

**Question for written answer E-002506/2023
to the Commission**

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Subject: European bureaucracy affects investment

We all agree that a strong economy further strengthens the European Union in the evolving international situation, particularly at a time when the world's strong economies, such as the United States, China and others, are trying in any way they can to boost their competitiveness still further.

In a united Europe, national action by the Member States is not enough, as a large number of regulations originate from the European Union. Bureaucracy is an inhibiting factor when it comes to investment and therefore to the economy and competitiveness of the Union.

The need for effective control and procedures is a given. However, we must avoid unnecessary bureaucracy, with a view to enhancing the attractiveness of European business in terms of international competition.

In view of this:

1. Does the Commission propose to adopt measures in relation to planning and approval procedures to make them simpler and faster?
2. The requirements for information, documentation and verification laid down in European regulations contribute to transparency. Nevertheless, by what specific measures will the simplification of those procedures be achieved?

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