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# **OPINION**

of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

for the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection

on the implementation of the Services Directive 2006/123/EC  
(2010/2053(INI))

Rapporteur: Sophie Auconie

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## SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs calls on the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions in its motion for a resolution:

- A. whereas the freedom to provide services is enshrined in the Treaties,
- B. whereas activities covered by the Services Directive account for 40% of EU GDP and jobs and are therefore a crucial sector for economic growth and in the fight against unemployment; whereas the objective of the Services Directive is to unlock the enormous economic and job-creation potential of the European internal market in services, estimated at 0.6-1.5% of EU GDP; whereas, further, the Services Directive aims to achieve objectives listed in Article 3 TFEU,
1. Emphasises that the Services Directive is an essential step towards a true single market for services, which should enable enterprises, and SMEs in particular, to provide citizens with better services at a competitive price throughout the internal market; considers, however, that after full transposition it is crucial that a comprehensive assessment should be carried out of the impact of the Services Directive on economic activity, qualitative and quantitative levels of employment, social protection, fulfilment of environmental objectives and the quality of services offered to consumers;
  2. Draws attention to the importance of the accessibility, efficiency and interoperability of points of single contact (PSCs) in all the Member States; considers, in particular, that these PSCs should deliver appropriate and comprehensive information on labour rights and tax arrangements in force in the Member States, particularly as regards VAT; considers that a single electronic point of access to the PSCs is insufficient to give providers qualitative assistance and asks for a performance analysis of PSCs on the basis of tangible indicators to be made available to the European Parliament; recommends, at all events, that the administrative burden imposed by the Services Directive on local and regional authorities should be kept to proportionate and reasonable levels;
  3. Notes that defining the scope of the Services Directive can be difficult, in particular as regards Services of General Interest; therefore asks the Commission to guarantee a clear legal environment for all services through the Single Market Act;
  4. Emphasises that the transposition process should take place as quickly as possible and in a transparent way; emphasises the importance of administrative cooperation and stresses that the competent authorities in all Member States should communicate more rapidly and effectively by making better use of the Internal Market Information System; expects from the Commission's report an analysis of the adjustments needed to ensure the full and efficient application of the directive; considers in particular that it would be appropriate to assess the implications of the transposition method chosen (vertical or horizontal) for its quality and legibility for service providers and citizens.

## RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

<b>Date adopted</b>	13.12.2010
<b>Result of final vote</b>	+:           36 -:            2 0:            3
<b>Members present for the final vote</b>	Burkhard Balz, Udo Bullmann, Pascal Canfin, Nikolaos Chountis, George Sabin Cutaş, Leonardo Domenici, Derk Jan Eppink, Diogo Feio, Markus Ferber, Elisa Ferreira, Vicky Ford, Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz, José Manuel García-Margallo y Marfil, Jean-Paul Gauzès, Sven Giegold, Sylvie Goulard, Liem Hoang Ngoc, Gunnar Hökmark, Othmar Karas, Wolf Klinz, Jürgen Klute, Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou, Philippe Lamberts, Ivari Padar, Anni Podimata, Olle Schmidt, Edward Scicluna, Theodor Dumitru Stolojan, Kay Swinburne, Ramon Tremosa i Balcells, Corien Wortmann-Kool
<b>Substitute(s) present for the final vote</b>	Marta Andreasen, Elena Băsescu, Pervenche Berès, Thijs Berman, Sari Essayah, Robert Goebbels, Carl Haglund, Syed Kamall, Klaus-Heiner Lehne, Thomas Mann, Gay Mitchell