

**Question for written answer E-000868/2022
to the Commission**

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Subject: New due diligence legislative proposal put forward despite the negative opinion of the Regulatory Scrutiny Board

Last week, the Commission presented new legislation on the subject of due diligence and corporate sustainability. This new proposal has been submitted despite the fact that the Regulatory Scrutiny Board has never given a favourable opinion on the text and maintained its negative opinion even after the second assessment.

The board refers to significant shortcomings, such as the lack of convincing evidence that the new instrument would be proportionate and also the fact that EU small and medium-sized enterprises, despite not falling directly within the scope of this new legislation, are still involved in the upstream supply chains of larger companies, and will consequently be affected by and need to participate in the costly and burdensome due diligence mechanism.

1. For what reason did the Commission present this proposal despite these negative assessments?
2. How does it intend to prevent the new legislation from overburdening EU small and medium-sized enterprises or harming their interests in the field of international trade?