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Artificial Intelligence: Opportunities and Challenges for the Internal Market and Consumer Protection

Publication type Briefing
Date 16-03-2020
Author Mariusz MACIEJEWSKI | KRISTINE MARIE SAKSENVIK NAESS
Policy area EU Democracy, Institutional and Parliamentary Law | Forward Planning | Global Governance | Internal Market and Customs Union | Consumer Protection | Adoption of Legislation by EP and Council
Summary Developing appropriate policies and regulations for AI is a priority for the European Union. AI has become a powerful driver of social transformation, reshaping individual lives and interactions as well as economical and political organisations. AI brings huge opportunities for development, sustainability, health and knowledge, as well as significant risks of unemployment, discrimination, exclusion, etc. Multiple areas are affected by AI, such as data protection (lawful and proportionate processing of personal data, subject to oversight), fair algorithmic treatment (not being subject to unjustified prejudice resulting from automated processing), transparency and explicability (knowing how and why a certain algorithmic response has been given or a decision made), protection from undue influence (not being misled, manipulated, or deceived). This collection of studies presents research resulting from ongoing interest of the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection in improving functioning of the Digital Single Market and developing European digital and AI related policy based on scientific evidence and expertise.

Commitments made at the hearing of Thierry BRETON, Commissioner-designate - Internal Market

Publication type Briefing
Date 22-11-2019
Author Mariusz MACIEJEWSKI | Frederic GOUARDERES
Policy area Public Health | Industry
Summary The commissioner-designate, Thierry Breton, appeared before the European Parliament on 14 November 2019 to answer questions put by MEPs from the Committees on Industry, research and energy and Internal market and consumer protection. During the hearing, he made a number of commitments which are highlighted in this document. These commitments refer to his portfolio, as described in the mission letter sent to him by Ursula von der Leyen, President-elect of the European Commission, including:
- The digital economy and society;
- A future-ready European industry and single market; and
- Defence industry and space.

Commitments made at the hearing of Margrethe VESTAGER, Executive Vice-President-designate - Europe Fit for Digital Age

Publication type Briefing
Date 22-11-2019
Author Drazen RAKIC | Mariusz MACIEJEWSKI | Frederic GOUARDERES
Policy area Competition law and regulation | Internal Market and Customs Union | Economics and Monetary Issues | Taxation | Industry
Summary The commissioner-designate, Margrethe Vestager, appeared before the European Parliament on 8 October 2019 to answer questions from MEPs in the Committees on Industry, Research and Energy, Internal Market and Consumer Protection and Economic and Monetary Affairs. During the hearing, she made a number of commitments which are highlighted in this document. These commitments refer to her portfolio, as described in the mission letter sent to her by Ursula von der Leyen, President-elect of the European Commission and include a Europe fit for the digital age and competition.

Contribution to Growth: Delivering economic benefits for citizens and businesses

Publication type At a Glance
Date 07-05-2019
Author Mariusz MACIEJEWSKI
Policy area Internal Market and Customs Union | Consumer Protection
Keyword summarising | freedom to provide services | digital single market | approximation of laws | public procurement | free movement of goods
Summary This collection of studies summarizes the benefits of the legislation adopted by the European Parliament in the area of free movement of goods, services, Digital Single Market and public procurement. These benefits are estimated at a total amount of 985 billion euros annually. European legislation has further important potential in delivering economic benefits for European citizens and businesses.
EP-EUI Roundtable on Strategy for Artificial Intelligence in Europe

Publication type: Study
Date: 14-09-2018
Author: Mariusz MACIEJEWSKI

External author: Luis Carlos Matos


Keyword: disinformation | digital single market | political propaganda | artificial intelligence | research and development | data protection

Summary: Proceedings summarise the EP-EUI roundtable on the Strategy for Artificial Intelligence in Europe. The roundtable with academics from European University Institute involved MEP Róża THUN (Chair of the Digital Single Market Working Group of the Committee for the Internal Market and Consumer Protection), MEP Mady DELVAUX (MEP), Mr Riccardo RIBERA D’ALCALA, Director-General of DG IPOL, European Parliament, Ms Catelijne MULLER (European Economic and Social Committee), and Dr Cecile HUET, the Deputy Head of Robotics and Artificial Intelligence Unit in DG CNECT.

This document was prepared by Policy Department A in the framework of scientific cooperation between European Parliament and European University Institute.

Study EN

EP-EUI Roundtable - Role of the European Parliament in promoting the use of independent expertise in the legislative process

Publication type: Study
Date: 16-08-2018
Author: Mariusz MACIEJEWSKI


Keyword: governance | United Kingdom | expert group (EU) | transparency in decision-making | legislative drafting | administrative transparency | withdrawal from the EU | European Parliament | scientific exchange

Summary: This report reflects on the role of European Parliament in promoting the use of independent expertise in the European legislative process. The European Parliament has a unique model of involving independent expertise of universities and think tanks in the European legislative process to guarantee that its decisions are based on the best available evidence. The EP-EUI roundtable discussed the general framework, best practices and the way forward for involving independent expertise in the European legislative process.

This document has been prepared in the framework of scientific cooperation between the European Parliament and the European University Institute.

Study EN

Geo-Blocking

Publication type: Briefing
Date: 06-02-2018
Author: Mariusz MACIEJEWSKI


Keyword: single market | digital single market | consumer protection | digital literacy | intra-EU trade | discrimination on the basis of nationality | copyright | impact study | electronic commerce | telecommunications | data protection | digital technology | proposal (EU)

Summary: This leaflet provides abstracts of selection of latest publications prepared by the European Parliament’s Policy Department on Economic and Scientific Policy at the request of the IMCO Committee in relation to the geo-blocking phenomenon.

Briefing EN

Affordable communications for businesses and consumers

Publication type: EU Fact Sheets
Date: 01-02-2018
Author: Mariusz MACIEJEWSKI | Frederic GOUARDERES

Policy area: Research Policy

Keyword: single market | Internet | data-processing law | access to information | consumer protection | information technology | European Union Agency for Cybersecurity | data transmission | digital technology | communications policy | intellectual property

Summary: Information and communication technologies (ICTs) and data and internet access services have taken the place of traditional telephone services as key products for both consumers and businesses. Today, more and more audiovisual content is available on demand and 4G and 5G internet connectivity is experiencing exponential growth. In response, the EU has set up a regulatory framework for telecommunications covering fixed and wireless telecoms, the Internet, broadcasting and transmission services, made up of a series of rules that apply throughout the EU Member States.

EU Fact Sheets: BG, ES, CS, DA, DE, ET, EL, EN, FR, GA, HR, IT, LV, LT, HU, MT, NL, PL, PT, RO, SK, SL, FI, SV

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Since 1995, information and communication technologies (ICTs) have driven productivity gains and growth in the EU.[1] Over the past three decades, technological ‘convergence’ has been blurring the boundaries between telecommunications, broadcasting and IT. The Commission launched the digital single market in 2015 to deliver the main legislative proposals, such as boosting e-commerce, copyright, ePrivacy, harmonisation of digital rights, harmonised VAT rules and cybersecurity.

The internal market is an area of prosperity and freedom, providing access to goods, services, jobs, business opportunities and cultural richness. Continuous efforts are required to ensure the further deepening of the single market, which could yield significant gains for EU consumers and businesses. In particular, the digital single market opens up new opportunities to boost the economy (through e-commerce), while also cutting red tape (through e-governance and the digitalisation of public services). Recent research indicates that principles of free movement of goods and services and legislation in this area generate benefits estimated at EUR 985 billion annually.

The free movement of goods is secured through the elimination of customs duties and quantitative restrictions, and the prohibition of measures having an equivalent effect. The principles of mutual recognition, elimination of physical and technical barriers, and promotion of standardisation were added in order to continue the completion of the internal market. The adoption of the New Legislative Framework (NLF) in 2008 strengthened the free movement of goods, the EU’s market surveillance system and the CE mark. Recent research indicates that the benefits arising from the principle of free movement of goods and related legislation amount to 386 billion euros annually.

The freedom of establishment and the freedom to provide services are cornerstones of the single market, enabling the mobility of businesses and professionals throughout the EU. In order to implement these freedoms, diplomas and qualifications issued nationally need to be widely recognised. Different measures for their harmonisation and mutual recognition have been adopted, and further legislation on the subject is under way.

Effective consumer protection policy ensures that the single market can function properly and efficiently[1]. It aims to guarantee consumers rights vis-à-vis merchants and provide enhanced protection for vulnerable consumers. The financial crisis has demonstrated that consumer protection rules have the potential to make markets fairer and improve the quality of competition. Empowering consumers and effectively protecting their safety and economic interests have become essential goals of EU policy.

Consumer protection measures

Publication type: EU Fact Sheets
Date: 01-11-2017
Author: Christina RATCLIFF | Mariusz MACIEJEWSKI
Policy area: Consumer Protection
Summary: European measures for consumer protection are intended to protect the health, safety, economic and legal interests of European consumers, wherever they live, travel or shop in the EU. EU provisions regulate both physical transactions and e-commerce, and contain rules of general applicability together with provisions targeting specific products, including drugs, genetically modified organisms, tobacco products, cosmetics, toys and explosives.

EU Fact Sheets: BG, ES, CS, DA, DE, ET, EL, EN, FR, GA, HR, IT, LV, LT, HU, MT, NL, PL, PT, RO, SK, SL, FI, SV

Freedom of establishment and freedom to provide services

Publication type: EU Fact Sheets
Date: 01-11-2017
Author: Christina RATCLIFF | Mariusz MACIEJEWSKI
Policy area: Internal Market and Customs Union
Summary: The freedom of establishment and the freedom to provide services guarantee mobility of businesses and professionals within the EU. Expectations concerning the Services Directive are high, as it is of crucial importance for the completion of the internal market. Recent research indicates that the value of the benefits generated by legislation that Parliament has adopted in the area of free movement of services, including professional qualifications and retail, amounts to EUR 236 billion annually. These benefits will increase after 2019 to EUR 284 billion annually.

EU Fact Sheets: BG, ES, CS, DA, DE, ET, EL, EN, FR, GA, HR, IT, LV, LT, HU, MT, NL, PL, PT, RO, SK, SL, FI, SV

Public procurement contracts

Publication type: EU Fact Sheets
Date: 01-11-2017
Author: Christina RATCLIFF | Mariusz MACIEJEWSKI
Policy area: Internal Market and Customs Union | Contract Law, Commercial Law and Company Law
Summary: Public authorities conclude contracts to ensure the supply of works and delivery of services. These contracts, accounting for a trading volume of EUR 2 448 billion, indicate that European public procurement is a major driver for economic growth, job creation and innovation. The public procurement package adopted in 2014 by Parliament and the Council adds EUR 2.88 billion annually to EU GDP. Furthermore, EU directives on public procurement led to an increase in total award values from less than EUR 200 billion to approximately EUR 525 billion.

EU Fact Sheets: BG, ES, CS, DA, DE, ET, EL, EN, FR, GA, HR, IT, LV, LT, HU, MT, NL, PL, PT, RO, SK, SL, FI, SV

The ubiquitous digital single market

Publication type: EU Fact Sheets
Date: 01-11-2017
Author: Christina RATCLIFF | Mariusz MACIEJEWSKI
Policy area: Research Policy | Internal Market and Customs Union
Summary: The digital single market boosts the economy and improves quality of life through e-commerce and e-government. Market and government services are evolving from fixed to mobile platforms and becoming increasingly ubiquitous. These developments call for a European regulatory framework to develop cloud computing and borderless mobile data connectivity, while safeguarding privacy, personal data and cybersecurity. Parliament’s legislative achievements in constructing the European digital single market contribute an additional EUR 177 billion annually to European growth.

EU Fact Sheets: BG, ES, CS, DA, DE, ET, EL, EN, FR, GA, HR, IT, LV, LT, HU, MT, NL, PL, PT, RO, SK, SL, FI, SV

Legal Perspective of the Regulatory Framework and Challenges for Franchising in the EU

Publication type: Study
Date: 30-09-2016
Author: Mariusz MACIEJEWSKI
External author: Dr Mark ABELL
Policy area: Public international law | EU Democracy, Institutional and Parliamentary Law | International Trade | Private international law and judicial cooperation in civil matters | Global Governance | Internal Market and Customs Union | Contract Law, Commercial Law and Company Law | Consumer Protection
Keyword: brand name | harmonisation law | EU Member State | retail trade | franchising | EU law | commercial contract | small and medium-sized enterprises
Summary: This paper considers how the regulatory environment of the European Union impacts upon franchising. It suggests that the failure of franchising to fulfil its full potential in the EU is due, at least in part, to the dysfunctionality of the EU’s regulatory environment. It concludes that in order to enable franchising to achieve its full potential it is necessary to re-engineer the EU’s regulatory environment, by way of a franchise focused European Legal Act, in respect of how it impacts upon franchising and makes concrete proposals as to how this should be done.

Study: EN

Publication type  Study
Date  25-08-2016
Author  LOUIS DANCOURT | ALESSIA MIGLIACCIO | Mariusz MACIEJEWSKI
Policy area  Public international law | International Trade | Private international law and judicial cooperation in civil matters | Global Governance | Internal Market and Customs Union | Consumer Protection
Keyword  freedom to provide services | digital single market | information industry | consumer protection | payment system | competition law | discrimination on the basis of nationality | electronic commerce | Internet | information society | entrepreneurship | innovation | electronic government
Summary  This report summarizes the discussion during the 8th Meeting of the IMCO Working Group on the Digital Single Market. It explains an exchange of views between MEPs, the European Commission and experts on the topic of boosting e-commerce and combatting consumer discrimination in the Digital Single Market.

TTIP - Challenges and Opportunities

Publication type  At a Glance
Date  29-06-2016
Author  Mariusz MACIEJEWSKI
Keyword  public contract | United States | originating product | free-trade agreement | investment protection | designation of origin | financial services | market access | small and medium-sized enterprises | technical barrier | negotiation of an agreement (EU) | tertiary sector | plant health legislation | motor vehicle industry | trade agreement (EU)
Summary  This leaflet provides short compilation of papers prepared by the European Parliament’s Policy Department A: Economic and Scientific Policy in relation to the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP).

Cost of Non-Schengen: The Impact of Border Controls within Schengen on the Single Market

Publication type  Study
Date  16-05-2016
Author  LOUIS DANCOURT | Risto NIEMINEN | Dirk VERBEKEN | Pierre GOUDIN | Mariusz MACIEJEWSKI | Dario PATERNOSTER | Darren NEVILLE
External author  Tim Breemersch, Filip Vanhove (Transport & Mobility Leuven) ; Matthias Luecke (Kiel Institute for the World Economy)
Policy area  Area of Freedom, Security and Justice | Evaluation of Law and Policy in Practice | Internal Market and Customs Union | Adoption of Legislation by EP and Council
Keyword  single market | border control | political asylum | internal border of the EU | economic consequence | road transport | frontier worker | free movement of goods | length of journey | cost-benefit analysis | free movement of persons | external border of the EU
Summary  The study lists currently applied measures re-introducing temporary border controls within Schengen area and evaluates them in the light of different policy options and smart Single Market regulation criteria. The study highlights the added value of free movement within the Schengen area for the Single Market and quantifies the costs of re-establishing internal border controls, with particular reference to the transportation sector. Welfare of consumers is affected by “non-Schengen”, as the prices of imports increase relative to domestic goods due to higher trade costs. A failure of Schengen would not only reduce the future benefits of the Single Market, but also undermine other aspects of EU integration.

TTIP - Challenges and Opportunities, Compilation of Papers

Publication type  Briefing
Date  04-12-2015
Author  Mariusz MACIEJEWSKI | Iveta OZOLINA | MAGDALENA DIMOVA
Keyword  common commercial policy | negotiation of an agreement (EU) | United States | free-trade agreement | EU publication | trade agreement (EU) | bibliography
Summary  This leaflet provides a compilation of papers prepared by the European Parliament’s Policy Department A: Economic and Scientific Policy in relation to the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP).
**TTIP: Public Procurement - Study in Focus**

**Publication type**: At a Glance  
**Date**: 16-11-2015  
**Author**: Mariusz MACIEJEWSKI  
**Keyword**: public contract | negotiation of an agreement (EU) | United States | trade agreement (EU) | market access  
**Summary**: This is a short overview of the in-depth analysis "TTIP: Opportunities and Challenges in the area of Public procurement".  

**TTIP Services - Study in Focus**

**Publication type**: At a Glance  
**Date**: 16-11-2015  
**Author**: Mariusz MACIEJEWSKI  
**Keyword**: electronic commerce | freedom to provide services | negotiation of an agreement (EU) | United States | South Korea | tertiary sector | public service | recognition of vocational training qualifications | investment protection | trade agreement (EU) | Canada | data protection  
**Summary**: This study Challenges and Opportunities for the Internal Market and Consumer Protection in the area of Services analyses the opportunities and potential benefits – in aggregate and by sector - from further freeing up of transatlantic services trade via improvements in market access, regulatory cooperation and service provider mobility. The study also considers the EU’s defensive interests in maintaining consumer standards and the government’s right to regulate and draws on the innovations and lessons to be taken from other recent EU preferential trade agreements. This is a short overview of this study.  

**TTIP: Technical Barriers to Trade, Including Standards - Study in Focus**

**Publication type**: At a Glance  
**Date**: 16-11-2015  
**Author**: Mariusz MACIEJEWSKI  
**Keyword**: standardisation | negotiation of an agreement (EU) | technical barrier | United States | South Korea | mutual recognition principle | free-trade agreement | Singapore | trade agreement (EU) | Canada  
**Summary**: The study TTIP: Opportunities and Challenges in the area of Technical Barriers to Trade, including Standards concentrates on the horizontal TBT chapter in TTIP, with links to the regulatory cooperation chapter and the nine sectorial chapters. This is a short overview of this study.  

**TTIP: Customs and Trade Facilitation - Study in Focus**

**Publication type**: At a Glance  
**Date**: 16-11-2015  
**Author**: Mariusz MACIEJEWSKI  
**Keyword**: health control | negotiation of an agreement (EU) | United States | consumer protection | liberalisation of trade | simplification of formalities | anti-dumping measure | trade agreement (EU) | customs cooperation | electronic government  
**Summary**: The study TTIP: Opportunities and Challenges in the Area of Customs and Trade Facilitation assess how TTIP can help to reduce these costs whilst at the same time ensure that consumers are protected from the import of unsafe or dangerous products and EU commercial policy instruments can be properly implemented. This is a short overview of this study.  
TTIP: Consumer Protection - Study in Focus

Publication type: At a Glance
Date: 16-11-2015
Author: Mariusz MACIEJEWSKI


Keyword: negotiation of an agreement (EU) | United States | consumer protection | liberalisation of trade | powers of the EP | investment protection | trade agreement (EU) | technical regulations

Summary: This is a short overview of the in-depth analysis "TTIP: Challenges and Opportunities for Consumer Protection". Link to the original document: http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/IDAN/2015/542222/IPOL_IDA(2015)542222_EN.pdf

TTIP Textiles and Labelling - Study in Focus

Publication type: At a Glance
Date: 16-11-2015
Author: Mariusz MACIEJEWSKI


Keyword: negotiation of an agreement (EU) | United States | South Korea | consumer protection | originating product | free-trade agreement | non-tariff barrier | labelling | trade agreement (EU) | Canada | textile industry

Summary: The study TTIP: Opportunities and Challenges in the Area of Textiles and Labelling looks at the textiles and clothing sector. Relatively high tariffs remain in textiles and clothing and the study considers the opportunities and challenges of reducing these as well as simplifying the complex rules of origin that have been used in the sector. It also analyses the important non-tariff barriers in the sector, such as those concerning labelling and consumer safety. This is a short overview of this study. Link to the original document: http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/IDAN/2015/563440/IPOL_IDA(2015)563440_EN.pdf

TTIP: Motor Vehicles - Study in Focus

Publication type: At a Glance
Date: 16-11-2015
Author: Mariusz MACIEJEWSKI


Keyword: approval | safety standard | environmental standard | negotiation of an agreement (EU) | United States | South Korea | liberalisation of trade | motor car | non-tariff barrier | motor vehicle industry | trade agreement (EU) | Canada

Summary: The study TTIP: Motor Vehicles analyses the main challenges and opportunities concerning trade with motor vehicles and parts which should be considered during the negotiation between the EU and the US. The first part offers an overview of the effects of two recently concluded free trade agreements (FTA), the EU-Korea FTA and the FTA with Canada. In the second part the focus turns to the EU-US trade barriers and the potential for regulatory cooperation in the automotive industry. This is a short overview of this study. Link to the original document: http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/STUD/2015/542234/IPOL_STU(2015)542234_EN.pdf

TTIP: Engineering, Including Machinery - Study in Focus

Publication type: At a Glance
Date: 16-11-2015
Author: Mariusz MACIEJEWSKI


Keyword: United States | liberalisation of trade | machinery | Canada | market access | standardisation | technical barrier | negotiation of an agreement (EU) | South Korea | mechanical engineering | mutual recognition principle | Singapore | trade agreement (EU)

Summary: The study TTIP: Engineering including Machinery explores how TTIP could effectively address the causes of costly market access to the US in the Engineering sector, such as stubborn TBTs. The case is made why TTIP offers the potential to lower the TBTs to the US engineering market significantly, via three complementary routes in TTIP. The study sets out the overall and specific EU offensive interests, one crucial defensive interest (the integrity of the single market) and some opportunities and challenges. This is a short overview of this study. Link to the original document: http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/STUD/2015/542233/IPOL_STU(2015)542233_EN.pdf
Social, Economic and Legal Consequences of Uber and Similar Transportation Network Companies (TNCs)

Publication type: Briefing
Date: 15-10-2015
Author: Filipa AZEVEDO | Mariusz MACIEJEWSKI

Policy area: Forward Planning | Transport
Keyword: access to a profession | freedom to provide services | right of establishment | restriction on competition | organisation of professions | transport licence | electronic commerce | transport economics | economic consequence | interpretation of the law | self-employed person | impact of information technology | taxi

Summary: Commercial success and massive uptake of services provided by companies such as Uber trigger a number of questions for regulators both in the United States and in the European Union. The main question is if such web based applications or platforms merit their success solely to innovation or if their success is due to exploitation of loopholes in regulatory requirements. Citizens and consumer organisations question if regulatory responses to these innovative services are dictated by genuine concerns over proper regulation of transportation services and consumer safety or constitute a protection of traditional incumbent transport operators.

Briefing DE, EN, FR

Unfair trading practices in the business-to-business food supply chain

Publication type: Study
Date: 07-09-2015
Author: Mariusz MACIEJEWSKI

Keyword: agriculture-industry relationship | economic consequence | consumer price | commercial law | restriction on competition | business morals | competition law | agriculture-trade relationship | discriminatory price | agri-foodstuffs | contract

Summary: Unfair trade practices (UTPs) are practices imposed by a stronger party in a contractual relationship that grossly deviate from good commercial conduct and are contrary to good faith and fair dealing. UTPs are present at a national level, but they can also exert a negative impact on developing trade among Member States, which in turn may hinder the development of the internal market.

Study EN

TTIP: Challenges and Opportunities in the Area of Textiles and Labelling

Publication type: In-Depth Analysis
Date: 31-08-2015
Author: Roberto BENDINI | Mariusz MACIEJEWSKI

Policy area: Internal Market and Customs Union | Consumer Protection
Keyword: consumer information | negotiation of an agreement (EU) | United States | consumer protection | free-trade agreement | powers of the EP | non-tariff barrier | production cost | labelling | textile industry | harmonisation of standards

Summary: The paper, produced by Policy Department A for the IMCO committee, analyses opportunities and challenges of TTIP for the EU in textile and clothing (T&C). This area differs from other industrial sectors in that average tariff levels are relatively high and a number of tariff peaks still exist. It would not be difficult to negotiate the complete phase out of all tariff barriers and obtain gains for consumers and firms. A more challenging task will be to tackle the existing high level of non-tariff barriers. To be able to exploit the potential gains from trade liberalization, the challenge for EU negotiators is to enter a regulatory co-operation game with the US while maintaining the high level of health and environment protection achieved in the EU.

In-Depth Analysis EN

TTIP: Challenges and Opportunities in the Area of Customs and Trade Facilities

Publication type: In-Depth Analysis
Date: 31-08-2015
Author: Mariusz MACIEJEWSKI | Roberto BENDINI

Policy area: Internal Market and Customs Union | Consumer Protection
Keyword: United States | consumer protection | free-trade agreement | powers of the EP | Canada | security of supply | EU customs procedure | technical barrier | negotiation of an agreement (EU) | South Korea | impact of information technology | trade promotion | tariff barrier

Summary: The trade costs associated with customs and other border controls become more important as tariff barriers are reduced. The EU is in the process of further modernisation of its customs code. It also needs to work with the EU’s trading partners to facilitate trade while protecting consumer interests and the security of the international supply chain. The negotiations on TTIP offer a means of building on existing agreements to further this aim. This paper is about how to make customs more efficient. Others in this series of eight, prepared by Policy Department A for the IMCO Committee, cover the substantive issues in technical barriers to trade, services, procurement and the sectors of textiles and clothing, motor vehicles and machinery sectors. A further paper covers the horizontal issues in regulatory cooperation.

In-Depth Analysis EN
TTIP Negotiations: Challenges and Opportunities for Europe - Compilation of 8 At a Glance Notes

Publication type: In-Depth Analysis
Date: 09-06-2015
Author: Kendra PENGELLY | Mariusz MACIEJEWSKI | Iveta OZOLINA


Keyword: customs inspection | common commercial policy | public contract | United States | originating product | consumer protection | free-trade agreement | labelling | market access | technical barrier | negotiation of an agreement (EU) | mechanical engineering | tertiary sector | trade agreement (EU) | textile industry | customs cooperation

Summary: Compilation of 8 at-a-glance notes on 'TTIP: Opportunities and challenges', prepared by the Policy Department A for the Committee on Internal Market and Consumer Protection cover 8 sectors:
- services,
- public procurement,
- technical barriers to trade, including standards,
- customs and trade facilitation,
- consumer protection,
- textiles and labelling,
- motor vehicles and engineering, including machinery.

The analyses done on the opportunities and challenges Europe faces with regard to the negotiations on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP). They examine options of the TTIP from the point of view of EU offensive and defensive interests.

In-Depth Analysis EN

Interactive EU Mapping: Overview of Internal Market and Consumer Protection Related Legislation - Digital Single Market and e-Commerce

Publication type: At a Glance
Date: 05-05-2015
Author: Iveta OZOLINA | Kendra PENGELLY | Birgit HARDT | Mariusz MACIEJEWSKI


Keyword: single market | electronic commerce | regulation (EU) | transmission network | regulation of telecommunications | consumer protection | directive (EU) | data protection | electronic government | copyright | proposal (EU)

Summary: Overview of Internal Market and Consumer Protection related legislation: Digital single market and e-commerce.

At a Glance EN

EU Mapping: Overview of Internal Market and Consumer Protection Related Legislation

Publication type: Study
Date: 13-04-2015
Author: Sebastien VANHOUCKE | Benoit LEFORT | Joanna APAP | Iveta OZOLINA | Birgit HARDT | Julia FERGER | Bozica MATIC | Carine PIAGUET | Mariusz MACIEJEWSKI | Marlies DESOMER | Anders GRONBECH JORGENSEN


Keyword: single market | electronic commerce | freedom to provide services | public contract | consumer protection | customs union | free movement of goods | carriage of passengers | EU law | financial services | free movement of persons

Summary: This paper prepared by the Policy Department A Economic and Scientific Policy and the Secretariat of the Committee on Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO) provides a graphic overview on core legislation in the area of the Internal Market and Consumer Protection. The presentation essentially covers the areas within the responsibility of the Committee on Internal Market and Consumer Protection, hence it starts with core IMCO areas but also displays neighbouring areas of other Committees' competences which are closely connected to and impacting on IMCO's work.

Study EN
Commitments Made at the Hearings of the Commissioners-Designate, Juncker Commission (November 2014 - October 2019)

Publication type: Briefing
Date: 14-11-2014


Keyword: EU policy | EP Committee | President of the Commission | European Commissioner | public hearing | appointment of members | interinstitutional cooperation (EU) | High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy | vice-president of an institution

Summary: This compilation of briefings presents the most salient points and essential commitments made by the commissioners-designate during the hearings held in September/October 2014 before the parliamentary committees. These commitments concern the main on-going legislative procedures, the preparation of future legislative proposals as well as the scrutiny of the implementation of existing legislation. They also touch upon the crucial issue of inter-institutional cooperation.

Briefing EN

Commitments Made at the Hearing of Andrus Ansip - Commissioner-Designate

Publication type: Briefing
Date: 04-11-2014
Author: Mariusz MACIEJEWSKI


Keyword: single market | Estonia | European Commissioner | public hearing | telecommunications | appointment of members | interinstitutional cooperation (EU) | digital technology | data protection | electronic government | copyright | vice-president of an institution

Summary: Briefing summarises Commitments made at the hearing of Andrus Ansip Vice-President of the Commission, Commissioner designate for the Digital Single Market.

Briefing EN

Streaming and Online Access to Content and Services

Publication type: Study
Date: 14-03-2014
Author: Mariusz MACIEJEWSKI

Policy area: Internal Market and Customs Union | Consumer Protection

Keyword: single market | electronic commerce | freedom to provide services | Internet | digital archiving | impact of information technology | telecommunications policy | free movement of goods | cross-frontier data flow | knowledge economy | international competition | electronic government

Summary: As a result of technological progress in the area of cloud computing and mobile connectivity, Internet is increasingly offering an omnipresent and interactive - ubiquitous - access to information and content. This improved access is, in turn, leading to efficiency, innovation and a significant reduction of the environmental footprint through dematerialisation of consumption, with potential changes in the economic and societal landscape. However, the current legal and economic setting in Europe is leading to a partitioning of mobile Internet access and Internet content along national borders, significantly affecting benefits that could be derived by Europeans from the Digital Single Market and preventing Europe from consolidating its comparative advantage on the global ICT market.

Study EN
Proceedings of the Workshop on "The Award of Concession Contracts"

**Publication type**: Study  
**Date**: 15-06-2012  
**Author**: Mariusz MACIEJEWSKI  
**Policy area**: Internal Market and Customs Union | EU Law: Legal System and Acts  
**Keyword**: EU law - national law | award of contract | cost-effectiveness analysis | service concession | competition | corruption  
**Summary**: The workshop set out to clarify questions and problems pertaining to the award of concessions contracts. For this purpose it focused on four main topics: the characteristics and problems of the award of concessions contracts from an economic perspective, the legal perspective on the Commission's proposal, the risks of corruption and collusion related to concessions contracts, and legal definitions of concessions in the Member States.

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Overview of Existing Collective Redress Schemes in EU Member States

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**Summary**: The briefing paper presents rationale and relevance of collective redress schemes with recent developments in this area at the EU level; an overview of collective redress schemes existing in EU Member States; a summary of similarities and differences between collective redress schemes in Member States; and finally some considerations on cross-border use of collective redress mechanisms in Europe. The paper identifies significant differences in approach of Member States towards collective redress with important consequences for equal access of European consumers to justice and cross-border use of collective redress.

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