

ORAL QUESTION H-0179/06
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Subject: Access to justice for consumers

Improved access to justice for consumers, in particular, is a fundamental concern of the Vienna Action Plan and of the Tampere Council. Where judicial cooperation in civil and commercial matters is concerned some steps have already been taken to make judicial enforcement abroad easier. However, it is precisely in cases with cross-border circumstances that there is a need for simple, speedy procedures to ensure that EU citizens obtain justice.

What procedural simplifications can EU citizens expect in this area in the foreseeable future, and what improvements will these bring about, in particular, with regard to the legal position of consumers?

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