

**Question for written answer E-009098/2012
to the Commission**
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Subject: Services and industry portal

Today there is no common EU web portal for EU businesses in the services and industry sectors. There are currently two large such portals, made-in-China.com and made-from-india.com.

Contact at business-to-business level and at business-to-consumer level is therefore not as good as it could be.

Establishing a common portal would boost both business-to-business and business-to-consumer trade.

Would the Commission take the initiative to establish a common, EU-monitored web portal for the services and industry sectors?

Such a portal could be set up along the following lines:

The members of its board could be EU representatives and representatives of EU industry.

Access to the portal could be on a non-profit basis.

The rules governing the portal could be drawn up jointly by the EU and industry.