

**Question for written answer E-001751/2023
to the Commission**
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Subject: Reform of the EU Customs Union

On 17 May 2023, the Commission published its proposal for reforming the EU Customs Union. The aim is to create a 'simpler, smarter and secure customs union'. A new EU Customs Authority will oversee an EU Customs Data Hub, which will act as the engine of the new system.

In my view, any changes should primarily contribute to:

- strengthening the competitiveness of the EU economy;
- rendering economic processes and operations in customs legislation and customs clearance flexible
- lessening the burden on reliable businesses and the customs administration by focusing on key risks and reducing red tape;
- assisting small and medium-sized enterprises in the conduct of customs processes in foreign trade.

I should therefore like to ask the following:

1. Which representatives of industry were consulted in the drafting of these measures, and to what extent were their insights and opinions integrated into the proposals?
2. How are the functionality, reliability and, in particular, the comprehensibility of the EU Trader Portal improved?
3. How is a cross-procedural use of comprehensive guarantees made possible?

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