burden on the Member States.*

Amendment 38

Proposal for a regulation Article 19 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3. *The first pilot studies to be launched shall cover the modes of supply of international trade in services and the international trade in services by enterprise characteristics.*

deleted

Amendment 39

Proposal for a regulation

Article 20 – paragraph 1 – point b a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b a) developing methodologies that aim to lower the administrative and financial burden of providing the required information by reporting units, in particular SMEs.

Amendment 40

Proposal for a regulation

Article 20 – paragraph 1 – point b b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(bb) development or enhancement of processes, IT-systems and similar support functions with the aim of producing higher quality statistics or to lower the administrative and financial burden.

Amendment 41

Proposal for a regulation

Article 21 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. The power to adopt delegated acts referred to in Articles 5, 6, 9 *and 12* shall be conferred on the Commission for *an*

2. The power to adopt delegated acts referred to in Articles 5, 6, 9, *12, 13 and 24* shall be conferred on the Commission for a period of *five years*. *The Commission*

indeterminate period of time.

shall draw up a report in respect of the delegation of power not later than nine months before the end of the five-year period. The delegation of power shall be tacitly extended for periods of an identical duration, unless the European Parliament or the Council opposes such extension not later than three months before the end of each period.

Amendment 42

Proposal for a regulation Article 21 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The delegation of power referred to in Articles 5, 6, 9 **and 12** may be revoked at any time by the European Parliament or by the Council. A decision to revoke shall put an end to the delegation of the power specified in that decision. It shall take effect the day following the publication of the decision in the Official Journal of the European Union or at a later date specified therein. It shall not affect the validity of any delegated acts already in force.

Amendment

3. The delegation of power referred to in Articles 5, 6, 9, **12, 13 and 24** may be revoked at any time by the European Parliament or by the Council. A decision to revoke shall put an end to the delegation of the power specified in that decision. It shall take effect the day following the publication of the decision in the Official Journal of the European Union or at a later date specified therein. It shall not affect the validity of any delegated acts already in force.

Amendment 43

Proposal for a regulation Article 21 – paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission

6. A delegated act adopted pursuant to Articles 5, 6, 9 **and 12** shall enter into force only if no objection has been expressed either by the European Parliament or the Council within a period of two months of notification of that act to the European Parliament and the Council or if, before the expiry of that period, the European Parliament and the Council have both informed the Commission that they will

Amendment

6. A delegated act adopted pursuant to Articles 5, 6, 9, **12, 13 and 24** shall enter into force only if no objection has been expressed either by the European Parliament or the Council within a period of two months of notification of that act to the European Parliament and the Council or if, before the expiry of that period, the European Parliament and the Council have both informed the Commission that they

not object. That period shall be extended by two months at the initiative of the European Parliament or the Council.

will not object. That period shall be extended by two months at the initiative of the European Parliament or the Council.

Amendment 44

Proposal for a regulation Article 24 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Where the application of this Regulation in a national statistical system of a Member State necessitates major adaptations, the Commission ***may grant, by means of implementing*** acts, derogations from its application for a maximum duration of three years, ***provided that these derogations do not hamper either the comparability of Member States' data or the calculation of the required timely and representative European aggregates.***

Amendment

1. Where the application of this Regulation in a national statistical system of a Member State necessitates major adaptations, the Commission ***is empowered to adopt delegated*** acts, derogations from its application for a maximum duration of three years.

Amendment 45

Proposal for a regulation Article 24 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The Commission shall adopt these ***implementing*** acts in accordance with ***the examination procedure referred to in Article 22(2).***

Amendment

2. The Commission shall adopt these ***delegated*** acts in accordance with Article 21.

Amendment 46

Proposal for a regulation Article 27 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. It shall apply from ***1 January 2019.***

Amendment

2. It shall apply from [date one ***year after the entry into force of this Regulation.***]

Amendment 47

Proposal for a regulation Article 27 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. However, Articles 11 to 15 shall apply from **1 January 2020**.

Amendment

3. However, Articles 11 to 15 shall apply from [date two years ***after entry into force of this Regulation***].

Amendment 48

Proposal for a regulation Annex I – Subject area 2 – line 5 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Topics	Detailed topics
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Amendment

Topics	Detailed topics
Financial activities	<i>Net profit attributable to shareholders</i>
	<i>Earning per share</i>
	<i>Return on equity</i>

Amendment 49

Proposal for a regulation Annex I – Subject area 2 – line 8 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Topics	Detailed topics
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Amendment

Topics	Detailed topics
<i>Environment and climate</i>	<i>CO₂ allowances received / sold</i>

Amendment 50

Proposal for a regulation Annex II – Subject area 1 – line 4

Text proposed by the Commission

Topics	Periodicity
Outputs and performance	monthly; quarterly for small countries for NACE Section F

Amendment

Topics	Periodicity
Outputs and performance	monthly; quarterly for small* countries for NACE Section F
	<i>*As specified in implementing acts referred to in Article 7(1).</i>

Amendment 51

Proposal for a regulation Annex II – Subject area 2 – line 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Topics	Periodicity
R&D inputs	<i>biennially; annually for sector of performance breakdown of intramural R&D expenditure, R&D personnel and number of researchers as well as for government budget appropriations or outlays on research and development (GBAORD) and national public funding to transnationally coordinated R&D</i>

Amendment

Topics	Periodicity
R&D inputs	<i>Annually</i>

Amendment 52

Proposal for a regulation Annex II – Subject area 2 – line 5 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Topics	Periodicity
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Amendment

Topics	Periodicity
<i>Financial activities</i>	<i>Annually</i>

Amendment 53

Proposal for a regulation
Annex II – Subject area 2 – line 7

Text proposed by the Commission

Topics	Periodicity
Innovation	<i>Biennially</i>

Amendment

Topics	Periodicity
Innovation	<i>Annually</i>

Amendment 54

Proposal for a regulation
Annex II – Subject area 2 – line 8 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Topics	Periodicity
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Amendment

Topics	Periodicity
<i>Environment and climate</i>	<i>Annually</i>

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

There is a growing demand for high quality statistics and data on business in the European Union. Data users, like private actors and policymakers, are making use of them to take evidence-based decisions, i.e. contribute to the strengthening of a single market based on knowledge and innovation.

European business statistics should be built upon a common and simple framework, with harmonized definitions that facilitate the understanding of the state of the EU's economy. Data should be gathered in a cost-effective manner and provided in a timely way, with comparability across Member States.

Statistics and data on Business Services remain, a challenge, in particular, because of their relative paucity. The fact that the nature of the European economy is changing, with a blurred boundary between manufacturing and services, makes the situation even more challenging.

On many occasions, the European Parliament has repeatedly stressed the need for more accurate and timely data and statistics at a Union level, both through resolutions and own initiative reports. The Commission has responded to these demands with proposal for a new framework Regulation (FRIBS), which aims to integrate statistical requirements and legal acts for business statistics by streamlining and simplifying them. By amending Regulation (EC) No 184/2005 and repealing 10 existing legal acts, the Commission uses the Regulatory Fitness and Performance (REFIT) programme to create a common legal framework for the production and compilation of European Statistical System (ESS) business statistics, while at the same time extending the system to include services that were previously not covered.

In general, your rapporteur agrees with the Commission's proposal. However, he seeks to improve the proposal by aligning it more with the purpose of REFIT: making it simpler, less costly and more predictable. While acknowledging the need to extend the coverage of the ESS to include certain services and the need for a flexible approach within the framework to allow adaptations to methodological developments and a timely response to the emerging needs of data-users, your rapporteur believes that it is further necessary to ensure that extra costs and administrative burdens on business, in particular SMEs, as well as Member States is limited to the minimum. Your rapporteur believes it is equally important, that the rules concerning the confidentiality of data be reinforced.

PROCEDURE – COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE

Title	Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and the Council on European business statistics, amending Regulation (EC) no 184/2005 and repealing 10 legal acts in the field of business statistics
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Members present for the final vote	Zigmantas Balčytis, Nikolay Barekov, Bendt Bendtsen, Xabier Benito Ziluaga, José Blanco López, Jonathan Bullock, Cristian-Silviu Buşoi, Reinhard Bütikofer, Jerzy Buzek, Angelo Ciocca, Edward Czesak, Jakop Dalunde, Pilar del Castillo Vera, Ashley Fox, Adam Gierek, Theresa Griffin, Rebecca Harms, Hans-Olaf Henkel, Eva Kaili, Kaja Kallas, Krišjānis Kariņš, Seán Kelly, Jeppe Kofod, Jaromír Kohlíček, Peter Kouroumbashev, Zdzisław Krasnodębski, Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Christelle Lechevalier, Janusz Lewandowski, Paloma López Bermejo, Edouard Martin, Angelika Mlinar, Nadine Morano, Dan Nica, Angelika Niebler, Morten Helveg Petersen, Miroslav Poche, Julia Reda, Paul Rübig, Massimiliano Salini, Algirdas Saudargas, Sven Schulze, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Dario Tamburrano, Patrizia Toia, Evžen Tošenovský, Claude Turmes, Vladimir Urutchev, Kathleen Van Brempt, Henna Virkkunen, Martina Werner, Hermann Winkler, Anna Záborská, Flavio Zanonato, Carlos Zorrinho
Substitutes present for the final vote	Gunnar Hökmark, Luděk Niedermayer, Dennis Radtke, Dominique Riquet, Pavel Telička
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Date tabled	23.3.2018

FINAL VOTE BY ROLL CALL IN COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE

57	+
ALDE	Kaja Kallas, Angelika Mlinar, Morten Helveg Petersen, Dominique Riquet, Pavel Telička
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VERTS/ALE	Reinhard Bütikofer, Jakop Dalunde, Rebecca Harms, Julia Reda, Claude Turmes

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EFDD	Jonathan Bullock
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PPE	Hermann Winkler

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Key to symbols:

+ : in favour

- : against

0 : abstention