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The use of strategic foresight in Commission impact assessments: Existing practices and the way forward

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Resumo Strategic foresight was identified as a political priority by the European Commission back in 2019, and was integrated into the EU's better regulation guidelines in 2021. It allows practitioners to anticipate alternative futures and, hence, represents a key tool for the EU to future-proof its policies and legislation. Its relevance spans the policy cycle, being of interest ex ante to impact assessments (IAs) and ex post to evaluations. This briefing examines the use of strategic foresight by the Commission in its IAs. It analyses the practices that emerged between January 2020 and December 2023, allowing a comparison between the period prior to January 2022, when foresight became a better regulation tool, with the period since then. The analysis shows that, despite a progressive increase in the number of IAs featuring a foresight component, practices continue to vary greatly across the Commission Directorates-General responsible for these IAs, in terms of methodology, clarity and consistency. Nine of the 63 IAs analysed in this briefing were supported by dedicated studies using foresight methodology. The majority of these studies were conducted by the Joint Research Centre, the Commission's internal science and knowledge service, which provides a broad offer to assist the use of foresight, including training and research. Two studies were commissioned to external contractors. Foresight studies require time and resources. They should be systematically conducted when a foresight approach adds value to the examination of the topic at stake. Foresight methods include the analysis of megatrends and scenario planning. The Commission's Regulatory Scrutiny Board (RSB) ensures quality control of the Commission's IA work. Besides advising on the IA process and expressing its opinion on the quality of each individual draft IA, it also gives an annual account of progress on better law-making. In its opinions, the RSB inter alia stressed the need for consistency in the use of foresight throughout IA reports, calling for foresight to be integrated into the sections on problem definition and policy options.

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Defence of Democracy package

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante

Palavra-chave análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | consequências económicas | construção europeia | consumo | democracia | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | grupo de interesses | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | mercado interno | mercado único | país terceiro | política comercial | política de cooperação | proteção do consumidor | quadro político | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | vida política e segurança pública

Resumo The initiative results from growing concern that openness of European societies is being exploited for covert interference from foreign governments to manipulate decision-making processes and public opinion in the EU. The impact assessment (IA) clearly defines two problems relating to interest representation activities carried out on behalf of third countries: obstacles to the internal market due to fragmented regulation, and the unknown magnitude, trends and actors of these activities. It considers a non-legislative policy option (PO) along with two legislative sub-options, targeting all third countries and all activities carried out on behalf of governments and affiliates. After examining the POs' economic, social and fundamental rights impacts, as well as geopolitical implications, the IA chooses the legislative PO2.1 as the most effective, efficient, coherent and proportionate. PO2.1 seeks to harmonise requirements in the internal market on transparency requirements for entities carrying out interest representation activities on behalf of third-country entities. While the IA expects the initiative to have moderately negative impact on fundamental rights, it justifies this with over-riding public interest and proposes several safeguards. Similarly, regarding possibly negative geopolitical implications, the IA points to differentiating very clearly between the initiative and 'foreign agent laws', and discusses mitigating measures such as diplomatic exchanges and information activities. Economic impacts on entities are expected to be positive, with cost savings from harmonised rules and a levelled playing field expected to compensate compliance costs. The citizens are expected to benefit from improved information, transparency and trust in the democratic system. Nevertheless, the IA's methodology poses some questions concerning the SME test, the use of 'qualitative cost-benefit analysis' to identify economic impacts, and the use of stakeholder views in the analysis.

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[Combating late payment](#)

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Palavra-chave análise económica | ato de comércio | cláusula contratual | comercialização | DIREITO | direito civil | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estudo de impacto | gestão contabilística | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | pequenas e médias empresas | prazo de pagamento | proposta (UE) | tipos de empresa | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo Presented as part of the 'SME relief package', the initiative aims to tighten the EU's late payment framework and improve its enforcement. It proposes, among other things, to convert the current Late Payment Directive into a regulation, a move that several national parliaments contested. National parliaments also raised subsidiarity and proportionality concerns on several provisions. The impact assessment (IA) adequately justifies the need to revise the late payment framework, and substantiates the envisaged change of legal instrument. Overall, it presents a clear intervention logic. It puts forward three well-developed policy options (each with sub-options). Because of the initiative's high relevance for SMEs, a comprehensive SME test was carried out, in addition to a competitiveness check. The focus of the impact analysis lies clearly on economic impacts. The IA draws on a wide range of evidence (including relevant studies, surveys and market analyses) and broad stakeholder input (including from SMEs). It builds on qualitative and quantitative data and is transparent about data limitations. The wide evidence base somewhat compensates for the fact that the Commission's 2015 evaluation is rather dated. That fact that no separate evaluation was carried out prior to the revision is not fully in line with the 'evaluate first' principle. Of note, the Commission's open public consultation, which ran in parallel with the feedback to the inception IA, lasted merely 9 weeks (instead of the mandatory 12 weeks), without the IA disclosing the reasons for the shortened period. The IA provides a vast amount of background information and additional explanations in annexes (26 in total) and appears broadly coherent with the legislative proposal.

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[Digital euro](#)

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Resumo On 28 June 2023, the European Commission presented a legislative package to establish a digital form of central bank money to complement its physical form (banknotes and coins) and laid out the rules and conditions for its use. The IA supporting the proposals is based on extensive internal and external expertise, including tailored ECB advice and JRC input on analytical methods and simulations. It presents a wide range of options to address the problems identified, but it is difficult to identify the pros and cons of these options. The IA follows the Better Regulation criteria and presents the assessment of impacts in terms of effectiveness, efficiency and coherence, but the dense and long technical analysis is of limited accessibility for non-expert readers. As such, the IA should have been more comprehensive and clear regarding the suitability of the digital euro and the feasibility of the options.

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[Accounting of greenhouse gas emissions of transport services](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Ambiente | Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante | Transportes

Palavra-chave AMBIENTE | análise económica | comunicação de dados | degradação do ambiente | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | gás de efeito de estufa | informação e tratamento da informação | informática e processamento de dados | luta contra a poluição | norma ambiental | organização dos transportes | política ambiental | proposta (UE) | redução das emissões de gases | transporte de mercadorias | transporte de passageiros | TRANSPORTES | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | vigilância do ambiente

Resumo The impact assessment (IA) provides a useful information package supporting the 'CountEmissionsEU' proposal. It presents a substantiated problem definition and illustrates the scale of the problems. The analysis relies on an external IA supporting study, stakeholder consultation and independent research. The IA assesses the economic, social and environmental impacts of all six policy options. It openly explains the assessment's limitations, in particular the fact that empirical evidence to underpin the relationship between GHG emissions accounting, changes in transport activity, decrease in GHG emissions and air pollutant emissions is scarce. In addition, the IA stresses that there is considerable uncertainty regarding the estimates that depend on behavioural change towards more sustainable solutions. As the initiative is relevant to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), an SME test was performed. However, SMEs are not differentiated by size-class (micro, small and medium-sized enterprises) in the analysis. The selected preferred option is sufficiently explained, for instance in terms of the trade-off between effectiveness and efficiency. The IA finds that the preferred option is a balanced and proportionate option that provides the highest net benefits for SMEs, a voluntary approach (binding opt-in) and an exemption for SMEs from the mandatory verification of GHG emissions data. The IA describes the stakeholder consultation activities and discusses stakeholders' views in many sections; however, the references to their views are often quite vague. It would have added transparency had the various stakeholder groups' views on policy options, including their representativeness, been explained more clearly.

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[European cross-border associations](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante | Democracia

Palavra-chave análise económica | associação europeia | associação sem fins lucrativos | comércio internacional | construção europeia | dimensão transfronteiras | direito da União Europeia | direito de estabelecimento | ECONOMIA | emprego | EMPREGO E TRABALHO | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estudo de impacto | FINANÇAS | forma jurídica de sociedade | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | livre circulação de capitais | livre circulação de capitais | livre circulação de mercadorias | livre prestação de serviços | mercado único | proposta (UE) | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | regiões e política regional | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | vida social

Resumo The problem definition in the impact assessment (IA) appears to be well-supported by evidence. The IA provides a sufficient range and description of the policy options, albeit sometimes lacking in detail. The assessment of the options' impacts (economic, social, environmental, fundamental rights) is qualitative and quantitative. It appears to be based on sound research and analysis, with clear acknowledgement that the available data are limited. The IA provides a comprehensive summary of the preferred options' costs and benefits for the affected stakeholder groups (associations and Member States, and indirectly citizens and for-profit companies). It is transparent about data uncertainties and assumptions. It comprehensively describes stakeholder groups' views on the problem, the problem drivers, the objectives and the policy options. An SME test has been carried out. However, it appears that no targeted SME consultation was conducted.

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[Introducing a European disability card and a European parking card](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante | Política Social | Transportes

Palavra-chave análise económica | cartão sanitário | DIREITO | direito da União Europeia | direito internacional | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | livre circulação de pessoas | pessoa deficiente | política social europeia | proposta (UE) | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | saúde | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | urbanismo e construção civil | vida social | área de estacionamento

Resumo The IA supporting the proposal for a European disability card and a European parking card builds on the experience of two instruments already in place: i) the EU disability card pilot project rolled out in eight participating Member States since 2016, and ii) the EU parking card for persons with disabilities, introduced EU-wide in 1998 through Council Recommendation 98/376/EC. The IA draws on a wide range of data, including a supporting study (which, however, is not linked and does not seem to have been published) and a recent study assessing the implementation of the disability card pilot project. The IA presents a clear and comprehensive intervention logic. It puts forward two policy options in addition to the baseline scenario, duly analysing the potential impacts, with a focus on social, fundamental rights and economic impacts. Stakeholder input was taken into account throughout the IA. Disability organisations were involved in the consultations; in addition, in line with the UN CRPD and the BRG, the open public consultation included accessible formats (e.g. a questionnaire in easy-to-read format). The legislative proposal broadly follows the IA, with some minor differences regarding the scope, delegated acts and review clauses.

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[Intellectual property: A revised framework for compulsory licensing of patents](#)

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Palavra-chave análise económica | direito da União Europeia | direito de patentes | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | investigação e propriedade intelectual | patente europeia | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | regulamento (UE) | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The IA substantiates its findings with references to several sources, in particular the Commission's consultation activities to prepare the IA. The specific objectives presented correspond to the problems and the problem drivers identified in the IA. Overall, the IA provides a sufficient and balanced description of the options, including detailed schemes describing the procedural steps envisaged under each option and taking into consideration the views and concerns of stakeholders. The assessment of the options' impacts (social, environmental and economic, as well as impacts on fundamental rights) is qualitative and quantitative. A dedicated chapter with a cost-benefit analysis has been included. The IA appears to be based on sound research and analysis, and is transparent about the evidence and analytical methods used, with a clear acknowledgement that available data is limited when it comes to calculating costs and benefits. It describes comprehensively stakeholder groups' views on the problems and the options, and provides views on the expected impacts of the preferred option. An SME test was carried out in line with the Better Regulation Guidelines; its main findings are described in detail in a separate annex. It appears that no targeted SME consultation was conducted, however. Competitiveness could have been discussed in more detail in the IA, particularly in terms of the impacts on SMEs.

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Legislation for plants produced by certain new genomic techniques

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante

Palavra-chave AGRICULTURA, SILVICULTURA E PESCA | agroalimentar | AGROALIMENTAR | alimento para gado | análise económica | atividade agrícola | autorização de venda | comercialização | desenvolvimento sustentável | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | exploração agrícola | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | legislação fitossanitária | organismo geneticamente modificado | política agrícola | política económica | produção alimentar | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | proposta (UE) | rotulagem | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | técnica de cultura | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The IA argues that existing GMO legislation is not fit for purpose for plants and their food and feed products developed using certain new genomic techniques (NGTs) and that their resulting limited uptake in the EU might lead to missed opportunities to reach the EU's sustainability objectives. It suggests four policy options (POs) in addition to the baseline and assesses their economic, environmental and social/health impacts. The assessment is predominantly qualitative and is based on the stakeholders' views, in addition to the scientific literature, expert views and a number of JRC studies. The IA selects a combination of PO4 ('notification') for products that could occur naturally or be produced by conventional breeding, with PO2 ('authorisation with incentives') for all other products. It justifies the choice of the preferred option as being the most coherent and proportional, best able to deliver the objectives and with positive impact in terms of innovation and developer interest. However, the IA could have been clearer in highlighting the preferred sub-options, namely the treatment of NGTs for the purposes of organic production and labelling of NGT products subject to PO2. While the IA underlines the expected benefits for SMEs, it does not assess impacts on SMEs involved in organic/GM-free production separately. The IA consistently refers to the stakeholders' opinions and points to the high interest shown by the large number of responses to the consultation activities, but the various stakeholders' support for the initiative is not evident, and the stakeholders' views appear to diverge considerably.

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Revision of EU customs legislation

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante

Palavra-chave análise económica | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | funcionamento institucional | informação e tratamento da informação | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | organismo da UE | política aduaneira | proposta (UE) | regime aduaneiro da UE | regulamentação aduaneira | sistema de informação | território aduaneiro (UE) | união aduaneira | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The IA supports the revision of the EU customs legislation to ensure an integrated approach to reinforcing the customs processes, data management and governance framework. It considers four policy options (POs), each with an increasing degree of ambition and a concrete implementation timeline. The four POs are complementary, rather than separate alternatives, and appear realistic and self-standing. The IA assesses the impacts of all POs both quantitatively and qualitatively, and selects PO4 – 'EU Customs Authority for coordination and operations, managing the EU Customs Data Space' – as the preferred option. While the IA argues convincingly that the preferred option would significantly simplify the customs processes and that all economic operators, including SMEs, are expected to gain from this, it would have been useful if the IA had featured a targeted analysis of the impacts on competitiveness, fundamental rights and an explanation of how the revision of the legislation would contribute to the achievement of the Green Deal's objectives. The IA finds that PO4 is not only the most efficient and most effective, but it is also the most coherent and proportional, addresses challenges identified by the Wise Persons Group, and is future-proof and in line with the JRC foresight report on the Future of the Customs in the EU in 2040. The IA duly integrates foresight in the analysis and appears to be based on sound and recent data, reports by EU institutions, academic literature and stakeholders' consultations. It underlines that capacity to act together as a customs union provided by this option would strengthen the strategic autonomy and resilience of the EU. The IA respects the 'evaluate first' principle and consistently refers to the opinions expressed by the Member States and other stakeholders, but could have provided more clarity on how the different stakeholder categories see the PO4. It indicates that the Commission would monitor the implementation of the reform on a regular basis and that a first evaluation would be carried out in 2035. It also proposes a list of quantifiable success indicators. It appears that the Commission made substantive changes to the IA in response to the opinions of the RSB. The proposal corresponds to the preferred option identified in the IA.

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[Anti-trafficking in human beings](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante

Palavra-chave ajuda às vítimas | análise económica | ação em matéria penal | combate ao crime | crime organizado | DIREITO | direito da União Europeia | direito penal | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | justiça | proposta (UE) | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | tráfico de seres humanos | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | vida social

Resumo This IA supports the proposal for a revision of the 2011 Directive on preventing and combating trafficking in human beings and protecting its victims. Overall, it provides a complete and detailed explanation of the problem, of its scope, drivers, and of the need to take EU-level action. It is well-substantiated and relies on the evaluation of the directive conducted in parallel with the IA, stakeholder feedback, comprehensive desk research and recent data from Eurostat. The IA is also transparent on the limits of the data it uses, which is coherent with the specific objective of the proposal to improve detection and monitoring of trafficking in human beings. The IA considers security, social, economic and fundamental rights impacts, but does not discuss relations or cooperation with third countries, which could be relevant due to trafficking's cross-border nature. The construction of policy options appears to offer a very limited range of genuine alternatives, mainly sub-options that are not systematically compared. Finally, the quantitative cost-benefit analysis would have benefited from inclusion of an assessment of the policy options' impact on the number of law-enforcement procedures, and on the number of offences prevented.

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[Advance passenger information \(API\): Revising the rules](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante

Palavra-chave análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | comunicação de dados | controlo fronteiriço | DIREITO | direito da União Europeia | direito internacional | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | fronteira externa da UE | informação e tratamento da informação | informática e processamento de dados | migração ilegal | migrações | organização dos transportes | proposta (UE) | proteção dos dados | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | recolha de dados | transporte aéreo | transporte aéreo e espacial | transporte de passageiros | TRANSPORTES | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | vida política e segurança pública

Resumo The IA examines the nature and scale of the problems sufficiently (the fact that not every person crossing the Schengen external borders is pre-checked with API data and that there are security gaps in the processing of air passenger data for law enforcement purposes). The IA provides a comprehensive description of the options. The sub-options under each of the intervention areas identified are limited and mostly cumulative; the range of alternative options therefore appears limited. The assessment of the options' impacts (social, economic, fundamental rights) is qualitative and quantitative. It appears to be based on sound research and analysis, with clear acknowledgement that available data is limited. The IA provides a comprehensive summary of the costs and benefits of the preferred option for the affected stakeholder groups. Stakeholder views are reflected consistently throughout the IA. However, the Commission decided to carry out targeted consultations rather than a public consultation on the IA – as is normally required – which appears not to be justified in the IA.

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[EU critical raw materials act](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante | Indústria

Palavra-chave análise económica | berílio | cadeia de abastecimento | construção europeia | ECONOMIA | estratégia da UE | estudo de impacto | INDÚSTRIA | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | metalurgia e siderurgia | produção | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | química | segurança de abastecimento | trocas comerciais | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | ácido inorgânico

Resumo As the first EU act specifically regulating the EU's CRM supply, the proposed initiative aims to address an area previously identified as one of the EU's strategic dependencies. Following a clear problem description, the IA presents three (partially overlapping) policy options and a thorough analysis of their possible impacts, with a clear focus on economic impacts. The identification of the preferred policy option appears justified. The predominantly qualitative assessment draws merely on desk research and stakeholder input. In this respect, the IA admits to having 'significant data gaps' and a 'limited' evidence base, owing in part to 'the lack of a supporting study'. With regard to stakeholder input, the IA does not explain why the public consultation was open for only 8 weeks (instead of the default 12). It is notable that the proposed regulation deviates somewhat in scope from the IA: it adds a further specific objective – namely to diversify CRM imports in order to reduce strategic dependencies – and provides for a few measures that were either not assessed at all in the IA, or which were outside the preferred policy option.

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Classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures

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Palavra-chave análise económica | comercialização | ECONOMIA | embalagem | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estudo de impacto | gestão administrativa | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | pequenas e médias empresas | programa de ação | pré-embalagem | rotulagem | tipos de empresa

Resumo The IA provides a convincing justification on the need to revise the CLP. It presents a well-evidenced problem definition and describes the scale of the problems. The IA does not provide self-standing policy options addressing all the drivers. Instead, it provides three policy option packages, under which the sub-options are the policy options; however, there are in fact only a few alternative choices. The IA explains the policy options and their impacts in detail in extensive annexes. The comparison of the options would have benefited from further clarification, as the IA does not score the options but instead it describes them qualitatively and does not use comparable expressions. The preferred option package is sufficiently justified and the reasons for discarding measures have been explained. The IA openly explains the limitations in the analysis, in particular in relation to quantification. The IA provides a description of the broad stakeholder consultations. It appears from the annexes that an SME test was conducted; however it would have been more reader-friendly if this had been explained in the main text or at least in a separate annex, as the information related to different elements of the SME test is presented in a rather fragmented way throughout the IA. The IA could have clarified for the sake of transparency, whether the supporting studies are publicly available.

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Revising the Community Design Regulation and the Design Directive (recast)

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Palavra-chave análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | desenho e modelo | direito da União Europeia | diretiva (UE) | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | investigação e propriedade intelectual | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | regulamento (UE) | revisão da lei | trabalhos parlamentares | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The initiative's aim is to revise the rules of the current EU legislation on design protection. Based on an evaluation of the current framework in line with the 'evaluate first' principle, the impact assessment examines the nature and scale of the problems and who is affected by them. It establishes a clear intervention logic, from the problems and their drivers, to the initiative's objectives and the options. The IA presents a sufficient range of options and sub-options. However, not all sub-options constitute alternatives from which to choose. The qualitative and quantitative assessment of impacts focuses on the socio-economic impacts. Limitations in the analysis are described in a transparent manner. Overall, the views of stakeholders on the problems, the problem drivers, the objectives and the options are well described in the IA. However, with the exception of the diverging stakeholder views on the spare parts market liberalisation, the IA would have benefited from a more detailed breakdown of stakeholder views by stakeholder group. Simplifying procedures and adjusting the RCD fee system would be particularly beneficial for SMEs.

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Updating Euro emission standards (Euro 7)

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante

Palavra-chave acumulador elétrico | AMBIENTE | análise económica | consumo | controlo da poluição | degradação do ambiente | direito da União Europeia | duração de vida do produto | ECONOMIA | eletrónica e eletrotécnica | equipamento do veículo | estudo de impacto | homologação | INDÚSTRIA | indústria mecânica | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | motor | norma técnica | organização dos transportes | poluição automóvel | política ambiental | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | proposta (UE) | qualidade do ar | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | TRANSPORTES | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | veículo motorizado

Resumo The Commission mobilised considerable time and resources to prepare this initiative, in an extensive 'back to back' (ex post evaluation and ex ante impact assessment) process that started in 2018 with the set-up of the Advisory Group on Vehicle Emission Standards. The IA draws on numerous external studies, stakeholder consultations, relevant data sources and approved modelling tools (SYBIL and COPERT). In spite of some weaknesses in the definition of the problems and objectives, the intervention logic of the IA is clear. The options are built on modules, whose highly technical details could have been presented in a more coherent and clear manner to increase accessibility for non-expert policy makers. In the same vein, the complex comparison of the options' impacts could have better illustrated all factors that have to be counted in (vehicle types and sizes, testing conditions, durability requirements etc.), to make the selection of the preferred option more convincing. This seems important given that for all options gradual positive effects on emission reduction are expected, and given that the proposal diverts partially (for cars and vans) from the preferred option of the IA: For LDVs, it combines tailpipe emission limits of option 1 with the other provisions of option 3a, to take into account the increased challenges the EU automotive industry faces in the geopolitical and economic context since 2021/2022 and in the midst of the EU's ongoing green transformation.

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[General-purpose artificial intelligence](#)

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Palavra-chave análise económica | comunicação | desinformação | difusão restrita | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | informação e tratamento da informação | inovação aberta | inteligência artificial | investigação e propriedade intelectual | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | propriedade intelectual | tecnologia digital | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica

Resumo General-purpose artificial intelligence (AI) technologies, such as ChatGPT, are quickly transforming the way AI systems are built and deployed. While these technologies are expected to bring huge benefits in the coming years, spurring innovation in many sectors, their disruptive nature raises policy questions around privacy and intellectual property rights, liability and accountability, and concerns about their potential to spread disinformation and misinformation. EU lawmakers need to strike a delicate balance between fostering the deployment of these technologies while making sure adequate safeguards are in place.

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[Packaging and packaging waste](#)

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Palavra-chave AMBIENTE | análise económica | comercialização | degradação do ambiente | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | economia circular | embalagem | estudo de impacto | harmonização das normas | INDÚSTRIA | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | matéria plástica | norma ambiental | política ambiental | política e estruturas industriais | política económica | produto reciclado | produto sustentável | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | proposta (UE) | química | reciclagem de resíduos | resíduos de plástico | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The IA provides a good overview of the problems relating to packaging and packaging waste, and the possible impacts of the various measures proposed to address the problems. In its assessment, which is both qualitative and quantitative, the IA relies on a wealth of data sources and modelling. However, it does not clearly indicate the IA supporting studies and their full references; this would have improved transparency. The IA presents three policy options, which are partially incremental and cannot therefore serve as self-standing alternatives. The IA provides sufficient justification for the preferred option. Broad stakeholder consultations were carried out and the IA presents stakeholders' views, although on individual measures rather than on the three policy options. The description of the monitoring and evaluation plan is rather limited; for example, the operational objectives and the timeframe for the evaluation are not explained. On a technical point, the IA could have made more use of the material from the extensive annexes, for example, to describe the policy options and the third problem in more detail in the main text.

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[Harmonising certain aspects of insolvency law](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante

Palavra-chave análise económica | cooperação transfronteiriça | créditos | DIREITO | direito civil | direito da União Europeia | dívida | ECONOMIA | empresa em dificuldade | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estudo de impacto | financiamento e investimento | FINANÇAS | investimento | justiça | liquidação de sociedade comercial | livre circulação de capitais | livre circulação de capitais | organização de empresas | política de cooperação | processo judicial | proposta (UE) | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | solvabilidade financeira | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The initiative aims to harmonise certain substantive rules on insolvency proceedings across the EU. The IA examines the nature and scale of the problems and who they affect. It establishes a clear intervention logic, from the problems and their drivers to the initiative's objectives and options. The IA identifies only two options, which are cumulative. It is questionable whether such options qualify as alternative options, as required in the BRGs. This range of options is very limited, and some policy measures do not have alternatives. The assessment of the economic, social and environmental impacts is mostly qualitative, but the IA also presents quantified estimates. Limitations and uncertainties in the analysis are described in a transparent manner. The IA gives an exhaustive account of the stakeholder groups' views on the problems, their drivers, the objectives and the options. The IA would have benefited from a more comprehensive analysis of the impacts on SMEs. It is in fact questionable whether the SME test has been fully performed, as it would appear from the IA that a dedicated consultation of SMEs was not conducted.

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[Artificial intelligence \[What Think Tanks are thinking\]](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Indústria | Política de Investigação

Palavra-chave análise económica | cibernética | CIÊNCIAS | ciências naturais e aplicadas | documentação | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | informação e tratamento da informação | informática e processamento de dados | inteligência artificial | mudança tecnológica | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | publicação | segurança da informação | tecnologia digital | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica

Resumo The recent launches of artificial intelligence (AI) tools capable of generating direct textual answers to questions, notably the chatbot ChatGPT, and the development of general-purpose AI technologies, are expected to revolutionise the application of AI in society and the economy. New AI tools in general offer massive potential for developments in industry, agriculture, health, education and other areas. However, many scientists and politicians are calling for the establishment of a legal and ethical framework to avoid potentially detrimental impacts from the use of such technologies. The EU's approach to artificial intelligence centres on excellence and trust, aimed at boosting research and industrial capacity while ensuring safety and fundamental rights. In 2021, the European Commission proposed the AI Act to regulate this area, but that regulation is still being debated. According to European Parliament recommendations from May 2022, AI has huge potential to boost capital and labour productivity, innovation, growth and job creation. However, its development could also pave the way for potential mass surveillance and other detrimental impacts on fundamental rights and values. This note gathers links to the recent publications and commentaries from many international think tanks on artificial Intelligence.

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[Revising the standards for surface water and groundwater pollutants](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante

Palavra-chave AMBIENTE | análise económica | controlo da poluição | degradação do ambiente | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | meio natural | norma ambiental | poluente da água | poluição da água | política ambiental | política da água | proposta (UE) | proteção das águas | qualidade do ambiente | recursos hídricos | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | água subterrânea | água superficial

Resumo The impact assessment is informed by the findings of the European Commission's fitness check of the water directives, in line with the Better Regulation Guidelines' 'evaluate first' principle. The IA's strong points include a dynamic baseline that takes into account the likely changes to emissions, the current and proposed legislation, and external factors. The IA proposed a satisfactory range of options and was transparent in reporting the limitations of assessing the costs and benefits, which depend on the current status of pollution and the potential measures that might be taken at Member State-level to reach a given water quality standard. However, because of these limitations and the policy options' technical complexity, neither the real policy alternatives nor their impacts are apparent from the IA. This limits the report's potential to inform decision-making adequately. Moreover, although increasing the protection of EU citizens and natural ecosystems is the IA's first general objective, the impacts on consumers and SMEs are not elaborated on. Furthermore, the IA does not fully substantiate the achievement of the second general objective of increasing the legislation's effectiveness and reducing administrative burden. Lastly, the IA could have benefited from reporting the results of the stakeholder consultation in a more detailed manner, enlarging its scope to cover SMEs, and breaking down the stakeholders' views.

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[Revising the Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive](#)

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Palavra-chave AMBIENTE | análise económica | degradação do ambiente | direito da União Europeia | diretiva CE | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | luta contra a poluição | poluente da água | poluição da água | poluição industrial | política ambiental | proposta (UE) | proteção das águas | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | saúde | saúde pública | tratamento da água | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | urbanismo e construção civil | zona urbana | água residual

Resumo The impact assessment's strong points include a well-substantiated problem definition, an evidence base that appears to be recent and relevant, and a broad stakeholder consultation, the results of which were put to good use. However, the report's weak points limit its potential to inform decision-making clearly. Firstly, there appears to be a mismatch between the problem description, the objectives and the options of the IA. Secondly, the IA does not explain in sufficient detail why no alternatives were available to address certain problem drivers, and the resulting analysis of the options alongside the measures does not clarify what the real policy alternatives are. Thirdly, the content and choice of the preferred package of options are not entirely evident from the IA, as only the options, but not the measures, were compared based on the mandatory criteria of efficiency, effectiveness and coherence. Finally, the IA focuses on economic and environmental impacts, leaving impacts on health and competitiveness unaddressed.

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Cleaner Air for Europe

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante

Palavra-chave AMBIENTE | análise económica | controlo da poluição | cooperação ambiental | degradação do ambiente | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | impacto ambiental | norma ambiental | política ambiental | política de cooperação | política do ambiente da UE | prevenção da poluição | proposta (UE) | qualidade do ambiente | qualidade do ar | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | vigilância do ambiente

Resumo The IA clearly identifies the current AAQDs' shortcomings, provides references to the updated WHO guidelines and lists the fitness check findings, stakeholders' opinions, and supporting data. It sets a general objective to further improve air quality in the EU and diminish the impact of air pollution on human health and the environment. It does not make it clear however whether the translation of the general objective into specific objectives, as formulated, fully addresses some relevant drivers. The IA considers 69 specific policy measures grouped in 4 clusters of 19 policy options (POs) and sub-options. It assesses the environmental, social and economic impacts of each measure and their potential costs/administrative burden based on a qualitative and, 'where possible' quantitative assessment. The IA is not clear on the three POs regarding the different levels of alignment with the WHO guidelines (PO I-1 to I-3); it states that they require a political decision, but then highlights the PO I 2 as the 'preferred option'. It also remains questionable how many of the other POs are real alternatives, as most are retained with differentiation on the level of sub-options only. The IA appears to be based on extensive public consultations, studies and supporting data, and consistently refers to them. Coherence with other EU legislation appears to be duly identified.

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To resolve, or not to resolve a bank? Options for framing bank resolution vs. insolvency

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Domínio de intervenção Assuntos Económicos e Monetários

Palavra-chave análise económica | banco | consumo | DIREITO | direito civil | ECONOMIA | economia monetária | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estudo de impacto | falência | FINANÇAS | fontes e ramos do direito | gestão administrativa | gestão de crises | instituições financeiras e crédito | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | legislação | organização de empresas | resolução bancária | serviço de interesse geral | solvibilidade financeira | união bancária da UE

Resumo There is an emerging consensus among stakeholders to apply resolution more widely going forward, possibly through modifications of the public interest assessment. This briefing reviews the practice of the Single Resolution Board so far and presents some observations based on past experience and policy options that the legislators might want to consider as they set out to reform the resolution framework.

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European Parliament work in the fields of Impact Assessment and European Added Value - Activity Report for 2022

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Palavra-chave análise económica | assembleia | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | controlo parlamentar | documentação | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estudo de impacto | gestão contabilística | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | Parlamento Europeu | relatório de atividade | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | valor acrescentado

Resumo This activity report summarises and explains the work undertaken by the European Parliament in the fields of impact assessment and European added value during the calendar year 2022. It details the support given by the Directorate for Impact Assessment and European Added Value within the European Parliamentary Research Service (EPRS) to assist parliamentary committees in their oversight and scrutiny of the executive in the fields of ex-ante impact assessment, European added value, and ex-post evaluation of EU law and policy in practice. It also details wider horizontal support provided in respect of the policy cycle to the institution as a whole. During the 12 months under review, the Directorate published 132 substantive pieces of work, all of which can be accessed via hyperlinks in this report.

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Safeguarding media freedom and pluralism in the internal market (Media Freedom Act)

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante

Palavra-chave análise económica | comercialização | comunicação | construção europeia | consumo | DIREITO | direito da União Europeia | direitos e liberdades | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | indústria da comunicação | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | liberdade de imprensa | meios de comunicação de massas | mercado único | pluralismo dos meios de comunicação | prestação de serviços | proposta (UE) | publicidade | regulamentação das telecomunicações | serviços | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The impact assessment (IA) defines in sufficient detail the problem, its drivers and the need to protect media pluralism and independence in the EU. While it duly explains that the problems identified affect the 'entire information ecosystem', their geographical scale is not very clear. The IA examines three options, with different packages of measures with a gradually increasing level of approximation of certain aspects of national frameworks relating to media pluralism and independence. Costs and benefits of each option have been thoroughly identified and analysed, including who would be affected and how. The IA contains a section on the SME test, explaining the impact of the different policy options on SMEs and suggesting that SMEs would be among those benefitting the most. Moreover, the IA refers to the impacts on citizens, who are expected to benefit from more diverse and independent reporting, reduced risk of disinformation, and higher level of trust in the media. Based on the comparison of options and their impacts in terms of effectiveness, efficiency, coherence and proportionality, the choice of the preferred option appears logical. However, the explanation of why option 2 is preferred to option 3 (and sub-option A to sub option B) could have been more in-depth. The IA appears to be based on extensive data, public consultation activities, position papers, reports, and two external studies. However, it could have better referenced the data and provided accessible links to all public sources. Overwhelming and unified support of all stakeholders for any package of measures appears to be lacking, and the IA would have benefitted from a more transparent and consolidated presentation of stakeholder views and data gathered during consultations. Coherence with other EU legislation appears to be duly identified and taken into account.

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Democratic control and legitimacy in the evolving EU economic governance framework

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Domínio de intervenção Assuntos Económicos e Monetários

Palavra-chave análise económica | consequências económicas | construção europeia | cooperação reforçada | ECONOMIA | economia monetária | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estudo de impacto | FINANÇAS | finanças da União Europeia | gestão administrativa | gestão de crises | governação económica (UE) | independência económica | instrumento financeiro da UE | política económica | política económica | política internacional | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | retoma económica | Semestre Europeu | situação económica | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo Democratic control and legitimacy in the evolving EU economic governance frameworkThe European Semester (ES) is a centrepiece of the EU's evolving economic governance architecture and its democratic legitimacy and accountability has been contested in pre- and post-pandemic times. This paper introduces two perspectives – a democratic and a technocratic perspective – to evaluate the accountability of the ES, based on a survey of existing literature. Whereas there is broad agreement that the ES has deficiencies according to both perspectives, procedural reforms have only a limited potential to narrow accountability gaps. A focus on proceduralism overlooks the more fundamental democratic deficits that plague the EU's economic governance system. This document was provided by the Economic Governance and EMU Scrutiny Unit at the request of the ECON Committee.

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Interoperable digital public services in the EU

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante

Palavra-chave administração eletrónica | análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | cooperação administrativa | cooperação transfronteiriça | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | empresa pública | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estudo de impacto | informação e tratamento da informação | informática e processamento de dados | intercâmbio de informação | poder executivo e administração pública | política de cooperação | processamento de dados | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | proposta (UE) | Quadro Europeu de Interoperabilidade | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | serviço público | sistema de informação | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | tipos de empresa | transformação digital | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The initiative's general objective is to address interoperability issues Member States and the EU institutions face when delivering digital public services across EU borders. The impact assessment (IA) identifies the problem clearly as the limited interoperability of network and information systems supporting digital public services in the EU. However, the IA's efforts to identify the scale of the problem are limited, and it could have explained better how the problem would evolve in the future. The IA presents a sufficiently broad range of options. The qualitative and partly quantitative analysis of the options' economic, social and environmental impacts is based on evaluations of the European interoperability framework and the ISA2 funding programme, external supporting studies, stakeholder consultations, and various data sources. The IA discusses impacts on fundamental rights (such as protection of personal data, right to move freely within the EU), but does not assess territorial impacts in detail. When comparing the options, the IA considers their effectiveness, efficiency, coherence and subsidiarity in line with the Better Regulation Guidelines. However, it does not address proportionality in the comparison of options, only doing so for the preferred option. The IA is open about the uncertainties and limitations in the analysis, such as limited available data for calculating the costs and benefits. It describes comprehensively stakeholder groups' views on the problem, the problem drivers, the objectives and the options. It appears that stakeholder views and support for the preferred option were taken broadly into account.

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EXCERTO DE UM ESTUDO_Aumentar o valor acrescentado europeu numa era de desafios globais: Identificação do custo da não Europa (2022 2032)

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Palavra-chave análise económica | construção europeia | contabilidade nacional | crescimento económico | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | globalização | independência económica | integração europeia | política económica | política internacional | produto interno bruto | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | retoma económica | situação económica | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo Embora a integração europeia seja um fator impulsionador do crescimento, da paz, da proteção do ambiente e da prosperidade social, continuam a existir desafios persistentes e preveem se potenciais crises. Olhando para o futuro, a Europa tem à sua frente várias vias possíveis. O Parlamento Europeu privilegia a via de uma ação ambiciosa e coletiva da UE, conducente a benefícios potenciais significativos, não só no presente, mas também em vários cenários possíveis no futuro.

O presente documento é um excerto de um estudo que visa apoiar o Parlamento Europeu na definição da agenda política e na promoção do debate sobre o caminho para um futuro sustentável. Analisa os potenciais benefícios que poderiam ser alcançados em 50 domínios de intervenção, tendo em conta o estado da legislação da UE e o seu potencial inexplorado, e recorre a uma análise quantitativa adaptada a cada domínio de intervenção. Se a UE não seguir uma linha de ação coletiva ambiciosa, os benefícios identificados poderão não se materializar plenamente, o que poderá conduzir ao chamado «custo da não Europa».

O estudo conclui que o aumento da integração europeia poderia gerar mais de 2,8 biliões de EUR por ano até 2032 e contribuir para a consecução dos objetivos da UE nos domínios dos direitos sociais, dos direitos fundamentais e do ambiente. Os ganhos decorrentes de uma maior integração europeia não substituiriam nem comprometeriam os ganhos resultantes das medidas tomadas à escala nacional, regional ou local; seriam, isso sim, um complemento e um reforço.

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[Mapping the cost of non-Europe: Completing the single market for goods and services](#)

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[Mapping the cost of non-Europe: Towards a joint EU health policy](#)

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[The NIS2 Directive: A high common level of cybersecurity in the EU](#)

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Palavra-chave análise económica | criminalidade informática | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | guerra de informação | informática e processamento de dados | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | segurança da informação | segurança internacional

Resumo The Network and Information Security (NIS) Directive is the first piece of EU-wide legislation on cybersecurity, and its specific aim was to achieve a high common level of cybersecurity across the Member States. While it increased the Member States' cybersecurity capabilities, its implementation proved difficult, resulting in fragmentation at different levels across the internal market. To respond to the growing threats posed with digitalisation and the surge in cyber-attacks, the Commission has submitted a proposal to replace the NIS Directive and thereby strengthen the security requirements, address the security of supply chains, streamline reporting obligations, and introduce more stringent supervisory measures and stricter enforcement requirements, including harmonised sanctions across the EU. The proposed expansion of the scope covered by NIS2, by effectively obliging more entities and sectors to take measures, would assist in increasing the level of cybersecurity in Europe in the longer term. Within the European Parliament, the file was assigned to the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy. The committee adopted its report on 28 October 2021, while the Council agreed its position on 3 December 2021. The co-legislators reached a provisional agreement on the text on 13 May 2022. The political agreement was formally adopted by the Parliament and then the Council in November 2022. It entered into force on 16 January 2023, and Member States now have 21 months, until 17 October 2024, to transpose its measures into national law. Fourth edition. The 'EU Legislation in Progress' briefings are updated at key stages throughout the legislative procedure.

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[THE EFFECT OF COMMUNICATION AND DISINFORMATION DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC](#)

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Palavra-chave análise económica | comunicação | comunicação de massas | desinformação | difusão restrita | doença por coronavírus | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | epidemia | estudo de impacto | impacto social | informação e tratamento da informação | política de saúde | quadro social | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | saúde

Resumo This study analyses how governments, public health experts and other professionals communicated during the COVID-19 pandemic, and the impact of these communication strategies. It investigates COVID-19 misinformation and disinformation practices, and how these practices were addressed in the European Union by the Member States and the European Commission. It draws up recommendations to improve responses in the future, including by analysing the role of the Code of Practice on disinformation and the expected impact of the Digital Services Act.

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[60 years of Van Gend & Loos: Direct effect of EU law and a 'new legal order'](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Direito da UE: Ordenamento Jurídico e Atos Jurídicos

Palavra-chave análise económica | direito da UE-direito nacional | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | Europa | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | geografia política | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | jurisprudência (UE) | Países Baixos | política aduaneira | regime aduaneiro da UE | Tribunal de Justiça da União Europeia | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo Sixty years ago, on 5 February 1963, the European Court of Justice handed down the first in a series of landmark judgments that laid the constitutional foundations of the EU legal order. The seminal case of Van Gend & Loos offered the Court an opportunity to proclaim the doctrine of the direct effect of EU law within the legal orders of the Member States. In practice, this means that individuals may claim rights directly under EU law and enforce those rights before national courts. The Van Gend & Loos case was triggered by a company that claimed that Dutch customs duties on a product imported from West Germany were in violation of the standstill clause contained in Article 12 of the Treaty of Rome. The clause prohibited Member States from introducing new customs duties on products originating from other Member States, or from raising existing customs duties. In Van Gend & Loos, the product in question was subject to a duty of 3 % at the time of the entry into force of the Treaty of Rome, but this was later raised to 8 %. At that time, the constitutional laws of the Member States were not consistent as regards the effects of the EU Treaties before national courts. The Dutch court asked the European Court of Justice whether the standstill clause had direct effect before national courts and, if so, whether changing the customs classification of the product in question, with the effect of making the customs duties higher, was in breach of the clause. The European Court, rejecting the opinion of the Advocate General and that of three of the six Member States, said yes to the first question, thereby inaugurating the doctrine of direct effect in EU law and empowering individuals to enforce rights derived from EU law before national courts. Marking the 60th anniversary of Van Gend & Loos, this briefing takes a closer look at the landmark decision, outlines the legal background to the dispute, examines the Court's findings, analyses its reasoning and concludes with an analysis of the broader implications of the decision for EU law.

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[Legal loopholes and the risk of foreign interference](#)

Tipo de publicação Análise aprofundada

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Domínio de intervenção Assuntos Externos | Democracia na UE, Direito Institucional e Direito Parlamentar

Palavra-chave análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | construção europeia | democracia | DIREITO | direitos e liberdades | direitos fundamentais | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | ingerência | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | poder executivo e administração pública | Política Externa e de Segurança Comum | proteção civil | quadro político | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | segurança internacional | transparência administrativa | transparência do processo de decisão | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | vida política e segurança pública

Resumo There is ample evidence that malign foreign actors are engaging in foreign interference in the politics and democracy of the European Union (EU) and its Member States. Much of this foreign interference escapes identification or censure by exploiting loopholes in the EU's legislative and policy acquis. This in-depth analysis identifies some of those loopholes and proposes measures to close them. An EU focal point would significantly improve the EU's capacity to investigate and respond strategically to foreign interference, its strategic drivers and related financial flows. Foreign interference should be restricted by criminalisation, sanctions and a ban on foreign involvement in third-party election campaigning. Legitimate foreign influence should be made more transparent by enhancements to the EU Transparency Register and stricter 'revolving door' requirements. To minimise online manipulative practices, political candidates and incumbents should formally pledge to avoid them, the public relations industry should be encouraged to scrutinise its ethical codes and a compendium could be prepared with a view to eventual restrictions. In all these activities, the EU should take care to ensure that its measures are compatible with fundamental rights and do not have the impact of shrinking civil space.

Análise aprofundada [EN](#)

[Intersectional evaluation of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on different groups](#)

Tipo de publicação Estudo

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação da Legislação e das Políticas na Prática | Coronavírus | Educação | Emprego | Proteção dos Consumidores | Questões de Género, Igualdade e Diversidade

Palavra-chave análise económica | DIREITO | direitos e liberdades | discriminação sexual | doença por coronavírus | ECONOMIA | epidemia | estudo de impacto | igualdade de género | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | saúde | vacina | vacinação

Resumo This study examines the intersections between COVID-19, mental health and socioeconomic stressors in the lives of adolescents and young people, the impact of COVID-19 measures, including lockdowns, on children and vulnerable people, and efforts to tackle violence against women and domestic violence in Europe during the COVID-19 pandemic. This document was provided by the Policy Department for Economic, Scientific and Quality of Life Policies at the request of the Special Committee on the COVID-19 pandemic: lessons learned and recommendations for the future (COVI).

Estudo [EN](#)

Síntese [DE](#), [EN](#), [ES](#), [FR](#), [IT](#), [PL](#)

[Updating liability rules for defective products](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante

Palavra-chave análise económica | construção europeia | consumo | dano | DIREITO | direito civil | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | indemnização | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | mercado único | país terceiro | pessoa singular | política de cooperação | produto defeituoso | proposta (UE) | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | responsabilidade do produtor | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo Based on a 2018 (REFIT) evaluation, the IA defines the main problems, the objectives and the policy options to address them with a clear intervention logic. It is based on solid internal and external expertise and various consultations to compensate for a considerable (and acknowledged) lack of data. While it is transparent about methods, uncertainties and limitations, additional quantification and/or substantiation would have been useful in some areas, namely when it comes to potential impacts on SMEs. Overall, despite providing a limited range of options, the IA presents a satisfactory assessment of the options' expected economic, social and environmental impacts, by providing wide ranges of their potential magnitude rather than exact monetised impacts. It also explains the coherence of the preferred options with other existing and ongoing legislation in the area of liability and product safety.

Briefing [EN](#)

[The RRF role in strengthening Active Labour Market Policies and Public Employment Services](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Assuntos Económicos e Monetários

Palavra-chave acesso ao emprego | ajuda ao emprego | análise económica | coesão económica e social | construção europeia | Croácia | ECONOMIA | economia monetária | EMPREGO E TRABALHO | Espanha | estudo de impacto | Europa | FINANÇAS | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | geografia política | governação económica (UE) | independência económica | Itália | mercado do trabalho | política económica | política internacional | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | retoma económica | situação económica | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This study analyses the measures addressing Pillar 4 (social and territorial cohesion) of the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF). It focuses on two policy domains: active labour market policies and public employment services. The study zooms in on the reforms and investments included in the RRF plans of three EU Member States (Italy, Spain and Croatia) and assesses their relevance, effectiveness and coherence.

Estudo [EN](#)

[Protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to asbestos at work](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

Data 13-01-2023

Autor TUOMINEN ULLA-MARI

Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante

Palavra-chave AMBIENTE | amianto | análise económica | cancro | condições e organização do trabalho | degradação do ambiente | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | EMPREGO E TRABALHO | ENERGIA | estudo de impacto | indústrias carbonífera e mineira | prevenção das doenças | proposta (UE) | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | risco sanitário | saúde | segurança no trabalho | substância cancerígena | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The IA provides a well-evidenced description of the problem and its scale and sufficiently substantiates the need to lower the current EU occupational exposure level for asbestos. However, the IA could have explained the evaluation findings in more detail and clarified the problem drivers further. The IA clearly explains the scientific opinion of the Committee for Risk Assessment (RAC), according to which there is no safe exposure level and therefore the RAC did not recommend any specific OEL. The IA describes different OEL options, but does not explain to what extent the options differ, for example, in terms of risk management measures. The IA justifies the preferred option for example by the efficiency aspects (cost/benefit ratio). In the effectiveness analysis, the IA finds that the preferred option is the best one, as it is supported by employers' and government interest groups, and therefore 'offers the best balance between prevention and practical implementation'. It would have benefited the analysis if the IA had explained this argument in more detail, given the different views of the social partners. The Commission has carried out an SME test, as nearly all the companies involved in the asbestos work are small companies. According to the estimates, in the construction sector, which represents 99 % of the companies involved in work with asbestos, the costs would remain largely proportionate. The IA explains the analytical methods used, as well as the limitations and uncertainties of the analysis.

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[Stepping up the EU's efforts to tackle corruption – Cost of non-Europe Report](#)

Tipo de publicação Estudo

Data 13-01-2023

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Domínio de intervenção Valor Acrescentado Europeu

Palavra-chave análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | construção europeia | contratação pública | corrupção | democracia | DIREITO | direito penal | ECONOMIA | espaço de liberdade, segurança e justiça | Estado de Direito | estudo de impacto | financiamento e investimento | financiamento público | FINANÇAS | impacto social | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | política comercial | quadro político | quadro social | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo Corruption poses a significant threat in the European Union and can contribute towards an erosion of democracy and the rule of law, especially during times of crisis. The European Union can do more to tackle corruption and curb its negative impacts on society. This report presents a quantitative analysis of the potential gains from further EU action to tackle corruption, estimating that it could generate up to €58.5 billion per year. Other gains could also be expected in terms of reinforcing democracy and promoting international credibility and long-term growth.

Estudo [EN](#)

[Addressing the challenges of smart, sustainable and inclusive growth in national Recovery and Resilience Plans](#)

Tipo de publicação Estudo

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Domínio de intervenção Assuntos Económicos e Monetários

Palavra-chave Alemanha | análise económica | competitividade | consequências económicas | ECONOMIA | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estudo de impacto | Europa | França | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | geografia política | independência económica | industrialização | INDÚSTRIA | integração social | Itália | organização de empresas | política e estruturas industriais | política internacional | Polónia | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | retoma económica | situação económica | situação económica | vida social

Resumo This briefing paper provides an initial analysis of selected measures proposed by Germany, France, Italy and Poland in their respective Recovery and Resilience Plans (RRPs), and focuses on the areas of competitiveness, business environment/entrepreneurship, and (re)industrialisation. As the analysis has shown, targets and milestones set for the majority of the analysed measures seem to be realistic and enhance the probability of completing the planned projects on time; they are also tailored to the needs of specific EU MS.

Estudo [EN](#)

[Establishing the European health data space](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante

Palavra-chave análise económica | comunicação | cooperação transfronteiriça | dados médicos | dados pessoais | DIREITO | direito da União Europeia | direitos do doente | direitos e liberdades | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | fluxo de dados transfronteiriço | informação e tratamento da informação | informática e processamento de dados | intercâmbio de informação | política de cooperação | proposta (UE) | proteção da vida privada | proteção dos dados | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | saúde | saúde em linha | sistema de saúde | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo Overall, the IA describes the scope of the problem sufficiently well, and explains briefly, but convincingly, the need for EU action, although proportionality does not appear to have been dealt with in any depth. The IA does not define any operational objectives, which would illustrate what the deliverables of the specific policy actions are, although it identifies monitoring indicators for the specific objectives. The sufficient range of retained policy options is structured according to increasing levels of regulatory intervention, and appears to be convincing. However, the IA would have benefited from providing a more user-friendly description of some of the envisaged measures. On the whole, the IA appears to have analysed aspects of the economic impact satisfactorily, while the analysis regarding environmental impacts is very limited, although this appears justified based on the problem definition and the objectives identified. As regards social impacts, the IA quantifies the benefits, expressed in terms of savings in health expenditure, for healthcare providers, patients, researchers and innovators. The analysis regarding the impact on SMEs is rather weak, not least considering that 95 % of the companies operating in the medical technologies sector are SMEs. The analysis of the impact on innovation is not dealt with comprehensively, whereas this would perhaps have been warranted considering that increasing innovation in health products and services is part of the general and specific objectives, while the analysis regarding competitiveness is almost non-existent. The IA appears to have addressed the RSB's comments only partially. The proposal appears to be consistent with the analysis carried out in the IA as regards the envisaged measures included in the preferred options.

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[A Comparative Analysis of Member States' Customs Authorisation Procedures for the Entry of Products into the European Union](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Mercado Interno e União Aduaneira

Palavra-chave análise económica | comércio internacional | consequências económicas | construção europeia | controlo aduaneiro | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estudo de impacto | gestão administrativa | gestão de riscos | importação (UE) | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | mercado único | política aduaneira | regime aduaneiro da UE | restrição ao comércio | sanção (UE) | trocas comerciais | união aduaneira | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo Implementation of EU customs legislation with regard to areas such as risk management and impact management measures differs across Member States. National systems also diverge in the extent to which they have been updated in line with the UCC. Furthermore, significant differences in sanctions regimes create barriers to trade and distortions in the Single Market. This study makes recommendations to Member States and the EU to address some of the weaknesses of the current customs controls and sanctions regime. This document was provided by the Policy Department for Economic, Scientific and Quality of Life Policies at the request of the committee on Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO).

Estudo [EN](#)

Key issues in the European Council: State of play in December 2022

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Domínio de intervenção Democracia

Palavra-chave análise de balanços | análise económica | aprofundamento da União Europeia | Conselho Europeu | construção europeia | ECONOMIA | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estudo de impacto | gestão administrativa | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | investigação e propriedade intelectual | política de investigação da UE | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The role of the European Council is to 'provide the Union with the necessary impetus for its development' and to define its 'general political directions and priorities'. Since its creation in 1975, the European Council has exercised considerable influence over the development of the European Union, a process enhanced by its designation as a formal institution of the Union under the Lisbon Treaty in 2009. The European Council Oversight Unit within the European Parliamentary Research Service (EPRS) monitors and analyses the activities, commitments and impact of the European Council, so as to maximise parliamentary understanding of the political dynamics of this important institution. This EPRS publication, 'Key issues in the European Council', which is updated every quarter to coincide with European Council meetings, aims to provide an overview of the institution's activities on major EU issues. It analyses twelve broad policy areas, explaining the legal and political background, the main priorities and orientations defined by the European Council and the results of its involvement to date, as well as some of the future challenges in each policy field.

Estudo [EN](#)

Workshop Enhancing Policy Coherence for Development

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Domínio de intervenção Ajuda Humanitária e Desenvolvimento | Assuntos Externos

Palavra-chave ajuda humanitária | análise económica | análise social | coesão económica e social | construção europeia | ECONOMIA | estratégia da UE | estudo de impacto | política de cooperação | política de desenvolvimento | política económica | política europeia de vizinhança | quadro social | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The principle of Policy Coherence for Development (PCD) is a central pillar of the EU's efforts to enhance the effectiveness of development cooperation. It represents both a legal and a political commitment for the EU institutions and the Member States. This report includes an in-depth analysis on PCD and the summary of the debate held during a workshop on the same topic, which brought together MEPs, representatives of EU and international organisations and civil society. The workshop aimed to take stock of the latest developments in the application of PCD and sought to generate ideas for improvement. Although several policy prescriptions on PCD already exist as part of legal provisions and different tools have been put in place, there is a continued mismatch between the ideal and practical implementation of PCD. The discussions were organised in two successive sessions: a first panel focused on the conceptual PCD approaches rooted in legal provisions and policy strategies. The experts debated the understanding of PCD from the perspective of different international actors - the EU, OECD, UN - and its significance for meaningful policy impact in developing countries within the framework of Agenda 2030. A second panel explored challenges and gaps in PCD implementation. The discussion also focused on the importance of maximising synergies between policy areas in PCD implementation and of performing impact assessments that capture the effects on developing countries for all EU policies.

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Single Market Emergency Instrument

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante

Palavra-chave análise económica | comercialização | comércio internacional | construção europeia | consumo | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | livre circulação de mercadorias | mercado único | norma de comercialização | política comercial | política económica | política económica | proteção do consumidor | recessão económica | regulamento (UE) | regularização do mercado | situação económica | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The ex-ante analysis of this initiative, aimed at addressing impacts on the single market caused by a potential future crisis, implies major uncertainties and limitations, openly acknowledged by the IA (notably owing to a lack of data). Notwithstanding this important caveat, the IA develops a clear intervention logic, linking the problems with objectives to achieve through three policy options, without, however, fully complying with the Better Regulation Guidelines. It assesses the broad scope of potential impacts of these options (rather than specific impacts), and compares their effectiveness, efficiency and coherence. The interaction with other EU or national anti-crisis tools, including the recently proposed EU chips act, could have been addressed more thoroughly, and more efforts could have been made to quantify at least some effects. Taking the proportionality and subsidiarity principles consistently into account – and notably stakeholder concerns in this respect – the IA does not select a preferred option. This reflects the particularly sensitive, political nature of the decision on the degree of the EU's competence to intervene, under set conditions, in economic processes, so as to avoid disruptions of the single market and EU supply chains in a future crisis.

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[Addressing the challenges of the Green Transition in national Recovery and Resilience Plans: a preliminary assessment](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Assuntos Económicos e Monetários

Palavra-chave acção da UE | AMBIENTE | análise económica | construção europeia | ECONOMIA | economia verde | estudo de impacto | independência económica | instrumento económico para o ambiente | mobilidade sustentável | política ambiental | política de transportes | política económica | política económica | política internacional | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | retoma económica | situação económica | TRANSPORTES | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This paper provides a preliminary assessment of the contribution of the national RRFs to the 'Green Transition' pillar, focusing on the 'sustainable mobility' theme. Based on an analysis of five measures, it finds that while the measures are generally coherent and balanced, their 'lasting impact' is not adequately assured. Moreover, the milestones and targets of the measures provide insufficient guarantees that the RRF objectives will be met. Finally, several sustainable transport policy areas were identified that deserve more attention in EU policy.

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[The impact of Pegasus on fundamental rights and democratic processes](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Direito da UE: Ordenamento Jurídico e Atos Jurídicos | Espaço de Liberdade, de Segurança e de Justiça | Segurança e Defesa

Palavra-chave análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | dados pessoais | democracia | DIREITO | direito da informática | direitos e liberdades | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | informação e tratamento da informação | informática e processamento de dados | literacia digital | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | proteção da vida privada | proteção dos dados | quadro político | software | tecnologia digital | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | teledetecção

Resumo This study —commissioned by the European Parliament's Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs at the request of the Committee of Inquiry to Investigate the Use of Pegasus and Equivalent Surveillance Spyware (PEGA)— analyses the impact of use of Pegasus and similar spyware on Article 2 TEU values, on privacy and data protection, and on democratic processes in Member States.

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[Taxation of the Informal Economy in the EU](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação da Legislação e das Políticas na Prática | Fiscalidade

Palavra-chave análise económica | ECONOMIA | economia internacional | economia monetária | economia paralela | estrutura económica | estudo de impacto | FINANÇAS | fiscalidade | globalização | governação económica (UE) | política económica | política fiscal | política monetária

Resumo This study provides estimates of the size and development of the shadow economy in the EU up to 2022 and analyses the main factors that drive economic agents to enter the shadow economy activities (part 1). Moreover, the study reviews and elaborates on the main driving forces and the policy measures implemented to reduce the shadow economy in six EU countries (Germany, Austria, Italy, Denmark, Romania and Greece) (part 2).

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European Commission work programme for 2023

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Domínio de intervenção Democracia

Palavra-chave análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | Comissão Europeia | crise energética | democracia participativa | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | ENERGIA | estudo de impacto | Europa | GEOGRAFIA | geografia política | gestão administrativa | iniciativa legislativa | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | política energética | programa de ação | proposta (UE) | quadro político | questão russo-ucraniana | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | saúde | segurança alimentar | segurança internacional | trabalhos parlamentares | Ucrânia | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This briefing is intended as a background overview for parliamentary committees (and their secretariats) planning their activities in relation to the European Commission's 2023 work programme (CWP 2023), adopted on 18 October 2022. The CWP 2023 is shaped by the exceptional circumstances linked to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, which triggered a vast humanitarian, human rights, displacement, food and energy crisis. As of 7 October 2022, the UN Refugee Agency reports that nearly a third of Ukrainians have been forced from their homes; Europe is hosting over 7.6 million refugees from Ukraine, and 6.2 million people remain displaced by the war within Ukraine. Skyrocketing gas and electricity prices, coupled with energy supply concerns, have also impacted the cost of living of European households as well as the post-pandemic recovery. Last but not least, the Russian invasion of Ukraine has shattered Europe's peace and altered its security situation, requiring EU foreign, security and defence policy, and the tools thereof, to adapt appropriately. In an unprecedented move, the EU has activated the European Peace Facility to provide military assistance to Ukraine, mobilising (up to September of this year) €3.1 billion, as well as providing €19 billion to strengthen Ukraine's economic, social and financial resilience. On the humanitarian front, the EU has provided aid through the EU Civil Protection Mechanism, with over 70 000 tonnes of aid delivered to Ukraine so far, and has activated the Temporary Protection Directive, thus ensuring that Ukrainian refugees have access to jobs, housing, education and healthcare. Medical and specialised equipment for public health risks, such as chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear threats, have been mobilised via the Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Authority (HERA) and rescEU emergency stockpiles. Through the Cohesion's Action for Refugees in Europe (CARE), and the FAST-CARE (Flexible Assistance for Territories) proposal, the Commission has made it easier for Member States and regions to mobilise cohesion funds to help people fleeing the war. On energy, the EU has taken a number of steps both to align its policies with more ambitious climate goals and to boost energy independence, including the REPowerEU plan for saving energy, producing clean energy, and diversifying EU energy supplies. As regards the food crisis caused by increasing prices, and aggravated by Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the Commission has facilitated Ukraine's access to the single market and global supply chains through alternative routes ('solidarity lanes'), and continues to work closely with the Member States, its international partners and Ukraine to ensure access to fertilisers, food production and open trade to prevent food supply distortions. In line with its title, 'A Union standing firm and united', the CWP 2023 is set against the above background and framed, according to the Commission, by three complementary realities. The first is that challenges of such scale can only truly be tackled collectively. The second is that the aforementioned crises underline the need for Europe to continue to accelerate the radical (twin green and digital) transformation set out at the beginning of this Commission's mandate. The third reality is that these crises cannot be met with a business-as-usual approach.

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Further reduction of the ozone depleting substances

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante

Palavra-chave AMBIENTE | análise económica | degradação do ambiente | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | gestão de resíduos | luta contra a poluição | meio natural | ozono | poluente estratosférico | poluição estratosférica | política ambiental | política do ambiente da UE | proposta (UE) | redução das emissões de gases | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The IA defines the problem, its drivers and the need to revise the 2009 Ozone Regulation convincingly. It appears to be well substantiated and based on extensive public consultations and recent data, the supporting study and the evaluation of the 2009 regulation. However, the IA could have referenced the data more effectively and provided links to all public sources. The measures identified as feasible are explained with reference to stakeholders' opinions, feasibility and proportionality, while discarded measures are clarified in a dedicated annex. Based on the comparison of options and their impacts, as well as the EU's international obligations and in particular its climate ambitions, the explanation of the choice of preferred option appears convincing. The costs and benefits of each measure have been identified and analysed in a thorough manner; this includes identification of who would be affected and how. While the level of ambition concerning the emissions reduction appears to be supported by the majority of stakeholders, the IA does not give a clear overview of how different stakeholders see the economic impacts of the preferred option's measures. The IA, to the extent possible, includes consideration of regional impacts and impacts on vulnerable consumers. Synergies with other EU policies and legislation (e.g. the F-Gas Regulation and the Waste Framework Directive) are identified and explained.

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Improving distance marketing of consumer financial products

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante

Palavra-chave análise económica | comercialização | comercialização | construção europeia | consumo | contrato | dimensão transfronteiras | DIREITO | direito civil | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | FINANÇAS | informação do consumidor | instituições financeiras e crédito | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | mercado único | prestação de serviços | proposta (UE) | regiões e política regional | serviços financeiros | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | venda à distância

Resumo The present impact assessment (IA) accompanies the proposal amending the 2011 Consumer Rights Directive and repealing the 2002 Distance Marketing of Consumer Financial Services Directive. It is informed by the findings of the Commission's ex-post evaluation of the directive and the evaluation support study, which preceded the IA, in line with the Better Regulation Guidelines' 'evaluate first' principle. The IA's strong points include a well-substantiated problem definition and an evidence base that appears to be recent and relevant. Furthermore, the range of options appears satisfactory, and they represent realistic alternatives. However, the IA's objectives comply only partially with the definition of SMART (specific, measurable, achievable, relevant and time-bound), as they are neither measurable nor achievable, owing to the absence of concrete deliverables and the inclusion of difficult-to-measure concepts. Furthermore, the IA does not compare the options in terms of their proportionality. The fact that IA support study carried out by an external consortium of consultants, the open public consultation summary report, and the contributions received and their annexes were not publicly available at the time of writing undermines the report's transparency. Lastly, the lack of operational objectives in the IA and the fact that the monitoring and evaluation provisions are not taken over in the proposal can undermine the measurement of the initiative's success.

Briefing [EN](#)

Revision of the Construction Products Regulation

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Mercado Interno e União Aduaneira

Palavra-chave AMBIENTE | análise económica | comercialização | comercialização | construção civil | construção europeia | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | economia verde | estudo de impacto | fiscalização do mercado | harmonização das normas | INDÚSTRIA | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | marcação «CE» de conformidade | materiais de construção | mercado único | norma europeia | norma técnica | política ambiental | política comercial | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | proposta (UE) | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | transformação digital | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The IA provides a good information package concerning the revision of the CPR, including a summary of the SME test that was carried out, relying on a wealth of evidence, studies and reports. Yet, while the problem definition is well evidenced, the description of the problems and their scale would have benefited from more detailed explanations. In the extensive stakeholder consultations, stakeholders had different views about the policy options; for example, the preferred option received less support than the options suggesting keeping the baseline or making a revision without major changes. The stakeholder feedback lacked detailed information on the nature of costs for manufacturers and the response rate was low, which weakens the economic analysis and raises doubts about the representativeness of the stakeholder views. The Commission openly explains the uncertainties affecting the economic analysis as well as those linked to the assessment of the risks on health and safety due to the lack of data. The IA provides the justification for the preferred option in terms of effectiveness and coherence criteria, but the efficiency aspect lacks robustness (the comparison of the options is only qualitative). The preferred sub-option of the preferred option was developed after the stakeholder consultation, and therefore the IA does not reflect stakeholders' views on it.

Briefing [EN](#)

Recasting the Single Permit Directive for third-country nationals

Tipo de publicação Briefing

Data 21-10-2022

Autor EISELE Katharina

Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante | Espaço de Liberdade, de Segurança e de Justiça

Palavra-chave análise económica | DIREITO | direito da União Europeia | direito de residência | direito do trabalho | direito internacional | ECONOMIA | emprego | EMPREGO E TRABALHO | Estado-Membro UE | estrangeiro | estudo de impacto | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | licença de trabalho | mercado do trabalho | migrações | país terceiro | política de cooperação | política migratória da UE | proposta (UE) | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | relações laborais e direito do trabalho | trabalhador migrante | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The IA demonstrates convincingly that the directive's fragmented implementation, which has led to complex procedures and unclear rights, is a regulatory failure that needs addressing. However, the problem definition fails to state explicitly that Member States seem to have prioritised national migration schemes over the EU single permit. Moreover, there is no 'real' range of options: the preferred option 3 (out of three options in addition to the baseline) is the only one that addresses the problems of regulating rights and of protection from labour exploitation. The IA could have done more to justify why two options were discarded from the outset (one of them relating to low- to medium-skilled TCNs, an issue on which the European Parliament has been calling for EU-level action, and on which stakeholders had mixed views). The IA assessed the economic, social, and fundamental rights impacts, as well as impacts on third countries. However, a more in-depth assessment of impacts on third countries (which the IA considered limited), in particular on developing countries, would have been warranted, given the inter-linkages between EU migration and development policies. Stakeholder views are integrated in a balanced manner in the IA. The Commission could have provided a more detailed analysis regarding the impacts on SMEs.

Briefing [EN](#)

Corporate sustainability due diligence

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Autor GIRARD VERONIQUE

Domínio de intervenção Ambiente | Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante | Direito Contratual, Direito Comercial e Direito Empresarial | Direitos Humanos | Espaço de Liberdade, de Segurança e de Justiça | Proteção dos Consumidores

Palavra-chave AMBIENTE | análise económica | cadeia de valor | DIREITO | direito da União Europeia | direito das sociedades comerciais | direito do trabalho | direitos e liberdades | direitos humanos | ECONOMIA | EMPREGO E TRABALHO | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estudo de impacto | governo das empresas | impacto ambiental | instrumento económico para o ambiente | organização de empresas | política ambiental | produção | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | proposta (UE) | relações laborais e direito do trabalho | responsabilidade por danos ambientais | responsabilidade social das empresas | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The impact assessment (IA) accompanying the proposal on corporate sustainability due diligence received two negative opinions from the Commission's Regulatory Scrutiny Board. Additional evidence was provided in a follow-up document to the Board's second opinion, explaining how the IA's preferred options were revised in the proposal, but no change was made to the IA itself. The IA cannot therefore be read without this follow-up document. It also makes the analysis quite difficult to follow, as evidence is split between several documents that are not consistent. Overall, this IA is well substantiated with economic literature and analysis reports, including two supporting studies from 2020. The IA is transparent on the methods, assumptions and limitations of the analysis. The IA refers to stakeholders' views fairly consistently, but it seems that only a limited number of stakeholders from third and especially developing countries were consulted. The problem identified in the IA covers two dimensions of sustainable corporate governance, and the objectives defined are directly linked to the problem. In the IA, policy options are identified across three areas: corporate due diligence, directors' duties and their remuneration. The IA focuses on the assessment of the economic impact. Costs are estimated for companies and public authorities, while expected benefits are described in a qualitative way. Other types of impacts (social, environmental, and on human rights) that are particularly relevant in this initiative, are analysed less extensively. The Commission made efforts to take account of comments from the RSB, but some weaknesses remain. To respond to proportionality concerns from the Board, the IA's preferred options were revised. However, different alternatives could have been compared for the revision of the IA's preferred options. As revised in the proposal, the options focus on the due diligence duty, leaving out part of the directors' duties and of the rules on directors' remuneration. The objectives were also revised, focusing on one (the external) dimension of the problem. As the number of companies under the scope of application was reduced under the revised options from up to 70 000 estimated in the IA to around 12 000 EU companies (in addition to 4 000 non-EU companies), the costs for companies were significantly reduced and recalculated in the follow-up document. The analysis of impacts on third and developing countries was also 'complemented' in the follow-up to RSB comments, but this assessment would have benefited from more attention, given the strong external dimension of the proposal. For future monitoring and evaluation of the initiative, the indicators envisaged, as well as the related timelines and target would benefit from clarification.

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Fluorinated greenhouse gases

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Domínio de intervenção Ambiente

Palavra-chave AMBIENTE | análise económica | degradação do ambiente | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | flúor | gás de efeito de estufa | impacto ambiental | INDÚSTRIA | luta contra a poluição | política ambiental | política do ambiente da UE | proposta (UE) | química | redução das emissões de gases | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The IA defines the problem, its drivers and the need to revise the 2014 regulation rather convincingly. It appears to be well substantiated and based on extensive public and targeted consultations, data and studies, including the IA supporting study and the ex-post evaluation of the regulation, which was carried out in parallel with the impact assessment work as opposed to sequentially. The choice of the preferred option appears sufficiently justified on the basis of the EU's international obligations and especially its climate ambitions, as well as the cost-benefit analysis. It aims to take account of possible future developments and represents the middle ground of differing stakeholder opinions regarding the level of ambition. More clarity could have been provided in the IA as regards the steps to ensure and improve implementation and coherence in practice, which is one of the objectives of the revision. Monitoring the implementation of the regulation and appraising the efficiency of the measures would mean establishing concrete indicators in all areas (e.g. 'dissuasive' penalties, quantification of illegal trade or 'smooth implementation of the quota system').

Briefing [EN](#)

Recasting the Long-Term Residents Directive

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante | Espaço de Liberdade, de Segurança e de Justiça

Palavra-chave análise económica | DIREITO | direito civil | direito da União Europeia | direito de residência | direito internacional | ECONOMIA | EMPREGO E TRABALHO | entrada de estrangeiros | estatuto jurídico | estrangeiro | estudo de impacto | integração de migrantes | livre circulação de pessoas | mercado do trabalho | mercado do trabalho | migrações | política migratória da UE | proposta (UE) | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo Overall, the Commission makes a good case for the revision of the 2003 Long-term Residents Directive. The IA builds on two implementation reports focused on the directive and on the 2019 fitness check on legal migration. However, the supporting study for this IA was not publicly available at the time of writing, which goes against the better regulation transparency requirements. The Commission consulted widely, and stakeholders' views are reflected in the IA. The Commission considered four policy options alongside the baseline. The choice of the Commission's preferred option appears well justified. The Commission made an effort to consider coherence with other initiatives and the migration pact.

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[More flexible VAT rates](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Fiscalidade

Palavra-chave análise económica | cobrança de impostos | comercialização | comércio intra-UE | concurso (UE) | construção europeia | dedução fiscal | direito da União Europeia | distribuição comercial | ECONOMIA | entrega | estudo de impacto | FINANÇAS | fiscalidade | harmonização fiscal | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | isenção fiscal | IVA | matéria coletável | mercado único digital | política comercial | prestação de serviços | proposta (UE) | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo Value added tax (VAT) is an important source of revenue for national governments and the European Union (EU) budget and, from an economic point of view, a very efficient consumption tax. However, the rules governing value added tax as applied to intra-Community trade are almost 30 years old and the current common EU VAT system is both complicated and vulnerable to fraud. Businesses doing cross-border trade face high compliance costs and the administrative burden of national tax administrations is also excessive. In January 2018, the European Commission adopted a proposal to amend Directive 2006/112/EC (the VAT Directive) and reform the rules by which Member States set VAT rates. Whilst the Commission's proposal was heavily amended, the Council adopted a revision to the VAT rate-setting rules in April 2022, modernising the list of products to which non-standard VAT rates can be applied, and in particular bringing the rules closer in line with the wider objectives of the EU (EU Green Deal, digitalisation, health). Third edition of a briefing originally drafted by Ana Claudia Alfieri. 'EU legislation in progress' briefings are updated at key stages throughout the legislative procedure.

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[Revision of the Central Securities Depositories Regulation](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Assuntos Económicos e Monetários

Palavra-chave análise económica | atividade bancária | comercialização | cooperação financeira | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | FINANÇAS | instituições financeiras e crédito | instrumento financeiro | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | livre circulação de capitais | país terceiro | política de cooperação | prestação de serviços | proposta (UE) | regulamentação financeira | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | risco financeiro | supervisão financeira | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | valores mobiliários

Resumo The IA provides a convincing justification for revising the CSD Regulation. The analysis, both qualitative and quantitative, is based on the targeted evaluation of the existing CSD Regulation, targeted stakeholder consultation and various data sources (ESMA). However, the IA would have benefited from a more detailed description of the problems, the policy options, and the stakeholder consultation, including the consultation results. Moreover, views of stakeholder groups on the policy options and support for the preferred package of options are not indicated. The IA transparently explains the uncertainties and limitations in the analysis, such as the effect of the lack of data concerning third-country CSDs in the EU, and difficulties in quantifying the impacts of policy options in the area of banking services. When analysing the impacts on stakeholder groups, the IA does not differentiate in terms of company size, even though one objective of this REFIT initiative is to reduce the burden on small companies.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Consumer protection for the green transition](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante

Palavra-chave AMBIENTE | análise económica | comercialização | concorrência | consumo | DIREITO | direito civil | direito da União Europeia | direito dos consumidores | duração de vida do produto | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estudo de impacto | impacto ambiental | informação do consumidor | informática e processamento de dados | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | política ambiental | política económica | produto sustentável | proposta (UE) | publicidade abusiva | responsabilidade do produtor | rótulo ecológico | serviço após venda | software | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The IA is based on solid expertise, with ample information in 13 annexes, some of which form an integral part of the analysis (namely Annexes 5 and 12 for the problem definition and Annex 8 for the assessment of the options' impacts). The qualitative and quantitative assessment of the options is concise, balanced and logical. The IA is transparent regarding methods, assumptions and uncertainties in the analysis, which it addresses through a sensitivity analysis to ensure a robust evidence base. The impacts of all options are assessed against a set of 16 criteria and compared to the baseline in terms of their effectiveness, efficiency, coherence and proportionality. The IA decides against options it considers disproportionate, such as an EU body to pre-approve sustainability labels. It highlights the importance of coherence with other complementary EU actions, but potential interactions could have been indicated in a more precise and structured manner, to better illustrate potential overlaps.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Law applicable to the third-party effects of assignments of claims](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Assuntos Bancários e Financeiros | Assuntos Económicos e Monetários

Palavra-chave análise económica | comunicação | conflito de competências | créditos | dimensão transfronteiras | DIREITO | direito civil | direito comercial | direito da União Europeia | direito internacional | direito internacional privado | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | FINANÇAS | fluxo de dados transfronteiriço | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | livre circulação de capitais | mercado de capitais | organização da justiça | política comercial | proposta (UE) | regiões e política regional | solvabilidade financeira | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | valores mobiliários

Resumo The assignment of a claim refers to a situation where a creditor (the assignor) transfers the right to claim a debt from the debtor to another person (the assignee) who then becomes a creditor vis-a-vis the debtor (replacing in this role the original creditor). This mechanism is used by companies to obtain liquidity and access credit. At the moment, there is no legal certainty as to which national law applies when determining who owns a claim after it has been assigned in a cross-border case. The new rules proposed by the Commission will clarify which national law is applicable for the resolution of such disputes. As a general rule, the law of the country where assignors have their habitual residence applies, regardless of which Member State's courts or authorities examine the case. This proposal will promote cross-border investment and access to cheaper credit, and prevent systemic risks. Both Parliament and Council have adopted their positions, and the proposal is currently the subject of trilogue negotiations. Second edition. 'EU legislation in progress' briefings are updated at key stages throughout the legislative procedure.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Digitalisation and changes in the world of work](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Emprego

Palavra-chave análise económica | condições e organização do trabalho | DIREITO | direitos e liberdades | doença por coronavírus | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | emprego | EMPREGO E TRABALHO | epidemia | estudo de impacto | fosso digital | igualdade de género | informação e tratamento da informação | inteligência artificial | investigação e propriedade intelectual | local de trabalho | nova tecnologia | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | resultado da investigação | saúde | saúde e higiene no trabalho | tecnologia digital | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | teletrabalho

Resumo The aim of this study is to provide the Members of the committee on Employment and Social Affairs (EMPL) with an updated review of findings from research on the impact of digitalisation in the workplace.

Estudo [EN](#)

[Tackling industrial emissions from large agro-industrial activities](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Autor FRIZBERG DIETER

Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante

Palavra-chave acesso à informação | AMBIENTE | análise económica | comunicação de dados | degradação do ambiente | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | gestão de resíduos | informação e tratamento da informação | informática e processamento de dados | luta contra a poluição | poluente | poluição | política ambiental | política do ambiente da UE | proposta (UE) | proteção do ambiente | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | vigilância do ambiente

Resumo This briefing provides an initial analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the European Commission's impact assessment (IA) accompanying the above-mentioned proposal for a revision of the Industrial Emissions Directive (IED), and the proposal for a revision of the European Pollutant Release and Transfer Register (E-PRTR) Regulation, submitted on 5 April 2022 and referred to the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI) Committee of the European Parliament. With the adoption of the European Green Deal (EGD), the Commission committed to revise EU measures to address pollution from large industrial installations by looking at how to make legislation fully consistent with the EGD and its policies, notably the zero pollution ambition, the climate, energy and circular economy policies, and the EU industrial strategy. Industrial emissions from agro-industrial activities harming human health and the environment are currently regulated by the IED and its reporting E-PRTR Regulation. The IA 'focuses on the processes set out in the IED and the E-PRTR to minimise pollution from agro-industrial installations in the context of the recently adopted Climate Law and the 'fit for 55' package of climate, energy and transport proposals' (IA, p. 3). The proposals were included in the Commission's 2021 work programme.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Solvency II](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Assuntos Económicos e Monetários

Palavra-chave AMBIENTE | análise económica | companhia de seguros | DIREITO | direito civil | doença por coronavírus | ECONOMIA | economia verde | epidemia | estudo de impacto | financiamento e investimento | FINANÇAS | investimento | livre circulação de capitais | mercado de capitais | política ambiental | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | retoma económica | saúde | seguros | situação económica | solvibilidade financeira | supervisão financeira

Resumo Insurance companies are important investors in EU capital markets. Most of their investments are in debt instruments, while equity investments can contribute to higher returns for policyholders and overall EU economic growth. This study analyses the treatment of equity investments by insurance companies in (proposed) EU legislation; it is considered that this legislation will have limited impact on equity investments. To enhance equity investment significantly drivers other than prudential ones would have to be targeted.

Estudo [EN](#)

[Revising the EU geographical indications for wine, spirit drinks and agricultural products](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante

Palavra-chave AGRICULTURA, SILVICULTURA E PESCA | AGROALIMENTAR | aguardente | análise económica | atividade agrícola | bebidas e açúcar | comercialização | consumo | controlos de qualidade dos produtos agrícolas | denominação de origem | denominação do produto | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | informação do consumidor | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | investigação e propriedade intelectual | marca | política agrícola | produto agrícola | produto alimentar | produto alimentar | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | proposta (UE) | rotulagem | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | vinho

Resumo This briefing provides an initial analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the European Commission's impact assessment (IA) accompanying the above-mentioned proposal, submitted on 31 March 2022 and referred to the European Parliament's Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development (AGRI). Geographical indications (GIs) are names that identify products having characteristics or reputation linked to their geographical origin and notably to the natural or human factors in that place of origin. GIs are protected as intellectual property rights (IPRs) to promote fair competition by preventing unlawful uses. The GIs under the EU food quality schemes are: 1) protected designations of origin (PDOs), e.g. prosciutto di Parma, 2) protected geographical indications (PGIs), with a less strong link to the region, and 3) GIs of spirit drinks and aromatised wine, e.g. Irish whiskey. In addition to this, traditional speciality guaranteed (TSG) applies to food and agricultural products' traditional methods of production (not a specific geographical area), e.g. Geuze beer. The proposal aims to strengthen the GI legislative framework and to facilitate the take up of GIs across the Union, as intellectual property instruments accessible to all farmers and producers of products. The proposal was first announced in the European Green Deal, and then confirmed in the farm to fork strategy and the intellectual property action plan. The Commission included the present proposal in Annex II of its 2021 work programme (REFIT initiatives).

Briefing [EN](#)

[Data act](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

Data 14-07-2022

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante

Palavra-chave análise económica | comunicação | comunicação de dados | construção europeia | direito da informática | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estratégia da UE | estudo de impacto | harmonização das normas | informação e tratamento da informação | informática e processamento de dados | mercado único digital | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | proposta (UE) | proteção dos dados | recolha de dados | sociedade da informação | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | transmissão de dados | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This briefing provides an initial analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the European Commission's impact assessment (IA) accompanying the Commission proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on harmonised rules on fair access to and use of data (data act), submitted on 23 February 2022 and referred to the European Parliament's Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE). The IA explains that the data act 'complements the two other major instruments shaping the European single market for data': the Data Governance Act and the digital markets act. 'While the Data Governance Act focuses on trusted mechanisms for data sharing and the digital markets act on fair competition between gatekeepers and other market players, also in relation to the use of data, the data act would enable wider data use across the economy, notably by regulating the fundamental questions of who can use the data generated by connected products and related services, and what are the conditions for such use' (IA, p. 1). The initiative is among the new initiatives included in the Commission's 2021 work programme and in the working document accompanying the joint declaration on EU legislative priorities for 2022.

Briefing [EN](#)

Establishing the Union secure connectivity programme for the period 2023-2027

Tipo de publicação Briefing

Data 06-07-2022

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Domínio de intervenção Política de Investigação

Palavra-chave análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | comercialização | comunicação | comunicação por satélite | construção europeia | DIREITO | direito da União Europeia | direito internacional | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | informática e processamento de dados | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | investigação e propriedade intelectual | política espacial | prestação de serviços | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | programa da UE | proposta (UE) | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | segurança da informação | segurança das infraestruturas críticas | segurança europeia | segurança internacional | transporte aéreo e espacial | TRANSPORTES | técnica espacial | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | utilização do espaço | vida política e segurança pública

Resumo This briefing provides an initial analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the European Commission's impact assessment (IA) accompanying the above-mentioned proposal, adopted on 15 February 2022 and referred to the European Parliament's Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE). The proposal, which is included in the 2022 Commission work programme (see Annex I – New initiatives) and in the EU Legislative Priorities for 2022 (see the Commission's working document), seeks to establish a Union secure satellite communication system. This system would ensure highly secured connectivity and communication to the Union and Member States' governmental entities, also with a view to making sure that the EU remains connected in case of cyber-attacks, or in case of natural disasters leading to the breakdown of terrestrial communication networks (IA, pp. 10-11). In addition, the system would allow for connecting key infrastructure better, supporting crisis management, surveillance and potential mass-market broadband applications, and ensuring the provision of high-speed, flexible and resilient satellite communication services. The proposed regulation sets out the objectives of the programme, the rules governing the envisaged activities and its implementation, its infrastructure and services, the participants, the EU budget for the 2023-2027 period, the forms of Union funding and the rules for providing such funding.

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Setting ecodesign requirements for sustainable products

Tipo de publicação Briefing

Data 30-06-2022

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante | Mercado Interno e União Aduaneira

Palavra-chave AMBIENTE | análise económica | conceção ecológica | construção europeia | consumo | direito da União Europeia | duração de vida do produto | ECONOMIA | economia circular | ENERGIA | estudo de impacto | impacto ambiental | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | manutenção de equipamentos | mercado único | política ambiental | política económica | política energética | produto sustentável | produção | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | proposta (UE) | reciclagem de resíduos | rendimento energético | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This briefing provides an initial analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the European Commission's impact assessment (IA) accompanying the above-mentioned proposal, submitted on 30 March 2022 and referred to the European Parliament's Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI). The proposal aims to repeal the Ecodesign Directive 2009/125/EC, which establishes a framework for adopting product-specific requirements set out in implementing measures (usually regulations) by the European Commission. Until recently, the directive focused mainly on the energy efficiency of products and since 2019 also on their lifetime (e.g. availability of spare parts for a certain number of years after the last item has been placed on the market). It currently covers 29 energy-related product groups, ranging from ventilation systems to high-pressure cleaners. The new proposal for a Regulation would establish a framework for setting Ecodesign requirements that would apply to all physical products on the internal market (with a few exceptions), with the aim of making them more durable, reusable, repairable, upgradeable, recyclable and generally less harmful to the environment. Product specific requirements would be set out later, in delegated acts, for each product group separately. The proposal was first announced in the European Green Deal, and then confirmed in the Circular Economy action plan, alongside a communication on making sustainable products the norm and a proposal for a directive empowering consumers for the green transition. The Commission included the present proposal in Annex I of its 2021 work programme (new initiatives) and the 2022 joint declaration on legislative priorities.

Briefing [EN](#)

Review of rules on financial market data

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Domínio de intervenção Assuntos Bancários e Financeiros

Palavra-chave análise económica | ação financeira | comunicação de dados | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | FINANÇAS | informação e tratamento da informação | informática e processamento de dados | instituições financeiras e crédito | instrumento financeiro | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | licença comercial | livre circulação de capitais | mercado de capitais | política comercial | proposta (UE) | regulamentação financeira | sociedade de investimento | supervisão financeira | transação financeira | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The IA is based on solid internal and external sources, in particular several ESMA review reports, and stakeholder consultations. However, the definitions of both the problems and the objectives lack consistency and coherence, as the lines between problems, their drivers and consequences are blurred and objectives seem to overlap (and shift). This weakens the IA's intervention logic. The policy options presented to tackle the problems are assessed against two baseline scenarios, which is unusual. Considering the technicality of their implementation – and of the whole IA, more explanatory information would have increased transparency, accessibility and accountability of the analysis, which is also affected by insufficient information on the methods, data and assumptions underlying it (namely regarding quantified estimations drawn from other sources). Finally, the effects of the preferred options combination could have been discussed in more depth.

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[Fit for 55 package: Energy performance of buildings \(recast\)](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante

Palavra-chave AMBIENTE | análise económica | construção civil | consumo de energia | degradação do ambiente | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | economia de energia | edifício | ENERGIA | estudo de impacto | gás de efeito de estufa | INDÚSTRIA | melhoria do habitat | norma ambiental | política ambiental | política energética | política energética da UE | proposta (UE) | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | redução das emissões de gases | rendimento energético | técnicas de construção | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | urbanismo e construção civil

Resumo After two negative opinions from the Commission's Regulatory Scrutiny Board and without making adaptations in the IA itself after the second negative opinion, the Commission adjusted its legislative proposal: the legislative framework for new buildings would conform largely to the preferred PO3 ('High ambition I'), while changes for existing buildings would conform broadly to PO2 ('Medium ambition'). The IA analyses the problem, the problem drivers and the likely impacts of the proposed policy options, based on sound research and reliable data. However, although interlinkages with other legislative proposals of the 'fit for 55' legislative package are described, the size of the problem is not fully clear and could have been better explained. The IA draws a clear logic between the problems, the problem drivers and the specific objectives. It provides realistic alternative options. However, the multitude of measures, with varying levels of policy intensity for each of the options, lacks clarity and therefore weakens the IA's ability to inform decision-making effectively. The presentation of the options and the description of the baseline as the 'starting point' for comparison of options is at times unclear, which makes it difficult to follow the reasoning as to why PO3 ('High ambition I') was chosen as the preferred option. Finally, the IA provides a detailed description of the stakeholder consultations. However, the IA presents the views of stakeholder groups (including SMEs) in relation to specific measures rather than to the proposed policy options. It is therefore unclear what support the preferred option of the IA enjoys among stakeholders, in particular SMEs.

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[Revision of Directive 2010/40/EU on the deployment of intelligent transport systems](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Transportes

Palavra-chave análise económica | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | informação e tratamento da informação | informática e processamento de dados | infraestrutura do transporte | interligação entre sistemas | mobilidade sustentável | organização dos transportes | política comum dos transportes | política de transportes | proposta (UE) | segurança rodoviária | sistema de informação | sistema de transporte inteligente | transporte combinado | transporte rodoviário | transporte terrestre | TRANSPORTES | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The IA provides a qualitative and quantitative assessment, which is based on the evaluation of the existing ITS Directive, the external supporting study, extensive stakeholder consultations, and various data sources. The IA informs openly about uncertainties and limitations in the analysis, for instance regarding estimates of administrative costs. The problem definition would have benefited from a further description of the expected consequences and evolution of the problem, and it would have been useful if the findings of the evaluation had been explained in more detail. The IA comprehensively presents three policy options, which are cumulative and not actual alternatives. With regard to substantiating the preferred option, a further clarification of proportionality aspects, and more detailed information on the stakeholders' views would have been useful. Stakeholder views are referred to in the context of policy measures, but the views of different stakeholder groups on the fully fledged policy options have not been presented. The IA refers to 'wide support' of stakeholders, while pointing to 'some reservations', without however explaining which stakeholder groups have doubts, to which extent the views diverge, and whether all stakeholders find the measures of the policy options proportional. Moreover, the description of the stakeholder consultation results is limited, with the IA referring to the IA supporting study, which does not appear to be publicly available. Overall, this transparency issue weakens the IA's quality.

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[Fit for 55 package: Reducing methane emissions in the energy sector](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

Data 14-06-2022

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante

Palavra-chave AMBIENTE | análise económica | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | ENERGIA | estudo de impacto | gás | hidrocarboneto | importação (UE) | indústria carbonífera | indústria petrolífera | indústria petrolífera | indústrias carbonífera e mineira | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | política ambiental | política do ambiente da UE | política energética | política energética da UE | proposta (UE) | redução das emissões de gases | trocas comerciais | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The IA clearly identifies the problem that needs to be addressed and details the problem drivers. Furthermore, the IA discusses the evolution of the problem if the EU were to take no action. The IA relates the objectives with the problem/problem drivers in a supported manner. The options for the different policy areas to tackle appear to be sufficient and justified against the objectives. The assessment of the options retained for their economic, environmental and social impacts is thorough, but could have benefited from the availability of more complete data, and from the application of the Better Regulation Guidelines in assessing impacts on SMEs and on competitiveness. The indicators for monitoring and evaluating the success of the initiative are supported by existing frameworks and can be considered to be sufficient and effective. Consultation of interested parties occurred through an open public consultation and three stakeholder meetings, the findings of which are in line with the preferred options in the IA. The analysis performed in the IA seems to be well supported, and the comments from the RSB were addressed. In conclusion, the IA and the proposal are consistent.

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Combating violence against women and domestic violence

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante

Palavra-chave acesso à justiça | ajuda às vítimas | análise económica | combate ao crime | demografia e população | DIREITO | direito da União Europeia | direito penal | direitos da mulher | direitos e liberdades | discriminação sexual | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | igualdade de género | justiça | mulher | proposta (UE) | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | vida social | violência doméstica | violência sexual

Resumo This briefing provides an initial analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the European Commission's impact assessment (IA) accompanying the above-mentioned proposal, submitted on 8 March 2022 and referred to the European Parliament's Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality (FEMM). European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen announced in her political guidelines for the Commission's 2019-2024 term that the EU accession to the Council of Europe's Istanbul Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence remains a key priority, and that the EU should do all it can to prevent domestic violence, protect victims and punish offenders (IA, p. 6). The proposal is included in the 2022 Commission work programme and in the joint declaration on EU legislative priorities for 2022. The EU gender equality strategy 2020-2025 reiterates that gender-based violence and harassment have reached alarming levels, and remain under-reported and overlooked. It announces that action will be taken to tackle violence against women (VaW) and domestic violence. According to the Commission, the proposal sets out targeted rules for the protection of victims of VaW and domestic violence in order to strengthen the actions taken by the Member States. The proposal aims to ensure minimum rules on the level of protection across the EU against such violence, regardless of whether it takes place online or offline.

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AI and digital tools in workplace management and evaluation: An assessment of the EU's legal framework

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Autor externo This study has been written by Professor Valerio De Stefano of Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, Toronto, Ontario and the KU Leuven (University of Leuven), and Dr Mathias Wouters of KU Leuven (University of Leuven) at the request of the Panel for the Future of Science and Technology (STOA) and managed by the Scientific Foresight Unit, within the Directorate-General for Parliamentary Research Services (EPRS) of the Secretariat of the European Parliament. The research leading to this study was also carried out in the framework of the 'Employment rights and labour protection in the on-demand economy' grant awarded by the FWO Research Foundation – Flanders to Professor De Stefano. The authors would also like to express their gratitude to Professor Frank Hendrickx and Simon Taes for their comments and suggestions.

Domínio de intervenção Direito Contratual, Direito Comercial e Direito Empresarial | Emprego | Indústria | Mercado Interno e União Aduaneira | Política de Investigação | Política Social | Proteção dos Consumidores

Palavra-chave análise económica | condições de trabalho | condições e organização do trabalho | direito da UE | direito da União Europeia | direito do trabalho | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | emprego | EMPREGO E TRABALHO | estudo de impacto | informação e tratamento da informação | inteligência artificial | política do emprego | política social europeia | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | relações laborais e direito do trabalho | tecnologia digital | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | vida social

Resumo This study focuses on options for regulating the use of AI enabled and algorithmic management systems in the world of work under EU law. The first part describes how these technologies are already being deployed, particularly in recruitment, staff appraisal, task distribution and disciplinary procedures. It discusses some near-term potential development prospects and presents an impact assessment, highlighting some of these technologies' most significant implications. The second part addresses the regulatory field. It examines the different EU regulations and directives that are already relevant to regulating the use of AI in employment. Subsequently, it analyses the potential labour and employment implications of the European Commission's proposal for a regulation laying down harmonised rules on artificial intelligence (AI act). Finally, it summarises the other ongoing EU policy debates relevant to the regulation of AI at work. The third and final part of this study reflects in detail upon the AI act and its potential impact on the existing EU social acquis. On this basis, it advances potential policy options across different EU legislative files, including but not limited to the AI act, to ensure that regulation keeps pace with technological development. It also argues that the AI act should 'serve' and complement – rather than over-ride – other regulatory standards that can already govern the introduction and use of AI-enabled and algorithmic-management systems at work.

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Multimédia [Using artificial intelligence in workplace management](#)

[Fit for 55: EU framework to decarbonise gas markets and promote hydrogen](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante

Palavra-chave AMBIENTE | análise económica | construção europeia | direito da União Europeia | distribuição de gás | ECONOMIA | ENERGIA | energia não poluente | energia renovável | estudo de impacto | gás natural | hidrogénio | INDÚSTRIA | indústria petrolífera | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | mercado da energia | mercado único | neutralidade carbónica | política ambiental | política energética | política energética da UE | proposta (UE) | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | química | rede energética | segurança de abastecimento | trocas comerciais | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | urbanismo e construção civil

Resumo This briefing provides an initial analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the European Commission's impact assessment (IA), accompanying the above-mentioned proposals, adopted on 15 December 2021 and referred to the European Parliament's Committee on Industry, Research and Energy. The Commission proposals to recast the 2009 Gas Regulation (EC) 715/2009 on conditions for access to the natural gas transmission networks and Directive 2009/73/EC on common rules for the internal market in natural gas are underpinned by the need to decarbonise EU energy systems and to respond to significant market changes.

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[The revision of the Schengen Borders Code](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Autor EISELE Katharina

Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante | Espaço de Liberdade, de Segurança e de Justiça

Palavra-chave Acordo de Schengen | análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | controlo fronteiriço | DIREITO | direito da União Europeia | direito internacional | ECONOMIA | estrangeiro | estudo de impacto | fronteira externa da UE | fronteira interna da UE | migrações | política migratória da UE | proposta (UE) | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | viagem | vida política e segurança pública | vida social

Resumo The Commission demonstrates that the Schengen area has experienced considerable challenges in recent years and makes a convincing case for the need to act. It made an effort to substantiate the initiative and to consult widely. The IA is transparent about the lack of data, which results in a predominantly qualitative analysis. However, the presentation of options leaves, in fact, only the choice of the preferred option. Moreover, one would have expected a more in-depth assessment of impacts – a point that was already highlighted by the RSB. The Commission did not provide a comparative analysis between the 2017 proposal and the preferred option of the IA. The proposal corresponds mostly to the preferred option, but includes some changes not reflected in the IA.

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[EU response to economic coercion by third countries](#)

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Autor GIRARD VERONIQUE

Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante | Comércio internacional | Direito internacional público | Segurança e Defesa

Palavra-chave análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | construção europeia | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | estratégia da UE | estudo de impacto | financiamento e investimento | FINANÇAS | grupo de interesses | modo de financiamento | país terceiro | política de cooperação | política económica | política económica | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | sanção (UE) | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | vida política e segurança pública

Resumo This initiative focuses specifically on the issue of economic coercion and the EU's possible response, aiming to preserve the EU's open strategic autonomy and policy-making space. The IA clearly defines the problem, its underlying causes, and the objectives to address it. The creation of a new legal instrument to deter and counteract economic coercion is the only type of option retained for analysis. This presumably follows on from the political commitment made in early 2021 (although this is not stated explicitly in the IA). This option was broken down into several policy options based on possible parameters used for the design of the instrument. The IA is substantiated by academic work, stakeholders' contributions and examples. The majority of stakeholders support a new policy instrument and their input contributed to the design of the proposed instrument. The IA focuses mostly on economic impacts, while social and environmental impacts are assessed briefly. Important benefits are expected from the instrument. Costs are expected only from its use, in particular from the application of countermeasures. The IA focuses on a qualitative assessment of impacts linked to the instrument's creation and existence, acknowledging that the impacts linked to the instrument's use are difficult to estimate at the design stage. Adequate monitoring and evaluation of the use of the instrument and of progress made against the objectives will therefore be important aspects that would have benefited from further detail in terms of indicators and provisions. The proposal generally reflects the preferred option of the IA, although some elements differ from the IA, such as the objectives and definition of economic coercion.

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[Revision of the Eurovignette Directive](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Fiscalidade | Transportes

Palavra-chave análise económica | construção europeia | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | Estado-Membro UE | estudo de impacto | FINANÇAS | fiscalidade | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | imposto por eixo | imposto sobre veículos | infraestrutura do transporte | organização dos transportes | política de transportes | portagem | processo legislativo ordinário | proposta (UE) | rede transeuropeia | transporte terrestre | TRANSPORTES | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | veículo de carga | veículo motorizado

Resumo The European Parliament and the Council as co-legislators have adopted changes to Directive 1999/62/EC on the charging of heavy goods vehicles for the use of certain infrastructure (known as the Eurovignette Directive). Vignettes for heavy goods vehicles will have to be phased out across the core trans-European transport network from 2030 and replaced by distance-based charges (tolls). With a number of other changes, this should help make road pricing fairer and more efficient. The European Commission put forward a legislative proposal to amend the directive in May 2017, as part of its first 'mobility package' seeking to modernise mobility and transport. The aim of the proposal was to move away from a time-based model of charging (vignettes) to a distance-based one – that better reflects the polluter-pays and user-pays principles – and to include other vehicles. In Parliament, the Committee on Transport and Tourism (TRAN) took the lead. Parliament adopted its first-reading position in October 2018, without agreement with the Council. After the 2019 European elections, Giuseppe Ferrandino (S&D, Italy) took over as rapporteur. The Council adopted its position in December 2020. Interinstitutional negotiations in the first half of 2021 paved the way for an agreement, subsequently approved formally by both the Council and the Parliament. Sixth edition of a briefing originally drafted by Ariane Debyser and updated by Damiano Scordamaglia. The 'EU Legislation in Progress' briefings are updated at key stages throughout the legislative procedure.

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[Revision of the Trans-European Transport Network \(TEN-T\) Regulation](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante

Palavra-chave AMBIENTE | análise económica | combustível de substituição | construção europeia | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | ENERGIA | estudo de impacto | infraestrutura do transporte | mobilidade sustentável | neutralidade carbónica | organização dos transportes | planeamento dos transportes | política ambiental | política comum dos transportes | política de transportes | política energética | projeto de interesse comum | proposta (UE) | rede de transporte | rede transeuropeia | segurança dos transportes | TRANSPORTES | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The IA provides a comprehensive problem analysis, based on the evaluation of the current TEN-T Regulation, a public consultation, and targeted consultations with stakeholders and Member States. It is transparent about the methods and uncertainties (e.g. long-term funding) and limitations. The objectives and the policy options have a clear link to the problem definition. The IA comprehensively analyses the economic, social and environmental impacts of the policy options. However, territorial impacts linked to the shift to more sustainable modes of transport could have been explained in more depth. Costs and benefits are assessed and quantified. It could have been explained in more detail how funding will be mobilised. All in all, the IA provides useful information for policy-makers and future policy choices.

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[Research for REGI Committee: EU regions in the transformation towards a climate-neutral future](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação da Legislação e das Políticas na Prática | Desenvolvimento Regional

Palavra-chave adaptação às alterações climáticas | alteração climática | AMBIENTE | análise económica | construção europeia | degradação do ambiente | desenvolvimento sustentável | ECONOMIA | estratégia da UE | estudo de impacto | neutralidade carbónica | política ambiental | política económica | situação económica | transição económica | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This study provides information on requirements and goals for successful transformation towards a climate neutral future at regional level in the EU. Based on the analysis of six regional best practice examples across the EU, the key drivers, conditions and instruments for a successful transformation were identified. The project results in the formulation of specified policy recommendations for EU decision-makers in the field of supporting the EU regions in achieving the goals of climate neutrality.

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Environmental crime directive

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante

Palavra-chave AMBIENTE | análise económica | combate ao crime | construção europeia | cooperação judiciária em matéria penal (UE) | cooperação transfronteiriça | delito ambiental | DIREITO | direito da União Europeia | direito do ambiente | direito penal | direito penal | ECONOMIA | estatísticas do ambiente | estudo de impacto | política ambiental | política de cooperação | proposta (UE) | proteção do ambiente | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | responsabilidade penal | sanção penal | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | vida social

Resumo This briefing provides an initial analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the European Commission's impact assessment (IA) accompanying the above-mentioned proposal, which was submitted on 15 December 2021 and referred to the European Parliament's Committee on Legal Affairs (JURI). Despite the lack of systematic statistical data, environmental, social and economic damage caused by environmental crimes has been widely documented. Directive 2008/99/EC (the Environmental Crime Directive, ECD) was aimed primarily at improving environmental protection by means of harmonised criminal legislation. In 2020, the evaluation of the ECD showed that legal shortcomings and enforcement gaps had affected its effectiveness in deterring environmental crime in all its forms. Its revision, planned in the 2021 Commission work programme, underpins the Commission's priorities around the Green Deal and the biodiversity strategy. The European Parliament has called on the Commission to tackle environmental crime in its 2014 resolution on wildlife crime and its 2013 resolution on organised crime and corruption. The proposal is accompanied by a communication on stepping up the fight against environmental crime.

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Review of the Waste Shipment Regulation

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Ambiente

Palavra-chave AMBIENTE | análise económica | degradação do ambiente | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | economia circular | estudo de impacto | exportação (UE) | exportação de resíduos | gestão de resíduos | importação (UE) | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | organização dos transportes | política ambiental | política económica | proposta (UE) | proteção do ambiente | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | saúde | saúde pública | transporte intra-UE | transporte transnacional | TRANSPORTES | trocas comerciais | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The IA convincingly illustrates the identified problems, although their scale is not always supported by estimates, or the source of some of the estimates is not provided. When discussing how the situation would evolve without further action, the IA neither discusses the evolution of each problem identified nor any other existing or upcoming EU initiatives that could lead to improvements. The general objectives appear to be consistent with the problems identified, and the specific objectives comply broadly with the SMART criteria. The retained options tackle the problems' drivers identified progressively, although it is unclear why some of the policy measures identified under Options 2 or 3 were not taken up under the preferred Option 4. The IA appears to assess the main economic, social, and environmental impacts for each policy measure comprehensively, quantifying them whenever possible, and otherwise providing a qualitative assessment. However, the analysis on SMEs is quite limited, and the IA does not provide any explanation as to why competitiveness was not considered. Moreover, despite it likely being relevant, the IA does not appear to have dealt with the impact on third/developing countries sufficiently and systematically. Overall, the monitoring framework envisaged appears to be adequate, although more clarity as to the choice of identifying indicators for only two specific objectives would have been beneficial. Stakeholders were consulted extensively and their opinions systematically reported. The efforts undertaken to provide quantitative support for the analysis performed appear to be convincing, and the IA appears to have addressed the RSB's comments satisfactorily. Finally, the proposal appears to be consistent with the analysis carried out in the IA.

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[Solvency II review](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Assuntos Bancários e Financeiros | Assuntos Económicos e Monetários | Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante | Mercado Interno e União Aduaneira

Palavra-chave análise económica | Autoridade Europeia dos Seguros e Pensões Complementares de Reforma | companhia de seguros | DIREITO | direito civil | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | financiamento e investimento | FINANÇAS | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | investimento da UE | seguros | solvabilidade financeira | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The IA covers two Commission proposals representing the biggest amendment to date of the Solvency II framework, which came into force in the EU in 2016. Important parts of the framework laid down in delegated and implementing acts will be updated by the Commission at a later stage. This IA builds on a broad consultation of stakeholders, and on extensive advice from the European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority (EIOPA). In addition to various reports from EIOPA including a holistic IA, the IA draws on a technical report from the JRC and an external study, which are adequately referenced and publicly accessible. The objectives are directly linked to the problems identified in the IA and their consequences. The Solvency II review aims to increase policyholders' protection as well as the insurers' contribution to the long-term green financing of the economy, to contribute to financial stability, and to preserve the international competitiveness of the EU insurance industry. The preferred options are in line with EIOPA's advice, except for the policy dimension related to proportionality, where the IA explains why the preferred option deviates from EIOPA's recommendation. The IA shows how the combination of preferred options is expected to contribute to the achievement of the objectives identified. The IA assesses and compares the potential impacts of the options presented to achieve these objectives in a systematic way. In addition, the IA describes the potential positive impact of the preferred options on SMEs. The IA also explains how the proposed Solvency II review is expected to improve proportionality and to simplify the regulatory framework. The IA mainly focuses on the economic impacts of the initiative. The main social impact assessed by the IA concerns the expected improvement of policyholder protection. Potential environmental impacts relating to enhanced green financing, could have been more clearly addressed in the IA.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Social and environmental impacts of mining activities in the EU](#)

Tipo de publicação Estudo

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Domínio de intervenção Ambiente | Emprego | Energia | Petições ao Parlamento Europeu | Política Social | Saúde Pública | Transposição e Aplicação da Legislação

Palavra-chave AMBIENTE | análise económica | assembleia | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | direito da UE | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | ENERGIA | estudo de impacto | exploração mineira | impacto ambiental | impacto social | indústrias carbonífera e mineira | meio natural | petição | política ambiental | política do ambiente da UE | quadro social | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | recursos minerais submarinos | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | zona protegida

Resumo This study, commissioned by the Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs for the Committee on Petitions, provides a brief overview of the main social and environmental impacts of mining activities in the EU. It also gives an overview of the most important relevant EU legislation and a short assessment of implementation and compliance by Member States. It discusses and assesses a number of petitions on mining, as well as possible measures to reduce unwanted impacts of mining, and the future of mining. Finally, the study provides conclusions, policy recommendations and suggestions to help improve the existing EU mining policy and legislation.

Estudo [EN](#)

Síntese [DE](#), [EN](#), [ES](#), [FR](#)

[Transparency and targeting of political advertising](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante

Palavra-chave análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | comercialização | construção europeia | democracia | dimensão transfronteiras | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | eleição | estudo de impacto | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | mercado único | partido político | partidos políticos | prestação de serviços | processo eleitoral | propaganda política | proposta (UE) | publicidade | quadro político | regiões e política regional | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | vida política e segurança pública

Resumo The proposal on political advertising aims to require online platforms to also provide information about the political affiliation and on the funding of the ads. Binding EU harmonised rules on political advertising will help companies, especially the SMEs, to enter the internal market of cross-border advertising services, as well as promote transparency of political ads.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Amending the rules governing the statute and funding of European political parties \(recast\)](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante | Democracia na UE, Direito Institucional e Direito Parlamentar

Palavra-chave análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | DIREITO | direito civil | direito da União Europeia | direitos e liberdades | ECONOMIA | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estatuto jurídico europeu | estudo de impacto | financiamento da UE | financiamento dos partidos | finanças da União Europeia | forma jurídica de sociedade | fundação | liberdade de associação | liberdade de expressão | partido europeu | partido político | proposta (UE) | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo Ahead of the 2024 European elections, the European Commission has presented a proposal to amend Regulation 1141/2014 governing the statute and funding of European political parties (EUPPs) and foundations. The proposed amendments concern, inter alia, the funding provisions, transparency requirements and enforcement of the rules. This briefing examines the quality of the supporting impact assessment (IA), which outlines the problems encountered in applying the regulation, as identified in recent EU-level reports and through stakeholder input. The range of policy options presented in the IA to address the identified shortcomings is rather limited, although under each option, and for each problem, several alternative measures are considered. Elements of the parallel initiative on political advertising - also part of the European democracy action plan - were integrated into the amending EUPP proposal; however, the IA remains vague on the link between these two initiatives.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Privacy and security aspects of 5G technology](#)

Tipo de publicação Estudo

Data 17-03-2022

Autor externo DG, EPRS

Domínio de intervenção Ambiente | Proteção dos Consumidores | Saúde Pública

Palavra-chave 5G | análise económica | CIÊNCIAS | ciências humanas | comunicação | dados pessoais | DIREITO | direitos e liberdades | documentação | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de casos | estudo de impacto | informação e tratamento da informação | informática e processamento de dados | inovação | investigação e propriedade intelectual | nova tecnologia | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | proteção da vida privada | proteção dos dados | segurança da informação | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | ética

Resumo This study describes two main dimensions of 5G technology, i.e. privacy and security. This research paper focuses on the analysis of cybersecurity risks and threats, privacy challenges and 5G technology opportunities at EU level and worldwide, as well as the relationship between cybersecurity risks and privacy issues. The methodological framework for this assessment of the impact of 5G technology is built on three pillars: (i) a document-based analysis; (ii) a parallel analysis with stakeholder involvement; and (iii) a selection of relevant case studies. The complexity of the 5G ecosystem, where new use cases are constantly emerging, also led the authors to assess the prospects of using new 5G-enabled technologies, such as the internet-of-things, robotics and AI. Moreover, policy options are defined and put forward for consideration by the European Parliament's Committees on Legal Affairs, Internal Market and Consumer Protection, Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, and the Subcommittee on Security and Defence, as well as by other EU institutions and the Member States.

Estudo [EN](#), [FR](#)

Anexo 1 [EN](#)

[EU economic and financial developments: Weekly Picks - 11 March 2022](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Assuntos Económicos e Monetários

Palavra-chave análise económica | aprovisionamento energético | aumento de preços | consequências económicas | ECONOMIA | ENERGIA | estatística da UE | estudo de impacto | Europa | FINANÇAS | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | geografia política | impacto social | política energética | previsão económica | preço da energia | preços | quadro social | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | Rússia

Resumo This paper provides a summary of recent analyses of the economic, financial and budgetary developments in the EU and the Euro, notably following the Russian invasion in Ukraine and the outbreak of the war. It also highlights related policy recommendations made in the public domain to mitigate any adverse effects and support sustainable recovery.

Briefing [EN](#)

Fit for 55 package: revising the EU Emissions Trading System as regards aviation

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante

Palavra-chave AMBIENTE | análise económica | autorização de poluir negociável | comercialização | degradação do ambiente | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | gás de efeito de estufa | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | licença de emissão da UE | luta contra a poluição | política ambiental | política do ambiente da UE | proposta (UE) | redução das emissões de gases | Regime de Comércio de Licenças de Emissão da UE | transporte aéreo | transporte aéreo e espacial | TRANSPORTES | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | venda em hasta pública

Resumo The IA identifies three problems that need to be tackled, but the analysis regarding how to promote broad and effective participation by states in CORSIA would have benefited from further explanation. The section of the report dealing with the objectives seems less than comprehensive and insufficiently developed. While the options considered appear to be sufficiently broad, a clear and transparent ranking based on the various elements considered is missing. The IA appears to reflect a satisfactory analysis of the main impacts of the retained options. The indicators proposed do not appear fully convincing in measuring the success of the initiative. The stakeholders' preferred option for implementing CORSIA is different from the one selected by the IA. Overall, the reasoning of the IA appears to be well grounded, and the IA appears to have addressed most of the RSB's comments. Finally, the proposal envisages an increase in the share of auctioned allowances that does not correspond to any of the retained options

Briefing [EN](#)

'Fit for 55' package: Revising the Regulation on land use, land-use change and forestry (LULUCF)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Ambiente | Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante

Palavra-chave adaptação às alterações climáticas | AGRICULTURA, SILVICULTURA E PESCA | AMBIENTE | análise económica | degradação do ambiente | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | estrutura económica | estudo de impacto | exploração agrícola | floresta | gás de efeito de estufa | luta contra a poluição | neutralidade carbónica | política ambiental | política do ambiente da UE | política florestal europeia | proposta (UE) | setor agrícola | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | utilização da terra | vigilância do ambiente

Resumo This briefing provides an initial analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the European Commission's impact assessment (IA) accompanying the proposal to amend the land use, land use change and forestry (LULUCF) Regulation (EU) 2018/841. Despite the effort involved, the IA contains a number of shortcomings that significantly limit its potential to usefully inform policy-making. The impacts of the preferred option, its costs and benefits remain unclear, despite the estimates provided in the IA. Moreover, the baseline used in this IA does not appear to be dynamic or harmonised with the 'fit for 55' package, while one of the options does not appear to be a real alternative. Finally, the proposal does not seem to follow the recommendations of the IA, which suggests that relatively less ambitious LULUCF targets under Option 2 combined with ESR-LULUCF flexibility would be more coherent if the ESR targets are significantly raised (which is the preferred option in the ESR IA and the proposal for ESR revision).

Briefing [EN](#)

'Fit for 55' package: Fuel EU Maritime

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Ambiente | Energia | Transportes

Palavra-chave AMBIENTE | análise económica | combustível de substituição | combustível marítimo | degradação do ambiente | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | ENERGIA | estudo de impacto | gás de efeito de estufa | indústria petrolífera | infraestrutura do transporte | meio natural | poluição pelos navios | política ambiental | política de transportes | política energética | proposta (UE) | recurso renovável | redução das emissões de gases | transporte marítimo | transporte marítimo e fluvial | TRANSPORTES | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The impact assessment (IA) supporting the proposal 'Fuel EU Maritime' provides a qualitative and quantitative analysis, which is based on sound and recent data. It also explains some uncertainties in the analysis of impacts. The IA presents a well-evidenced problem definition and a sufficiently broad range of policy options. The quality of the IA is weakened by some inconsistencies in the comparison of options. In addition, the IA does not assess to what extent SMEs are affected of this proposal and the stakeholders' views on the fully fledged options are not indicated. It can be noted also that the open public consultation period does not meet the 12 week-requirement.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Common chargers – Revision of the Radio Equipment Directive](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante

Palavra-chave AMBIENTE | análise económica | aparelho de rádio | aparelho eletrónico | comunicação | consumo | degradação do ambiente | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | eletrónica e eletrotécnica | estudo de impacto | harmonização das normas | INDÚSTRIA | informação do consumidor | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | material de telecomunicações | norma europeia | norma técnica | política ambiental | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | proposta (UE) | proteção do ambiente | resíduo eletrónico | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | telefone móvel | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The Commission is proposing a new directive on consumer credits to amend the Radio Equipment Directive by introducing provisions regarding common mobile phone chargers. This initial appraisal of the Commission's impact assessment accompanying the proposal finds that the impact assessment appears to provide a comprehensive assessment, based on a sound evidence base, of the impacts of the policy options, though the assessment would have benefited from a more thorough discussion of the alignment of the initiative with the proportionality principle and the impacts accruing to SMEs.

Briefing [EN](#)

[On-farm animal welfare: Implementation of EU law](#)

Tipo de publicação Em síntese

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Domínio de intervenção Agricultura e Desenvolvimento Rural

Palavra-chave AGRICULTURA, SILVICULTURA E PESCA | AMBIENTE | animal de criação | análise económica | atividade agrícola | bem-estar dos animais | comercialização | construção europeia | consumo | ECONOMIA | estratégia da UE | estudo de impacto | informação do consumidor | inspeção veterinária | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | pecuária | política agrícola | política ambiental | proteção dos animais | rotulagem | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo Animal welfare is an increasingly important issue for citizens, farmers and policy-makers. While European Union (EU) legislation sets high standards in this regard, assessment of its implementation shows that weaknesses persist in certain areas. The European Parliament's Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development (AGRI) has prepared a report on the implementation of EU legislation regulating animal welfare on the farm. A vote on the report is expected during the February 2022 plenary session.

Em síntese [DE](#), [EN](#), [ES](#), [FR](#), [IT](#), [PL](#)

[Rights of third-country nationals who are long-term residents in the EU - Directive 2003/109/EC](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação da Legislação e das Políticas na Prática | Espaço de Liberdade, de Segurança e de Justiça

Palavra-chave análise económica | DIREITO | direito civil | direito da União Europeia | direito de residência | direito internacional | direitos e liberdades | diretiva CE | ECONOMIA | entrada de estrangeiros | estatuto jurídico | estrangeiro | estudo de impacto | igualdade de tratamento | jurisprudência (UE) | migrações | política migratória da UE | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo Directive 2003/109/EC (the Long-term Residents Directive, or LTRD) sets out the conditions under which a non-EU citizen ('third-country national') who has legally and continuously resided in a European Union (EU) Member State for at least five years can acquire 'EU long-term resident status'. This residence status is permanent, grants these individuals equal treatment rights with EU citizens in several areas, ensures reinforced protection against expulsion, and gives them the (conditional) possibility to move and reside in other Member States. In 2019, the European Commission published its second implementation report on the directive. It also finalised a fitness check on EU legal migration legislation evaluating the effectiveness, coherence, and grounds for improvement of the existing EU laws in the field. These reports found shortcomings both in the EU legal migration framework and in the directive itself. The limitations identified mainly concerned the implementation of legislation by EU Member States. The subsequent European Commission proposals under the 2020 new pact on migration and asylum seek to address these shortcomings by, for instance, revising the LTRD. The LTRD is currently under-used, as most Member States continue to issue almost exclusively national long-term residence permits. Many third-country nationals who could benefit from the rights of the EU status do not have access to it. The Commission has received numerous complaints from citizens, and has launched several infringement procedures pursuing legal action against EU Member States. The revision of the LTRD aims to improve the directive's implementation and functioning by establishing a 'true EU long-term residence status' – with a particular focus on strengthening long-term residents' right to move and work in other Member States (intra-EU mobility).

Briefing [EN](#)

'Fit for 55' legislative package: Deployment of alternative fuels infrastructure

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante

Palavra-chave AMBIENTE | análise económica | combustível de substituição | degradação do ambiente | direito da União Europeia | distribuição de eletricidade | ECONOMIA | ENERGIA | estudo de impacto | hidrogénio | INDÚSTRIA | infraestrutura do transporte | mobilidade sustentável | organização dos transportes | poluição automóvel | política ambiental | política de transportes | política energética | proposta (UE) | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | química | redução das emissões de gases | TRANSPORTES | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | urbanismo e construção civil | veículo elétrico

Resumo The present IA supports the proposal for a Regulation on the deployment of alternative fuels infrastructure. It seems quite robust especially in the connection between problem analysis, specific objectives, and measures proposed, and in the quantitative analysis. Still it is complex and not fully accessible to a non-expert reader and it lacks clarity and exhaustive explanations in some points.

Briefing [EN](#)

'Fit for 55': Revision of the EU Emissions Trading System

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante

Palavra-chave AMBIENTE | análise económica | autorização de poluir negociável | degradação do ambiente | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estudo de impacto | gestão administrativa | gás de efeito de estufa | licença de emissão da UE | luta contra a poluição | política ambiental | política do ambiente da UE | proposta (UE) | redução das emissões de gases | Regime de Comércio de Licenças de Emissão da UE | reservas | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The IA identifies in a clear manner the problems, which are clearly linked to the objectives of the initiative, as well as their likely evolution without intervention. The range of options considered seems to reveal an intended path of action, namely the upward revision of the ETS ambition, in line with the political determination already laid out in the 2030 CTP. The IA does seem to provide a good account of the key impacts of the retained options, while taking into account SMEs and suggesting measures to address the social or distributional impacts of carbon pricing. However, not all policy options or supporting elements were assessed individually and the IA does not systematically contemplate the impacts of a scenario more reliant on carbon pricing, nor the interplay between policy areas. The IA's reasoning is supported by various sources which appear to provide a reliable basis for analysis and which are, overall, duly referenced, with the exception of supporting work concerning carbon leakage; however, for most models, the uncertainties and limitations were only vaguely indicated. Overall, the IA does seem to have addressed most of the RSB's recommendations. The proposal appears to be consistent with the IA's analysis, although the Commission's intention to increase the Modernisation Fund share is not assessed under the retained options. Moreover, the choices regarding the market stability reserve and the Innovation Fund (both left by the IA to be decided politically) do not correspond to any of the options assessed in the IA.

Briefing [EN](#)

Research for PECH committee: Workshop on impacts of the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement on fisheries and aquaculture in the EU - Part II: Trade aspects

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação da Legislação e das Políticas na Prática | Pescas

Palavra-chave AGRICULTURA, SILVICULTURA E PESCA | análise económica | aquicultura | construção europeia | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | Europa | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | geografia política | pesca | política da pesca | previsão económica | Reino Unido | relações da União Europeia | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This study is the second research paper in a series of three, commissioned for a PECH Committee Workshop. It applied the MAGNET model to quantify the impact of the EU-UK TCA on fish related sectors. The results show negative impacts on trade, production and consumption of fisheries and aquaculture products for both parties. For the EU, the biggest losses are found in the fish processing sector. The overall impact is driven by increased trade costs whereas the impact of a reduced total allowable catches is rather limited.

Estudo [EN](#)

Síntese [DE](#), [EN](#), [ES](#), [FR](#), [IT](#)

Digital transformation - Cost of Non-Europe

Tipo de publicação Estudo

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Domínio de intervenção Indústria

Palavra-chave AMBIENTE | análise económica | cadeia de blocos | computação na nuvem | contabilidade nacional | ECONOMIA | economia verde | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estudo de impacto | informação e tratamento da informação | informática e processamento de dados | inteligência artificial | pequenas e médias empresas | política ambiental | produto interno bruto | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | tipos de empresa | transformação digital

Resumo Europe is in the midst of a digital revolution that is transforming our approach to work and communication and building significant potential to improve living standards and economic output. With the potential to drastically change the economy and society, digital transformation can bring both promising developments and challenges. There is wide variation in advances in digital transformation both within the European Union and between Member States. To this end, the European Union and its Member States are developing and adopting policies targeted at boosting digital transformation. This Cost of Non-Europe study analyses the status quo in digital transformation in the European Union and identifies gaps and barriers hampering the full potential of the digital transformation. Based on this examination, the cost of non-Europe is analysed qualitatively and quantitatively using a computable general equilibrium model. The estimated cost of non-Europe is already substantial in 2021, at €315 billion, and would continue to grow increasingly over time, reaching up to €1.3 trillion by 2033. The study proceeds to identify three broad policy options for EU action that would address the identified gaps and barriers to some extent and thus generate benefits for businesses and society.

Estudo [EN](#)

'Fit for 55' package: Carbon border adjustment mechanism

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante

Palavra-chave alteração climática | AMBIENTE | análise económica | autorização de poluir negociável | carbono | comércio de emissões | degradação do ambiente | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | fiscalização das importações | gás de efeito de estufa | importação (UE) | INDÚSTRIA | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | política ambiental | política comercial | política do ambiente da UE | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | proposta (UE) | química | redução das emissões de gases | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | tecnologia limpa | trocas comerciais | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The IA is based on extensive internal and external research and modelling and covers a lot of ground relating to a variety of potential impacts, both in the main text and the annexes. It is also transparent with regard to the limitations and uncertainties of the analysis. While not all aspects could be assessed in depth, in the interest of proportionality, the IA considers the relevant impacts of the retained options, with a focus on the industrial sectors that were selected for coverage; it addresses the electricity sector much more briefly in an annex. Although the definition of the objectives has some weaknesses, the intervention logic of the IA is clear. The IA could, though, have highlighted more clearly the trade-offs between the various options in relation to different stakeholders. Furthermore, to reach non-expert policy-makers the complex and technical analysis could have been made more accessible through additional explanations and precise links to the ETS revision. At the end, the IA highlights the relevance of political decision-making and 'weighting' of the criteria it has presented, pointing to the need for coherence with the other initiatives in the 'Fit for 55' legislative package.

Briefing [EN](#)

Anti-money-laundering package

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Palavra-chave análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | branqueamento de capitais | combate ao crime | controlo bancário | delito económico | DIREITO | direito da União Europeia | direito penal | ECONOMIA | economia monetária | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | financiamento do terrorismo | FINANÇAS | informação e tratamento da informação | instituição financeira | instituições financeiras e crédito | intercâmbio de informação | livre circulação de capitais | moeda virtual | proposta (UE) | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | supervisão financeira | transação financeira | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | vida política e segurança pública | vida social

Resumo The IA covers four Commission proposals on anti-money laundering and countering financing of terrorism. This legislative package includes major changes designed to strengthen and tackle shortcomings in the current regulatory framework, such as the creation of a new AML authority. This briefing analyses the strengths and weaknesses of the impact assessment accompanying the proposed revisions. The Commission consulted a wide range of stakeholders to support the initiative. The IA clearly defines the problem and the objectives that are directly linked to the problem drivers. However, the IA does not identify any operational objectives that would have facilitated the monitoring of the preferred options. Moreover, some options could have been refined to be more specific, such as for example on the exact criteria for selecting 'risky entities' subject to direct supervision at EU level. Finally, improvements requested by the RSB appear to be only partially addressed in the final IA.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Towards a new Generalised Scheme of Preferences regulation for developing countries](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Ajuda Humanitária e Desenvolvimento | Assuntos Externos | Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante | Comércio internacional | Direitos Humanos

Palavra-chave análise económica | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | importação (UE) | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | isenção pautal | país em desenvolvimento | política aduaneira | política pautal comum | regulamento (UE) | situação económica | tarifa preferencial | trocas comerciais | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The European Commission is proposing a new General Scheme of Preferences regulation to replace the current one that expires at the end of 2023. This initial appraisal of the Commission's impact assessment (IA) on the proposal finds that the IA logically links the problems, their drivers, the objectives and the policy interventions under consideration. However, the IA remains evasive on the impacts of crucial aims of the regulation -- poverty eradication and advancing sustainable development and good governance. Additionally, when presenting pro and con arguments, it is not always apparent where the IA stands on the issues. Moreover, only some of the operational objectives are specific and measurable, raising questions as to the feasibility of those that are not. It is also important to note that on product coverage, a key issue raised in the EP's 2019 resolution, there seems to be a discrepancy between the recommendations analysed in the external study and their interpretation in the IA.

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[Fit for 55 package: Recasting the Energy Efficiency Directive](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Ambiente | Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante | Energia

Palavra-chave AMBIENTE | análise económica | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | economia de energia | ENERGIA | estudo de impacto | política ambiental | política do ambiente da UE | política energética | política energética da UE | proposta (UE) | redução das emissões de gases | rendimento energético | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | utilização da energia

Resumo This briefing provides an initial analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the Commission's impact assessment (IA) accompanying the above-mentioned proposal, submitted on 14 July 2021 and referred to the European Parliament's Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE). The proposal for a recast Energy Efficiency Directive (EED) is part of the Commission's 'Fit for 55' package that aims to adapt EU law to the new EU objective of a minimum 55 % reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2030. This objective was laid down in the new European Climate Law, adopted in June 2021, which puts the EU on the path to achieving climate neutrality (net zero GHG emissions) by 2050. As originally enacted, the EED (Directive 2012/27/EU) established a common framework for promoting energy efficiency to reach the EU's 20 % energy efficiency target by 2020 (the target was set in the directive itself). The EED was amended by Directive (EU) 2018/2002, which set the more ambitious EU goal of improving energy efficiency by at least 32.5 % by 2030 and extended its validity beyond 2020 to help achieve the new goal.

Briefing [EN](#)

['Fit for 55' legislative package: ReFuel EU Aviation](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante

Palavra-chave AMBIENTE | análise económica | biocombustível | carburante para aviões | degradação do ambiente | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | ENERGIA | energia não poluente | energia renovável | estudo de impacto | gás de efeito de estufa | indústria petrolífera | mobilidade sustentável | política ambiental | política de transportes | política energética | proposta (UE) | qualidade do ar | redução das emissões de gases | transporte aéreo | transporte aéreo e espacial | TRANSPORTES | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The impact assessment (IA) accompanying Commission's ReFuelEU Aviation proposal provides a qualitative and quantitative analysis, which is based on sound and recent data. The IA presents clearly described policy options and openly explains uncertainties in the analysis. However, contrary to the Better Regulation Guidelines, the IA does not assess the impacts on SMEs. In addition, the assessment would have benefited of further clarification in the comparison of options, the scale of the defined problems, and monitoring and evaluation plans. Moreover, the description of stakeholder consultation lacks some transparency.

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[Fit for 55 package: Energy from renewable sources](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Ambiente | Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante | Energia | Indústria

Palavra-chave AMBIENTE | análise económica | consumo de energia | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | ENERGIA | energia não poluente | energia renovável | estudo de impacto | meio natural | política ambiental | política energética | política energética da UE | produção de energia | proposta (UE) | recurso renovável | redução das emissões de gases | rendimento energético | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The Commission is proposing a new directive to amend the 2018 directive on the promotion of energy from renewable sources. This initial appraisal of the Commission's impact assessment on the proposal finds that the impact assessment draws a clear logic between the problems, their drivers, the objectives and the policy interventions under consideration. However, the vast amount of work which must have gone into such an assessment is to some extent impaired by the inconsistent, unclear presentation of options and the equivocal identification of preferred options. Also, the IA is not clear as to how it ultimately settles on the specific target of 40%. While the IA was clearly an extremely complex exercise and appears to be based on reliable data, analysis and modelling, different choices as to its organisation and presentation would have likely considerably improved the IA's clarity and readability and its ability to support the policy choices made in the proposal.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Establishing a framework for a European digital identity](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante

Palavra-chave administração eletrónica | análise económica | assinatura eletrónica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | comercialização | comunicação de dados | construção europeia | dados pessoais | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estudo de impacto | formalidade administrativa | informação e tratamento da informação | informática e processamento de dados | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | mercado único digital | pequenas e médias empresas | poder executivo e administração pública | prestação de serviços | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | proteção dos dados | regulamento (UE) | tecnologia digital | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | tipos de empresa | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This briefing provides an initial analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the European Commission's impact assessment (IA) accompanying the above-mentioned proposal, submitted on 3 June 2021 and referred to the European Parliament's Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE). The proposal seeks to amend Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 on electronic identification and trust services for electronic transactions in the internal market (the eIDAS Regulation) in order to better meet the new market and societal demands for trusted government eID linked solutions and for attributes and credentials provided by the public and private sector, which would be recognised across the EU for accessing both public and private services. This proposal would also address users' expectations to have more control over their personal data. This initiative, which European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen announced in her State of the Union speech of 16 September 2020, is included in the Commission's 2021 work programme and is part of the strategy on shaping Europe's digital future. In its conclusions of 1-2 October 2020, the European Council invited the Commission to come forward with a proposal for a European digital identity framework by mid-2021.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Climate action in Slovakia: Latest state of play](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Ambiente

Palavra-chave adaptação às alterações climáticas | AMBIENTE | análise económica | degradação do ambiente | ECONOMIA | ENERGIA | energia não poluente | energia renovável | Eslováquia | estudo de impacto | Europa | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | geografia política | gás de efeito de estufa | política ambiental | política energética | redução das emissões de gases | rendimento energético | transição energética

Resumo The EU's binding climate and energy legislation for 2030 requires Member States to adopt national energy and climate plans (NECPs) covering the period 2021 to 2030. In October 2020, the European Commission published an assessment for each NECP. Slovakia's final NECP is from December 2019. A high proportion of Slovaks (63 %) expect national governments to tackle climate change. Slovakia accounts for 1.1 % of the EU's total greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and reduced emissions at a similar pace as the EU average between 2005 and 2019. The carbon intensity of Slovakia's economy is significantly above the EU average, but has fallen faster than the EU average. Industry is responsible for the largest part of Slovakia's GHG emissions, with a 37 % share of total emissions. Energy industry emissions fell by 41 % between 2005 and 2019, and accounted for 16 % of Slovakia's emissions in 2019. Emissions from transport and from waste management increased over the same period while emissions from agriculture remained stable. Under EU effort-sharing legislation, Slovakia was allowed to increase its emissions by 13 % by 2020, compared with 2005, and will have to reduce them by 12 % by 2030, but is aiming for 20 %. Slovakia achieved a 16.9 % share of renewable energy sources (RES) in 2019, exceeding its 14 % target for 2020. The country aims to reach its 2030 target of a 19.2 % share with onshore wind, photovoltaics and bioenergy. Energy efficiency measures focus on buildings, public sector, industry and transport.

Briefing [EN](#), [SK](#)

Consumer Credit

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante

Palavra-chave análise económica | construção europeia | consumo | crédito ao consumo | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | FINANÇAS | instituições financeiras e crédito | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | mercado único | política de crédito | proposta (UE) | proteção do consumidor | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The Commission is proposing a new directive on consumer credits to replace the Consumer Credit Directive of 2008. This initial appraisal of the Commission's impact assessment on the proposal finds that the impact assessment establishes a logical chain between the problems identified and the policy options considered, which are presented in a clear and balanced way. The options appear to be realistic and feasible, using the existing policy framework as a departure point and offering a range of interventions with scaling levels of intensity. The impact assessment makes use of a number of visual aids, which are especially valuable in providing the reader with a clear overview of the problems and their drivers, policy objectives and policy options, and help illustrate the complex links between them.

Briefing [EN](#)

Improving the Schengen evaluation and monitoring mechanism

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante | Espaço de Liberdade, de Segurança e de Justiça

Palavra-chave Acordo de Schengen | análise económica | asilo político | construção europeia | controlo da UE | DIREITO | direito da União Europeia | direito internacional | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | investigação e propriedade intelectual | método de avaliação | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | programa da UE | proposta (UE) | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The European Commission proposed to improve the Schengen evaluation and monitoring mechanism established by Regulation (EU) No 1053/2013. The accompanying impact assessment (IA) provides a well defined problem definition, substantiated with evidence. Furthermore, the stakeholder opinions are reported consistently throughout the IA and are used as input for the combination of measures under the preferred option. Moreover, the data sources underpinning the IA are recent, reliable, consistently referenced and publicly available at the time of writing. However, the focus of the IA analysis is predominantly on the administrative costs and benefits, while the assessment of economic, social and fundamental rights impacts of the Mechanism's functioning remains very limited and their quantification was not possible.

Briefing [EN](#)

The Human Right to Drinking Water: Impact of large-scale agriculture and industry

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Palavra-chave AGRICULTURA, SILVICULTURA E PESCA | AMBIENTE | análise económica | degradação do ambiente | DIREITO | direitos e liberdades | direitos humanos | documentação | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de casos | estudo de impacto | INDÚSTRIA | meio natural | poluição da água | política agrícola | política agrícola | política ambiental | política e estruturas industriais | política industrial | qualidade da água | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | recursos hídricos | saúde | saúde pública | utilização da água | água potável

Resumo Access to safe drinking water is a human right. It is indispensable to a healthy, dignified and productive life. However, a significant proportion of the global population is not able to enjoy this human right. The purpose of this in-depth analysis is to consider the impacts of large-scale agricultural activity and industry on the progressive realisation of the human right to drinking water. In particular, it considers how the European Union and the European Parliament can better support non-EU countries to realise this human right. States and businesses have obligations and responsibilities towards citizens to ensure safe drinking water. However, fulfilling these obligations and responsibilities is in contention with competing water uses and economic considerations and marred by poor enabling environments and power dynamics. Achieving the human right to drinking water needs to be considered in the context of trade-offs emerging from the water-food-energy nexus where water use in one sector can have impacts on others. Virtual water embedded in the trade of agricultural goods demonstrates that demand for food can affect local water availability, posing challenges to ensuring the human right to drinking water in these places. Existing good practices focus on better recognition of obligations and responsibilities through a human rights-based approach, improved assessments of impacts, enhanced stakeholder engagement and mechanisms for due diligence. There are opportunities for the EU to extend the discussion on the human right to drinking water with other interlinked rights, noting the complex and integrated impacts of water resources.

Análise aprofundada [EN](#)

[European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Pescas

Palavra-chave AGRICULTURA, SILVICULTURA E PESCA | AMBIENTE | análise económica | conservação dos recursos | desenvolvimento sustentável | direito da União Europeia | documentação | ECONOMIA | ecossistema marinho | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | finanças da União Europeia | Fundo Europeu dos Assuntos Marítimos e das Pescas | meio natural | pesca | política ambiental | política da pesca | política de transportes | política económica | política marítima | proposta (UE) | recurso haliêutico | recursos marítimos | região periférica | regiões e política regional | relatório | repartição do financiamento da UE | segurança marítima | transporte marítimo e fluvial | TRANSPORTES | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo As part of the budget framework for the 2021-2027 period, the European Union has adopted new rules on funding dedicated to the Common Fisheries Policy and the Integrated Maritime Policy. Based on a Commission proposal of June 2018, Parliament adopted its first reading position in April 2019. After lengthy interinstitutional negotiations, started after the 2019 elections, political agreement was reached on 4 December 2020. Compared to the previous period, the new fund gives Member States more flexibility in defining their own measures, as long as they support the priorities and are not part of a list of ineligible measures. Departing from the Commission proposal, the co-legislators have extended support for the small-scale fleet to vessels between 12 and 24 metres in length. The fleet aid provisions allow support for the first acquisition of a vessel by a young fisherman, for the modernisation of engines, and for operations that improve safety, working conditions or energy efficiency. A greater focus on aquaculture is reflected in its inclusion in the name of the fund. Preferential aid is provided for outermost regions. At least 15 % of Member States' allocations should be spent on control and data collection. Following its adoption by the Council, Parliament adopted the agreed text in plenary on 6 July 2021, closing the procedure at second reading. The new regulation entered into force on 14 July and applies retroactively from January 2021. Sixth edition. The 'EU Legislation in Progress' briefings are updated at key stages throughout the legislative procedure

Briefing [EN](#)

[Inclusion measures within the Erasmus+ programme 2014-2020](#)

Tipo de publicação Estudo

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Part II:

- The research paper on Inclusion measures within Erasmus+ Programme 2014–2020 with respect to learning mobility of individuals has been written by Prof. Dr Maurice de Greef, visiting professor and Unesco Chair at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel.

- The research paper on Inclusion Measures within Erasmus+ Programme 2014-2020: The Added Value of the Inclusion and Diversity Strategy for Youth has been written by Prof. Silvia Florea, professor and Unesco Chair at Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu.

Domínio de intervenção Cultura

Palavra-chave acesso à educação | ajuda aos desfavorecidos | análise económica | construção europeia | cooperação em matéria de educação | demografia e população | ECONOMIA | educação | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | integração social | intercâmbio escolar | jovem | política da juventude | política de cooperação | programa da UE | proteção social | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | vida social

Resumo In December 2020, the European Parliament Conference of Committee Chairs authorised the launch of an implementation report on the Implementation of inclusion measures within Erasmus+ 2014-2020 by the European Parliament Committee of Culture and Education (CULT) (2021/2009(INI)). The Ex-Post Evaluation Unit (EVAL) of EPRS has been asked to assist in the preparation of the implementation report with a European Implementation Assessment (EIA). The EIA consists of two parts: an in-house desk-research analysis and two external studies that combine desk research and primary data collection. The focus of the EIA is the learning mobility of individuals and the inclusion of young people with special needs or fewer opportunities.

Estudo [EN](#)

[Ten composite indices for policy-making](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Ambiente | Assuntos Externos | Democracia | Política Social | Segurança e Defesa

Palavra-chave AMBIENTE | análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | construção europeia | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | elaboração de políticas | estudo de impacto | indicador ambiental | indicador económico | indicador social | informática e processamento de dados | investigação e propriedade intelectual | poder executivo e administração pública | política ambiental | política da UE | política regulamentar | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | prospetiva | quadro social | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | recolha de dados | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo Evidence and data are key to good policy-making, in particular when it comes to setting priorities, mitigating negative impacts and finding optimum trade-offs. The information provided in this publication is designed to help policy-makers by providing sources of data and identifying possible bias in their use. EPRS has selected 10 composite indices in a range of policy areas from reliable sources; indices already used as references by policy-makers. For each index, a chapter presents the producers and describes their objectives in publishing the index, the data compiled, and how that data is or could be used by policy-makers. The chapters also highlight each index's limitations.

Análise aprofundada [DE](#), [EN](#), [FR](#)

[Application of the equal pay principle through pay transparency measures](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Questões de Género, Igualdade e Diversidade

Palavra-chave administração e remuneração do pessoal | análise económica | condições de trabalho | condições e organização do trabalho | DIREITO | direito da União Europeia | direitos e liberdades | discriminação económica | discriminação sexual | ECONOMIA | EMPREGO E TRABALHO | estudo de impacto | igualdade das remunerações | igualdade de género | igualdade de tratamento | proposta (UE) | remuneração do trabalho | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This briefing provides an initial analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the impact assessment (IA) accompanying the Commission proposal for a directive aimed at strengthening the application of the principle of equal pay for equal work or work of equal value between men and women, enshrined in Article 119 of the Treaty of Rome. Following two negative opinions of the Regulatory Scrutiny Board and an exceptional third positive one, the IA provides a good problem definition. The IA coherently identifies the problem drivers and makes a compelling case for the consequences should situation remain unchanged. The options retained for assessment seem built around a pre-selected preferred option package. The analysis regarding the impact on SMEs appears to be insufficiently developed while the one on competitiveness is missing. The proposal includes all the measures presented in the IA's preferred package as well as two extra measures which were suggested, but not explicitly included in the preferred package.

Briefing [EN](#), [IT](#)

[A new neighbourhood, development and international cooperation instrument – Global Europe](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Assuntos Externos

Palavra-chave análise económica | assistência de pré-adesão | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | construção europeia | desenvolvimento sustentável | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | ENERGIA | estudo de impacto | finanças da União Europeia | indústrias nuclear e elétrica | instrumento financeiro da UE | integração europeia | país terceiro | países e territórios ultramarinos | poder executivo e administração pública | política de cooperação | política de cooperação | política económica | política europeia de vizinhança | proposta (UE) | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | segurança nuclear | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo In the context of the Commission's proposal for a multiannual financial framework (MFF) for the 2021-2027 period, on 14 June 2018 the Commission published a proposal for a regulation establishing the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument. Council and Parliament agreed in trilogue negotiations, which ended in March 2021, that Parliament would have an enhanced role in defining the main strategic choices of the instrument, through a delegated act and twice-yearly geopolitical dialogue. The Commission also committed to inform Parliament prior to any use of the 'emerging challenges and priorities cushion', and take its remarks into consideration. Parliament insisted that any activities related to migration had to be in line with the objectives of the instrument, and also secured safeguards on the amounts for capacity-building, election observation missions, local authorities, Erasmus, the Pacific and the Caribbean. Negotiators also agreed to include a reference, in a recital, to existing EU financial rules that allow for the suspension of assistance if a country fails to observe the principles of democracy, human rights and the rule of law. As a final step, negotiators agreed to change the name of the instrument to the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument - Global Europe. After formal adoption by Council and Parliament the regulation was signed on 9 June 2021, and it entered into force on 14 June 2021. The regulation applies retroactively from 1 January 2021. Sixth edition. The 'Legislation in Progress' briefings are updated at key stages throughout the legislative procedure.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Revision of the EU Blue Card Directive](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Espaço de Liberdade, de Segurança e de Justiça

Palavra-chave análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | DIREITO | direito do trabalho | direito internacional | ECONOMIA | emprego | EMPREGO E TRABALHO | estrangeiro | estudo de impacto | fronteira interna da UE | fuga de cérebros | licença de trabalho | mercado do trabalho | migração profissional | migrações | mobilidade da mão de obra | operário qualificado | país terceiro | política de cooperação | política internacional | política migratória da UE | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | relações internacionais | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | relações laborais e direito do trabalho | trabalhador migrante | trabalhos parlamentares | votação parlamentar

Resumo Attracting highly qualified immigrants to Europe has been one of the EU's key priorities for several years. However, up until now the EU has not been as successful as other OECD countries. This demand for workers is expected to increase due to the increasing shortage of certain skills and the aging of the EU's population. The proposed directive, which would replace the 2009 Blue Card Directive, increases the attractiveness of the EU highly skilled migration scheme by expanding its scope, lowering criteria for admission or expanding the rights of beneficiaries. On 15 June 2017, the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE) adopted its report, and voted to open interinstitutional negotiations. After the Council agreed its mandate, trilogue meetings started in September 2017, but little progress was made before the end of the 2014-2019 parliamentary term. In October 2019, Parliament decided to resume work on the file in the context of 'unfinished business' to be carried over to the new legislature. The European Commission's 'New Pact on Migration and Asylum', presented on 23 September 2020, stressed the need to finalise the negotiations. On 17 May 2021, the Parliament and the Portuguese Presidency of the EU Council finally reached an interim agreement on the revision of the directive. On 21 May, Member States' ambassadors, in the Committee of Permanent Representatives, endorsed the agreement. And on 3 June, the LIBE committee also endorsed the agreement reached with the Council. Parliament is expected to vote on adopting the agreed text during the September 2021 plenary session. Third edition of a briefing originally drafted by Martina Prpic. The 'EU Legislation in Progress' briefings are updated at key stages throughout the legislative procedure.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Rail passengers' rights and obligations in the EU](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Proteção dos Consumidores | Transportes

Palavra-chave análise económica | consumo | DIREITO | direito civil | direito da UE | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | empresa de transporte | estudo de impacto | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | jurisprudência (UE) | organização dos transportes | pessoa deficiente | política comum dos transportes | política de transportes | proposta (UE) | proteção do consumidor | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | responsabilidade | tarifa de passageiros | transporte a grande velocidade | transporte de passageiros | transporte ferroviário | transporte terrestre | TRANSPORTES | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | vida social

Resumo In 2007, the EU established a set of basic rights for rail passengers, which became applicable at the end of 2009. These rights provide for all passengers, including those with reduced mobility, a harmonised minimum level of protection, information and assistance. Reports have concluded that the implementation of these rights, although relatively smooth, is not done uniformly across the EU. Moreover, other shortcomings have prevented these rights from being used to their full potential. In September 2017, the European Commission presented a new proposal to address these issues and to strike a new balance between keeping rail operators competitive and providing adequate passenger protection. The European Parliament adopted its first-reading position on this proposal on 15 November 2018. For its part, the Council adopted its general approach on 2 December 2019, under the Finnish Presidency. Interinstitutional negotiations began at the end of January 2020, and on 1 October 2020, under the Germany Presidency, Council and Parliament reached a provisional agreement on the text. On 29 April 2021, the European Parliament voted in favour of the agreed text as adopted by the Council. The new rules were published in the Official Journal of the EU on 17 May 2021. They will apply in principle to all international and domestic rail journeys and services in the EU from 7 June 2023. However, Member States may exempt domestic rail services for a limited time. Seventh edition. The 'EU Legislation in Progress' briefings are updated at key stages throughout the legislative procedure.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Erasmus 2021-2027: The Union programme for education, training, youth and sport](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Educação

Palavra-chave agência executiva | análise económica | construção europeia | cooperação em matéria de educação | desporto | direito da União Europeia | documentação | ECONOMIA | educação | educação | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | emprego | EMPREGO E TRABALHO | estudo de impacto | formação profissional | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | política da educação | política da juventude | política de cooperação | programa da UE | proposta (UE) | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | relatório | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | vida social

Resumo The Erasmus 2021-2027 proposal was published on 30 May 2018. Establishing a new programme ensures the continuation of the Erasmus+ funding programme for education, training, youth and sport. While Erasmus+ 2014-2020 offered mobility opportunities to more than 4 million people, the new programming period aims to reach up to 12 million participants. The new generation programme maintains a lifelong learning approach and works towards the adoption of a European Education Area by 2025. Flagship initiatives include the European University Networks and the European Student Card. The new regulation also focuses on inclusion and aims at greater simplification for end-users. It incorporates sports in the main structure of the programme, expands the use of digitalisation, supports new areas of knowledge and introduces DiscoverEU, a new mobility initiative. Stakeholders agree that the previous programme has been highly beneficial but lessons need to be learnt to help the next generation programme run more efficiently and effectively. The Parliament and Council reached agreement on the proposal following the overall agreement on the 2021-2027 multiannual financial framework, and it was adopted in May 2021. Third edition. The 'EU Legislation in Progress' briefings are updated at key stages throughout the legislative procedure.

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[Horizon Europe: Framework programme for research and innovation 2021–2027](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Política de Investigação

Palavra-chave análise económica | CEEA | construção europeia | cooperação científica | difusão das inovações | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | elaboração do direito da UE | emprego | EMPREGO E TRABALHO | ENERGIA | estudo de impacto | finanças da União Europeia | formação profissional | indústrias nuclear e elétrica | inovação | investigação e propriedade intelectual | investigação nuclear | política de cooperação | política de investigação da UE | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | programa-quadro de IDT | proposta (UE) | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | repartição do financiamento da UE | segurança nuclear | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo In June 2018, the European Commission proposed a total budget allocation of €100 billion to finance science, research and innovation projects during the 2021-2027 period, of which the vast majority, €94.1 billion in current prices, would be allocated to the Horizon Europe framework programme. The main aims are to strengthen science and technology, to foster industrial competitiveness, and to implement the sustainable development goals in the EU. Horizon Europe introduces new features such as the European Innovation Council, missions to promote research results, and new forms of partnerships. Horizon Europe also aims at reducing administrative burdens and promoting the concept of open science. More operational synergies are expected through better linkage with other EU programmes. In March 2019, Parliament and Council reached a partial agreement on most aspects of Horizon Europe. However, the financial aspects were only settled in December 2020 as part of the broader MFF negotiations, together with the sensitive issue of third-country association. The final text was adopted in April 2021 and entered into force retroactively from 1 January 2021. Third edition of a briefing originally drafted by Cemal Karakas. The 'EU Legislation in Progress' briefings are updated at key stages throughout the legislative procedure.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Revising the Machinery Directive](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante

Palavra-chave análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | comunicação | consumo | direito da União Europeia | documentação | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | INDÚSTRIA | indústria mecânica | informação e tratamento da informação | informática e processamento de dados | inteligência artificial | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | Internet das Coisas | máquina | norma de segurança | norma europeia | norma técnica | poder executivo e administração pública | política regulamentar | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | proposta (UE) | relatório | robótica | segurança do produto | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This briefing checks the quality of the Commission impact assessment (IA) accompanying the regulation proposal on machinery products. It finds that the assessment, which is based on various data sources, is mostly qualitative, and explains openly the analytical methods and data limitations. Furthermore, the scale of all problems and the efficiency aspect in the comparison of the options could have been further explained. The briefing also stresses that the IA could have been more informative in terms of the stakeholder consultations. It also finds it questionable whether the SME Test has been duly conducted.

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[Horizon Europe – Specific programme: Implementing the framework programme](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Política de Investigação

Palavra-chave análise económica | competitividade | construção europeia | cooperação científica | difusão das inovações | direito da União Europeia | documentação | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estudo de impacto | inovação | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | investigação e desenvolvimento | investigação e propriedade intelectual | organismo da UE | organização de empresas | política de cooperação | política de investigação da UE | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | programa da UE | programa-quadro de IDT | proposta (UE) | relatório | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo In June 2018, the European Commission proposed a total budget allocation of €100 billion to finance science, research and innovation projects during the 2021-2027 period, of which the vast majority, €94.1 billion in current prices, would be allocated to the Horizon Europe framework programme. The main aims are to strengthen science and technology, to foster industrial competitiveness, and to implement the sustainable development goals in the EU. Horizon Europe introduces new features such as the European Innovation Council, missions to promote research results, and new forms of partnerships. While the proposal for the framework programme set out the general and specific objective of Horizon Europe as well as the structure and the broad lines of the activities to be carried out, the specific programme aims to define the operational objectives and activities, especially for missions, the European Research Council, the European Innovation Council, work programmes, and the committee procedure. In April 2019, Parliament and Council reached a partial agreement on the specific programme. However, the financial aspects were only settled in December 2020 as part of the broader MFF negotiations. The final text was adopted in April 2021 and entered into force retroactively from 1 January 2021.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Connecting Europe Facility 2021-2027: Financing key EU infrastructure networks](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Desenvolvimento Regional | Energia | Transportes

Palavra-chave análise económica | comunicação | construção europeia | desenvolvimento sustentável | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | ENERGIA | estudo de impacto | financiamento e investimento | FINANÇAS | finanças da União Europeia | instrumento financeiro da UE | investimento | organização dos transportes | política económica | política energética | política estrutural | programa da UE | projeto de interesse comum | proposta (UE) | rede de transmissão | rede de transporte | rede energética | rede transeuropeia | TRANSPORTES | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The EU supports the development of high-performing, sustainable and interconnected trans-European networks in the areas of transport, energy and digital infrastructure. It set up the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) as a dedicated financing instrument for the 2014-2020 period, to channel EU funding into the development of infrastructure networks, help eliminate market failures and attract further investment from the public and private sectors. Following a mid-term evaluation, the European Commission proposed to renew the programme under the long term EU budget for the 2021-2027 period. In the 2014-2019 term, the Council and the European Parliament provisionally agreed on the content, leaving aside the budget and the questions relating to third countries. Negotiations resumed in the present term, reflecting the Commission's revised MFF proposal of May 2020 and the European Council conclusions of July 2020. Final details were agreed on 11 March 2021. The agreement has already been confirmed by the responsible parliamentary committees TRAN and ITRE, and the Council subsequently adopted its first-reading position on 14 June 2021. The Parliament is expected to vote at second reading during the July plenary session. Once adopted, the new CEF regulation will apply retroactively from 1 January 2021. Fifth edition. The 'EU Legislation in Progress' briefings are updated at key stages throughout the legislative procedure.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Revision of the TEN-T Regulation](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Transportes

Palavra-chave alteração climática | AMBIENTE | análise económica | construção europeia | degradação do ambiente | direito da União Europeia | documentação | ECONOMIA | economia verde | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | infraestrutura do transporte | mobilidade sustentável | política ambiental | política comum dos transportes | política de transportes | proposta (UE) | rede transeuropeia | redução das emissões de gases | regulamento (UE) | relatório | TRANSPORTES | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo Regulation (EU) 1315/2013 (the Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T) Regulation), has shaped EU transport infrastructure policy by strengthening the network approach. It has furthermore established guidelines for national and EU investment in transport infrastructure, and introduced targeted funding under the Connecting Europe Facility and other relevant EU schemes. In the context of new technological and social challenges and new policy approaches, the TEN-T Regulation needs to better address present and future needs. To this end, the European Commission has started a revision process that should end with the adoption of a new legislative proposal, planned for the third quarter of 2021.

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[EU partnership on metrology](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante

Palavra-chave análise económica | CIÊNCIAS | ciências naturais e aplicadas | direito da União Europeia | documentação | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | inovação | investigação e propriedade intelectual | metrologia | política de investigação da UE | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | programa-quadro de IDT | proposta (UE) | relatório | Tratado sobre o Funcionamento da UE | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The IA underpinning the proposal on the EU partnership on metrology is based on solid sources. The relatively narrow range of options is pre-determined by the Horizon Europe provisions, and the mostly qualitative and comparative assessment gravitates early on towards the preferred option. While subsidiarity, competitiveness and coherence with the overarching political priorities are consistently addressed, the consideration of benefits and costs of the options could have been more complete and precise. The role of the actors in the metrology 'value chain' under both the current and the future scheme could have been better explained. The IA does not include budgetary implications nor effects of the Covid-19 pandemic (justified by the ongoing negotiations at the time of drafting the IA), nor does it assess certain novelties of the Horizon Europe partnerships, such as additionally and directionality.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Research for AGRI Committee: Preliminary impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on European agriculture: a sector-based analysis of food systems and market resilience](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Agricultura e Desenvolvimento Rural | Desenvolvimento Regional | Programação

Palavra-chave AGRICULTURA, SILVICULTURA E PESCA | agroalimentar | agroalimentar | AGROALIMENTAR | análise económica | auxílio estatal | comercialização | comércio eletrónico | doença por coronavírus | ECONOMIA | epidemia | estudo de impacto | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | pagamentos diretos da UE | política agrícola | política económica | produto alimentar | produto alimentar | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | saúde | segurança alimentar

Resumo This study provides a preliminary quantitative and qualitative analysis of the impact of COVID-19 on European agriculture and the agri-food supply chain in light of the responses deployed by the European Union and its Member States to mitigate its effects.

Em síntese [EN](#)

[Supporting the single market beyond 2020](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Mercado Interno e União Aduaneira

Palavra-chave análise económica | competitividade | construção europeia | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estatística da UE | estudo de impacto | financiamento da UE | finanças da União Europeia | informática e processamento de dados | mercado único | organização de empresas | pequenas e médias empresas | programa da UE | proposta (UE) | recolha de dados | tipos de empresa | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The single market programme is a new, dedicated €3.7 billion (in 2018 prices) or €4.2 billion (in current prices) programme for the 2021-2027 period supporting the single market. It is particularly aimed at empowering and protecting consumers, and enabling Europe's many small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to take better advantage of a well-functioning single market. On 3 May 2021, the Regulation establishing the programme entered into force, with retroactive application from 1 January 2021. The new programme aims to strengthen and streamline the governance of the EU's internal market. It will support the competitiveness of enterprises, and promote human, animal and plant health and a safe food chain, as well as financing European statistics to provide reliable data relevant to the single market. The proposal consolidates and streamlines a wide range of activities that were previously financed separately, and bundles them into one programme. The aim is to create benefits in terms of flexibility, simplification and synergies, and eliminate overlaps.

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[Digital markets act](#)

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Palavra-chave análise económica | bens e serviços | comercialização | comércio eletrónico | concorrência | concorrência | construção europeia | consumo | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | economia digital | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estrutura económica | estudo de impacto | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | mercado único digital | pequenas e médias empresas | prestação de serviços | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | proposta (UE) | tecnologia digital | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | tipos de empresa | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This briefing provides an initial analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the European Commission's impact assessment (IA) accompanying the above-mentioned proposal, submitted on 15 December 2020 and referred to the Committee on Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO) of the European Parliament. The proposal is part of the digital services act package, which includes the digital services act itself. In her political priorities for the European Commission, President Ursula von der Leyen committed to upgrade the liability and safety rules for digital platforms, services and products, and complete the digital single market. The 2020 Commission work programme also included a commitment to establish an ex-ante competition tool to make Europe fit for the digital age.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Establishing the new EU strategy on adaptation to climate change](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Ambiente | Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante

Palavra-chave adaptação às alterações climáticas | alteração climática | AMBIENTE | análise económica | construção europeia | degradação do ambiente | direito da União Europeia | direito do ambiente | documentação | ECONOMIA | economia verde | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estratégia da UE | estudo de impacto | política ambiental | regulamento (UE) | relatório | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This briefing provides an initial analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the European Commission's impact assessment (IA) accompanying the above-mentioned communication on the new EU strategy on adaptation to climate change (new adaptation strategy), which aims to realise the 2050 vision of a climate-resilient EU. The IA was published on 24 February 2021 and was subsequently referred to the European Parliament's Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI). The Commission's communication builds on Article 4 of the proposal for a European climate law regulation, which requires the Member States and the EU to enhance their adaptive capacity, strengthen their resilience and reduce their vulnerability to climate change. The new EU adaptation strategy was first announced in the European Green Deal communication in December 2019. The European Parliament welcomed the new strategy as a key component of the EU's climate policy in its resolution of 17 December 2020 and called for a renewed and improved focus on climate adaptation. The Council, meanwhile, repeatedly stressed the need for further action on adaptation, most recently in January 2020. The new strategy on adaptation to climate change is part of the 2021 Commission work programme.

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Digital Europe programme: Funding digital transformation beyond 2020

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Domínio de intervenção Mercado Interno e União Aduaneira

Palavra-chave análise económica | construção europeia | criminalidade informática | digitalização | direito da União Europeia | documentação | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | finanças da União Europeia | informatização | informação e tratamento da informação | informática e processamento de dados | inovação | inteligência artificial | investigação e propriedade intelectual | literacia digital | mercado único digital | processamento de dados | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | programa da UE | proposta (UE) | repartição do financiamento da UE | segurança da informação | tecnologia digital | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The Digital Europe Programme is a new financial support tool for the 2021-2027 period, aimed at bolstering the digital transformation of society, the economy and public administrations in the EU. With a financial envelope of €7.6 billion (in current prices), a figure 17.5 % lower than the initial Commission proposal, it will build up digital capacity and infrastructure and support a digital single market. The programme will operate mainly through coordinated and strategic co-investments with the Member States in the areas of high-performance computing and data processing, artificial intelligence in the public and private sectors, cybersecurity and trust, advanced digital skills and deployment, best use of digital capacities and interoperability. On 11 May 2021, the regulation establishing the programme entered into force, with retroactive application from 1 January 2021. The programme, dedicated to supporting the digitalisation of Europe and achieving digital sovereignty, is the first-ever such financial instrument at the EU level. Furthermore, in the context of recovery from the pandemic, Member States must allocate at least 20 % of the recovery funds to projects that digitalise their economies and societies. Third edition. The 'EU Legislation in Progress' briefings are updated at key stages throughout the legislative procedure.

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Multimédia [Digital Europe programme](#)

Updating the EU regulatory framework for batteries

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Domínio de intervenção Ambiente

Palavra-chave acumulador elétrico | AMBIENTE | análise económica | autorização de venda | comercialização | consumo | degradação do ambiente | desenvolvimento sustentável | direito da União Europeia | diretiva CE | ECONOMIA | eletrónica e eletrotécnica | estudo de impacto | gestão de resíduos | INDÚSTRIA | informação do consumidor | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | política ambiental | política económica | proposta (UE) | resíduo eletrónico | rotulagem | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This briefing provides an initial analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the European Commission's impact assessment (IA) accompanying the above-mentioned proposal, adopted on 10 December 2020 and referred to the European Parliament's Committee on Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO). The proposal seeks to update the EU's legislative framework for batteries as laid out in Directive 2006/66/EC (the Batteries Directive), whose objective is 'to minimise the negative impact of batteries and waste batteries on the environment, to help protect, preserve and improve the quality of the environment and to ensure the smooth functioning of the internal market' (IA, p. 10). With its proposal, the Commission intends to ensure that the existing framework could contribute to the ultimate objective of achieving an economy with net-zero greenhouse gas emissions (i.e. climate neutrality) by 2050, in line with the Commission communication on the European Green Deal, COM(2019) 640. In addition, the proposal aims to contribute to environmental protection, by stimulating investments in the production of batteries with a minimised environmental impact over their life cycle.

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[EU Space programme](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Indústria

Palavra-chave Agência Espacial Europeia | análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | comunicação | comunicação por satélite | construção europeia | DIREITO | direito da União Europeia | direito internacional | documentação | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | espaço extra-atmosférico | estudo de impacto | governação | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | investigação e propriedade intelectual | navegação por satélite | organismo da UE | organização dos transportes | organizações europeias | ORGANIZAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | poder executivo e administração pública | política espacial | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | programa da UE | proposta (UE) | relatório | transporte aéreo e espacial | TRANSPORTES | técnica espacial | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | utilização do espaço

Resumo In June 2018, the European Commission proposed a budget of €16 billion to finance EU space activities during the 2021-2027 period. The majority of this would be allocated to Galileo and EGNOS, the EU's global and regional satellite navigation systems; around a third would be allocated to Copernicus, the EU's Earth Observation programme; and the remainder would be earmarked for security, such as the Space and Situational Awareness (SSA) programme and the new Governmental Satellite Communication initiative (GOVSATCOM) to support border protection, civil protection and humanitarian interventions. The main aims of the new space programme are to secure EU leadership in space activities, foster innovative industries, safeguard autonomous access to space and simplify governance. The European Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS) Agency will be transformed into a new EU Agency for the Space Programme. In April 2019, after trilogue meetings, Parliament and Council reached a partial agreement on the programme, which was later incorporated by the Parliament in its first-reading position. The agreement covered most of the programme content but not the budget, relations with third countries, or operational security. Further trilogue negotiations, alongside the conclusion of MFF negotiations, helped to secure a comprehensive political agreement on 16 December 2020. The EU space programme will have a total budget of €14.8 billion. The agreed text was then adopted by the Council and Parliament in April 2021. Third edition of a briefing originally drafted by Cemal Karakas. The 'EU Legislation in Progress' briefings are updated at key stages throughout the legislative procedure.

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[Improving roaming on public mobile telecommunications networks](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante

Palavra-chave análise económica | comunicação | consumo | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | FINANÇAS | fluxo de dados transfronteiriço | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | itinerância | preços | proposta (UE) | proteção do consumidor | rede de transmissão | regulamentação das telecomunicações | regulamentação de preços | tarifa das comunicações | telefone móvel | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This briefing finds that the Commission's impact assessment (IA) accompanying the regulation proposal (recast) on roaming is based on sound data and broad stakeholder consultations. Besides qualitative assessment, the IA presents also quantified estimates. The REFIT cost savings are only partially quantified. Further explanations would have benefited the analysis in the comparison of policy options.

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[First Recovery and Resilience Dialogue with the European Commission](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Assuntos Económicos e Monetários | Coronavírus

Palavra-chave ajustamento estrutural | análise económica | coesão económica e social | construção europeia | contabilidade nacional | critério de elegibilidade | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | economia monetária | estudo de impacto | financiamento e investimento | FINANÇAS | finanças da União Europeia | investimento | orçamento da UE | política económica | produto interno bruto | regulamento (UE) | retoma económica | Semestre Europeu | situação económica | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo Vice-President Dombrovskis and Commissioner Gentiloni have been invited to the first Recovery and Resilience Dialogue under the Recovery and Resilience Facility Regulation. This briefing addresses the following subjects: the Recovery and Resilience Facility and its scrutiny; the framework for defining and assessing Recovery and Resilience Plans and the procedures and timelines for their adoption; the financing of the Facility; data on the current economic situation and some estimates on the impact of Facility. Five annexes present, respectively, a timeline of the Facility; the state of play with national plans; economic data; the European Semester roadmap and survey data on involvement of national parliaments in the Facility.

Análise aprofundada [EN](#)

Revision of the Schengen Evaluation and Monitoring Mechanism

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação da Legislação e das Políticas na Prática

Palavra-chave acórdão do Tribunal de Justiça (UE) | análise económica | aplicação do direito da UE | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | construção europeia | controlo fronteiriço | cooperação policial (UE) | DIREITO | direito da União Europeia | direito internacional | documentação | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | fronteira interna da UE | investigação e propriedade intelectual | método de avaliação | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | regulamento (UE) | relatório de atividade | Sistema de Informação de Schengen | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | vida política e segurança pública

Resumo As a component of the Schengen Strategy that the European Commission intends to adopt in 2021, the revision of regulation (EU) No 1053/2013 will aim at making the Schengen Evaluation and Monitoring Mechanism more efficient, by revising current practices - for example, by shortening the adoption processes of the evaluation reports and recommendations, and ensuring a timely follow-up by Member States.

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Trans-European energy infrastructure guidelines: Updating the current framework

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Domínio de intervenção Energia

Palavra-chave AMBIENTE | análise económica | competitividade | construção europeia | cooperação energética | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | ENERGIA | estudo de impacto | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | neutralidade carbónica | organização de empresas | pequenas e médias empresas | política ambiental | política de cooperação | política energética | projeto de interesse comum | rede energética | rede transeuropeia | regulamento (UE) | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | segurança de abastecimento | tipos de empresa | trocas comerciais | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This briefing provides an initial analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the European Commission's impact assessment (IA) accompanying the above-mentioned proposal, adopted on 15 December 2020 and referred to Parliament's Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE). The proposal seeks to amend Regulation (EU) No 347/2013 on guidelines for trans-European energy infrastructure (TEN E) with a view to ensure that the existing framework is consistent with, and contributes to, the new 2030 EU climate target, set out in COM(2020) 562, commonly known as the 2030 EU climate target plan, with the ultimate objective of achieving an economy with net-zero greenhouse gas emissions (i.e. climate neutrality) by 2050, and in line with the Commission communication on the European Green Deal, COM(2019) 640.

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Revision of Directive 2014/94/EU on the deployment of alternative fuels infrastructure

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Domínio de intervenção Transportes

Palavra-chave AMBIENTE | análise económica | aplicação do direito da UE | combustível de substituição | degradação do ambiente | direito da União Europeia | diretiva (UE) | ECONOMIA | ENERGIA | estudo de impacto | indústria petrolífera | infraestrutura do transporte | meio natural | mobilidade sustentável | política ambiental | política de transportes | política energética | produto petrolífero | qualidade do ar | recursos energéticos | redução das emissões de gases | TRANSPORTES | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo Alternative fuels can help to diminish the negative effects on the environment and health caused by both passenger and freight transport. Examples of alternative fuels include: electricity, hydrogen, biofuels, synthetic and paraffinic fuels, natural gas, including biomethane, in gaseous form (compressed natural gas, CNG) and liquefied form (liquefied natural gas, LNG), and liquefied petroleum gas (LPG). At European Union (EU) level, a directive on the deployment of alternative fuels infrastructure was adopted in 2014, with the aim of boosting the development of standard rules and minimum requirements as regards alternative fuels infrastructure (i.e. electric car recharging stations or natural gas refuelling points) in the EU Member States. However, a revision of the directive is planned for 2021 to take account of the latest technological and market developments.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Customs programme: Supporting cooperation to strengthen the customs union](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Assuntos Económicos e Monetários

Palavra-chave alfândega | análise económica | Comité Económico e Social Europeu | construção europeia | cooperação aduaneira | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | finanças da União Europeia | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | política aduaneira | política de cooperação | processo legislativo ordinário | programa da UE | proposta (UE) | quadro financeiro plurianual | regulamento (UE) | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | união aduaneira | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo On 18 June 2018, the Commission put forward a proposal for a regulation establishing a Customs programme for cooperation in the field of customs over the 2021-2027 MFF period, a successor to Customs 2020. The programme's main objective is to fund actions aimed at strengthening the customs union. On 15 December 2020, the co-legislators reached agreement in trilogue. The Council adopted its first-reading position on 1 March 2021. On 8 March 2021, IMCO – the committee responsible for the file in the European Parliament – adopted its recommendation for second reading of the Customs programme by the Parliament. The Parliament voted to adopt the first-reading position without amendments on 10 March 2021, and the final act was signed the following day. The regulation was published in the Official Journal on 15 March 2021 and entered into force immediately, and with retroactive application as of 1 January 2021. First edition. The 'EU Legislation in Progress' briefings are updated at key stages throughout the legislative procedure.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Waste Shipment Regulation](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Ambiente

Palavra-chave AMBIENTE | análise económica | aplicação do direito da UE | controlo das exportações | degradação do ambiente | detrito perigoso | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | economia circular | estudo de impacto | exportação de resíduos | gestão de resíduos | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | política ambiental | política comercial | política económica | proteção do ambiente | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | regulamento (UE) | risco sanitário | saúde | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The New Circular Economy Action Plan is one of the main building blocks of the European Green Deal. It sets initiatives along the entire lifecycle of products with the aim to ensure that the resources used for their production, including the waste generated, are kept in the EU economy for as long as possible. At the same time, the circular economy policy aims at protecting the environment and empowering the consumers. Waste shipment within and outside the EU has a crucial role in achieving the EU circular economy objectives. At EU level, the transboundary movements of waste are governed by Regulation (EC) 1013/2006 on shipments of waste (WSR). However, the current design and implementation of the regulation suffer from deficiencies and thus challenge the achievement of the EU circular economy objectives. This Implementation Appraisal looks at the practical implementation of the WSR in light of the Commission proposal for a revision of the regulation expected in the second quarter of 2021.

Briefing [EN](#)

[First appraisal of the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement by Policy Department A](#)

Tipo de publicação Estudo

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Autor externo Andreas Huber at AI.

Domínio de intervenção Ambiente | Assuntos Económicos e Monetários | Emprego | Indústria | Proteção dos Consumidores | Saúde Pública

Palavra-chave acordo comercial (UE) | acordo de cooperação (UE) | análise económica | comissão PE | competência institucional (UE) | construção europeia | cooperação internacional | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | Europa | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | geografia política | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | política da UE | política de cooperação | Reino Unido | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | retirada da UE | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo "Agreements concluded by the Union are binding upon the institutions of the Union and on its Member States." (Article 216(2) TFEU). According to the Case-law of the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU), International law takes precedence over (secondary) EU law: "It should also be pointed out that, by virtue of Article 216(2) TFEU, where international agreements are concluded by the European Union they are binding upon its institutions and, consequently, they prevail over acts of the European Union (see, to this effect, Case C61/94 Commission v Germany [1996] ECR I3989, paragraph 52; Case C311/04 Algemene Scheeps Agentuur Dordrecht [2006] ECR I609, paragraph 25; Case C308/06 Intertanko and Others [2008] ECR I4057, paragraph 42; and Joined Cases C402/05 P and C415/05 P Kadi and Al Barakat International Foundation v Council and Commission [2008] ECR I6351, paragraph 307)". Arguably, acts adopted by bodies established by the EU-UK TCA could also enjoy primacy: "7 It follows [...] that decisions of the EEC-Turkey Association Council are measures adopted by a body provided for by the Agreement and empowered by the Contracting Parties to adopt such measures. 18 In so far as they implement the objectives set by the Agreement, such decisions are directly connected with the Agreement and, as a result of the second sentence of Article 22(1) thereof, have the effect of binding the Contracting Parties. 19 By virtue of the Agreement, the Contracting Parties agreed to be bound by such decisions and if those parties were to withdraw from that commitment, that would constitute a breach of the Agreement itself."

Estudo [EN](#)

[Digital Services Act](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

Data 30-03-2021

Autor KRAMER Esther

Domínio de intervenção Mercado Interno e União Aduaneira

Palavra-chave análise económica | comercialização | comunicação | comércio eletrónico | construção europeia | consulta pública | consumo | dimensão transfronteiras | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | mercado único digital | prestação de serviços | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | proposta (UE) | proteção do consumidor | regiões e política regional | tecnologia digital | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The IA underpinning the proposal for a Digital services act contains a lot of valuable information and is based on solid sources and broad consultations. However, the analysis could have been more coherent in its problem definition and more specific regarding the practical implementation of the assessed three broad option packages in addition to the status quo. It could have been also more transparent, precise and complete regarding the data and methods used for the analysis, and regarding the quantitative estimates (namely in relation to SMEs). Some important information, for instance on liability rules or other elements of digital services, would have been useful in the main text instead of the annexes.

Briefing [EN](#)

[European Parliament work in the fields of Impact Assessment and European Added Value: Activity Report for July 2019 to December 2020](#)

Tipo de publicação Estudo

Data 25-03-2021

Autor HILLER WOLFGANG

Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante | Valor Acrescentado Europeu

Palavra-chave análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | comissão PE | competência institucional (UE) | cooperação interinstitucional (UE) | direito da União Europeia | documentação | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | iniciativa legislativa | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | proposta (UE) | redação legislativa | relatório de atividade | relação legislativo-executivo | trabalhos parlamentares | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | vida política e segurança pública

Resumo This activity report summarises and explains the work undertaken by the European Parliament in the fields of impact assessment and European added value during the first 18 months of the current 2019-24 EU institutional cycle. It details the support given by the Directorate for Impact Assessment and European Added Value within the European Parliamentary Research Service (EPRS) to assist parliamentary committees in their oversight and scrutiny of the executive in the fields of ex-ante impact assessment, European added value, and ex-post evaluation of EU law and policy in practice. It also details wider horizontal support provided in the respect of the policy cycle to the institution as a whole. During the 18 months under review, 116 substantive pieces of work were published by the Directorate, all of which can be accessed by hyperlinks in this report.

Estudo [EN](#)

[Renewable Energy Directive](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Energia

Palavra-chave AMBIENTE | análise económica | aplicação do direito da UE | consumo de energia | degradação do ambiente | direito da União Europeia | diretiva (UE) | ECONOMIA | economia de energia | ENERGIA | energia não poluente | energia renovável | estatística energética | estudo de impacto | gás de efeito de estufa | meio natural | política ambiental | política energética | recurso renovável | redução das emissões de gases | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo Directive (EU) 2018/2001 (the Renewable Energy Directive, RED II), established a common framework for the promotion of energy from renewable sources in the EU and set a binding target of 32 % for the overall share of energy from renewable sources in the EU's gross final consumption of energy in 2030. It also established sustainability and greenhouse gas emissions savings criteria for biofuels, bioliquids and biomass fuels, and laid down rules on financial support to enhance renewable energy usage. The RED II is a recast of Directive 2009/28/EC (RED I), done as part of the 'Clean energy for all Europeans package'. In 2021 the European Commission will review the Directive with the aim to better adjust it to the European Green Deal objectives.

Briefing [EN](#)

Energy Efficiency Directive

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Autor ZYGIEREWICZ Anna

Domínio de intervenção Ambiente | Avaliação da Legislação e das Políticas na Prática | Energia | Transposição e Aplicação da Legislação

Palavra-chave alteração climática | AMBIENTE | análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | consumo de energia | degradação do ambiente | direito da União Europeia | diretiva (UE) | documentação | ECONOMIA | economia de energia | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | ENERGIA | estudo de impacto | neutralidade carbónica | política ambiental | política energética | relatório | rendimento energético | revisão da lei | trabalhos parlamentares | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | utilização da energia

Resumo The Energy Efficiency Directive (EED) was adopted in 2012 to promote energy efficiency across the EU and to help the EU to reach its (at least) 20 % energy efficiency target by 2020. In 2018, the EED was amended as part of the 'Clean energy for all Europeans package'. The amendments included raising the EU energy efficiency target to (at least) 32.5 %, to be achieved by 2030, among other things. The European Commission plans to submit its proposal for the revision of the EED in June 2021, with the aim of better adjusting the EED to the European Green Deal objectives and an increased climate ambition. Improvements will aim to achieve the objective for Europe to become the first climate-neutral continent, with net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

Briefing [EN](#)

Establishing a computerised system for communication in cross-border civil and criminal proceedings (e-CODEX)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Autor VIKOLAINEN Vera

Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante | Espaço de Liberdade, de Segurança e de Justiça

Palavra-chave administração eletrónica | análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | ação em matéria civil | ação em matéria penal | construção europeia | cooperação judiciária civil na UE | cooperação judiciária em matéria penal (UE) | cooperação transfronteiriça | DIREITO | direito da União Europeia | documentação | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | funcionamento institucional | gestão eletrónica de documentos | informação e tratamento da informação | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | intercâmbio de informação | justiça | poder executivo e administração pública | política de cooperação | proposta (UE) | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | sistema de informação | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This briefing analyses the strengths and weaknesses of the Commission impact assessment (IA) accompanying the proposal to formally establish the e-CODEX system at EU level and entrust its operational management to the European Agency for the operational management of large-scale IT systems in the area of freedom, security and justice (EU-LISA). The IA contains a number of important shortcomings that significantly reduce its overall quality.

Briefing [EN](#)

Updating the Crypto Assets Regulation and establishing a pilot regime for distributed ledger technology

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Autor ZANDERSONE Laura

Domínio de intervenção Assuntos Económicos e Monetários

Palavra-chave análise económica | comunicação | consulta pública | consumo | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | economia monetária | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estudo de impacto | financiamento e investimento | FINANÇAS | garantia do investimento | informatização | informática e processamento de dados | instituições financeiras e crédito | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | moeda eletrónica | moeda virtual | pequenas e médias empresas | princípio da proporcionalidade | princípio da subsidiariedade | proposta (UE) | proteção do consumidor | serviços financeiros | tipos de empresa | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The markets in crypto assets (MiCA) proposal intends to adapt to the latest technological trends in the FinTech sector. The briefing analyses the strengths and weaknesses of the impact assessment (IA) accompanying the MiCA and DLT proposals. The IA is quite technical and difficult to read for a non-expert. The policy options were compared against the criteria of effectiveness, efficiency and coherence, but not against proportionality, which is required by the better regulation guidelines. The preferred option is a mix of various options, and one of the preferred options is transferred into another, new legislative proposal, i.e., on the DLT. The IA foresees cost reduction for business due to the use of DLT, which saves costs compared to the traditional trading activities, with new entrants facing one-off costs similar to multilateral trading facilities (MTFs).

Briefing [DE](#), [EN](#)

[The ECB's Measures in Support of the COVID-19 Crisis](#)

Tipo de publicação Análise aprofundada

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Domínio de intervenção Assuntos Bancários e Financeiros | Assuntos Económicos e Monetários | Coronavírus

Palavra-chave análise da informação | análise económica | Banco Central Europeu | consequências económicas | documentação | doença por coronavírus | dívida pública | ECONOMIA | economia monetária | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | epidemia | estabilidade financeira | estudo de impacto | Eurogrupo (zona euro) | Europa | FINANÇAS | finanças públicas e política orçamental | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | geografia política | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | Itália | livre circulação de capitais | política monetária única | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | relações monetárias | retoma económica | saúde | situação económica | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This paper illustrates and discusses the monetary policies activated in response to the COVID-19 crisis. We argue that these policy measures have stabilised the European economic and financial system by incentivising banks' lending to households and businesses and by indirectly creating short-term fiscal capacity also for those Member States of the euro area that have a very high government debt/GDP ratio.
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Análise aprofundada [EN](#)

[Marketing standards for fishery and aquaculture products: Revision of Regulation \(EC\) No1379/2013](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

Data 01-03-2021

Autor DINU Alina Ileana

Domínio de intervenção Mercado Interno e União Aduaneira | Pescas

Palavra-chave AGRICULTURA, SILVICULTURA E PESCA | AMBIENTE | análise económica | aplicação do direito da UE | aquicultura | comercialização | direito da União Europeia | documentação | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | norma ambiental | norma de comercialização | organização comum de mercado | pesca | política agrícola | política ambiental | produção pesqueira | regulamento (UE) | relatório | rótulo ecológico | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The marketing standards for fishery and aquaculture products are covered by the Common Market Organisation (CMO) Regulation (regulation 1379/2013), one of the pillars of EU's Common Fisheries Policy (CFP). The marketing standards for FAPs have remained unchanged for more than 20 years and in 2018 they were submitted to an evaluation process by the European Commission. The expected outcome is the release of a new legislative proposal by the first half of 2021, in line with the European Commission's Farm to Fork strategy.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Unconventional Policy Instruments and Transmission Channels: A State-Contingent Toolbox for the ECB](#)

Tipo de publicação Análise aprofundada

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Domínio de intervenção Assuntos Bancários e Financeiros | Assuntos Económicos e Monetários | Coronavírus

Palavra-chave análise económica | Banco Central Europeu | consequências económicas | doença por coronavírus | ECONOMIA | economia monetária | epidemia | estudo de impacto | Eurosystem | FINANÇAS | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | instituições financeiras e crédito | juro | mercado monetário | política monetária | política monetária única | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | relações monetárias | retoma económica | saúde | situação económica | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | zona euro

Resumo We present a general framework apt to explain why central banks care about the co-existence of different transmission channels of monetary policy, and hence they endow themselves with different policy instruments. Within this framework, we then review and examine the key instruments adopted by the ECB to tackle the post-pandemic challenges, with a view to their consistency and efficacy. Finally, we make a few considerations about the future perspectives of monetary policy.
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Análise aprofundada [EN](#)

The impact of COVID-19 on the Internal Market

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Autor externo J. Scott MARCUS et al.

Domínio de intervenção Avaliação da Legislação e das Políticas na Prática | Coronavírus | Mercado Interno e União Aduaneira | Proteção dos Consumidores

Palavra-chave análise económica | consequências económicas | construção europeia | consumo | DIREITO | direito internacional | direitos do passageiro | doença por coronavírus | ECONOMIA | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | epidemia | estudo de impacto | fronteira interna da UE | gestão administrativa | gestão de crises | impacto social | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | mercado único | política de transportes | proteção do consumidor | quadro social | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | saúde | TRANSPORTES | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This study assesses the impact of the COVID-19 crisis on the Internal Market and consumer protection, including the impact of measures introduced at national and EU level to mitigate the consequences of the pandemic. What further measures should be considered in order to reinforce the resilience of the EU's Internal Market in the face of future crises?
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Estudo [EN](#)

Improving the resilience of critical entities

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Domínio de intervenção Espaço de Liberdade, de Segurança e de Justiça

Palavra-chave análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | comercialização | construção europeia | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estratégia da UE | estudo de impacto | gestão administrativa | gestão de riscos | informação e tratamento da informação | intercâmbio de informação | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | mercado único | prestação de serviços | proposta (UE) | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | segurança das infraestruturas críticas | segurança europeia | segurança internacional | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | vida política e segurança pública

Resumo This briefing finds that the European Commission's impact assessment (IA), which accompanies the directive proposal on the resilience of critical entities, provides a good evidence-based problem definition and a sufficiently broad range of options. The assessment is mostly qualitative, due to difficulties in quantification. The IA could have been more transparent in its description of stakeholder views, and could have provided due references and a link to the feasibility study which has supported the IA. Further explanations to support the preferred option in terms of efficiency would have benefited the analysis.

Briefing [EN](#)

Establishing an EU single window for customs

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Domínio de intervenção Mercado Interno e União Aduaneira

Palavra-chave administração eletrónica | análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | cooperação administrativa | cooperação aduaneira | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | informação e tratamento da informação | intercâmbio de informação | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | poder executivo e administração pública | política aduaneira | política de cooperação | proposta (UE) | regime aduaneiro da UE | regulamentação aduaneira | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | sistema de informação | união aduaneira | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The IA underpinning the proposal to establish a single window environment for customs is well structured, substantiated and clear. It acknowledges a scarcity of comparable EU-wide data, and is transparent on the assumptions underlying the analysis. The presentation, screening and assessment of the retained policy options is clear and balanced, assessing their direct economic impacts, as well as their social and environmental implications. The selection of the preferred options is based on cost-effectiveness and qualitative analyses, expecting significant net benefits from interconnecting authorities responsible for non-customs formalities laid down in EU legislation to existing national single window environments, which in turn, are harmonised to achieve a level playing field for economic operators, in particular SMEs. Social and environmental benefits derive from better digital administrative cooperation, the reduction of fraud and better compliance with EU regulatory requirements.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Statistics on agricultural inputs and outputs \(SAIO\): Updated rules](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Autor DINU Alina Ileana

Domínio de intervenção Agricultura e Desenvolvimento Rural | Avaliação da Legislação e das Políticas na Prática | Transposição e Aplicação da Legislação

Palavra-chave AGRICULTURA, SILVICULTURA E PESCA | análise económica | aplicação do direito da UE | cooperação agrícola | direito da União Europeia | direito rural | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estatística agrícola | estatística da UE | estrutura agrícola | estudo de impacto | informática e processamento de dados | política agrícola | Política Agrícola Comum | política de cooperação | produção e estruturas agrícolas | recolha de dados | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | sistema de exploração agrícola | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo In the context of modernising the European agricultural statistics system (EASS), updated rules have been published by the European Commission on statistics for EU farming, including the organic sector, covering both inputs and outputs for crops and animals, pesticides, nutrients, agricultural prices, etc. The new legislative proposal is the outcome of an evaluation process underlying that existing legal and methodological structure of agricultural statistics does not take into account future needs and does not function in an efficient way.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Improving the common level of cybersecurity across the EU](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Segurança e Defesa

Palavra-chave análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | criminalidade informática | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estudo de impacto | gestão administrativa | gestão de riscos | informação e tratamento da informação | informática e processamento de dados | inteligência artificial | proposta (UE) | proteção dos dados | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | segurança da informação | segurança das infraestruturas críticas | segurança europeia | segurança internacional | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | vida política e segurança pública

Resumo Drawing on the findings of an evaluation of the NIS directive, the IA generally seems to provide a clear and relevant analysis of the shortcomings of the existing NIS Directive and the available policy options for their improvement by a new legal act. It appears that the IA's assumptions are based on a thorough stocktaking exercise involving the consultation of a big number of stakeholders. The IA could however have explained in closer detail practical implications of the proposed initiative. It would have been useful if the IA had provided a fuller impact analysis particularly of potential economic costs and fundamental rights implications, as noted in the RSB opinion. Finally, the range of options assessed is limited to two in addition to the baseline. Given that the final outcome of the assessment is a significant revision of the existing legal framework, one might have expected a more granular formulation of policy options in the IA.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Adequate minimum wages](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Política Social

Palavra-chave administração e remuneração do pessoal | análise económica | condições de trabalho | condições de vida | condições e organização do trabalho | contabilidade nacional | contrato coletivo | direito do trabalho | ECONOMIA | emprego | EMPREGO E TRABALHO | estudo de impacto | fixação de salário | negociação coletiva | nível de vida | política de emprego da UE | quadro social | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | relações laborais e direito do trabalho | salário mínimo

Resumo This briefing finds that the European Commission's impact assessment (IA), which accompanies the directive proposal on adequate minimum wages, is based on sound data and presents a sufficiently broad range of policy options. It would have been useful if the measures concerning collective bargaining and adequacy of minimum wages had been explained more thoroughly in relation to the chosen legal basis. The problem description would have benefited of using more information from the extensive annexes. It would have clarified the text if the IA had provided the comparative analysis and selection of the preferred option separately for both minimum wage setting systems (collective agreements and legal provisions).

Briefing [EN](#)

[EU policy on air quality: Implementation of selected EU legislation](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Ambiente | Avaliação da Legislação e das Políticas na Prática

Palavra-chave AMBIENTE | análise económica | aplicação do direito da UE | construção europeia | controlo da poluição | degradação do ambiente | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | poluente atmosférico | poluição industrial | política ambiental | política da UE | qualidade do ar | redução das emissões de gases | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | vigilância do ambiente

Resumo Air pollution is a cross-border problem with direct negative effects on health and the environment. It also has indirect but tangible adverse effects on economies and societies. With the aim of securing good air quality status for its citizens and the environment, the EU has established a policy framework that employs legal regulation as the main policy instrument. This European implementation assessment (EIA) presents findings on the implementation of three major pieces of EU legislation on air quality, namely the two Ambient Air Quality Directives and the Industrial Emissions Directive, and makes recommendations for policy action. In addition, the research paper annexed to this EIA maps and assesses the local policies designed and implemented by 10 EU agglomerations with the aim of tackling air pollution from relevant sources, and, in particular, from road transport. It also makes recommendations for policy action, some of which are relevant to any other EU zone/agglomeration affected by air pollution exceedances, irrespective of specific local conditions. Furthermore, the research paper studies the effects of the first wave of pandemic lock-down measures implemented in the same 10 EU agglomerations and their effects on concentrations of certain air pollutants (particularly harmful for health), and, on this basis, outlines lessons that could be applied in future policy-making on air quality at all levels of governance.

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[European works councils \(EWCs\)](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Valor Acrescentado Europeu

Palavra-chave análise económica | Comité de Empresa Europeu | consulta dos trabalhadores | direito da União Europeia | direitos sindicais | diretiva CE | ECONOMIA | EMPREGO E TRABALHO | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estudo de impacto | grupo de empresas | informação dos trabalhadores | negociação coletiva | organização de empresas | relações laborais e direito do trabalho | sindicato | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo European works councils (EWCs) represent over 17 million employees and are the first European representation of workers at company level. They facilitate the information, consultation and participation of employees with a focus on transnational issues. In times of crisis, including the COVID 19 crisis, relatively few workers lost their job in EU Member States with well-developed industrial relations systems where workers and their representatives have relatively strong rights.

[Briefing](#) [EN](#)

[Climate action: The way ahead \[What Think Tanks are thinking\]](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Ambiente

Palavra-chave alteração climática | AMBIENTE | análise económica | degradação do ambiente | documentação | ECONOMIA | economia verde | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | gestão dos recursos | gás de efeito de estufa | impacto ambiental | política ambiental | política internacional | proteção do ambiente | redução das emissões de gases | relatório | relações internacionais | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS

Resumo In a passionate speech delivered recently at Columbia University in New York, the UN Secretary-General, António Guterres, described the fight against climate change as the top priority for the 21st century. Furthermore, the election of Joe Biden as the next President of the United States raises hopes that climate action will now be more coordinated and ambitious. Meanwhile, the European Union is determined to push ahead with its Green Deal in a package of measures that aims to radically cut emissions of greenhouse gases while creating jobs in clean industries. The main objectives of the European Green Deal are for the EU to become climate neutral by 2050, to radically reduce other types of pollution, help European companies become world leaders in green products, and offer aid to regions affected by this economic transition. This note offers links to recent commentaries, studies and reports from international think tanks on the Green Deal and climate issues. More studies on the topics can be found in a previous item from these series, published in March 2020.

[Briefing](#) [EN](#)

Impact of state aid on competition and competitiveness during the COVID-19 pandemic: an early assessment

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Domínio de intervenção Assuntos Económicos e Monetários | Coronavírus

Palavra-chave análise económica | auxílio estatal | competitividade | concorrência | consequências económicas | controlo dos auxílios estatais | doença por coronavírus | ECONOMIA | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | epidemia | Estado-Membro UE | estudo de impacto | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | organização de empresas | política de concorrência da UE | política económica | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | saúde

Resumo This economic assessment of EU state aid principles and practises related to the COVID-19 pandemic confirms the clear focus on maintaining the level playing field in the EU single market. Future monitoring and policy fine-tuning, focusing on SMEs, and keeping all Member States involved are the main challenges. Moreover, current policies fail to incorporate a strong focus on broader, strategic policy goals like the green and digital transformation of the European economy or the enhancing of EU firms' global competitiveness. This document was prepared by the Policy Department for Economic, Scientific and Quality of Life Policies at the request of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON).

Estudo [EN](#)

Air services: Revision of Regulation (EC) No 1008/2008

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação da Legislação e das Políticas na Prática | Coronavírus | Transportes | Transposição e Aplicação da Legislação

Palavra-chave análise económica | aviação civil | avião | construção europeia | direito da União Europeia | doença por coronavírus | ECONOMIA | epidemia | estratégia da UE | estudo de impacto | linha aérea | organização dos transportes | política de transportes | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | regulamentação dos transportes | regulamento CE | saúde | transporte aéreo e espacial | transporte de passageiros | TRANSPORTES | tráfego aéreo | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo New rules regulating the air services are expected by the end of year. The basic legal act organising the internal EU aviation market, namely Regulation (EC) No 1008/2008, is expected to be revised by the European Commission, after being evaluated in 2019.

Briefing [EN](#)

Strengthening digital operational resilience in the financial sector

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Palavra-chave análise económica | comunicação | construção europeia | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | externalização | FINANÇAS | informação e tratamento da informação | informática e processamento de dados | instituição financeira | instituições financeiras e crédito | intercâmbio de informação | mercado único digital | produção | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | proposta (UE) | segurança da informação | serviços financeiros | tecnologia da informação | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | tecnologia financeira | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This briefing provides an analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the European Commission's impact assessment (IA) accompanying Commission proposals to strengthen digital operational resilience in the EU, which are part of the digital finance package. The IA would have benefited from a more balanced set of options, and it would have been useful to further clarify the arguments supporting the choice between options 2 and 3. The assessment of social impacts is very limited, and the competitiveness aspect raised could also have been discussed at greater length. The IA estimates that the initiative would benefit SMEs in terms of reduced administrative burden and improved capacity to operate in a cross-border context. In addition to the qualitative assessment, the IA provides quantified estimates, openly recognising some data limitations.

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[Climate change and its impact on mental health](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Ambiente | Saúde Pública

Palavra-chave adaptação às alterações climáticas | alteração climática | AMBIENTE | análise económica | criança | degradação do ambiente | demografia e população | doença mental | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | exclusão social | política ambiental | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | risco sanitário | saúde | saúde mental | sistema de saúde | vida social

Resumo Climate change health impacts are experienced through direct and indirect pathways. These can take the form of an increase in the frequency and/or severity of extreme weather events such as heatwaves, droughts, floods, and storms which directly may impact health, resulting in heat-related mortality and morbidity, injury and trauma. Indirectly, climate change may impact health through loss of livelihoods, land and property and through interaction with environmental systems.

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[Reducing methane emissions: A new EU strategy to address global warming](#)

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Palavra-chave análise económica | consequências económicas | construção europeia | doença por coronavírus | ECONOMIA | epidemia | estudo de impacto | impacto social | política da UE | quadro social | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | saúde | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo Methane, a short-lived greenhouse gas, has a global warming potential much higher than that of carbon dioxide, and is directly linked to air pollution through the formation of ozone. Methane emissions are derived from both natural sources and human activity. Energy, agriculture, waste and wastewater treatment are the biggest sources of anthropogenic methane emissions. Globally, methane emissions increased by 24 % between 1990 and 2018. In the EU-27, methane emissions fell by 0.2 % between 2009 and 2018 and accounted for just over 10 % of total GHG emissions in 2018. The EU has been tackling methane through legislation, policies and strategies aimed at reducing emissions in Europe and internationally since 1996. The EU's methane emissions dropped by a third between 1990 and 2018. As a precursor to ozone, methane is a key factor in air quality and human health. On 14 October 2020, the European Commission presented an EU strategy to reduce methane emissions. The document focuses on cross-sectoral actions within the EU, and builds on actions in the energy, agricultural, waste and wastewater sectors within the EU and internationally. Stakeholders from the industry sector and environmental non-governmental organisations have given feedback on the strategic document and have welcomed the strategy while also highlighting aspects that could be strengthened. In 2019, the European Parliament asked the Commission to address methane emissions reductions through a strategic plan by the end of the first half of its 2019-2024 term. In October 2020, when the strategy was presented, MEPs from the Committees on Industry, Research and Energy welcomed the document and also posed questions in respect of its scope. Parliament's response is currently being prepared by the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety.

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[Airport charges: Revision of Directive 2009/12/EC](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação da Legislação e das Políticas na Prática | Transportes | Transposição e Aplicação da Legislação

Palavra-chave aeroporto | análise económica | direito da União Europeia | diretiva CE | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | Nações Unidas | Organização da Aviação Civil Internacional | ORGANIZAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | política comum dos transportes | política de transportes | regulamentação dos transportes | taxa de infraestrutura | transporte aéreo e espacial | TRANSPORTES | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The Airports Charges Directive 2009/12/EC is the main legislative act regulating the essential features of airport charges. Airport charges are the charges that the airlines pay to the airports for using their infrastructure and facilities. The two main issues that the directive aims to tackle are the risk that some airports might set prices and terms that are not in line with a competitive market, and the diverging and non-transparent charging systems in the Member States. If the evaluation of the directive revealed positive effects of the regulation, it also identified problematic issues, which hampers the full achievement of its objectives. The European Commission is expected to submit a new proposal by the end of the year.

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[Four EU scenarios for governance in a post Covid-19 world](#)

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Palavra-chave análise de políticas | análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | construção europeia | doença por coronavírus | ECONOMIA | epidemia | estudo de impacto | poder executivo e administração pública | política da UE | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | saúde | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo Scarcity of medical equipment during the COVID-19 crisis, and the ensuing discussion on 'reshoring' certain industries back to Europe, have brought back an old dilemma. Namely, countries wish to be strategically independent while depending on products and resources from other countries to fulfil their economic needs. This reflects the debate about whether markets or governments are better at delivering solutions. We can also define this debate as a choice between 'competitive capitalism' and 'strategic autonomy'. Calls for strategic autonomy have increased since the COVID-19 crisis, at national and EU level. However, strategic autonomy conflicts with the achievements of international cooperative governance. This introduces another dilemma: the choice between interests and values. Pursuing interests alone leads to a vicious cycle of increased competition between markets and between states, ultimately deteriorating into imperialism. Developing value-oriented actions at government and market level can break that vicious cycle. Value-oriented concepts already form part of many EU policies, which place substantial emphasis on environmental and social rights. When ethical values become an integral part of business and government decisions, this is called 'due diligence'. We can define value-oriented international cooperation between governments as 'cooperative governance'. Similarly, we can define ethical and value oriented action by private actors — whether NGOs or businesses — as 'ethical capitalism'. Putting the two dichotomies on a grid creates a model of four possible scenarios for action which can aid our understanding of ongoing discussions on governance in a post COVID-19 world. EU policy makers could also use these scenarios as alternative ways of shaping EU and foreign policy. The management of natural resources, ranging from water, land, forests, energy resources and metals to rare earths, shows a counter-clockwise development through the scenarios. Moving away from unregulated markets, extraction and use were gradually regulated by national governments, who competed against each other in an imperialist setting. The transnational nature of economic and environmental problems has increasingly brought them into the scope of international cooperative governance. Ethical capitalism (changing market forces from within) is a relatively new development complementing government action. Progress through the scenarios is not always sequential: actors face pressures to switch between them. We can draw lessons for governance in a post COVID-19 world from the experiences of natural resources management. This study is the first on 'global trends in external policies', aiming to develop forward-looking and strategic analyses.

[Estudo](#) [EN](#)

[Review of the Benchmark Regulation](#)

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Palavra-chave análise económica | consumo | controlo financeiro | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | EURIBOR | FINANÇAS | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | livre circulação de capitais | mercado financeiro | orçamento | preços | proteção do consumidor | regulamentação financeira | regulamento (UE) | relações monetárias | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | índice de preços

Resumo The European Commission's proposal to amend the existing Benchmark Regulation (BMR) aims to address the expected cessation of the widely used LIBOR critical benchmark, as the BMR does not provide mechanisms to manage the consequences of the cessation of such critical benchmarks. The BMR would be amended also to ensure that European Union banks and companies can continue using hedging tools against the volatility of currencies that are not freely convertible into their base currency after the expiry of the transitional period at the end of 2021. The initiative is part of measures contributing to a capital markets union and an economy that works for people. The initial appraisal – which provides an analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the European Commission's impact assessment (IA) accompanying the proposal – finds that the IA is underpinned by sound and recent data and extensive stakeholder consultations. The problem definition, objectives and policy options are clearly linked.

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[The gendered impact of the Covid-19 crisis and post-crisis period](#)

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Palavra-chave análise económica | condição feminina | DIREITO | direitos e liberdades | doença por coronavírus | ECONOMIA | epidemia | estudo de impacto | igualdade de género | impacto social | quadro social | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | saúde | vida social

Resumo Outbreaks affect men, women and other genders differentially. This can be both the direct infections with a pathogen, or the secondary effects of public health response policies. COVID-19 is no exception, and the gendered impacts thus far and in the future are numerous. This study outlines some of the key gendered effects thus far and suggestions for how these may extend into the post-crisis period based on currently available data on COVID and longer-term effects of previous outbreaks. This includes the lack of sex-disaggregated data, the role of healthcare workers and care workers, domestic violence, the impact of quarantine on feminised sectors of the economy, the additional unpaid labour on women as a result of lockdown, access to maternity, sexual and reproductive health services. This study commissioned by the European Parliament's Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs at the request of the FEMM Committee.

[Estudo](#) [EN](#)

[Coronavirus: The second wave? \[What Think Tanks are thinking\]](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Coronavírus | Saúde Pública

Palavra-chave análise económica | doença por coronavírus | ECONOMIA | epidemia | estudo de impacto | prevenção das doenças | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | saúde

Resumo Since the end of the holiday season, the rate of Covid-19 infection in Europe has increased to levels not seen since their peak in April 2020. Many cities and regions, and now whole countries, have had to reinforce preventive measures. An increasing number of governments around the world already face a dilemma over whether or not to return to strict confinement, which would further cripple their economies. In this context, this year's UN General Assembly, witnessed a bizarre digital stand-off between the Presidents of the United States and China, as they compete respectively for domestic and global approval of their handling of the pandemic. This note offers links to recent commentaries and reports from international think tanks on coronavirus and related issues. Earlier publications on the coronavirus can be found in the previous item in this series, published by EPRS on 4 September 2020.

Briefing [EN](#)

[The evolving consequences of the coronavirus 'infodemic': How viral false coronavirus-related information affects people and societies across the world](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Assuntos Externos | Coronavírus

Palavra-chave análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | comunicação | desinformação | doença por coronavírus | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | epidemia | estudo de impacto | propaganda política | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | saúde | vida política e segurança pública

Resumo Massive waves of information, including extensive amounts of false information have accompanied the coronavirus pandemic. False information is being spread by a number of different actors for various reasons. Deliberately deceptive (geo-)political disinformation campaigns to undermine democracies – including the European Union (EU) – have been spread by authoritarian state actors and their proxies. Extremist groups have exploited the situation to spread their messaging. Others have propagated misleading information for financial gain. At the same time, a combination of widespread anxiety as well as increased use of social media during lockdowns in many countries have provide fertile ground for 'organic' false information and conspiracy theories by individual users who do not intentionally want to deceive anyone, but inadvertently become part of the problem by spreading and/or amplifying misleading messages. The repercussions of the 'infodemic' are still evolving, but have impacted the ability of authorities to effectively deal with the pandemic, with the infodemic is aggravating the spread of the virus itself. Different regions of the world have been challenged by a variety of types of false information and both general and region-specific narratives – many of which have impacted public health, the economy, geopolitics and societal stability.

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[Impact investing in the framework of business and human rights](#)

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Palavra-chave análise económica | aplicação de capitais | desenvolvimento sustentável | DIREITO | direitos e liberdades | direitos humanos | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | financiamento e investimento | FINANÇAS | instituições financeiras e crédito | livre circulação de capitais | mercado de capitais | mercado financeiro | política económica | regulamentação do investimento | regulamentação financeira | sociedade de investimento

Resumo Impact investments are an emerging sustainable investment strategy and represent a small and medium enterprise-led approach to development. Impact investments are executed only when a positive financial return can be achieved alongside a measurable positive impact on an individual or societal level. Impact investors thus go beyond more established sustainable investment strategies such as exclusion or integration by explicitly aiming at impact, investing in business models that directly address social issues. Most impact investment funds invest in areas such as healthcare, education or employment and thus improve the situation of the target group. At the same time, however, there is no explicit human rights perspective integrated into the investment process yet. Given the rather small scale of investments which is usually in the range of EUR 200 000 to EUR 5 million per transaction, unintended negative consequences can occur, if only to a very limited extent. This in-depth analysis discusses the impact investing industry in the context of sustainable finance and analyses central aspects of the concept such as financing instruments, the impact measurement process or the impact logic of the investors. The analysis also discusses the limitations impact investing faces such as commercial boundaries of business models, and illustrates modified concepts to mitigate these challenges which are summarised as social finance.

Análise aprofundada [EN](#)

[Towards a more resilient Europe post-coronavirus: An initial mapping of structural risks facing the EU](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Coronavírus | Democracia na UE, Direito Institucional e Direito Parlamentar

Palavra-chave análise económica | consequências económicas | construção europeia | doença por coronavírus | ECONOMIA | epidemia | estudo de impacto | impacto social | política da UE | quadro social | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | saúde | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The current coronavirus crisis emphasises the need for the European Union to devote more effort to anticipatory governance, notably through analysis of medium- and long-term global trends, as well as structured contingency planning and the stress-testing of existing and future policies. In order to contribute to reflection on, and discussion about, the implications of the coronavirus pandemic for EU policy-making, this paper offers an initial 'mapping' of some of the potential structural risks which could confront Europe over the coming decade, with 66 such risks analysed briefly in a series of short notes. The document then goes on to take a closer look at some of the more immediate risks to be considered in the near-term and outlines possible EU action to prevent or mitigate them over the remainder of the 2019-24 institutional cycle.

[Estudo](#) [EN](#)

[How the COVID-19 crisis has affected security and defence-related aspects for the EU](#)

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Palavra-chave análise económica | construção europeia | defesa | doença por coronavírus | ECONOMIA | epidemia | estudo de impacto | política comum de segurança e defesa | política europeia de defesa | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | saúde | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This briefing examines the impact that the COVID-19 crisis has had on security and defence-related aspects for the European Union (EU) between December 2019 and June 2020. Based on this analysis, it identifies key problems or questions that require more attention from policymakers in the coming months and years. Four areas are singled out for analysis, as follows.
Section (i), on the security environment and implications for strategy, discusses how COVID-19 tends to feed violent conflict and empowers non-state actors, but also highlights new opportunities to make cease-fires stick. It makes the case for examining in what areas and through what steps Europe can strengthen its self-reliance, unity and strategic leadership capability amidst the growing risk of great power competition.
Section (ii), on Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) and defence-related mechanisms, capabilities and resources, identifies the growing risk to Europe's defence budget, capabilities and ambitions and suggests a number of ways in which Member States can manage these risks through fiscal measures, greater prioritisation and collaboration.
Section (iii) highlights the multi-faceted positive contributions that the armed forces have made to support civilian authorities at home, but suggests substantial untapped potential to do more in future emergencies. It makes the case for analysing the long-term implications of COVID-19 on readiness and generating forces for overseas operations.
Section (iv), on the different ways CSDP operations and missions have been affected by COVID-19 and the ways in which they have adapted to support host countries, makes the case for tackling pre-existing problems with staffing of missions and the resilience of missions to infectious diseases. It also recommends reviewing the rationale and scope for what might be termed 'health diplomacy'.

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[Coronavirus: An uncertain future \[What Think Tanks are thinking\]](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Coronavírus

Palavra-chave análise económica | consequências económicas | doença por coronavírus | ECONOMIA | epidemia | estudo de impacto | impacto social | quadro social | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | saúde

Resumo The spread of the coronavirus pandemic is reshaping the world economy and politics. Analysts and politicians argue that the extent of changes will depend on the persistence of the crisis and the ability of global powers to cooperate in efforts to contain and control it. In Europe, where containment rules have already been eased in many countries, governments and citizens fear a second wave of the pandemic, especially given that infection rates are again slowly rising in certain regions. Worldwide, populations in conflict-zones find themselves in an especially precarious situation. This note offers links to recent commentaries and reports from international think tanks on coronavirus and related issues. Earlier publications on the coronavirus can be found in the previous item in this series, published by EPRS on 10 July.

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[Impact of the pandemic on elections around the world: From safety concerns to political crises](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Assuntos Externos | Coronavírus

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Resumo The coronavirus has taken a heavy toll on electoral processes around the world, with many elections being postponed because of emergency situations. Ideally, postponing elections should involve a sensible balancing act between the democratic imperative, enshrined in international law and national constitutions, to hold regular elections, and public health requirements restricting large gatherings and minimising close contact between people. While some countries have decided to go ahead with elections, most countries with elections scheduled since the beginning of March have postponed them. Among those that have held elections during the pandemic, South Korea has emerged as a model for having organised a highly successful electoral process, while protecting the health of its population. Others, such as Burundi, have set a negative standard, ignoring health risks putting both population and politicians in peril. Postponing elections as part of the policy response to the crisis ideally requires a broad political consensus. However, rescheduling has proven divisive in many cases. Those in power have often been accused by the opposition and other critics of trying to reshape the calendar to their own advantage, either by lifting lockdowns too early to allow for the restart of the electoral process (such as in Serbia – the first European country to hold parliamentary elections after the crisis) or by prolonging transitional situations unnecessarily (such as in Bolivia, which has an interim president). The crisis provides a unique opportunity for electoral reform. Extending opportunities for early and remote voting has been seen as a way to reduce risk. However, much caution is needed, particularly as regards remote online voting, which involves either limitations of the right to voting secrecy or serious and still unmanageable cyber-risks.

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Palavra-chave análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | condição feminina | democracia | DIREITO | direitos e liberdades | doença por coronavírus | ECONOMIA | educação | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | emprego | EMPREGO E TRABALHO | epidemia | estudo de impacto | igualdade de género | política da educação | quadro político | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | saúde | trabalho feminino | vida social

Resumo The Monthly Highlights publication provides an overview, at a glance, of the on-going work of the policy departments, including a selection of the latest and forthcoming publications, and a list of future events.

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[Assessing the potential impact of an EU-India trade agreement](#)

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Palavra-chave acordo comercial (UE) | análise económica | construção europeia | documentação | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | relatório de investigação | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | Ásia-Oceânia | Índia

Resumo The EU and India are major actors in the international arena and the discussions over a possible Free Trade Agreement has been ongoing for several years. This study analyses the potential effects of an FTA between EU and India in a "Cost of Non Europe" perspective. The results of a quantitative simulation of a potential FTA in goods and services indicate that welfare gains from increased trade for both sides may be between € 8 billion and € 8.5 billion (0.03 % increase with respect to the baseline for the EU and about 0.3 % for India). Furthermore, a qualitative analysis suggests that potential gains may appear from a coordinated EU action in addressing possible side effects, distributive impacts and externalities (such as inequalities, labour market effects, poverty and development implications, environmental issues) and from increased coordination in the provision of global public goods. By considering these aspects, the Cost of Non-Europe in the field may be larger.

[Estudo EN](#)

[Artificial intelligence: How does it work, why does it matter, and what can we do about it?](#)

Tipo de publicação Estudo

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Domínio de intervenção Cultura | Democracia | Direitos Humanos | Educação | Emprego | Indústria | Mercado Interno e União Aduaneira | Política de Investigação | Política Social | Programação | Proteção dos Consumidores | Segurança e Defesa

Palavra-chave análise económica | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | impacto das tecnologias da informação | informação e tratamento da informação | informática e processamento de dados | inteligência artificial | nova tecnologia | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica

Resumo Artificial intelligence (AI) is probably the defining technology of the last decade, and perhaps also the next. The aim of this report is to support meaningful reflection and productive debate about AI by providing accessible information about the full range of current and speculative techniques and their associated impacts, and setting out a wide range of regulatory, technological and societal measures that could be mobilised in response.

[Estudo](#) [EN](#)

[A more resilient, sustainable and fair Europe after coronavirus?](#)

Tipo de publicação Em síntese

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Domínio de intervenção Ambiente | Assuntos Económicos e Monetários | Coronavírus | Educação | Emprego | Política Social

Palavra-chave análise económica | consequências económicas | desenvolvimento sustentável | doença por coronavírus | ECONOMIA | epidemia | estudo de impacto | política económica | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | recessão económica | retoma económica | saúde | situação económica

Resumo The triple-crisis – the pandemic's public health and economic consequences intertwined with the underlying environmental crisis – may lead to increasing divergence, instead of convergence and cohesion among Member States, regions, generations and different groups of society across the EU and globally. However, if handled with a longer-term perspective with the aim of achieving a more resilient, sustainable and fair EU – the crisis also offers the opportunity to turn the three into the guiding principles of the recovery. This applies as much for the content of the policies as for the process of their design and implementation, both in the short and longer terms.

[Em síntese](#) [EN](#)

[Artificial intelligence: From ethics to policy](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Comércio internacional | Proteção dos Consumidores

Palavra-chave análise económica | aproximação das legislações | CIÊNCIAS | ciências humanas | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | informação e tratamento da informação | inteligência artificial | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | ética

Resumo There is little doubt that artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) will revolutionise public services. However, the power for positive change that AI provides simultaneously has a potential for negative impacts on society. AI ethics work to uncover the variety of ethical issues resulting from the design, development, and deployment of AI. The question at the centre of all current work in AI ethics is: 'How can we move from AI ethics to specific policy and legislation for governing AI?' Based on a framing of 'AI as a social experiment', this study arrives at policy options for public administrations and governmental organisations who are looking to deploy AI/ML solutions, as well as the private companies who are creating AI/ML solutions for use in the public arena. The reasons for targeting this application sector concern: the need for a high standard of transparency, respect for democratic values, and legitimacy. The policy options presented here chart a path towards accountability; procedures and decisions of an ethical nature are systematically logged prior to the deployment of an AI system. This logging is the first step in allowing ethics to play a crucial role in the implementation of AI for the public good.

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[Anexo 1](#) [EN](#)

[Opportunities of Artificial Intelligence](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Indústria

Palavra-chave análise económica | consequências económicas | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | espaço industrial europeu | estudo de impacto | INDÚSTRIA | informação e tratamento da informação | inteligência artificial | política e estruturas industriais

Resumo This study focuses on presenting the technological, impact and regulatory state of play in the EU, as compared to key competitor countries. This study also highlights industrial areas in which AI will bring significant socioeconomic benefits, before presenting a methodology for scrutinising the fitness of the EU policy and regulatory framework in the context of AI.

[Estudo](#) [EN](#)

[Blockchain for supply chains and international trade](#)

Tipo de publicação Estudo

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Domínio de intervenção Ambiente | Assuntos Bancários e Financeiros | Assuntos Económicos e Monetários | Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante | Comércio internacional | Direito Contratual, Direito Comercial e Direito Empresarial | Direito internacional privado e cooperação judicial em matéria civil | Indústria | Mercado Interno e União Aduaneira | Política de Investigação | Política Social | Proteção dos Consumidores

Palavra-chave análise económica | banca eletrónica | cadeia de abastecimento | cadeia de blocos | comércio internacional | comércio internacional | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | FINANÇAS | instituições financeiras e crédito | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | produção | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica

Resumo This study provides an analysis of blockchain technology in the context of international trade. It analyses the potential impacts of blockchain development and applications in eight use cases for supply chains and international trade. It also provides an analysis of the current legislative framework and existing initiatives. Based on this analysis, and following a broad consultation of relevant organisations, the study identifies several challenges in international trade documentation and processes, and presents a range of policy options for the European Parliament.

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Anexo [EN](#)

[How digital technology is easing the burden of confinement](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Autor NEGREIRO ACHIAGA Maria Del Mar

Domínio de intervenção Coronavírus | Indústria

Palavra-chave análise económica | comunicação | doença por coronavírus | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | emprego | EMPREGO E TRABALHO | epidemia | estudo de impacto | fosso digital | impacto das tecnologias da informação | informação e tratamento da informação | informática e processamento de dados | internet | mudança tecnológica | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | saúde | tecnologia digital | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | teletrabalho | transmissão de dados

Resumo The coronavirus pandemic is bringing an unforeseen acceleration in the digital transformation of societies around the world. This is the first pandemic in history in which digital technologies are being used on a massive scale to keep people connected while in isolation, allowing them to telework, follow online courses, shop online or consult health professionals from home. As a result, internet traffic has increased substantially since confinement began. According to EU Member States' national regulators, operators have so far been able to manage this surge, while also introducing many exceptional measures, such as temporarily removing broadband data caps and making extra data and free online content available. The current crisis has highlighted the importance that upgraded telecoms networks and 5G will have for societies and economies. Furthermore, now that confinement has started to ease, it is increasingly clear that digital technology will continue to play a very important longer-term role in controlling the spread of the coronavirus. The scope of contact-tracing apps is likely to expand, and teleworking, telehealth and e-learning are likely to become more prevalent than before. However, the most popular digital apps, whether for e-commerce, social media, videoconferencing or contact tracing are not of EU origin, posing concerns for the EU's digital dependency, competitive advantage and data privacy. In fact, the coronavirus crisis has further consolidated the existing dominance of 'Big Tech'. The pandemic has further exacerbated existing issues: for instance, the digital divide has broadened further and there has been a global rise in cybersecurity incidents. The EU is poised to tackle these issues, while at the same time embracing the digital transformation in our lifestyles and allowing the internet to play a critical role in defeating the virus.

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Multimédia [How digital technology is easing the burden of confinement](#)

[Which 'new normal' after coronavirus? \[What Think Tanks are thinking\]](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Coronavírus | Saúde Pública

Palavra-chave análise económica | consequências económicas | doença por coronavírus | ECONOMIA | epidemia | estudo de impacto | impacto social | quadro social | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | saúde | saúde pública

Resumo Many countries are now beginning to relax their strict confinement measures as the infection, hospitalisation and death rates from the coronavirus all fall. However, the impact of such moves is being monitored very closely, in order to try to forestall any second wave of infection. Meanwhile, debate intensifies about whether people's previous life-styles and working practices, especially in richer industrialised countries, will be radically changed and/or remain sustainable in the emerging 'new normal'. In parallel, the possibility of finding a vaccine, and using other modern technology applications, to overcome the virus is being intensively discussed. Analysts are also looking at the disease's specific impact in the poorest regions of the world, notably in sub-Saharan Africa. This note offers links to recent commentaries and reports from international think tanks on coronavirus and related issues. Earlier publications on the topic can be found in the previous item in this series, published by EPRS on 8 May.

Briefing [EN](#)

[The e-commerce Directive as the cornerstone of the Internal Market](#)

Tipo de publicação Em síntese

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Domínio de intervenção Aprovação da Legislação pelo PE e pelo Conselho | Democracia na UE, Direito Institucional e Direito Parlamentar | Governação Mundial | Mercado Interno e União Aduaneira | Programação | Proteção dos Consumidores

Palavra-chave análise económica | comercialização | comunicação | comércio eletrónico | construção europeia | direito da União Europeia | diretiva CE | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | internet | mercado único digital | prestação de serviços | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The e-commerce Directive was adopted in 2000 and has played a key role in the development of online platforms in Europe. The study assesses the effects of the Directive as a cornerstone of the Digital Single Market. On that basis, it proposes some reforms for the future Digital Services Act.

Em síntese [EN](#)

[Potentially negative effects of internet use](#)

Tipo de publicação Análise aprofundada

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Domínio de intervenção Cultura | Educação | Política Social | Programação | Proteção dos Consumidores | Saúde Pública

Palavra-chave análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | comportamento social | comunicação | construção europeia | dependência do jogo | desenvolvimento pessoal | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | impacto das tecnologias da informação | informação e tratamento da informação | informática e processamento de dados | internet | literacia digital | mercado único digital | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | relações humanas | saúde | saúde pública | segurança da informação | sensibilização do público | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | vida política e segurança pública | vida social

Resumo It is increasingly recognised that the internet, in spite of all its benefits to society, can also be correlated with significant harms to individuals and society. Some of these harms have been studied extensively, particularly harms to privacy, harms associated with security and cybercrime, and harms resulting from digital divides. This report covers less studied but equally important harms: harms associated with internet use that concern the health, well-being a functioning of individuals, and the impact on social structures and institutions. The ultimate aim of the study is to develop concrete policy options to be considered by the EU Institutions and Member States, to mitigate negative effects of the internet for European citizens.

Análise aprofundada [EN](#)

Multimédia [Potentially negative effects of internet use](#)

[Coronavirus: From lock-down to de-confinement, and beyond \[What Think Tanks are thinking\]](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Coronavírus | Saúde Pública

Palavra-chave análise económica | consequências económicas | doença por coronavírus | ECONOMIA | epidemia | estudo de impacto | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | retoma económica | saúde | situação económica

Resumo A number of European countries have now started, or will soon start, relaxing the lock-downs put in place to slow the spread of the lethal coronavirus. The goal is to begin the process of reviving their economies, which have been hit very hard by the crisis, without prompting a further upsurge in the pandemic. While still assessing the immediate impacts of the crisis and actively examining various 'exit strategies', analysts are also shifting their focus towards identifying the medium- and long-term legacy of the crisis, the likely shape of the 'world after coronavirus', and the best policies for the future. This note offers links to recent commentaries and reports from international think tanks on coronavirus and related issues. Earlier publications on the topic can be found in the previous edition in this series, published by EPRS on 28 April.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Northern Ireland after Brexit](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Assuntos Externos

Palavra-chave análise económica | construção europeia | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | Europa | GEOGRAFIA | Irlanda do Norte | regiões dos Estados-Membros da União Europeia | retirada da UE | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The United Kingdom's vote to leave the European Union ('Brexit'), by referendum in June 2016, raised particular concerns in and about Northern Ireland, which had voted by 56 per cent to remain within the European Union. Principal among these concerns was the prospect of a 'hard' border, potentially upsetting the delicate balance between the region's status as part of the United Kingdom and its close relationship with Ireland. There were fears that this in turn could disrupt the peace process and the progress made since the 1998 Good Friday/Belfast Agreement. Given the UK's insistence on leaving the EU's customs union, the question of avoiding a hard border without introducing new divisions between Northern Ireland and the rest of the UK was a particular challenge in the withdrawal negotiations. The Withdrawal Agreement eventually adopted in January 2020 envisages that the region will nominally be part of UK customs territory, but retain close ties to the EU customs union and single market regulations on manufactured and agricultural goods, with the aim of enabling unobstructed trade to continue between the two parts of the island of Ireland. Much will depend on the detailed arrangements for implementing the Agreement, to be worked out by a specialised committee of EU and UK representatives, which met for the first time on 30 April 2020. With uncertainty as to how Northern Ireland's rather ambiguous status under the Withdrawal Agreement will work in practice, trade and investment could see some disruption. Economic effects could also result from migration restrictions – given the large number of EU nationals working in Northern Ireland – and the loss of some EU funding. There are also political implications, with the Brexit process having brought debate on Northern Ireland's status as part of the UK back on to the political agenda.

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[The economy and coronavirus - Weekly Picks 04/05/2020](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Assuntos Bancários e Financeiros | Assuntos Económicos e Monetários | Coronavírus | Saúde Pública

Palavra-chave análise económica | Banco Central Europeu | China | consequências económicas | documentação | doença por coronavírus | ECONOMIA | economia monetária | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | epidemia | estudo de impacto | FINANÇAS | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | recessão económica | resumo de textos | retoma económica | saúde | Semestre Europeu | situação económica | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | Ásia-Oceânia

Resumo This paper provides a summary of some recent analyses of the macroeconomic effects of the coronavirus and some policy recommendations made in the public domain to mitigate these negative effects.

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[Coronavirus and the world of work](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Coronavírus | Emprego | Saúde Pública

Palavra-chave análise económica | condições de trabalho | condições e organização do trabalho | desemprego | doença por coronavírus | ECONOMIA | emprego | EMPREGO E TRABALHO | epidemia | estudo de impacto | mercado do trabalho | mercado do trabalho | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | saúde | supressão de posto de trabalho

Resumo The coronavirus pandemic and the measures taken to curb its spread have had far-reaching and lasting consequences in different sectors of the economy, in the form of job and income losses or significantly modified working conditions. This briefing gives an overview of the host of problems confronting workers and employers due to the pandemic and its consequences, and presents possible solutions that can be applied at different levels. A set of solutions concerns the level of the individual worker or the company employing them. Certain types of occupations, for instance, allow 'going digital' (even if teleworking also has its challenges). In other cases, the company can pay partial or total wages or sick leave to its employees. At yet another level, that of the Member States, short-time work schemes can be introduced or have their scope further extended. Governments can also regulate parameters of teleworking or extend income replacements to groups of workers benefiting from lesser social protection. Through initiatives such as the Support to Mitigate Unemployment Risks in Emergency (SURE) and the Coronavirus Response Investment Initiatives, the European Union is taking an active part in tackling the coronavirus crisis by supporting Member States, companies and workers to face the challenges. At its 16-17 April plenary session, the European Parliament voted on and adopted a number of important coronavirus-related proposals, concerning among others workers in certain sectors (healthcare, fishermen and aquaculture farmers) as well as more flexible use of the European structural and investment funds.

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Multimédia [Living in the EU: Work before the coronavirus crisis](#)

[Coronavirus: Impact and challenges \[What Think Tanks are thinking\]](#)

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Palavra-chave análise económica | consequências económicas | doença por coronavírus | ECONOMIA | epidemia | estudo de impacto | impacto social | quadro social | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | recessão económica | saúde | situação económica

Resumo As the coronavirus crisis continues to take its deadly toll across the world, it does so with varying degrees of severity depending on the country. Some states are considering relaxing preventive measures against the disease, others are doing so already. Many analysts and politicians are beginning to turn their attention from short-term measures to contain the virus and save economies from collapse to longer-term challenges, such as the pandemic's impact on international governance, defence, foreign policy and the international debt market. This note offers links to recent commentaries and reports from international think tanks on the coronavirus and related issues. Earlier publications on the topic can be found in the previous edition in this series, published by the EPRS on 15 April.

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[The Impact of Covid-19 Measures on Democracy, the Rule of Law and Fundamental Rights in the EU](#)

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Palavra-chave análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | democracia | DIREITO | direitos e liberdades | direitos humanos | doença por coronavírus | ECONOMIA | epidemia | Estado de Direito | Estado-Membro UE | estudo de impacto | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | quadro político | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | saúde

Resumo This Briefing was prepared by the Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs upon request of the LIBE committee Monitoring Group on Democracy, Rule of Law and Fundamental Rights. It focuses on the measures adopted by EU Member States to fight Covid-19 and their impact on democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights in the EU. The Policy Department has monitored such measures and examined their impact in relation to: state of emergency and exceptional powers, the functioning of national parliaments and of the judiciary; freedom of movement; freedom of expression and of the media; freedom of assembly; privacy and data protection; asylum; prisons; discrimination and vulnerable groups; other issues of relevance for Art. 2 TEU. The monitoring exercise reveals a series of areas of possible concern for the EU and the European Parliament. This exercise is notably useful in preparation of the first annual inter-institutional monitoring exercise in the framework of the new European mechanism on the Rule of Law.

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[Impact of the Erasmus+ programme](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Educação | Valor Acrescentado Europeu

Palavra-chave análise económica | construção europeia | cooperação em matéria de educação | ECONOMIA | educação | educação | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | intercâmbio escolar | mobilidade escolar | organização do ensino | política de cooperação | programa da UE | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo Erasmus+ is the EU programme in the field of education and training, and highly valued by the Member States, the general public and the stakeholders. The European Added Value is high. The multiplier effect of this investment is EUR 10 (lowest estimation) for each EUR 1 invested within 5 years.

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[Coronavirus: What should policy-makers do? \[What Think Tanks are thinking\]](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Coronavírus | Saúde Pública

Palavra-chave análise económica | consequências económicas | doença por coronavírus | ECONOMIA | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | epidemia | estudo de impacto | gestão administrativa | gestão de crises | prevenção das doenças | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | saúde

Resumo The coronavirus pandemic continues to spread around the world. Governments have adopted preventive measures of varying degrees of severity. Analysts and commentators continue to call for a more coordinated response to the disease, notably at European Union level, without always agreeing on what the precise response should be. Meanwhile, some are beginning to try to envisage how the world will have changed once the virus is finally contained. This note offers links to recent commentaries and reports from international think tanks on the coronavirus and related issues. Earlier publications on the topic can be found in the previous edition in this series, published by EPRS on 26 March.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Protecting the EU agri-food supply chain in the face of COVID-19](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Agricultura e Desenvolvimento Rural | Coronavírus

Palavra-chave agroalimentar | agroalimentar | AGROALIMENTAR | análise económica | cadeia de abastecimento | doença por coronavírus | ECONOMIA | epidemia | estudo de impacto | produção | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | saúde | segurança alimentar

Resumo In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, EU countries' governments have taken a host of measures, including reintroducing border controls and setting limits to free movement of people within their territory, in an attempt to stem the spread of the disease. These measures have had a pronounced impact on the EU agri-food supply chain. The EU food system is a complex web of inter-related sectors that ensure both the sustenance of EU consumers and the achievement of food security, one of the EU Treaty's objectives. This system relies on about 10 million farms, several hundred thousand food and beverage processing companies, thousands of businesses manufacturing agricultural inputs or handling packaging, transport, storage and distribution, as well as wholesalers, markets and other retailers. When the functioning of any one sector of the food chain is hindered, the whole chain can be disrupted. For instance, as highlighted by sectoral stakeholders and then addressed by EU-level measures, recent national restrictions have contributed to problems such as blocked transport routes, long queues at border checks for commodity transport, and shortages of seasonal farm workers who can no longer move freely from one Member State to another. Specific schemes have been set up at EU level as a lifeline to farms and companies from the agri-food sectors that have been the hardest hit and are in greatest need of support. The European Parliament voted the first emergency measures to combat COVID-19 at an extraordinary plenary meeting on 26 March. Members of the Parliament's Agricultural and Rural Development Committee have put forward proposals on further measures. There has also been an overhaul of EU farm policy rules as a first step to address the emergency at EU level. How these rules will evolve further depends on the concerted efforts of all parties concerned: stakeholders, the EU and national policy-makers. Unified action at EU level is also required to complete the legislative process for the adoption of the 2021-2027 long-term EU budget and future EU farm policy, discussion of which has slowed down due to the crisis.

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Multimédia [Protecting the EU agri-food supply chain in the face of COVID-19](#)

[Coronavirus: Impact and reaction \[What Think Tanks are thinking\]](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Coronavírus | Saúde Pública

Palavra-chave análise económica | consequências económicas | doença por coronavírus | ECONOMIA | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | epidemia | estudo de impacto | gestão administrativa | gestão de crises | impacto social | política de saúde | quadro social | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | saúde

Resumo Governments around the world are introducing increasingly harsh measures to contain the highly contagious coronavirus, which causes the often lethal COVID-19 disease. In many countries, borders have been shut, schools, restaurants and non-food shops closed, and a ban on public and sometimes private meetings has been introduced. According to news media reports, as of 24 March, confirmed coronavirus cases around the world exceeded 377 000 across 194 countries and territories, with more than 16 500 of them having been fatal. This note offers links to recent commentaries and reports from international think tanks on the coronavirus and related issues. Earlier publications on the topic can be found in the previous item in the series, published on 18 March.

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[The ethics of artificial intelligence: Issues and initiatives](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Assuntos Bancários e Financeiros | Democracia | Direito da UE: Ordenamento Jurídico e Atos Jurídicos | Emprego | Espaço de Liberdade, de Segurança e de Justiça | Governação Mundial | Política de Investigação | Política Social | Programação | Proteção dos Consumidores | Saúde Pública | Transportes

Palavra-chave análise económica | CIÊNCIAS | ciências humanas | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | impacto social | informação e tratamento da informação | informática e processamento de dados | inteligência artificial | nova tecnologia | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | quadro social | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | robótica | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | ética

Resumo This study deals with the ethical implications and moral questions that arise from the development and implementation of artificial intelligence (AI) technologies. It also reviews the guidelines and frameworks that countries and regions around the world have created to address these. It presents a comparison between the current main frameworks and the main ethical issues, and highlights gaps around mechanisms of fair benefit sharing; assigning of responsibility; exploitation of workers; energy demands in the context of environmental and climate changes; and more complex and less certain implications of AI, such as those regarding human relationships.

[Estudo](#) [EN](#)

[Anexo 1](#) [EN](#)

[Banking union – Annual report 2019](#)

Tipo de publicação Em síntese

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Domínio de intervenção Assuntos Económicos e Monetários

Palavra-chave análise económica | comité (UE) | consumo | crédito imobiliário | DIREITO | direito civil | documentação | ECONOMIA | economia monetária | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estudo de impacto | FINANÇAS | hipoteca | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | instituições financeiras e crédito | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | livre circulação de capitais | Parlamento Europeu | pequenas e médias empresas | proteção do consumidor | relatório de atividade | tipos de empresa | união bancária da UE | união dos mercados de capitais | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The European Parliament's own-initiative report on the banking union in 2019 is due to be debated during the March I plenary part-session. It touches on emerging challenges and actual risks for the European banking sector, stressing its role in funding the real economy, and addresses prudential and resolution rules. The report also restates the need to complete the banking union by establishing a fiscal backstop and a European deposit insurance scheme, and advocates greater active involvement for the Parliament in the process.

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[European Commission Work Programme for 2020](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Assuntos Económicos e Monetários | Democracia

Palavra-chave análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | Comissão Europeia | comissão PE | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | funcionamento institucional | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | poder executivo e administração pública | política regulamentar | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This briefing is intended as a background overview for parliamentary committees planning their activities in relation to the European Commission's 2020 work programme (CWP 2020). It offers a brief description of the work programme's content and of related publications provided by the Ex-Ante Impact Assessment Unit (IMPA) and the Ex-Post Evaluation Unit (EVAL) of the European Parliamentary Research Service (EPRS), in particular initial appraisals of Commission impact assessments and implementation appraisals.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Effects of 5G wireless communication on human health](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Palavra-chave 5G | análise económica | comunicação | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | rede de transmissão | risco sanitário | saúde

Resumo The fifth generation of telecommunications technologies, 5G, is fundamental to achieving a European gigabit society by 2025. The aim to cover all urban areas, railways and major roads with uninterrupted fifth generation wireless communication can only be achieved by creating a very dense network of antennas and transmitters. In other words, the number of higher frequency base stations and other devices will increase significantly. This raises the question as to whether there is a negative impact on human health and environment from higher frequencies and billions of additional connections, which, according to research, will mean constant exposure for the whole population, including children. Whereas researchers generally consider such radio waves not to constitute a threat to the population, research to date has not addressed the constant exposure that 5G would introduce. Accordingly, a section of the scientific community considers that more research on the potential negative biological effects of electromagnetic fields (EMF) and 5G is needed, notably on the incidence of some serious human diseases. A further consideration is the need to bring together researchers from different disciplines, in particular medicine and physics or engineering, to conduct further research into the effects of 5G. The EU's current provisions on exposure to wireless signals, the Council Recommendation on the limitation of exposure of the general public to electromagnetic fields (0 Hz to 300 GHz), is now 20 years old, and thus does not take the specific technical characteristics of 5G into account.

Briefing [DE](#), [EN](#), [FR](#), [PL](#)

Multimédia [Is 5G wireless communication safe for human health?](#)

Covered bonds – Issue and supervision, exposures

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Aprovação da Legislação pelo PE e pelo Conselho | Assuntos Bancários e Financeiros | Assuntos Económicos e Monetários

Palavra-chave análise económica | Autoridade Bancária Europeia | caixa hipotecária | Comité Europeu do Risco Sistémico | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | economia monetária | emissão de títulos | estudo de impacto | financiamento e investimento | FINANÇAS | instituição de crédito | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | instituições financeiras e crédito | investimento | liquidez monetária | livre circulação de capitais | mercado de capitais | obrigação financeira | proposta (UE) | regulamentação financeira | sociedade de investimento | supervisão financeira | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo Covered bonds are debt securities issued by credit institutions and secured by a pool of mortgage loans or credit towards the public sector. They are characterised further by the double protection offered to bondholders, the segregation of assets in their cover pool, over-collateralisation, and their strict supervisory frameworks. Currently, their issuance is concentrated in five Member States. National regulatory regimes vary widely in terms of supervision and composition of the cover pool. Lastly, despite benefiting from preferential treatment under the Capital Requirements Regulation (CRR), they share no common definition, which can lead to different securities benefiting from this treatment. To remedy this, the Commission has adopted proposals for, on the one hand, a directive, which would lay down investor protection rules and provide common definitions, and on the other, a regulation, which would amend the CRR with regard to covered bond exposures. Parliament voted in plenary on 18 April 2019 to adopt the texts agreed in trilogue. After linguistic corrections, Parliament approved corrigenda and the two acts were signed on 27 November 2019. Third edition. The 'EU Legislation in Progress' briefings are updated at key stages throughout the legislative procedure.

Briefing [EN](#)

Modernisation of EU consumer protection rules: A new deal for consumers

Tipo de publicação Briefing

Data 15-01-2020

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Domínio de intervenção Aprovação da Legislação pelo PE e pelo Conselho | Proteção dos Consumidores

Palavra-chave análise económica | comercialização | comércio eletrónico | concorrência | construção europeia | consumo | DIREITO | direito civil | direito da União Europeia | direito penal | ECONOMIA | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estudo de impacto | indemnização | INDÚSTRIA | indústria automóvel | indústria mecânica | injunção | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | interesse coletivo | justiça | mercado único | política dos consumidores | proposta (UE) | proteção do consumidor | publicidade abusiva | sanção penal | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | violação do direito da UE

Resumo On 11 April 2018, the European Commission adopted a proposal for a directive on better enforcement and modernisation of EU consumer protection rules, as part of its 'new deal for consumers' package of measures. The proposal followed a fitness check of consumer legislation and an evaluation of the Consumer Rights Directive that showed that EU consumer legislation could benefit from certain aspects being clarified and brought into line with the reality of the digital economy. Following negotiations between the European Parliament and the Council of the EU, the agreed text was adopted by the European Parliament in April 2019, and the final act was signed on 27 November 2019. The new directive leaves the consumer's right of withdrawal intact. It will ban several unfair commercial practices, such as false online reviews, and require Member States to set the maximum penalty for widespread infringement to at least 4 % of the trader's annual turnover. Dual quality of food will not be banned altogether, but could be considered to be misleading depending on the circumstances. Online marketplaces will be required to inform consumers about the parameters of their search results. Fourth edition. The 'EU Legislation in Progress' briefings are updated at key stages throughout the legislative procedure.

Briefing [EN](#)

Multimédia [Modernisation of EU consumer protection rules: A new deal for consumers](#)

Appraising the quality of the European Commission's impact assessments

Tipo de publicação Estudo

Data 18-12-2019

Autor externo DG, EPRS

Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante

Palavra-chave análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | avaliação de projeto | documentação | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estudo de impacto | gestão administrativa | poder executivo e administração pública | política regulamentar | relatório de estudo da UE

Resumo Based on a scoring exercise of 132 Commission Impact Assessments, adopted between July 2015 and December 2018, and their appraisal by the IMPA unit of the EPRS, this study provides a critical assessment of the strengths and weaknesses of these IAs. While their overall average quality is considered satisfactory, the analysis finds considerable variation between different parts of an IA. In view of contributing to future improvements of the IA process and promoting the value of IAs to support transparent political decision-making, this study indicates the main structural shortcomings to be addressed.

Estudo [EN](#)

European Institute of Innovation and Technology and its Strategic Innovation Agenda, 2021-2027

Tipo de publicação Briefing

Data 12-12-2019

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante | Programação

Palavra-chave análise económica | construção europeia | ECONOMIA | estratégia de crescimento da UE | estudo de impacto | inovação | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | Instituto Europeu de Inovação e Tecnologia | investigação e desenvolvimento | investigação e propriedade intelectual | nova tecnologia | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The main objective of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) is to stimulate and support innovation and competitiveness in Europe. In this light, it is regrettable that the impacts on SMEs, competitiveness, or territorial impacts are not discussed in the impact assessment. The budget of the EIT under Horizon 2021-2027 proposal is EUR 3 billion. As most innovation activities managed by EIT take place in 5 countries only, improved regional outreach is one of the objectives of this initiative. New activity - HEInnovate - is proposed to support entrepreneurial and innovation capacity of universities.

Briefing [EN](#)

Public hearing with Andrea Enria, Chair of the ECB Supervisory Board

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Palavra-chave análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | audição pública | banco | branqueamento de capitais | construção europeia | ECONOMIA | economia monetária | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estudo de impacto | Europa | FINANÇAS | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | geografia política | gestão contabilística | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | instituições financeiras e crédito | livre circulação de capitais | membro do Banco Central Europeu | nomeação de membros | Reino Unido | rentabilidade | retirada da UE | trabalhos parlamentares | Tribunal de Contas Europeu | união bancária da UE | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This note is prepared in view of a regular public hearing with the Chair of the Supervisory Board of the European Central Bank (ECB), Andrea Enria, which will take place on 12 December 2019. The briefing addresses (i) Single Supervisory Mechanism (SSM) priorities for 2020, (ii) Banks' profitability issues; (iii) Stress testing developments; (iv) some individual bank cases; (v) supervisory issues and policies (anti-money laundering, Brexit, and impact of Basel III and IFRS9), and (vi) the completion of the Banking Union.

Briefing [EN](#)

Geographical indications for non-agricultural products

Tipo de publicação Estudo

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Domínio de intervenção Direito da Propriedade Intelectual | Mercado Interno e União Aduaneira | Valor Acrescentado Europeu

Palavra-chave análise económica | cerâmica | comercialização | consumo | cultura e religião | denominação de origem | denominação do produto | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | INDÚSTRIA | indústrias diversas | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | rotulagem | usos e costumes

Resumo This Cost of Non-Europe report seeks to quantify the costs arising from the lack of European Union (EU) legislation protecting Geographical Indications (GIs) for non-agricultural products and to analyse the benefits foregone for citizens, businesses and Member States. The report estimates that introducing EU-wide GI protection for non-agricultural products would have an overall positive effect on trade, employment and rural development. More precisely, after approximately 20 years of implementation, such a protection scheme would yield an overall expected increase in intra-EU trade of about 4.9-6.6 % of current exports (€37.6-50 billion) in the more relevant sectors. Expectations are that regional-level employment would rise by 0.12-0.14 % and that 284 000-338 000 new jobs would be created in the EU as a whole. The expected positive impact on rural development would materialise, among other things, through direct support for locally based high-quality producers, rural economic diversification and local producers' capacity to organise collectively.

Estudo [EN](#)

[Limits on exposure to carcinogens and mutagens at work: Third proposal](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Aprovação da Legislação pelo PE e pelo Conselho | Emprego | Saúde Pública

Palavra-chave AMBIENTE | análise económica | aprovação da lei | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | condições de trabalho | condições e organização do trabalho | degradação do ambiente | detrito perigoso | direito da União Europeia | doença profissional | ECONOMIA | EMPREGO E TRABALHO | estudo de impacto | matéria perigosa | norma de segurança | política ambiental | processo legislativo ordinário | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | proposta (UE) | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | redação legislativa | risco industrial | risco sanitário | saúde | saúde e higiene no trabalho | substância cancerígena | substância tóxica | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | trabalhos parlamentares | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The European Commission has proposed to amend Directive 2004/37/EC by expanding its scope and by including and/or revising occupational exposure limit values for a number of cancer- or mutation-causing substances. The initiative is proceeding in steps. The first proposal of May 2016 covered 13 priority chemical agents, the second, of January 2017, a further seven. The current (third) proposal addresses an additional five. Broad discussions with scientists and the social partners fed into all three proposals. Reacting to the Commission's set of measures as a whole, trade unions have acknowledged the importance of further improving the existing framework. Actors on the employers' side have underlined the need to ensure that values are proportionate and feasible in terms of technical implementation. After adoption by the Parliament and Council, in March and May respectively, based on a text agreed in trilogue in January 2019, the final act was signed by the presidents of the co-legislators on 5 June 2019. Directive (EU) 2019/983 entered into force on 10 July 2019 and is to be transposed into national law within two years, by 11 July 2021. Third edition. The 'EU Legislation in Progress' briefings are updated at key stages throughout the legislative procedure.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Framework for a pan-European personal pension product \(PEPP\)](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Assuntos Económicos e Monetários

Palavra-chave análise económica | construção europeia | consumo | direito da UE | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | Estado-Membro UE | estudo de impacto | financiamento e investimento | FINANÇAS | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | informação do consumidor | instituições financeiras e crédito | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | livre circulação de capitais | mercado de capitais | mercado único | pensão complementar | processo legislativo ordinário | promoção do investimento | proposta (UE) | proteção social | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | regulamentação do investimento | sociedade de investimento | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo Europe's population is ageing, due to people living longer and having fewer children, putting pressure on pension systems and leading to reforms to make public pensions more sustainable – and often less generous – in future. To support retirement incomes, the European Commission's 2012 pensions white paper called for more opportunities for citizens to save in safe and good-value complementary pensions. The aim of the proposed framework for a pan-European personal pension product (PEPP) was to encourage the development of personal (voluntary, individually funded) pensions in Europe, to support retirement saving and strengthen the single market for capital by making more funds available for investment. Generally the proposal was considered a welcome extra option to support retirement savings and investment. However differing national pension systems and tax treatments were noted as challenges, although the Commission also issued an accompanying tax recommendation. Following trilogue negotiations, an agreement was reached on the legislative proposal. It was subsequently approved by the Parliament on 4 April 2019 and by the Council on 14 June 2019. The final act was signed on 20 June 2019. Third edition of a briefing originally drafted by David Eatock. The 'EU Legislation in Progress' briefings are updated at key stages throughout the legislative procedure.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Ensuring more transparent and predictable working conditions](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Aprovação da Legislação pelo PE e pelo Conselho | Emprego

Palavra-chave administração e remuneração do pessoal | análise económica | comunicação | condições de trabalho | condições e organização do trabalho | consulta pública | contrato coletivo | contrato de trabalho | despedimento | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | elaboração do direito da UE | emprego | EMPREGO E TRABALHO | estudo de impacto | informação dos trabalhadores | período de estágio | política de emprego da UE | proposta (UE) | relações laborais e direito do trabalho | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo An employer's obligation to inform employees of the conditions applicable to their contracts is regulated by Directive 91/533/EEC. Major shifts in the labour market due to demographic trends and digitalisation, spawning a growing number of non-standard employment relationships, have made it necessary to revise this directive. The European Commission therefore came forward with a proposal for a directive aimed at updating and extending the information on employment-related obligations and working conditions, and at creating new minimum standards for all employed workers, including those on atypical contracts. In the European Parliament, the Committee for Employment and Social Affairs (EMPL) considered the proposal and adopted a report focusing in particular on the scope, on employees' working hours, on the conditions for making information available to them, and on employers' responsibilities. Following trilogue negotiations, the European Parliament and the Council reached an agreement on the content of the draft legislation. The final act was signed on 20 June 2019 and published in the Official Journal on 11 July 2019. Member States have until 1 August 2022 to take the necessary measures to comply with the new directive. Third edition. The 'EU Legislation in Progress' briefings are updated at key stages throughout the legislative procedure.

Briefing [EN](#)

[How the General Data Protection Regulation changes the rules for scientific research](#)

Tipo de publicação Estudo

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Domínio de intervenção Direito da Propriedade Intelectual | Direito da UE: Ordenamento Jurídico e Atos Jurídicos | Governação Mundial | Política de Investigação | Programação

Palavra-chave análise económica | dados pessoais | DIREITO | direito da União Europeia | direitos e liberdades | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | informação e tratamento da informação | informática e processamento de dados | integridade da investigação | investigação científica | investigação e propriedade intelectual | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | proteção da vida privada | proteção dos dados | regulamento (UE) | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The implementation of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) raises a series of challenges for scientific research, especially regarding research that is dependent on data. This study investigates the promises and challenges associated with the implementation of the GDPR in the scientific domain and examines the adequacy of the GDPR exceptions for scientific research in terms of safeguarding scientific freedom and technological progress.

Estudo [EN](#)

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Multimédia [How the General Data Protection Regulation changes the rules for scientific research](#)

[European Accessibility Act](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Aprovação da Legislação pelo PE e pelo Conselho | Mercado Interno e União Aduaneira | Política Social | Questões de Género, Igualdade e Diversidade

Palavra-chave análise de custos-benefícios | análise económica | aprovação da lei | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | construção europeia | demografia e população | ECONOMIA | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | envelhecimento da população | estratégia da UE | estudo de impacto | facilidades para deficientes | gestão contabilística | infraestrutura do transporte | integração dos deficientes | pequenas e médias empresas | pessoa deficiente | política de transportes | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | tipos de empresa | trabalhos parlamentares | TRANSPORTES | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | vida social

Resumo To ensure the full participation of people with disabilities in society, and to reduce the fragmentation of legislation governing access to products and services, the European Commission has adopted a proposal for a directive – often referred to as the European Accessibility Act. This proposal, published on 2 December 2015, provides for a common EU definition of, and implementation framework for, accessibility requirements for certain products and services. It also aims to use the same accessibility requirements to provide a clear definition of the existing general accessibility obligation laid down in European law. Many stakeholders welcomed the European Union's wish to honour its responsibilities under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, but they were divided on the means to reach this objective. In the European Parliament, the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO) adopted its report on 25 April 2017, which was discussed in plenary on 15 September. At the same time, Parliament gave a mandate to start negotiations with the Council. On 7 December 2017, the Council agreed on a position (general approach). On 8 November 2018, the EP and the Council came to a provisional agreement. The agreed text was adopted by the EP on 13 March 2019, then by the Council on 27 March, and published in the Official Journal on 7 June 2019. Third edition. The 'EU Legislation in Progress' briefings are updated at key stages throughout the legislative procedure.

Briefing [EN](#)

[EU certification of aviation security screening equipment](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Aprovação da Legislação pelo PE e pelo Conselho | Mercado Interno e União Aduaneira | Transportes

Palavra-chave análise económica | autorização de venda | aviação civil | comercialização | competitividade | comércio internacional | construção europeia | ECONOMIA | eletrónica e eletrotécnica | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | equipamento eletrónico | estudo de impacto | homologação | INDÚSTRIA | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | livre circulação de mercadorias | marcação «CE» de conformidade | mercado único | norma técnica | organização de empresas | política de transportes | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | segurança aérea | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | transporte aéreo e espacial | TRANSPORTES | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo In 2016, the European Commission adopted a proposal for a regulation establishing a certification system for aviation security screening equipment. The proposal sought 'to contribute to the proper functioning of the EU internal market and to increase the global competitiveness of the EU industry by establishing an EU certification system for aviation security equipment'. This system was to be based on EU type-approval and issuance of a certificate of conformity by manufacturers, which would have been valid in all Member States, according to the principle of mutual recognition. Progress on the proposal rapidly reached a stalemate. Consequently, in its 2019 work programme, the Commission announced its intention to withdraw the proposal, noting that there was a common understanding that an EU certification system would be better reached by amending existing implementing legislation based on Regulation (EC) No 300/2008 on common rules in the field of civil aviation security. The proposal was formally withdrawn on 21 June 2019. Second edition. The 'EU Legislation in Progress' briefings are updated at key stages throughout the legislative procedure.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Impact Assessment and European Added Value work during the eighth legislative term, 2014-2019](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação da Legislação e das Políticas na Prática | Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante | Democracia na UE, Direito Institucional e Direito Parlamentar | Direito da UE: Ordenamento Jurídico e Atos Jurídicos | Transposição e Aplicação da Legislação | Valor Acrescentado Europeu

Palavra-chave análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | DIREITO | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | elaboração de políticas | elaboração do direito da UE | estudo de impacto | fontes e ramos do direito | legislação | poder executivo e administração pública | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The responsibility for better law-making is shared between the European Union institutions. In recent years Parliament has developed its own instruments to guarantee proper and independent assessment and to support parliamentary committees in their work. The concept of impact assessment is applied throughout the whole policy cycle – on both an ex-ante and an ex-post basis – from the design of legislation through to its implementation, evaluation and revision. The European Parliament also advocates a proper assessment of European added value, in terms of what savings will result from a European solution and if supplementary costs would arise in the absence of a European solution. This briefing provides a look back over five years' experience in support of better regulation for the benefit of citizens.

Briefing [EN](#)

[EU policies – Delivering for citizens: Industrial policy](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Indústria | Política de Investigação

Palavra-chave análise económica | competitividade | crescimento económico | cultura e religião | digitalização | documentação | ECONOMIA | economia circular | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estudo de impacto | fabrico industrial | FINANÇAS | globalização | harmonização das normas | INDÚSTRIA | indústria cultural | investigação e desenvolvimento | investigação e propriedade intelectual | livre circulação de capitais | mercado de capitais | navegação por satélite | organização de empresas | organização dos transportes | política e estruturas industriais | política económica | política industrial da UE | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | programa-quadro de IDT | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | situação económica | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | TRANSPORTES

Resumo Through its industrial policy, the European Union (EU) has been striving to create conditions conducive to increasing industry growth and competitiveness since 1992. European industry remains a cornerstone of the economy, providing one job out of five, and is responsible for the bulk of EU exports and investment in research and innovation. Today, the aim of EU policy is to enable a successful transition towards digital, knowledge-based, decarbonised and more circular industry in Europe. To achieve this goal, the EU supports, coordinates and supplements Member State-level policies and actions, mainly in the areas of research and innovation, SMEs and digital technologies. In a Eurobarometer poll conducted for the European Parliament, more than half of EU citizens expressed support for increased EU action on industrial policy. Despite this, it is still the least understood policy area covered by the poll. Since 2014, efforts have been made in a number of areas, including investment (mainly through the European Fund for Strategic Investment, which supports industrial modernisation); digitalisation (for example setting up a number of research partnerships, or a growing network of digital innovation hubs); financing (making it easier for industry and SMEs to access public markets and attract venture funds); greener industry (for example through the revised 2030 emission targets, or measures on clean mobility); standardisation (bringing together relevant stakeholders to collectively develop and update European standards); and skills (mobilising key stakeholders to close the skills gap and providing an adequate workforce for modern industry). The European Parliament has called for ambitious policies in many of these areas. In the future, EU spending on key areas relevant to industrial policy is expected to rise moderately. The European Commission is proposing to boost the share of EU spending on research, SMEs and key infrastructure, although not as much as Parliament has requested. In the coming years, policies are likely to focus on seeking fairer global competition, stimulating innovation, building digital capacities and increasing the sustainability of European industry. This is an update of an earlier briefing issued in advance of the 2019 European elections.

Briefing [DE](#), [EN](#), [FR](#)

Multimédia [EU policies – Delivering for citizens: Industrial policy](#)

[Regulation of OTC derivatives: Amending the European Market Infrastructure Regulation \(EMIR\)](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Palavra-chave análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | contrato | controlo administrativo | derivado financeiro | DIREITO | direito civil | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | FINANÇAS | instrumento financeiro | livre circulação de capitais | mercado a prazo | poder executivo e administração pública | proposta (UE) | regulamentação financeira | regulamento (UE) | revisão da lei | trabalhos parlamentares | transação financeira | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The European Market Infrastructure Regulation (EMIR – Regulation (EU) No 648/2012), adopted in 2012, forms part of the European regulatory response to the financial crisis, and specifically addresses the problems observed in the functioning of the 'over-the-counter' (OTC) derivatives market in the 2007-2008 period. In May 2017, after carrying out an extensive assessment of EMIR, the Commission proposed a regulation amending and simplifying it in the context of its Regulatory Fitness and Performance (REFIT) programme, to address disproportionate compliance costs, transparency issues and insufficient access to clearing for certain counterparties. A provisional agreement was reached in trilogue on 5 February 2019. Parliament voted to approve that agreement on 18 April 2019 in plenary session and the Council subsequently adopted it on 14 May. The new regulation comes into force on 17 June 2019. Third edition. The 'EU Legislation in Progress' briefings are updated at key stages throughout the legislative procedure.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Single-use plastics and fishing gear: Reducing marine litter](#)

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Palavra-chave AGRICULTURA, SILVICULTURA E PESCA | AMBIENTE | análise económica | bens não duradouros | consumo | degradação do ambiente | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | elaboração do direito da UE | estudo de impacto | gestão de resíduos | impacto ambiental | INDÚSTRIA | indústria pesqueira | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | luta contra a poluição | matéria plástica | pesca | poluição marítima | política ambiental | política do ambiente da UE | proposta (UE) | proteção do ambiente | química | resíduo | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo Most of the plastic in our oceans originates from land-based sources. On European beaches, plastics make up 80-85 % of marine litter, which is considered a major threat to marine and coastal biodiversity. Marine litter also costs the European Union economy an estimated €259 million to €695 million per year. In May 2018, the European Commission put forward a legislative proposal seeking to address the issue of marine litter from plastics. The proposal would introduce a series of measures regarding the top 10 single-use plastics found on European beaches, as well as fishing gear, with a view to reducing their impact on the environment and ensuring a functional internal market. After completion of the legislative procedure, the final act was signed by the presidents of the co-legislators (European Parliament and Council) on 5 June 2019, and published in the Official Journal of the European Union on 12 June 2019. Member States have two years (i.e. until 3 July 2021) to transpose the new directive into national law. Fourth edition of a briefing originally drafted by Didier Bourguignon. document has been designed for on-line viewing.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Copyright in the digital single market](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Palavra-chave análise económica | comunicação | construção europeia | cultura e religião | direito da União Europeia | direito de autor | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | gestão de direitos digitais | informação e tratamento da informação | informática e processamento de dados | internet | investigação e propriedade intelectual | mercado único | mercado único digital | património cultural | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | programa audiovisual | proposta (UE) | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | radiodifusão | rede de transmissão | reprografia | tecnologia digital | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | televisão | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The European Commission presented a legislative package for the modernisation of the EU copyright rules, including a new directive on copyright in the digital single market, on 14 September 2016. Stakeholders and academics were strongly divided on the proposal. In February 2019, after more than two years of protracted negotiations, the co-legislators agreed on a new set of copyright rules, including two controversial provisions: 1) the creation of a new right that will allow press publishers to claim remuneration for the online use of their publications (Article 15), and 2) the imposition of content monitoring measures on online platforms such as YouTube, which seeks to resolve the 'value gap' and help rights-holders to better monetise and control the distribution of their content online (Article 17). Furthermore, in addition to the mandatory exception for text and data mining for research purposes proposed by the Commission in its proposal, the co-legislators agreed to enshrine in EU law another mandatory exception for general text and data mining (Article 4) in order to contribute to the development of data analytics and artificial intelligence. The European Parliament (in plenary) and the Council approved the compromise text in March 2019 and in April 2019 respectively. The directive was published on 15 May 2019 in the Official Journal of the European Union, and all Member States must transpose the new rules into their national law by June 2021. Fifth edition. The 'EU Legislation in Progress' briefings are updated at key stages throughout the legislative procedure.

Briefing [EN](#)

[The impact of the UK's withdrawal on the institutional set-up and political dynamics within the EU](#)

Tipo de publicação Estudo

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Domínio de intervenção Democracia na UE, Direito Institucional e Direito Parlamentar | Direito da UE: Ordenamento Jurídico e Atos Jurídicos | Direito internacional privado e cooperação judicial em matéria civil

Palavra-chave análise económica | construção europeia | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | Europa | funcionamento institucional | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | geografia política | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | país terceiro | política de cooperação | Reino Unido | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | retirada da UE | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This study, commissioned by the European Parliament's Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs at the request of the AFCE Committee, examines the impact of Brexit on the institutional balance within the Council and European Parliament, on the interinstitutional balance and on the necessity of Treaty changes, and delineates constitutional limits on the participation of non-Member States in EU policies.

Estudo [EN](#)

Unfair trading practices in the food supply chain

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Palavra-chave abastecimento | agroalimentar | agroalimentar | AGROALIMENTAR | análise económica | cadeia de lojas | cláusula abusiva | concorrência | consumo | DIREITO | direito civil | direito da União Europeia | distribuição comercial | documentação | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estudo de impacto | fornecedor | indústria alimentar | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | pequenas e médias empresas | produto alimentar | produto deteriorável | proposta (UE) | proteção do consumidor | relatório | restrição de concorrência | tipos de empresa | trocas comerciais | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The food supply chain ensures that food and drink products are delivered to the public. It affects all consumers in the EU. The final price paid by the consumer is impacted by the number of participants in the food supply chain. While the single market has brought benefits to operators in the supply chain through more market opportunities and a larger customer base, it has also brought challenges. Structural changes have occurred, leading to different levels of bargaining power and imbalances between actors in the chain. The abuse of such differences may lead to unfair trading practices. To strengthen the position of smaller operators (farmers) in the food supply chain, in April 2018 the European Commission proposed a new directive on unfair trading practices. Trilogue discussions began in October 2018 after a successful vote in plenary. The final agreed text was adopted by both Parliament and Council at first reading, and signed on 17 April. Member States must now incorporate its provisions into national law, and apply them by 1 November 2021.

Briefing [EN](#)

The relationship between artistic activities and digital technology development

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante | Cultura | Educação | Emprego | Mercado Interno e União Aduaneira | Política de Investigação | Política Social | Programação | Valor Acrescentado Europeu

Palavra-chave análise económica | artes | conceção assistida por computador | criação artística | cultura e religião | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | impacto das tecnologias da informação | informação e tratamento da informação | informática e processamento de dados | literacia digital | mudança tecnológica | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | realidade virtual | tecnologia digital | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica

Resumo This report examines how digital technology change is affecting artistic activity and how artistic activity is affecting digital technology. Artistic activity is broadly defined to include design, film, computer games, architecture, music and fashion as well as art. The focus is on digital technology's role in creative activity. The study examines global trends with a particular focus on the European Union (EU). It describes likely future trends and sets out policy options to encourage activity at the intersection of artistic and technological skills.

Estudo [EN](#)

Revision of the European Electronic Tolling Service (EETS) Directive

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Domínio de intervenção Aprovação da Legislação pelo PE e pelo Conselho | Transportes

Palavra-chave análise económica | comunicação | construção europeia | cooperação transfronteiriça | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | eletrónica e eletrotécnica | equipamento eletrónico | estudo de impacto | INDÚSTRIA | informação e tratamento da informação | intercâmbio de informação | política de cooperação | política de transportes | portagem | proposta (UE) | rede de transmissão | rede transeuropeia | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | transporte rodoviário | transporte terrestre | TRANSPORTES | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo On 31 May 2017, the Commission adopted a proposal for a directive on the interoperability of electronic road toll systems and facilitating cross-border exchange of information on the failure to pay road fees in the Union. It was presented within the context of the Commission's first 'Europe on the Move' package that seeks to modernise mobility and transport. Tying in with the 2015 energy union strategy and the Commission's 2016 European strategy for low emission mobility, and announced in the 2017 Commission work programme, the revision of the European Electronic Tolling Service (EETS) was presented together with the revision of the directive on the charging of heavy goods vehicles for the use of certain infrastructures (the Eurovignette Directive). Interinstitutional (trilogue) negotiations concluded on 20 November 2018. The agreed text was formally adopted by Parliament on 14 February 2019 and by Council on 4 March 2019. The final act was then published in the Official Journal on 29 March 2019. Member States now have until 19 October 2021 to apply the directive's measures in their national laws.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Access to the international market for coach and bus services](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Aprovação da Legislação pelo PE e pelo Conselho | Transportes

Palavra-chave acesso ao mercado | análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | autocarro | cabotagem rodoviária | consumo | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | emprego | EMPREGO E TRABALHO | estudo de impacto | grupo de interesses | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | licença de transporte | livre prestação de serviços | mobilidade sustentável | organização dos transportes | política comercial | política de transportes | proposta (UE) | revisão da lei | serviço de interesse geral | trabalhos parlamentares | transporte de passageiros | transporte internacional | transporte rodoviário internacional | transporte terrestre | TRANSPORTES | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | vida política e segurança pública

Resumo The European Union aims to ensure that road transport rules are applied effectively and without discrimination. The current rules governing the access to the international market for coach and bus services appear to have been only partly effective in promoting this mode of transport. There are still differences in rules on access to national markets, differences in openness of national markets, diverse national access arrangements and discrimination in access to terminals in some EU countries. In an attempt to address the issue, the European Commission adopted a legislative proposal on 8 November 2017 to amend the EU rules for access to the international market for coach and bus services. The proposal is part of its 'Europe on the Move' package, which aims to modernise European mobility and transport. The European Parliament adopted its position on the proposal on 14 February 2019. However, interinstitutional negotiations cannot yet begin, as the Council has not reached a common position on the file. Third edition. The 'EU Legislation in Progress' briefings are updated at key stages throughout the legislative procedure.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Combined transport directive review: Getting more goods off EU roads](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Aprovação da Legislação pelo PE e pelo Conselho | Indústria | Mercado Interno e União Aduaneira | Transportes

Palavra-chave AMBIENTE | análise económica | degradação do ambiente | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | gás de efeito de estufa | luta contra a poluição | mobilidade sustentável | organização dos transportes | poluição automóvel | política ambiental | política de transportes | proposta (UE) | qualidade do ar | redução das emissões de gases | transporte combinado | transporte de mercadorias | TRANSPORTES | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The European Union's efforts to reduce the negative impacts of transport include promoting a shift from road freight transport to lower-emission transport modes. This also includes combined transport operations, which consist of at least one road leg for initial or final haulage and one non road leg, on rail or water. The 1992 Combined Transport Directive set out measures that were meant to increase the competitiveness of combined transport against road-only transport. In 2017, the Commission proposed to simplify the existing rules and make combined transport more attractive by means of economic incentives. The European Parliament's Committee on Transport and Tourism adopted its report in July 2018, and the Transport Council meeting of 3 December 2018 agreed a general approach. However, as trilogue negotiations had not made progress on reaching a compromise, Parliament adopted a legislative resolution at first reading on 27 March 2019, in advance of the European elections. Negotiations could restart in the new parliamentary term. Fourth edition. The 'EU Legislation in Progress' briefings are updated at key stages throughout the legislative procedure.

Briefing [EN](#)

[An EU framework to facilitate investments in environmentally sustainable economic activities](#)

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Palavra-chave AMBIENTE | análise económica | desenvolvimento sustentável | ECONOMIA | economia verde | estudo de impacto | financiamento e investimento | FINANÇAS | instrumento económico para o ambiente | investimento | política ambiental | política económica

Resumo This initial appraisal assesses the strengths and weaknesses of the European Commission's impact assessment accompanying its proposals for three regulations on: establishing a framework to facilitate sustainable investment disclosures relating to sustainable investments and sustainability risks; and on introducing two new categories of carbon benchmarks in the (benchmark) Regulation (EU) 2016/1011. The legislative package on sustainable finance deals with technical and inherently complex issues; it is therefore not surprising that the IA accompanying it reflects such a complexity, which is not always dealt with in a clear and immediately understandable way. This might also explain the double negative opinions, unusually followed in this case by a positive opinion with reservations issued by the Commission's Regulatory Scrutiny Board (RSB). The consequences of the two identified problems (lack of incentives to consider ESG factors and high search costs faced by end-investors), and how they would evolve without EU action, are described in a satisfactory way, as well as their underlying drivers. As required, the IA identifies general and specific objectives, but no operational objectives that would have informed about how the preferred options are expected to operate in practice. This is very likely due to the fact the operational aspects of the proposals are envisaged to be defined, and analytically developed, by subsequent delegated acts. The IA's preferred options are selected after considering both a non-legislative and a regulatory approach, although two of them contains some aspects that are not entirely clear. As regards its scope, the IA has only partially succeeded in explaining the impacts considered in an entirely satisfactory way. The IA does not include an analysis of competitiveness nor an analysis of impacts, if any, on SMEs. The evidence included in the IA provides ample and detailed insights into the issues considered and some methodological limitations, regarding the proposal on low carbon and positive carbon impact benchmarks are acknowledged in the IA. The Commission has consulted extensively a broad range of stakeholders, whose views have been satisfactorily reported in the IA or in a separate document containing the results of the second open public consultation. Overall, the IA appears to have addressed the majority of the improvements requested by the RSB. Finally, the legislative proposals seem to be consistent with the analysis carried out in the IA.

Briefing [EN](#)

Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD)

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Palavra-chave ajuda aos desfavorecidos | ajuda da UE | análise económica | categoria social desfavorecida | coesão económica e social | construção europeia | contabilidade nacional | despesa da UE | DIREITO | direitos e liberdades | direitos sociais | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | finanças da União Europeia | fundo (UE) | integração social | orçamento da UE | pobreza | política económica | proteção social | quadro social | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | vida social

Resumo Created in 2014, the €3.8 billion Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD) supplements EU Member States' own aid. Member States can choose between food and/or other basic material assistance or social inclusion activities. Partner organisations selected by the Member States manage FEAD support. The FEAD complements other EU instruments that seek to promote social cohesion, the European Social Fund in particular.

Briefing [EN](#)

EU Statutory Audit Reform: Impact on costs, concentration and competition

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Palavra-chave análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | auditoria | concorrência | concorrência | controlo financeiro | direito da União Europeia | diretiva CE | ECONOMIA | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estudo de impacto | FINANÇAS | gestão administrativa | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | mercado da UE | orçamento | política comercial | revisão da lei | trabalhos parlamentares | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo In this study we execute an in-depth analysis of the evolution of market concentration, competition and costs in the EU market for statutory auditing before and after the Audit Reform. Based on data from archival databases and a survey, we present evidence suggesting that rivalry between the largest audit suppliers increased, as did audit costs, non-Big 4 audit market share, and joint audit rates. Non-audit services (NAS) fees earned by the incumbent auditor decreased. This document was provided by Policy Department A at the request of the Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON) Committee.

Estudo [EN](#)

Establishment of a European monetary fund (EMF)

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Palavra-chave análise económica | difusão da informação da UE | direito da União Europeia | documentação | ECONOMIA | economia monetária | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | FINANÇAS | Fundo Monetário Europeu | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | Mecanismo Europeu de Estabilidade | proposta (UE) | recessão económica | relações monetárias | resumo de textos | situação económica | União Económica e Monetária | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The European Commission's proposal for transforming the intergovernmental European Stability Mechanism (ESM) into a European monetary fund (EMF) under EU law would provide it with wide-ranging tasks. The ESM was created at the height of the European sovereign debt crisis in order to provide financial assistance for governments that had lost, or were about to lose, access to financial markets. It was established outside the Community framework by an intergovernmental treaty and is a permanent rescue mechanism aimed at safeguarding the financial stability of the euro area. The proposal met with considerable opposition at Council level, as the Council wishes to maintain the ESM's intergovernmental character, and would expand its remit only slightly. The European Parliament, whose legislative powers are limited within the consent procedure, will vote on an interim report in plenary.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Disinformation and propaganda – impact on the functioning of the rule of law in the EU and its Member States](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Espaço de Liberdade, de Segurança e de Justiça

Palavra-chave análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | comunicação | democracia | DIREITO | direitos e liberdades | direitos humanos | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | Estado de Direito | estudo de impacto | media sociais | processo eleitoral | propaganda eleitoral | propaganda política | quadro político | vida política e segurança pública

Resumo This study, commissioned by the European Parliament's Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs and requested by the European Parliament's Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, assesses the impact of disinformation and strategic political propaganda disseminated through online social media sites. It examines effects on the functioning of the rule of law, democracy and fundamental rights in the EU and its Member States.
The study formulates recommendations on how to tackle this threat to human rights, democracy and the rule of law. It specifically addresses the role of social media platform providers in this regard.

Estudo [EN](#)

Síntese [DE](#), [FR](#), [IT](#), [PL](#)

[Establishing a cybersecurity competence centre and a network of national coordination centres](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Indústria | Proteção dos Consumidores | Segurança e Defesa

Palavra-chave Agência da União Europeia para a Cibersegurança | agência executiva | análise económica | construção europeia | cooperação transfronteiriça | criminalidade informática | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estratégia da UE | estudo de impacto | informação e tratamento da informação | informática e processamento de dados | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | política de cooperação | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | proposta (UE) | proteção dos dados | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | segurança da informação | tecnologia | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The Commission describes logically the significance of cyberdefence and the potential for improvement in this field for the EU. However, the impact assessment accompanying the proposal does not appear to have fully followed the requirements of the better regulation guidelines particularly as no open public consultation was conducted. The impact assessment presents a limited range of options as a result of a number of parameters that were pre-set from the outset and which could have constrained the scope of the impact assessment.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Research for AGRI Committee - Impacts of the digital economy on the food chain and the CAP](#)

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Palavra-chave AGRICULTURA, SILVICULTURA E PESCA | agroalimentar | agroalimentar | AGROALIMENTAR | análise económica | ECONOMIA | economia digital | estrutura económica | estudo de impacto | política agrícola | Política Agrícola Comum | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | tecnologia digital | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica

Resumo The study presents a state-of-the-art overview on digital agriculture, the impacts of new technologies on the agri-food value chains and opportunities for the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP). Using case studies and examples the study demonstrates the needs for further deployment of innovation in the agriculture sector, fostering research and investments in digital agriculture and integrating Agri-tech into the policy agenda.

Estudo [EN](#)

[The proposed Return Directive \(recast\)-Substitute Impact](#)

[Assessment](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Direitos Humanos | Espaço de Liberdade, de Segurança e de Justiça | Política Social

Palavra-chave afastamento | análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | DIREITO | direito da União Europeia | direito internacional | direito penal | diretiva CE | ECONOMIA | estrangeiro | estudo de impacto | migração de regresso | migração ilegal | migrações | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | revisão da lei | trabalhos parlamentares | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo On 12 September 2018, the European Commission published a proposal for a recasting of the 2008 Return Directive, which stipulates common standards and procedures in Member States for returning irregular migrants who are non-EU nationals. Effectively returning irregular migrants is one of the key objectives of the European Union's migration policy. However, Member States currently face challenges: national practices implementing the EU rules vary and the overall return rates remain below expectations. The proposal was not accompanied by a Commission impact assessment. The European Parliament's Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE) therefore asked the European Parliamentary Research Service to provide a targeted substitute impact assessment of the proposed recast Return Directive. The assessment considers the main expected impacts of the key provisions of the Commission proposal, focusing on the social, human rights and financial impacts, as compared to the current situation (status quo). On the basis of the legal and economic studies carried out for this impact assessment, it appears that the Commission proposal for a recast Return Directive has significant legal, social, human rights and economic implications, which in principle would have deserved consideration in the context of a proper impact assessment process conducted ex-ante by the Commission.

Estudo [EN](#), [FR](#), [PL](#)

[Preventing the dissemination of terrorist content online](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

Data 04-02-2019

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Domínio de intervenção Direitos Humanos | Mercado Interno e União Aduaneira | Segurança e Defesa

Palavra-chave acesso à informação | análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | combate ao crime | comunicação | construção europeia | difusão da informação | DIREITO | direito da União Europeia | direitos e liberdades | documentação | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | informação e tratamento da informação | internet | liberdade de expressão | mercado único digital | proposta (UE) | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | terrorismo | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | vida política e segurança pública | vida social

Resumo The Commission is a legislative measure to introduce measures to prevent the misuse of hosting services for the dissemination of terrorist content online. This initial appraisal of the Commission's impact assessment on the proposal finds that the impact assessment clearly determines the problems with the status quo, but is short on detail in outlining the options to tackle these problems. The Impact assessment is particularly sensitive to concerns of encroachment on fundamental rights and freedoms and makes a distinctive effort to highlight the proportionality of the measures proposed and the safeguards to fundamental rights and freedoms integrated within.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Modernising and simplifying the common agricultural policy](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Agricultura e Desenvolvimento Rural

Palavra-chave AGRICULTURA, SILVICULTURA E PESCA | ajuda à agricultura | análise económica | desenvolvimento rural | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | financiamento da UE | finanças da União Europeia | política agrícola | Política Agrícola Comum | regiões e política regional | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The Commission proposed to modernise and simplify the CAP in the 2021-2027 budget period. The supporting impact assessment is in line with the requirements of the Better Regulation Guidelines when it comes to the set of objectives, the wide stakeholder consultation, the combined use of qualitative and quantitative methods and tools, the assessments of efficiency and effectiveness of the various options. However, the choice of the new delivery model, the availability of mid-term evaluation studies, coherence and proportionality assessment of the options, consultation on the IA contents or options fall short of the Better Regulation Guidelines.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Multi-annual plan for the fisheries exploiting demersal stocks in the western Mediterranean](#)

Tipo de publicação Estudo

Data 23-01-2019

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Domínio de intervenção Pescas

Palavra-chave AGRICULTURA, SILVICULTURA E PESCA | AMBIENTE | análise económica | captura autorizada | captura por espécie | conservação dos recursos haliêuticos | direito da União Europeia | direitos de pesca | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | fundo oceânico | mar Mediterrâneo | meio natural | peixe de água salgada | pesca | pesca de alto mar | pesca sustentável | proposta (UE) | quota de pesca | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | zona de pesca

Resumo The Commission proposed a multi-annual plan for the fisheries exploiting demersal stocks in the western Mediterranean. The supporting Impact Assessment (IA) did not provide enough details on the socio-economic impacts of the plan in the countries affected by the proposal. The complementary IA aims to assess and quantify (when possible) the potential impacts on fishing companies (all SMEs) and ancillary activities (in the short, medium and long-term) of several of the specific MAP provisions.

Estudo [EN](#), [ES](#)

[International Agreements in Progress: The EU-Japan Strategic Partnership Agreement \(SPA\) - A framework to promote shared values](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

Data 22-01-2019

Autor D'AMBROGIO Enrico

Domínio de intervenção Aprovação da Legislação pelo PE e pelo Conselho | Assuntos Externos

Palavra-chave acordo de comércio livre | análise económica | comércio internacional | comércio internacional | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | Japão | negociação internacional | política internacional | relações bilaterais | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | Ásia-Oceânia

Resumo The EU and Japan share the same basic values, including on democracy, market economy, human rights, human dignity, freedom, equality, and the rule of law. Against a background of increasingly assertive neighbours, they are also putting emphasis on security issues. The EU has adopted a Global Strategy placing security and defence as a key strategic priority, and conclusions on 'enhanced EU security cooperation in and with Asia'. Japan has reformed its security policy, aiming at becoming a 'proactive contributor for peace'. In order to enhance their relations, in July 2018 the EU and Japan signed a binding Strategic Partnership Agreement (SPA) – to come into force following ratification by all Member States – along with an Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA), negotiated in parallel. The SPA represents a framework strengthening the overall partnership, by promoting political and sectoral cooperation and joint actions in more than 40 areas of common interest. Once in force, the EU-Japan strategic partnership will become more operational. The agreement will facilitate joint EU-Japan efforts to promote shared values such as human rights and rule of law, a rules-based international system, and peace and stability across the world. It will allow EU-Japan security cooperation to reach its full potential. Second edition. The 'International Agreements in Progress' briefings are updated at key stages throughout the process, from initial discussions through to ratification.

Briefing [EN](#), [SL](#)

[European Maritime and Fisheries Fund 2021-2027](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

Data 21-01-2019

Autor ZANDERSONE Laura

Domínio de intervenção Indústria | Orçamento | Pescas

Palavra-chave AGRICULTURA, SILVICULTURA E PESCA | AMBIENTE | análise económica | conservação dos recursos | desenvolvimento sustentável | direito da União Europeia | documentação | ECONOMIA | ecossistema marinho | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | finanças da União Europeia | Fundo Europeu dos Assuntos Marítimos e das Pescas | meio natural | pesca | política ambiental | política da pesca | política de transportes | política económica | política marítima | proposta (UE) | recurso haliêutico | recursos marítimos | região periférica | regiões e política regional | relatório | repartição do financiamento da UE | segurança marítima | transporte marítimo e fluvial | TRANSPORTES | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The 2021-2027 European Maritime and Fisheries Fund is the major financial tool supporting the EU common fisheries policy (CFP). The new EMFF is focused "on evolution rather than radical changes" - and is supposed to be simpler and more flexible for the stakeholders involved. The notes on quality, research and analysis of the impact assessment concluded that the range of options, the scope and analysis of impacts, and the stakeholder consultation seem to be not always in line with the Better Regulation Guidelines for financial programmes.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Introducing the definitive VAT system for B2B cross-border trade](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

Data 15-01-2019

Autor REMEUR Cécile

Domínio de intervenção Aprovação da Legislação pelo PE e pelo Conselho | Assuntos Económicos e Monetários | Comércio internacional

Palavra-chave abastecimento de armas | análise económica | bens e serviços | comercialização | comércio intra-UE | construção europeia | consumo | cooperação fiscal europeia | defesa | direito da União Europeia | diretiva CE | distribuição comercial | ECONOMIA | entrega | estudo de impacto | FINANÇAS | fiscalidade | harmonização fiscal | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | IVA | matéria coletável | mercado único | política comercial | prestação de serviços | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo Value added tax (VAT) is a consumption tax borne by the final consumer. It is an important source of revenue for national governments and the European Union (EU) budget. However, the existing rules governing intra-Community trade are 25 years old and the current common EU VAT system is still 'transitional'. This framework presents problems such as vulnerability to fraud, compliance costs for businesses and also a heavy administrative burden for national authorities. It is under review along the lines of the April 2016 VAT Action Plan. The reform of the VAT framework towards a definitive VAT system for intra-Community business-to-business (B2B) transactions is planned in several consecutive steps. The first step focuses on B2B transactions in goods, while the second one in services. Directive 2018/1910, adopted on 4 December 2018, was put forward by the Commission in October 2017 as part of the 'definitive VAT system package'. The directive amends the VAT Directive (Directive 2006/112/EC) so as to introduce the basic features of the definite VAT system for business-to-business (B2B) goods transactions. Second edition of a briefing originally drafted by Ana Claudia Alfieri. The 'EU Legislation in Progress' briefings are updated at key stages throughout the legislative procedure.

[Briefing](#) [EN](#)

[Brexit and Horizon Europe](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Política de Investigação | Programação

Palavra-chave análise económica | construção europeia | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | Europa | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | geografia política | investigação e desenvolvimento | investigação e propriedade intelectual | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | programa-quadro de IDT | Reino Unido | retirada da UE | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This document summarises the presentations and discussions of the workshop on "Brexit and Horizon Europe", which was held on 21 November 2018. The effects of Brexit on the Horizon Europe Programme were assessed. This document was provided by the Policy Department for Economic, Scientific and Quality of Life Policies, at the request of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE).

[Análise aprofundada](#) [EN](#)

[Fit for purpose? The Facilitation Directive and the criminalisation of humanitarian assistance to irregular migrants: 2018 update](#)

Tipo de publicação Estudo

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Palavra-chave análise económica | aproximação das legislações | combate ao crime | crime organizado | DIREITO | direito da União Europeia | direito penal | direitos e liberdades | direitos humanos | diretiva CE | ECONOMIA | Estado-Membro UE | estudo de impacto | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | infração | migração ilegal | migrações | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | sanção penal | tráfico de seres humanos | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | vida social

Resumo This study, commissioned by the European Parliament's Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs at the request of the PETI Committee, aims to update the 2016 study "Fit for purpose? The Facilitation Directive and the criminalisation of humanitarian assistance to irregular migrants". It takes stock of and examines the latest developments that have taken place since 2016, specifically the legislative and policy changes, along with various forms and cases of criminalisation of humanitarian actors, migrants' family members and basic service providers. The study uses the notion of 'policing humanitarianism' to describe not only cases of formal prosecution and sentencing in criminal justice procedures, but also wider dynamics of suspicion, intimidation, harassment and disciplining in five selected Member States – Belgium, France, Greece, Hungary and Italy. Policing humanitarianism negatively affects EU citizens' rights – such as the freedom of assembly, freedom of speech and freedom of conscience. When civil society is effectively (self-)silenced and its accountability role undermined, policies to combat migrant smuggling may be overused and give rise to serious breaches of the EU's founding values, notably the rule of law, democracy and fundamental rights. Moreover, policing humanitarianism negatively affects wider societal trust and diverts the limited resources of law enforcement from investigating more serious crimes.

[Estudo](#) [EN](#)

[The Generalised Scheme of Preferences Regulation \(No 978/2012\): European Implementation](#)

[Assessment](#)

Tipo de publicação Estudo

Data 19-12-2018

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação da Legislação e das Políticas na Prática | Comércio internacional | Democracia | Direitos Humanos

Palavra-chave acesso ao mercado | ajuda ao desenvolvimento | análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | desenvolvimento sustentável | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | Estado de Direito | estudo de impacto | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | mercado da UE | país em desenvolvimento | política aduaneira | política comercial | política de cooperação | política económica | preferências generalizadas | quadro político | regulamento (UE) | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | situação económica | tarifa preferencial | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This evaluation of the EU Generalised Scheme of Preferences (GSP) focuses on the incentives in the GSP provisions that aim to push beneficiaries to comply with human rights and the extent to which these have been implemented and have had an impact on poverty reduction and good governance. The annexed economic evaluation of the GSP Regulation examines three inter-related questions: how beneficiaries have graduated from the GSP and what role preferences have played; how trade relations between the countries that have recently graduated from the GSP and those that still benefit from it are affected; and what the impact of changes in the rules of origin has been.

Estudo [EN](#)

[European Maritime Single Window environment](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Transportes

Palavra-chave acidente de transporte | análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | barco | cooperação administrativa | direito da União Europeia | diretiva (UE) | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | formalidade administrativa | harmonização das normas | informação e tratamento da informação | instalação portuária | intercâmbio de informação | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | poder executivo e administração pública | política aduaneira | política de transportes | política portuária comum | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | proposta (UE) | segurança marítima | simplificação das formalidades | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | transporte marítimo | transporte marítimo e fluvial | TRANSPORTES | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This briefing analyses the impact assessment accompanying the legislative proposal of the Commission to establish the European Maritime Single Window environment (EMSWe). The goal of the EMSWe is to decrease and harmonise throughout the EU, the reporting formalities and obligations of the maritime operators when calling at ports in the EU. The IA provides the overview of the main problems of the existing legislation and the policy options considered by the Commission to deal with them. Despite some minor inconsistencies, the IA provides a solid analysis of the current problems related to reporting obligations of ships when calling at a port.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Protection of workers from exposure to carcinogens or mutagens: Third proposal](#)

Tipo de publicação Estudo

Data 17-12-2018

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Domínio de intervenção Emprego

Palavra-chave AMBIENTE | análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | berílio | condições de trabalho | condições e organização do trabalho | cádmio | degradação do ambiente | detrito perigoso | direito da União Europeia | doença profissional | ECONOMIA | EMPREGO E TRABALHO | estudo de impacto | INDÚSTRIA | matéria perigosa | metalurgia e siderurgia | norma de segurança | política ambiental | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | proposta (UE) | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | redação legislativa | risco industrial | risco sanitário | saúde | saúde e higiene no trabalho | substância cancerígena | substância tóxica | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | trabalhos parlamentares | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This detailed appraisal focuses on the process and evidence base used in the IA for setting the limit values for cadmium and beryllium, notably in light of some knowledge gaps and methodological challenges identified in the IA in relation to the number of workers exposed and the estimation of the burden of disease. The appraisal concludes that the IA has relied on a vast and updated amount of information, including scientific journals, guidelines, manuals, surveys, published by authoritative research centres, publishers and international organisations, making the overall analysis sufficiently convincing and robust. As regards the limitations of the analysis, which are transparently acknowledged, the analysis carried out by the external contractors and endorsed in the IA recognises that the full current and future disease burden deriving from historic exposures to cadmium and beryllium is not captured; consequently, the disease burdens may be underestimated. As regards the estimated number of workers exposed to cadmium, the value of 10 000 workers considered by the external contractors for their modelling (in addition to a higher value of 30 000), and taken over in the IA, is coherently justified in light of the recognised wide divergences among the different estimates. This value appears to be reasonable, based on the availability of data at national and EU level, and the way some of them were gathered. As regards the estimated number of workers exposed to beryllium, the figure of 54 071 workers exposed in the EU 28 (excluding the construction sector) identified by the external contractor and used in the IA appears to be plausible, based on the justifications provided. However, it is acknowledged that higher exposure levels would imply higher costs and benefits at all target OEL values.

Estudo [EN](#)

Fact Finding visit to Italy (Valledora-Piemonte) 17-18 December

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Domínio de intervenção Agricultura e Desenvolvimento Rural | Ambiente | Petições ao Parlamento Europeu | Saúde Pública

Palavra-chave AMBIENTE | análise económica | assembleia | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | comissão PE | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | Europa | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | geografia política | gestão das águas | imersão de resíduos | impacto ambiental | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | Itália | meio natural | petição | Piemonte | política ambiental | regiões dos Estados-Membros da União Europeia | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | água potável | água subterrânea

Resumo The aim of this briefing is to provide summarized information for the delegation of the Committee on Petitions which is to visit the above-mentioned Valledora area in the Piedmont Region of Italy from 17 to 18 December 2018.

Briefing [EN](#)

Mutual recognition of freezing and confiscation orders

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Autor CIRLIG Carmen-Cristina

Domínio de intervenção Aprovação da Legislação pelo PE e pelo Conselho | Espaço de Liberdade, de Segurança e de Justiça

Palavra-chave análise económica | aprovação da lei | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | ação em matéria penal | combate ao crime | confisco de bens | construção europeia | cooperação judiciária em matéria penal (UE) | crime organizado | DIREITO | direito da União Europeia | direito penal | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | execução por dívidas | infração | justiça | princípio de reconhecimento mútuo | proposta (UE) | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | trabalhos parlamentares | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | vida social

Resumo In order to respond more effectively to the challenge of criminals and terrorists hiding assets in other Member States, in 2016 the European Commission proposed a regulation on the mutual recognition of freezing and confiscation orders in criminal matters. The directly applicable instrument removes the need for national transposition, broadens the scope of the current rules to cover new types of confiscation and includes provisions on victims' rights to restitution and compensation. In June 2018, provisional agreement was reached in interinstitutional negotiations and the European Parliament voted the agreed text on 4 October 2018. The Council followed suit on 6 November 2018. The final act was signed on 14 November and published in the Official Journal of the EU on 28 November 2018. The regulation will apply 24 months after its entry into force, namely from 19 December 2020. Second edition. The 'EU Legislation in Progress' briefings are updated at key stages throughout the legislative procedure.

Briefing [EN](#)

The migration, borders and security cluster of the 2021-2027 MFF

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Domínio de intervenção Espaço de Liberdade, de Segurança e de Justiça | Mercado Interno e União Aduaneira | Orçamento | Segurança e Defesa

Palavra-chave Acordo de Schengen | análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | construção europeia | controlo aduaneiro | controlo das migrações | DIREITO | direito da União Europeia | direito de asilo | direito internacional | ECONOMIA | espaço de liberdade, segurança e justiça | estudo de impacto | finanças da União Europeia | fronteira externa da UE | fundo (UE) | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | migrações | política aduaneira | política de vistos da UE | política migratória da UE | proposta (UE) | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | segurança pública | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | vida política e segurança pública

Resumo Within the context of the multiannual financial framework the Commission is proposing a cluster of four instruments under three funds to deal with migration borders and security. This initial appraisal of the Commission's impact assessment on the proposals acknowledges the necessity for impact assessments in relation to financial framework programmes to have a simplified format and scope differing from standard impact assessments and that the document in question sets out the rationale for the new instruments and explains the choices made in their design. It finds however that the level of analysis conducted and the measure of the departure from the standard methodology and format of impact assessments weaken its potential to inform decision-making.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Interim digital services tax on revenues from certain digital services](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Aprovação da Legislação pelo PE e pelo Conselho | Assuntos Bancários e Financeiros | Assuntos Económicos e Monetários

Palavra-chave análise económica | comercialização | comunicação | construção europeia | coprodução audiovisual | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | Estado-Membro UE | estudo de impacto | FINANÇAS | fiscalidade | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | harmonização fiscal | imposto sobre as sociedades | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | mercado único digital | prestação de serviços | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | proposta (UE) | tecnologia digital | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo According to the European Commission the digital economy is relatively under-taxed when compared with traditional businesses. Certain inherent characteristics such as reliance on cross-border provision of services without physical presence, easy transfers of intangible assets, and novel ways to create value make it particularly easy for enterprises to limit their tax liabilities. In order to provide a solution to this problem, in March 2018 the Commission adopted the 'fair taxation of the digital economy' package, comprised of two proposals. One concerns a permanent reform of corporate tax regime while the second is a proposal for a directive on the common system of a digital services tax on revenues resulting from the provision of certain digital services, which would apply as an interim measure until the permanent reform has been implemented. The tax is to cover businesses above two thresholds: total annual worldwide revenues exceeding €750 million and annual revenues in the EU exceeding €50 million. The proposed single rate is at 3 %, levied on gross revenues resulting from the provision of certain digital services where user value creation is essential. Parliament's Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON) adopted a report proposing to widen the scope and reach of the tax. The plenary vote is expected during the December session. Second edition. The 'EU Legislation in Progress' briefings are updated at key stages throughout the legislative procedure.

[Briefing EN](#)

[Revising the rules on the re-use of public sector information](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Direito da Propriedade Intelectual | Proteção dos Consumidores

Palavra-chave acesso à informação | análise económica | difusão da informação | direito da União Europeia | direito de autor | direito de reutilização da informação | documentação | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | empresa pública | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estatísticas dos transportes | estudo de impacto | informação | informação e tratamento da informação | informática e processamento de dados | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | investigação | investigação e propriedade intelectual | mercado interno | política comercial | política de transportes | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | proposta (UE) | recolha de dados | sistema documental | tipos de empresa | TRANSPORTES | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The impact assessment presents a useful analysis of the challenges facing the field of public shared information in the EU. The emphasis on SMEs and on the improvement and simplification of the re-use of public research data is a strength of the IA. On the other hand, the range of options examined is limited and the operational objectives lack specificity. Furthermore, the views of the stakeholders could have been better reflected and their concerns in terms of use of personal data and database protection would have deserved to be discussed in the analysis.

[Briefing EN](#)

[Enabling sovereign bond-backed securities](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Assuntos Bancários e Financeiros | Assuntos Económicos e Monetários | Desenvolvimento Regional

Palavra-chave análise económica | Autoridade Europeia dos Valores Mobiliários e dos Mercados | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | economia monetária | empréstimo público | estabilidade financeira | estudo de impacto | FINANÇAS | finanças públicas e política orçamental | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | livre circulação de capitais | obrigação financeira | proposta (UE) | regulamentação financeira | relações monetárias | risco financeiro | supervisão financeira | união bancária da UE | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | zona euro

Resumo This briefing analyses the IA accompanying the legislative proposal of the Commission to enable market-led sovereign bond-backed securities (SBBS). The problem definition and the objectives of the IA do not follow entirely the better regulation guidelines. Nevertheless, the policy options, including the baseline scenario, seem logical and pertinent, lacking, however, necessary specification and precision. The assessment focusses on direct effects on the euro-area sovereign bonds market, expecting no direct social or environmental impacts. The IA does not include the mandatory 12-week public consultation nor a comprehensive cost and benefit assessment of the initiative. It also omits, without explanation, a number of relevant issues, so that it seems like a missed opportunity to provide comprehensive and transparent support to evidence-based policy making.

[Briefing EN](#)

Establishing the 'Customs' programme 2021-2027

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Domínio de intervenção Mercado Interno e União Aduaneira

Palavra-chave alfândega | análise económica | comunicação | construção europeia | consulta pública | cooperação aduaneira | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | Estado-Membro UE | estudo de impacto | financiamento da UE | finanças da União Europeia | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | informação e tratamento da informação | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | país terceiro | política aduaneira | política de cooperação | programa da UE | proposta (UE) | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | sistema de informação | união aduaneira | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The impact assessment provides a good overview of the problems facing EU customs cooperation that need to be tackled after 2020, and sets out well the rationale for the new programme. However, the overall analysis is undermined by the limited range of viable options and the absence of a proper comparison of the options and assessment of their impacts, contrary to the Better Regulation guidelines. A more thorough assessment would have helped to better explain the choice of the preferred option.

Briefing [EN](#)

Loan servicers and buyers and recovery of collateral

Tipo de publicação Briefing

Data 29-11-2018

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Domínio de intervenção Assuntos Bancários e Financeiros | Assuntos Económicos e Monetários | Proteção dos Consumidores

Palavra-chave análise económica | consumo | controlo bancário | crédito | DIREITO | direito civil | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | economia monetária | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estudo de impacto | FINANÇAS | gestão administrativa | instituição de crédito | instituições financeiras e crédito | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | livre circulação de capitais | mercado de capitais | política de crédito | programa de ação | proposta (UE) | proteção do consumidor | solvabilidade financeira | união bancária da UE | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The two IAs accompanying the proposal are similar in the knowledge base underpinning the work and the quality of data and sources. However, there seem to be qualitative differences in the way research, analysis and consultation activities were presented. In this respect, the IA on secondary markets has more room for improvement than the one on the out-of-court enforcement procedure. The latter complies more fully with the Better Regulation Guidelines, for example in terms of analysis of effectiveness and efficiency, quantification, attention to social impacts and impacts on SMEs.

Briefing [EN](#)

Implementation of EIA Directive 2014/52/EU on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Autor externo Marta Ballesteros

Domínio de intervenção Ambiente | Petições ao Parlamento Europeu | Transposição e Aplicação da Legislação

Palavra-chave AMBIENTE | análise económica | avaliação de projeto | construção civil | direito da União Europeia | diretiva (UE) | ECONOMIA | empresa privada | empresa pública | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estudo de impacto | gestão administrativa | impacto ambiental | INDÚSTRIA | indústria da construção civil | política ambiental | política e estruturas industriais | projeto industrial | proteção do ambiente | tipos de empresa | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo Proper implementation of EU law is essential to deliver the EU policy goals as defined in the Treaties and secondary legislation. This briefing aims to give an overview of the transposition and implementation of Directive 2014/52/EU on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment (the EIA Directive). It presents the key elements of this Directive. The amendments brought by Directive 2014/52/EU to the previous legal text aim to improve the quality of Environmental Impact Assessment reports and the information gathered, as well as to reinforce environmental protection in the assessment of the impacts on the environment.

Briefing [EN](#)

Establishing the single market programme

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Mercado Interno e União Aduaneira

Palavra-chave análise económica | competitividade | construção europeia | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estatística da UE | estudo de impacto | financiamento da UE | finanças da União Europeia | informática e processamento de dados | mercado único | organização de empresas | pequenas e médias empresas | programa da UE | proposta (UE) | recolha de dados | tipos de empresa | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The Commission's proposal to establish a Single Market Programme for the period 2021-2027 would merge various existing and new programmes in the field of the Single Market. The impact assessment accompanying the proposal describes well the problems and the objectives addressing them, and provides a solid source of data. It also explains the relationship between different programmes and funds. The IA compares three options against the parameters of flexibility, simplification, synergies and feasibility, but does not provide a proper impact analysis of the options, as required in the Better Regulation Guidelines. Furthermore, the IA could have presented the scope of the programme more clearly. In addition, it would have been useful to have more information about the governance of the preferred option and the implementation of the health dimension.

Briefing [EN](#)

The Horizon Europe framework programme for research and innovation 2021-2027

Tipo de publicação Briefing

Data 22-11-2018

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Domínio de intervenção Orçamento | Política de Investigação

Palavra-chave análise económica | CEEA | construção europeia | cooperação científica | difusão das inovações | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | emprego | EMPREGO E TRABALHO | ENERGIA | estudo de impacto | finanças da União Europeia | formação profissional | indústrias nuclear e elétrica | inovação | investigação e propriedade intelectual | investigação nuclear | política de cooperação | política de investigação da UE | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | programa-quadro de IDT | proposta (UE) | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | repartição do financiamento da UE | segurança nuclear | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo Within the context of the multiannual financial framework the Commission is proposing Horizon Europe as the framework programme for research and innovation to succeed Horizon 2020. This initial appraisal of the Commission's impact assessment on the proposal acknowledges the necessity for impact assessments in relation to financial framework programmes to have a simplified format and scope differing from standard impact assessments and that the document in question sets out the rationale for the new programme and explains the choices made in its design rather effectively. It however questions the extent of the departure from the standard methodology and format of impact assessments set in the Commission's better regulation guidelines.

Briefing [EN](#)

Environmental Impact Assessment Directive 2011/92/EU

Tipo de publicação Em síntese

Data 15-11-2018

Autor REMAC Milan

Domínio de intervenção Ambiente | Transposição e Aplicação da Legislação

Palavra-chave AMBIENTE | análise económica | direito da União Europeia | diretiva (UE) | ECONOMIA | ENERGIA | estudo de impacto | gás de xisto | impacto ambiental | indústria petrolífera | política ambiental | proteção do ambiente | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo Environmental Impact Assessment Directive 2011/92/EU defines the procedure of environmental impact assessment. By doing that, the directive intends to ensure that the environmental effects of public and private projects that are likely to have significant effect on the environment are, prior to their authorisation, assessed by Member States' competent authorities. This note provides a brief overview of its implementation.

Em síntese [EN](#)

Promoting the Rights and Values, Justice and Creative Europe programmes

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Cultura | Democracia na UE, Direito Institucional e Direito Parlamentar | Educação | Espaço de Liberdade, de Segurança e de Justiça | Questões de Género, Igualdade e Diversidade

Palavra-chave análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | cidadania europeia | construção europeia | cooperação cultural | cultura e religião | democracia participativa | DIREITO | direito da União Europeia | direitos e liberdades | direitos fundamentais | ECONOMIA | Estado de Direito | estudo de impacto | finanças da União Europeia | organização da justiça | pluralismo cultural | política de cooperação | programa da UE | proposta (UE) | quadro político | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | repartição do financiamento da UE | sistema judiciário | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo With the future (1) Rights and Values, (2) Justice and (3) Creative Europe programmes, the European Commission aims to protect better EU rights and values; to develop further a European area of justice; and to support European cultural and creative sectors and audiovisual works under the 2021-2027 multiannual financial framework. This initial appraisal of the Commission's impact assessment on the proposal finds that the impact assessment is substantiated by various evaluations, studies and consultations. The Commission describes the challenges encountered of the current and previous programmes well. However, the lack of policy options and of an impact analysis seriously affect the IA's quality. In addition, the IA does not match the three proposals: the only option considered does not mention a self-standing Creative Europe programme, which the Commission ultimately proposed.

Briefing [EN](#)

Establishing the European Space Programme

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Indústria | Orçamento | Transportes

Palavra-chave Agência Espacial Europeia | análise económica | comunicação | comunicação por satélite | construção europeia | DIREITO | direito da União Europeia | direito internacional | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | espaço extra-atmosférico | estudo de impacto | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | investigação e propriedade intelectual | navegação por satélite | organismo da UE | organização dos transportes | organizações europeias | ORGANIZAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | política espacial | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | programa da UE | proposta (UE) | transporte aéreo e espacial | TRANSPORTES | técnica espacial | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | utilização do espaço

Resumo The Commission proposed to continue the existing space services, launch new actions and to increase the budget allocation, bringing all space-related activities under the new EU Space programme. The supporting impact assessment merely presents the proposed measures without discussing alternatives or conducting a proper impact analysis, nor does it address the costs and benefits of transforming the Global Navigation Satellite System Agency into a European Union Agency for the Space Programme, thereby falling short of the Better Regulation Guidelines requirements.

Briefing [EN](#)

Erasmus 2021-2027

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Cultura | Educação

Palavra-chave agência executiva | análise económica | construção europeia | cooperação em matéria de educação | desporto | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | educação | educação | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | emprego | EMPREGO E TRABALHO | estudo de impacto | formação profissional | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | política da educação | política da juventude | política de cooperação | programa da UE | proposta (UE) | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | vida social

Resumo The focus of the new Erasmus programme 2021-2027 is on inclusiveness and on better reach of young people with fewer opportunities. The priorities and action steps of the new programme are described in the impact assessment in detail, however, no description is given on the actual operation of these actions in practice.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Revising the Visa Information System](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

Data 15-11-2018

Autor EISELE Katharina

Domínio de intervenção Espaço de Liberdade, de Segurança e de Justiça | Mercado Interno e União Aduaneira

Palavra-chave análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | controlo fronteiriço | cooperação transfronteiriça | demografia e população | DIREITO | direito da União Europeia | direito internacional | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estrangeiro | estudo de impacto | fronteira externa da UE | informação e tratamento da informação | intercâmbio de informação | jovem | migração ilegal | migrações | política de cooperação | política de vistos da UE | política migratória da UE | proposta (UE) | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | Sistema de Informação de Schengen | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | vida política e segurança pública

Resumo The Commission aims to upgrade the visa information system to allow for more thorough background checks on visa applicants, close security information gaps and ensure full interoperability with other EU-wide databases. This initial appraisal of the Commission's impact assessment on the proposal observes that the impact assessment is underpinned by several stakeholder consultations and external studies. The Commission seems to be transparent about data limitations. However, the problem descriptions are not always clear or convincing. In addition, considering the partly highly sensitive issues at hand, such as the fingerprinting of minors, the safeguards for fundamental rights protection in cases of errors or abuse could have been better explained.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Establishing the Connecting Europe Facility 2021-2027](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Energia | Mercado Interno e União Aduaneira | Orçamento | Transportes

Palavra-chave análise económica | comunicação | construção europeia | desenvolvimento sustentável | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | ENERGIA | estudo de impacto | financiamento e investimento | FINANÇAS | finanças da União Europeia | instrumento financeiro da UE | investimento | organização dos transportes | política económica | política energética | política estrutural | programa da UE | projeto de interesse comum | proposta (UE) | rede de transmissão | rede de transporte | rede energética | rede transeuropeia | TRANSPORTES | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This initial appraisal assesses the strengths and weaknesses of the European Commission's impact assessment accompanying its proposal for establishing the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) for the 2021-2027 period. CEF is an EU funding instrument designed to promote and part-finance the construction of pivotal cross border transport, energy and telecommunications infrastructure links between the EU's Member States. The proposal intends to support the achievement of the EU policy objectives in the transport, energy and digital sectors as regards the trans-European networks and to support cross-border cooperation between Member States on renewables planning and deployment. The appraisal concludes that the impact assessment (IA) provides a good description of the policy challenges of the new CEF based on the mid-term evaluation of the programme. The IA envisages a change in the scope for the digital and energy sectors. Alternative options are identified for the energy sector only. The IA would have benefited from better illustrating if, and in case how, the preferred option would take advantage from the existing, or forthcoming, legislation in establishing the envisaged enabling framework for cross-border cooperation on renewables. The IA does not discuss social or environmental impacts of the proposed measures and economic impacts are discussed for the energy sector only. Potential impacts on SMEs are not discussed, although SMEs might have deserved some analysis considering the specific objectives of the trans-European networks for the digital sector. An analysis regarding the impact on competitiveness appears to be missing as well. The final version of the IA appears to have addressed almost entirely the improvements requested by the Regulatory Scrutiny Board.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Workshop: The European Parliament and the new external financing instruments](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Ajuda Humanitária e Desenvolvimento | Assuntos Externos

Palavra-chave ajuda da UE | análise económica | construção europeia | descarga orçamental | difusão da informação da UE | direito da União Europeia | défice democrático | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | financiamento da UE | FINANÇAS | finanças da União Europeia | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | orçamento | papel internacional da UE | Parlamento Europeu | política económica | proposta (UE) | quadro financeiro plurianual | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The workshop hosted discussions on the European Parliament and the current external actions instruments, as well as on the role of the European Parliament under the new proposal for a Neighbourhood, development and international cooperation instrument.

Análise aprofundada [EN](#)

[European high-performance computing joint undertaking](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Aprovação da Legislação pelo PE e pelo Conselho | Indústria | Política de Investigação

Palavra-chave análise económica | computação na nuvem | construção europeia | cooperação científica | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | empresa comum europeia | estudo de impacto | informática | informática e processamento de dados | inovação | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | investigação aplicada | investigação e propriedade intelectual | mercado único digital | nova tecnologia | política de cooperação | política de investigação da UE | processo de consulta | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | proposta (UE) | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | software | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo Following a declaration made by seven EU Member States in March 2017, the European Commission adopted a proposal to establish a joint undertaking for high-performance computing (HPC) under Article 187 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) on 11 January 2018. The proposed regulation would establish the joint undertaking for the period to 31 December 2026, and provide it with €486 million in EU funds from the Horizon 2020 and Connecting Europe Facility programmes as well as an equivalent contribution from the participating countries. The joint undertaking would be charged with the joint procurement of two pre-exascale supercomputers for the Union. It would also implement an HPC research and innovation programme to support the European HPC ecosystem in developing technologies to reach exascale performance by 2022-2023. The European Parliament, adopted its opinion during the July 2018 plenary session, and the Council adopted the text on 28 September 2018. The Council Regulation was published in the Official Journal of 8 October and entered into force on 28 October 2018. Third edition of a Briefing originally drafted by Vincent Reillon. The 'EU Legislation in Progress' briefings are updated at key stages throughout the legislative procedure.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Creative Europe Programme \(2014 to 2020\)](#)

Tipo de publicação Estudo

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Domínio de intervenção Cultura | Democracia | Democracia na UE, Direito Institucional e Direito Parlamentar

Palavra-chave análise económica | CIÊNCIAS | ciências humanas | comunicação | construção europeia | cooperação cultural | cultura e religião | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | finanças da União Europeia | indústria cultural | pluralismo cultural | política de cooperação | política linguística | produção audiovisual | programa da UE | promoção cultural | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | repartição do financiamento da UE | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The study provides an up-to-date evaluation of the implementation of the selected smaller and bigger actions within the Creative Europe programme (2014 to 2020) with focus on the European dimension and European added value of the undertaken actions as well as their visibility.

Estudo [EN](#)

[Establishing the InvestEU programme](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Autor TUOMINEN ULLA-MARI

Domínio de intervenção Assuntos Bancários e Financeiros | Assuntos Económicos e Monetários

Palavra-chave análise económica | base de dados | competitividade | construção europeia | desenvolvimento sustentável | digitalização | direito da União Europeia | documentação | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estudo de impacto | financiamento e investimento | FINANÇAS | finanças da União Europeia | fundo (UE) | informática e processamento de dados | inovação | investigação e propriedade intelectual | investimento | livre circulação de capitais | mercado de capitais | mercado único | organização de empresas | política económica | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | programa da UE | proposta (UE) | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo Building on the Investment Plan for Europe, the Commission proposes to create the InvestEU programme, which would bring various existing EU financial instruments into a single structure. This would contribute to the cross-cutting MFF objectives (simplification, flexibility, synergies, coherence) and to the budgetary aim of 'doing more with less'. This proposal, which would seek to mobilise public and private investments to reduce investment gaps, is based on the stakeholder consultation and different ex post evaluations of the programmes having relevancy for the InvestEU programme. The IA accompanying the proposal provides a thorough description of the challenges in investment, comprising both qualitative and quantitative elements, and links the proposed measures to the identified challenges. The IA discusses also risks and mitigating measures, although the risks and risk management could perhaps have elaborated in more detail. As regards alternative options, the IA discusses some options (implementing partners, organisation of governance, blending and combinations of the support) but does not provide an assessment and comparison of various options as is normally required under the better regulation guidelines. It would have benefited the analysis if the assessment of the expected competitiveness, economic, social and environmental impacts had been more elaborated as in this respect the IA is not very informative.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Reform Support Programme](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Assuntos Económicos e Monetários | Desenvolvimento Regional

Palavra-chave ajuda da UE | ajustamento estrutural | análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | construção europeia | convergência económica | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | Estado-Membro UE | estudo de impacto | FINANÇAS | finanças da União Europeia | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | instrumento financeiro da UE | país não participante | poder executivo e administração pública | política económica | programa da UE | proposta (UE) | reforma administrativa | reforma institucional | relações monetárias | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | vida política e segurança pública

Resumo Among the legislative proposals for the spending programmes of the MFF 2021-2027, the European Commission has proposed to establish a Reform Support Programme for structural reforms. The IA accompanying the proposal provides a good review of the baseline scenario, the problem to tackle and the objectives to achieve. However, it concentrates on the expected positive effects of the programme, rather than assessing thoroughly the impacts of alternative options against the baseline scenario like a standard IA. The presentation of the delivery mechanisms is mostly qualitative, with a couple of quantified references that could have been better explained and substantiated. The IA remains vague on the precise scope of the voluntary programme and several implementation details and implies that its impacts depend to a large extent on the implementation by the Member States, which makes an ex-ante assessment challenging.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Directive 2009/128/EC on the sustainable use of pesticides](#)

Tipo de publicação Estudo

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Domínio de intervenção Agricultura e Desenvolvimento Rural | Ambiente | Saúde Pública

Palavra-chave agricultura sustentável | AGRICULTURA, SILVICULTURA E PESCA | AMBIENTE | análise económica | Autoridade Europeia para a Segurança dos Alimentos | comercialização | comercialização | comissão PE | controlo sanitário | direito da União Europeia | diretiva CE | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | INDÚSTRIA | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | meios de produção agrícola | pesticida | política agrícola | política ambiental | produto químico | proteção do ambiente | QUESTÕES SÓCIAIS | química | regulamento CE | risco sanitário | saúde | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The study presents the results of evaluation of the implementation of the Directive 2009/128/EC establishing a framework for Community action to achieve the sustainable use of pesticides. The study was outsourced and prepared by a consortium led by ÖIR GmbH, in collaboration with Arcadia International, t33 and external experts. The study covers the implementation of the directive as a whole. Furthermore, it concentrates on the implementation of the integrated pest management principles in the individual Member States. In addition, it also provides an analysis concerning of a the development of harmonised risk indicators, the imposition of limitation and bans of on the usage of pesticides in sensitive specific sensitive areas, and the impacts that of the use of pesticides has on drinking water. The analysis is accompanied by recommendations on how to improve the implementation processes.

Estudo [EN](#)

[Implementation and functioning of the '.eu' top level domain name](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Autor KONONENKO Vadim

Domínio de intervenção Assuntos Económicos e Monetários | Mercado Interno e União Aduaneira

Palavra-chave Agência da União Europeia para a Cibersegurança | análise económica | comunicação | construção europeia | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | endereço internet | especificação técnica | estudo de impacto | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | Instituto da Propriedade Intelectual da União Europeia | mercado único digital | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | regulamentação das telecomunicações | símbolo europeu | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The scope of the problem could have been defined in more precise terms. Furthermore, it remains unclear how the proposed options could help achieve one of the two general objectives of the initiative namely enabling or building an online European identity as the options (including the preferred one) are mostly concerned with the technical improvements of the regulatory framework. Stakeholder views do not appear to be fully reflected in the report and it is unclear how they fed into the IA. A more thorough integration of the recommendations of the Regulatory Scrutiny Board, which appear to be only partially addressed, would have benefited the quality if the IA.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Establishing the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Autor KONONENKO Vadim

Domínio de intervenção Espaço de Liberdade, de Segurança e de Justiça | Mercado Interno e União Aduaneira

Palavra-chave análise económica | assistência de pré-adesão | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | construção europeia | desenvolvimento sustentável | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | ENERGIA | estudo de impacto | finanças da União Europeia | indústrias nuclear e elétrica | instrumento financeiro da UE | integração europeia | país terceiro | países e territórios ultramarinos | poder executivo e administração pública | política de cooperação | política de cooperação | política económica | política europeia de vizinhança | proposta (UE) | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | segurança nuclear | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo As part of the group of specific IAs accompanying the MFF proposals, this IA provides a detailed overview of the proposed regulation establishing the new NDICI focusing on the main considerations behind the large-scale overhaul of the existing financial framework in the field of EU external policy. The Commission has engaged broadly with a wide range of stakeholders and did a thorough stock-taking through a mid-term review of ten existing instruments. However as alternative options are not elaborated beyond a brief comparison of advantages and risks of merging the existing instruments into a broader one, it remains rather difficult to fully assess the proposed merger of different instruments as the only option available. Finally, a clearer account of how the stakeholder views fed into the analysis and a more thorough response to the scrutiny of the RSB, would have benefited this impact assessment.

Briefing [EN](#)

[International Agreements in Progress: EU-Singapore trade and investment agreements closer to conclusion](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação da Legislação e das Políticas na Prática | Comércio internacional

Palavra-chave acordo bilateral | acordo de comércio livre | análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | competência dos Estados-Membros | competência institucional | competência institucional (UE) | comunicação | comércio internacional | consulta pública | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | financiamento e investimento | FINANÇAS | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | investimento direto | investimento estrangeiro | parecer do Tribunal de Justiça (UE) | política internacional | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | Singapura | Tribunal de Justiça da União Europeia | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | vida política e segurança pública | Ásia-Oceânia

Resumo On 18 April 2018, the European Commission proposed to the Council of the EU to sign and conclude two agreements with Singapore. These agreements were created by dividing the free trade agreement reached between the EU and Singapore (EUSFTA) in 2014, but not ratified, into separate trade and investment protection agreements. When presenting the agreements, the Commission underlined that they demonstrate the commitment of Singapore and the EU to fair trade and open markets. The Council of the EU is expected to authorise the signature of the agreements in October 2018. The Commission aims to have the trade agreement come into effect before the end of its mandate in 2019, after its approval by the Council and the European Parliament. Singapore will be the first member state of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) to sign bilateral trade and investment agreements with the EU. The EU views bilateral agreements with ASEAN members as steps towards achieving the final objective of a region-to-region trade and investment agreement with ASEAN. Therefore, the EU Singapore agreements are considered a reference as regards the EU's ambition to conclude trade and investment agreements with other ASEAN members. Second edition. The 'International Agreements in Progress' briefings are updated at key stages throughout the process, from initial discussions through to ratification. To view earlier editions of this briefing, please see: PE 607.255, June 2017.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Launching the Digital Europe Programme](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Palavra-chave análise económica | construção europeia | digitalização | direito da União Europeia | documentação | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | informatização | informação e tratamento da informação | informática e processamento de dados | inovação | inteligência artificial | investigação e propriedade intelectual | literacia digital | mercado único digital | processamento de dados | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | programa da UE | proposta (UE) | segurança da informação | tecnologia digital | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo Despite its strong position in science, research and innovation, Europe lags behind when it comes to deploying digital capacities and taking up advanced digital technologies. That's why the European Commission proposed a new programme - the Digital Europe Programme - to support the deployment and optimal use of the digital capacities that underpin innovation in areas of public interest and business. This briefing provides you with an appraisal of the quality of the impact assessment, which accompanies the Commission's proposal.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Regulation \(EC\) No 1/2005 on the protection of animals during transport and related operations](#)

Tipo de publicação Estudo

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Palavra-chave AGRICULTURA, SILVICULTURA E PESCA | AMBIENTE | análise económica | atividade agrícola | bem-estar dos animais | certificado sanitário | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | inspeção veterinária | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | organização dos transportes | política aduaneira | política agrícola | política ambiental | proteção dos animais | regulamento CE | transporte de animais | TRANSPORTES | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo Regulation (EC) 1/2005 lays down common rules for the transport of live vertebrate animals between EU countries in order to prevent injury or unnecessary suffering to the animals. The current EIA looks at the general implementation of the regulation, as well as at some particular elements (data recording, enforcement, fitness for transport). The assessment is based on existing data only et does not represent a complete evaluation of Regulation (EC) 1/2005.

Estudo [EN](#)

[The EU - Japan Economic Partnership Agreement](#)

Tipo de publicação Estudo

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Domínio de intervenção Comércio internacional

Palavra-chave acesso ao mercado | acordo comercial (UE) | acordo de comércio livre | AMBIENTE | análise económica | comércio internacional | comércio por país | consequências económicas | construção europeia | contrato público | ECONOMIA | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estudo de impacto | financiamento e investimento | FINANÇAS | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | governo das empresas | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | investimento estrangeiro | Japão | liberalização do comércio | organização de empresas | política ambiental | política comercial | política para as alterações climáticas | trocas comerciais | trocas comerciais | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | Ásia-Oceânia

Resumo This report independently assesses the EU-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement. We find that the EPA establishes an ambitious framework to further liberalise and better organise trade, covering goods, services, intellectual property and investment, tariff- and non-tariff measures, and regulatory cooperation. Given its depth and breadth, and that it is unprecedented in including provisions on corporate governance, SMEs, and climate change, the EPA is set to become a benchmark for future trade agreements. Joining two open economies with high income levels and regulatory standards, the agreement is expected to generate benefits by boosting trade within sectors, minimising sectoral relocation and negative employment effects. Agri-food, textiles and leather products are where the EU can expect to make the greatest gains. Furthermore, the EPA will boost the EU's economic presence and political relevance in the Asia-Pacific area. Going beyond its economic benefits, the agreement also has significant non-economic implications. Reinforced cooperation will enhance the ability of both parties to shape the course of global developments in a manner that better reflects their shared interests and values, such as their commitment to a rule-based global trade system and the fight against global warming.

Estudo [EN](#)

[Multiannual plan for North Sea demersal fisheries](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Aprovação da Legislação pelo PE e pelo Conselho | Pescas

Palavra-chave AGRICULTURA, SILVICULTURA E PESCA | AMBIENTE | análise económica | aprovação da lei | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | captura autorizada | captura por espécie | conservação dos recursos haliéuticos | controlo da pesca | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | mar do Norte | meio natural | peixe de água salgada | pesca | pesca de alto mar | pesca sustentável | política comum da pesca | proposta (UE) | quota de pesca | trabalhos parlamentares | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The European Parliament and Council have adopted a new multiannual plan to manage fisheries in the North Sea and some adjacent maritime areas. The plan covers demersal species (i.e. species living close to the sea bottom). These stocks are exploited by various fishing fleets using various fishing gear, but often catching different species together (mixed fisheries). The North Sea demersal fisheries are conducted by several thousand EU vessels, mainly from Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden and the United Kingdom, and represent over 70 % of EU catches in this area. The plan introduces new rules on how the catch limits for each stock must be set, so that it is fished sustainably. The ranges within which the catch limits are set are based on the best available scientific advice, and updated regularly to take account of the most recent data. The plan also contains safeguard measures to restore stocks when they fall below safe biological limits, and sets a framework for improved cooperation between the Member States concerned at sea-regional level. Fourth edition of a briefing originally drafted by Jean Weissenberger. The 'EU Legislation in Progress' briefings are updated at key stages throughout the legislative procedure. To view earlier editions of this briefing, please see: PE 621.885, May 2018.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Type-approval requirements for the general safety of vehicles](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Mercado Interno e União Aduaneira | Proteção dos Consumidores

Palavra-chave acidente de transporte | AMBIENTE | análise económica | direito da União Europeia | dispositivo de segurança | ECONOMIA | equipamento do veículo | estudo de impacto | homologação | INDÚSTRIA | norma ambiental | norma de segurança | norma europeia | norma técnica | organização dos transportes | pneu | política ambiental | política de transportes | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | proposta (UE) | química | segurança rodoviária | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | TRANSPORTES | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | veículo motorizado

Resumo The European Commission recently issued a legislative proposal to increase the general safety of vehicles. This briefing provides an initial analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the impact assessment accompanying this proposal. The IA provides a thorough problem definition and presents measures to tackle it. However, the link between problem definition and the options could have been more straightforward and the analysis, including numerous simulations and quantifications based on four different models, could have been more transparent and clear. While the IA focuses on the cost for manufacturers on the one side and the societal benefits of prevented or mitigated casualties on the other, it excludes (or only touches upon briefly) other aspects, such as macroeconomic or indirect impacts and the privacy of data as regards the use of new technologies.

Briefing [EN](#)

[European Regional Development Fund, Cohesion Fund, a cross-border mechanism and Interreg](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Desenvolvimento Regional

Palavra-chave ajuda regional | análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | cooperação administrativa | cooperação jurídica | cooperação regional | cooperação territorial europeia | cooperação transfronteiriça | desenvolvimento regional | direito da União Europeia | disparidade regional | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | finanças da União Europeia | Fundo de Coesão | Fundo Europeu de Desenvolvimento Regional | poder executivo e administração pública | política de cooperação | política económica | proposta (UE) | regiões e política regional | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The European Commission recently issued the legislative proposals for the spending programmes of the MFF 2021-2027, including the legislative package on cohesion policy. Three of these proposals (on the ERDF and the Cohesion fund, on a new mechanism for cross-border cooperation and on Interreg) are covered by one IA. It provides a good description of policy challenges and 'lessons learned' from previous programmes. Potential effects of proposed measures are, however, discussed rather generally, neglecting in particular social, environmental and other specific or indirect impacts. Additional explanations regarding the assumptions (and uncertainties) underlying the analysis would have increased the completeness, precision and accountability of the IA.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Setting CO2 emission performance standards for new heavy-duty vehicles](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Ambiente

Palavra-chave AMBIENTE | análise económica | autocarro | carburante | combustível | consumo de energia | degradação do ambiente | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | ENERGIA | estudo de impacto | gás de efeito de estufa | indústria petrolífera | luta contra a poluição | organização dos transportes | poluição automóvel | política ambiental | política energética | proposta (UE) | redução das emissões de gases | transporte terrestre | TRANSPORTES | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | veículo de carga | veículo pesado

Resumo This initial appraisal assesses the strengths and weaknesses of the European Commission's impact assessment accompanying its proposal for a regulation setting CO2 emission performance standards for some categories of new 'rigid lorries' and 'tractors'. The proposal seeks to contribute to achieving the climate target set by the Paris Agreement, adopted on 12 December 2015, i.e. 'holding the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2 °C above pre-industrial levels and pursuing efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels'. In addition, it intends to help Member States achieving the national greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction targets in the road transport sector for the period 2021-2030 set by the 'effort sharing' regulation proposed by the Commission. The appraisal concludes that the impact assessment clearly defines the problems to be addressed, although in a couple of cases only one option is considered (in addition to the baseline). In such cases, the Commission's approach appears not to be entirely in line with the better regulation toolbox. The analysis carried out appears to be sound and well evidenced, providing ample and detailed insight into the issues considered. The analysis of impacts focuses on the economic and environmental dimension, consistently with the manner in which the problems have been defined. Their quantitative assessment is based on three models which, according to the IA, have already been 'successfully' used in previous impact assessment regarding transport, energy and climate policies. The IA appears to have addressed all of the Regulatory Scrutiny Board's recommendations, and the legislative proposal seems to be consistent with the analysis carried out in the IA.

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Cross-border mobility of companies and use of digital solutions in company law

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Palavra-chave acesso à informação | análise económica | codificação do direito da UE | comunicação | comunicação de dados | concentração económica | construção europeia | digitalização | direito da União Europeia | direito das sociedades comerciais | documentação | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estudo de impacto | fluxo de dados transfronteiriço | forma jurídica de sociedade | informação e tratamento da informação | informática e processamento de dados | mercado único digital | organização de empresas | proposta (UE) | registo de sociedade | sociedade de capitais | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo In order to facilitate the freedom of establishment for companies, the Commission is proposing rules regarding the use of digital tools and processes throughout companies' lifecycles and rules regarding cross-border conversions, mergers and divisions. This initial appraisal of the Commission's impact assessment on the proposals observes that the impact assessment is very wide in scope and hence quite complex, but nevertheless manages to make a persuasive case to back the regulatory action being proposed

Briefing [EN](#)

Setting minimum requirements for water reuse

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Domínio de intervenção Agricultura e Desenvolvimento Rural | Ambiente | Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante | Segurança Alimentar

Palavra-chave abastecimento de água | AGRICULTURA, SILVICULTURA E PESCA | AMBIENTE | análise económica | consumo de água | degradação do ambiente | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | Estado-Membro UE | estudo de impacto | exploração agrícola | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | irrigação | meio natural | necessidade de água | política ambiental | proposta (UE) | proteção do ambiente | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | recursos hídricos | saúde | saúde pública | tratamento da água | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | urbanismo e construção civil | utilização da água | água residual

Resumo The Commission proposal aims to increase the uptake of water reuse for agricultural irrigation. The supporting impact assessment (IA) is based on extensive data and analysis. The range of options, the scope and the analysis of impacts, and the stakeholder consultation seem to have been done in line with the Better Regulation Guidelines. However, the objectives set in the IA are not time-bound, nor measurable. Furthermore, proportionality of the options and the presentation of the problem could be improved.

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Streamlining measures for advancing the realisation of the Trans-European Transport Network

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante | Transportes

Palavra-chave análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | construção europeia | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | Estado-Membro UE | estudo de impacto | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | organização dos transportes | poder executivo e administração pública | processo administrativo | projeto de interesse comum | proposta (UE) | rede de transporte | rede transeuropeia | TRANSPORTES | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo Removing obstacles to investments in infrastructure projects, like the Trans-European Transport network (TEN-T), contributes to the Investment Plan for Europe. The European Commission recently issued a legislative proposal to streamline measures for advancing realisation of the TEN-T, as problems concerning delays and legal uncertainties impact on the effective completion. This briefing provides an initial analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the European Commission's impact assessment accompanying the above-mentioned proposal and assesses in particular to what extent the requirements of the Commission's own Better Regulation Guidelines have been respected. Overall, the impact assessment appears to provide a comprehensive problem analysis and to link it with objectives and options. However, some issues could have been further explained and the objectives could have been more specific. Greater attention could also have been given to the initiative's impact on SMEs and more detailed information provided about the respondents in the consultation process.

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Cross-border distribution of collective investment funds

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Domínio de intervenção Assuntos Bancários e Financeiros | Assuntos Económicos e Monetários | Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante

Palavra-chave análise económica | aplicação de capitais | Autoridade Europeia dos Valores Mobiliários e dos Mercados | comercialização | comercialização | dimensão transfronteiras | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | FINANÇAS | fundo de investimento alternativo | fundo OICVM | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | instituições financeiras e crédito | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | livre circulação de capitais | mercado de capitais | proposta (UE) | regiões e política regional | regulamentação financeira | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The European Commission recently issued a legislative proposal to increase cross-border distribution of investment funds. This briefing provides an initial analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the impact assessment accompanying the Commission's proposal. Based on both internal and some external sources, as well as several stakeholder consultations, the impact assessment provides useful information, but lacks coherence and transparency. It acknowledges some limitations, citing lack of data and the influence of other factors, which are out of the scope of the impact assessment. The range of proposed policy options is rather limited for some areas. The impact assessment focuses on average cost effects for asset managers (and for competent authorities), without taking into account social or territorial implications and without analysing, for instance, the effects on SMEs or on the EU27 after Brexit.

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Security of ID cards and of residence documents issued to EU citizens and their families

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Palavra-chave análise económica | Carta dos Direitos Fundamentais da União Europeia | cidadania europeia | cidadão da UE | construção europeia | dados pessoais | DIREITO | direito da União Europeia | direito de residência | direito internacional | direitos e liberdades | documento de identidade | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estrangeiro | estudo de impacto | fronteira externa da UE | informática e processamento de dados | liberdade de circulação | livre circulação de pessoas | proposta (UE) | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo Currently, there are at least 86 different versions of ID cards, and 181 types of residence documents in circulation in the EU. The format and minimum standards for ID cards and residence documents is not regulated on EU level. In order to strengthen the security features of ID cards and residence documents of EU citizens and their non-EU family members, the European Commission published a legislative proposal. The impact assessment accompanying this proposal clearly explains the problems currently encountered, and proposes adequate solutions. The Commission used different sources to substantiate the impact assessment and also undertook several stakeholder consultation activities. However, it is not systematically indicated which stakeholder group prefers which specific option. At times the impact assessment displays a lack of quantification, about which the Commission is open. More detailed information on the safeguards regarding the fundamental rights impact would have been desirable.

Briefing [EN](#)

European production and preservation orders and the appointment of legal representatives for gathering electronic evidence

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Domínio de intervenção Direitos Humanos | Espaço de Liberdade, de Segurança e de Justiça | Mercado Interno e União Aduaneira

Palavra-chave análise económica | ação em matéria penal | comercialização | comunicação | cooperação transfronteiriça | criminalidade informática | dados pessoais | DIREITO | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | informação e tratamento da informação | informática e processamento de dados | intercâmbio de informação | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | internet | justiça | política de cooperação | prestação de serviços | proposta (UE) | proteção dos dados | prova informática | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | testemunho | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The IA provides a comprehensive description of the problem and the options are clearly linked to the objectives and the problem definition. It would have benefited the analysis if coherence and complementarity between this initiative and other proposed EU legislation would have been further explained. Moreover, stakeholders' views are mentioned in a rather general way throughout the IA report and also, the problem drivers are not evenly discussed. It is to be noted that the proposed Regulation does not entirely follow the IA as it does not include legislative measures on direct access and access to databases, and on the other hand, it includes additional conditions for issuing a European Production Order.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Improving road infrastructure safety management](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Direito da UE: Ordenamento Jurídico e Atos Jurídicos | Transportes

Palavra-chave acidente de transporte | análise económica | construção europeia | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | infraestrutura do transporte | organização dos transportes | política comum dos transportes | política de transportes | proposta (UE) | rede de estradas | rede de transporte | rede transeuropeia | segurança rodoviária | sinalização | transporte terrestre | TRANSPORTES | trânsito por estrada | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo In order to improve the EU road safety and substantially reduce road deaths, several measures were taken at the EU level. A general policy document was adopted in 2010, when the European Commission published the Road Safety Programme 2011-2020. The current revision of the road safety management procedures was triggered by the fact that the progress in the reduction of road fatalities stalled and that the existing road security measures needed to be adapted to changes in mobility resulting from societal trends and technological developments. The impact assessment accompanying this proposal clearly explains the problems currently encountered, and proposes adequate solutions. The Commission used different sources to substantiate the impact assessment and also undertook several stakeholder consultation activities. However, some parts of the IA do not entirely follow the requirements of the Better Regulation Guidelines in that it does not set sufficiently specific and time-bound objectives. More detailed information on proportionality and publication of the support study would have also been desirable.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Impact Assessment of possible action at EU level for an open, efficient and independent EU administration](#)

Tipo de publicação Estudo

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Palavra-chave acção da UE | análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | construção europeia | código de conduta | deontologia profissional | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | elaboração do direito da UE | EMPREGO E TRABALHO | estudo de impacto | governação | instituição comunitária | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | poder executivo e administração pública | política internacional | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | relações laborais e direito do trabalho | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The fragmentation of EU administrative law impinges on the EU's ability to consistently uphold standards of good governance and administration, as well as to protect citizens' rights when they interact with the administration. The impact assessment analyses what action could be taken to guarantee an open, efficient and independent EU administration. It compares the option of "doing nothing" with two alternative policy options. The study concludes that adopting a regulatory framework for administrative procedures would be the preferred option, since it would lead to clear advantages in terms of cost savings for the public, as well as the accessibility, transparency, legal certainty and predictability as well as the legitimacy of, and trust in, EU institutions. It would also compliment the transition of the EU administration towards e-government and e-administration tools.

Estudo [EN](#)

[Revision of the Explosives Precursors Regulation](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Palavra-chave AMBIENTE | análise económica | aproximação das legislações | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | autorização de venda | comercialização | comércio internacional | degradação do ambiente | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | explosivo | INDÚSTRIA | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | matéria perigosa | norma de comercialização | política comercial | produto químico | proposta (UE) | proteção civil | química | restrição ao comércio | terrorismo | tráfico ilícito | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | vida política e segurança pública

Resumo Explosives precursors can be found in various chemical products used by consumers, general professional users, and industrial users, for example, in detergents, fertilisers, special fuels, lubricants and greases, water treatment chemicals. They can be used by terrorists to produce home-made explosives (HME). In April 2018 the European Commission put forward a proposal for a new regulation, accompanied by an impact assessment (IA) and an evaluation, which have been performed at the same time. The IA has attempted to provide a rather detailed, albeit mainly qualitative, analysis of the various types of impacts, disregarding some limitations to obtain data, such as a risk of exposing vulnerabilities in Member States and of jeopardising ongoing investigations and prosecutions. The IA notes that many SMEs are not part of the EU level industry associations, which have been consulted while drafting the ex-post evaluation. A question arises if the SMEs have been targeted at the stakeholder consultation in any other way, which appears not to be the case. The public consultation took less than 12 weeks, which is not in line with the Better Regulation Guidelines.

Briefing [EN](#)

Marine litter: single-use plastics and fishing gear

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Domínio de intervenção Ambiente

Palavra-chave AGRICULTURA, SILVICULTURA E PESCA | AMBIENTE | análise económica | bens não duradouros | consumo | degradação do ambiente | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | gestão de resíduos | impacto ambiental | INDÚSTRIA | indústria pesqueira | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | luta contra a poluição | matéria plástica | pesca | poluição marítima | política ambiental | política do ambiente da UE | proposta (UE) | proteção do ambiente | química | resíduo | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The Commission proposal aims to reduce the environmental harm from single-use plastics and fishing gear. The supporting impact assessment (IA) does not discuss the impacts on innovation, research and development or the feasibility for businesses to invest into alternative materials. The IA only briefly touches upon the implications for SMEs and does not explain why the open public consultation ran for 8 weeks instead of the 12 weeks. Finally, the proposal misses certain measures foreseen under the preferred option and contains measures not foreseen in the IA.

Briefing [EN](#)

Levelling off European cross-border payments in euros

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Palavra-chave análise económica | banca eletrónica | construção europeia | custos bancários | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | economia monetária | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estudo de impacto | FINANÇAS | gestão contabilística | instituição financeira | instituições financeiras e crédito | livre circulação de capitais | mercado único | pagamento | pagamento intra-UE | proposta (UE) | regulamentação financeira | relações monetárias | serviços financeiros | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | zona euro

Resumo While the overall argument in favour of cheaper cross-border payments across the euro and non-euro Member States appears sensible, this impact assessment could have been stronger in terms of discussing the specifics of the financial infrastructure in non-euro Member States and the shortcomings of the cross-border payments market related to these specifics. A more detailed comparison of options including the economic impacts (particularly as related to SMEs) would have been helpful, as would be a more substantiated analysis of the feasibility of the envisaged monitoring and evaluation mechanisms.

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Cross-border parcel delivery services

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Palavra-chave análise económica | comercialização | comunicação | comércio eletrónico | construção europeia | consumo | DIREITO | direito da União Europeia | direito internacional | distribuição comercial | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | entrega | estatística da UE | estudo de impacto | frete | fronteira interna da UE | informação do consumidor | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | mercado único | mercado único digital | organização dos transportes | política de transportes | prestação de serviços | regulamento (UE) | serviço postal | serviço universal | transporte de mercadorias | TRANSPORTES | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo High prices and the inconvenience of cross-border parcel delivery have been identified as being among the main obstacles to greater uptake of e-commerce among European consumers and retailers. Research shows that current cross-border parcel delivery prices charged by universal service providers can be almost five times higher than domestic parcel delivery prices. To remedy the situation, the European Commission presented a legislative proposal on cross-border parcel delivery services as part of its May 2016 e-commerce package. The proposal's aim was to contribute to a reduction in delivery prices through increased price transparency and improved regulatory oversight. The final act was signed in April 2018, following a compromise agreement between Parliament and the Council reached in December 2017. The new regulation will enable consumers and businesses to compare parcel delivery prices on a dedicated website, while national regulatory authorities will be provided with greater powers to monitor cross-border tariffs and assess those they consider to be unreasonably high. Fourth edition, based on an original briefing by Jana Valant. The 'EU Legislation in Progress' briefings are updated at key stages throughout the legislative procedure. Please note this document has been designed for on-line viewing.

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[Motor vehicles: new approval and market surveillance rules](#)

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Palavra-chave AMBIENTE | análise económica | automóvel | certificado comunitário | degradação do ambiente | ECONOMIA | ensaio | estudo de impacto | fiscalização do mercado | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | licença de emissão da UE | norma técnica | organização dos transportes | poluição automóvel | política ambiental | política comercial | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | transporte terrestre | TRANSPORTES | veículo motorizado

Resumo The automotive industry is a major player in the European economy, accounting for 6.4% of gross domestic product and 2.3 million jobs in the European Union (EU). In September 2015, the Volkswagen (VW) case highlighted weaknesses in the implementation of type-approval rules for motor vehicles in the European Union, in particular as regards standards on emissions of air pollutants and carbon dioxide. In 2016, as part of preparations from previous years but also in response to the VW case, the European Commission proposed strengthening the type-approval system for motor vehicles. Its goal is to ensure effective enforcement of rules (including through market surveillance), to strengthen the quality and independence of technical tests and to introduce EU oversight on the type-approval process. After completion of the legislative procedure, the final act was signed on 30 May 2018. The regulation will apply from 1 September 2020.

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[Unfair trading practices in the food supply chain](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Agricultura e Desenvolvimento Rural | Direito Contratual, Direito Comercial e Direito Empresarial | Mercado Interno e União Aduaneira

Palavra-chave abastecimento | agroalimentar | agroalimentar | AGROALIMENTAR | análise económica | cadeia de lojas | cláusula abusiva | concorrência | consumo | DIREITO | direito civil | direito da União Europeia | distribuição comercial | ECONOMIA | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estudo de impacto | fornecedor | indústria alimentar | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | pequenas e médias empresas | produto alimentar | produto deteriorável | proposta (UE) | proteção do consumidor | restrição de concorrência | tipos de empresa | trocas comerciais | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The Commission proposal aims to strengthen the resilience of weaker operators in the food supply chain and improve its functioning. The supporting impact assessment appears to be substantially constrained by the limited evidence base. The data on the scale of the problem seems limited and precise quantifications of costs and benefits of the option packages was not feasible. The stakeholder consultation activities, on the other hand, have largely followed the requirements of the Better Regulation Guidelines.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Modernising trade defence instruments](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Aprovação da Legislação pelo PE e pelo Conselho | Comércio internacional | Segurança e Defesa

Palavra-chave América | análise económica | China | comércio internacional | concorrência | direito da União Europeia | direitos antidumping | ECONOMIA | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | Estados Unidos | estudo de impacto | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | geografia política | importação (UE) | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | medida antidumping | país terceiro | política de cooperação | processo antissubvenção | produto originário | proposta (UE) | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | trocas comerciais | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | Ásia-Oceânia

Resumo Trade defence instruments (TDIs) play a vital role in countering unfair trade practices from third countries and in levelling the playing field for EU companies, notably in times of mounting global overcapacity in a number of sectors. In April 2013, the Commission adopted a proposal to modernise the EU's basic Anti-dumping and Anti-subsidy (AD/AS) Regulations. The reform was intended to enhance the transparency and predictability of investigations and increase the effectiveness and enforcement of AD/AS measures. Parliament adopted its position on the proposal in 2014, but the procedure was deadlocked in the Council until November 2016. Following interinstitutional negotiations, a political agreement was achieved in December 2017. After the Council's adoption of its first-reading position in April 2018, the text was formally adopted by Parliament in May 2018. In 2016, the legislative procedure on the reform of the methodology for calculating AD duties was launched as a second pillar of the TDI reform. See also our 'EU Legislation in progress' briefing on that proposal: Protection from dumped and subsidised imports. Second edition. The 'EU Legislation in Progress' briefings are updated at key stages throughout the legislative procedure.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Minimum loss coverage for non-performing exposures](#)

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Palavra-chave análise económica | banco | controlo bancário | DIREITO | direito civil | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | economia monetária | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | empréstimo concedido | estudo de impacto | FINANÇAS | gestão administrativa | instituições financeiras e crédito | livre circulação de capitais | mercado de capitais | política de crédito | programa de ação | proposta (UE) | risco financeiro | sistema bancário | solvibilidade financeira | união bancária da UE | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo In March 2018, the European Commission presented a proposal to introduce statutory backstops for 'non-performing exposures'. These concern loans, debt securities or certain overdue off-balance-sheet items. Since the financial crisis, the EU has aimed to address the high numbers of these non-performing exposures, including in particular non-performing loans, as they risk destabilising the financial sector and thereby the EU economy. This briefing provides an initial appraisal of the quality of the impact assessment accompanying the Commission proposal

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[Protection of workers from exposure to carcinogens or mutagens: third proposal](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Emprego

Palavra-chave AMBIENTE | análise económica | cancro | composto químico | condições e organização do trabalho | degradação do ambiente | direito da União Europeia | doença profissional | ECONOMIA | EMPREGO E TRABALHO | estudo de impacto | INDÚSTRIA | norma de segurança | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | proposta (UE) | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | química | risco sanitário | saúde | saúde e higiene no trabalho | substância cancerígena | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The impact assessment (IA) accompanying the proposal for a third revision of the carcinogens and mutagens Directive 2004/37/EC clearly defines the problem to be addressed. However, it would have benefited from providing more comprehensive explanations of its evolution without EU action. The objectives appear to be relevant, sufficiently measurable, achievable, though not time-bound. The IA considers a wide range of options, and those retained for further assessment appear to be reasonable, and consistent with the approach followed in two previous amendments of the directive. The analysis of impacts focuses on the economic and social dimension, mainly health, consistently with the manner in which the problem has been defined. Environmental impacts are assessed to be broadly negligible: considering that the IA is dealing with carcinogenic chemical substances, this would have perhaps required further justification. The IA acknowledges a general issue regarding, inter alia, the availability of data on the number of workers exposed, and the scarce and not always sufficiently robust epidemiological evidence. The methodological annex does not provide information regarding how the multi criteria analysis has been performed. Finally, the IA appears to have addressed most of the RSB's recommendations and the legislative proposal appears to be consistent with the analysis carried out in the IA.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Access to financial data by law enforcement authorities](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Palavra-chave análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | combate ao crime | construção europeia | controlo bancário | cooperação policial | cooperação transfronteiriça | crime organizado | delito económico | DIREITO | direito da União Europeia | direito penal | direito penal | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | espaço de liberdade, segurança e justiça | estudo de impacto | Europol | FINANÇAS | informação e tratamento da informação | instituições financeiras e crédito | intercâmbio de informação | livre circulação de capitais | política de cooperação | proposta (UE) | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | terrorismo | transação financeira | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | vida política e segurança pública | vida social

Resumo Groups committing serious crimes, including terrorists, often operate cross-border and their funds are usually located across the EU Member States or outside of the EU. The Commission proposal aims to improve the sharing financial information among national law enforcement authorities and financial intelligence units to prevent and fight crime and terrorism. The impact assessment accompanying the proposal examined comprehensively the problems encountered by law enforcement authorities and financial intelligence units, and made a real attempt to analyse the impacts of the proposed measures. A more thorough analysis of the safeguards on fundamental rights would have been useful. The Commission admits that the calculations of costs and benefits were limited due to a lack of data. Finally, the overall preferred option remains unclear.

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[New EU insolvency rules give troubled businesses a chance to start anew](#)

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Palavra-chave ajuda à reestruturação | ajuda às empresas | análise económica | aproximação das legislações | DIREITO | direito civil | direito da União Europeia | direito das sociedades comerciais | ECONOMIA | empresa em dificuldade | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | Estado-Membro UE | estudo de impacto | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | liquidação de sociedade comercial | organização de empresas | política económica | proposta (UE) | solvabilidade financeira | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo In 2012, the Commission proposed to recast the 2000 Insolvency Regulation in order to address the cross-border aspects of insolvency in the EU. Adopted in 2015, the recast regulation introduced clear rules on the jurisdiction and law applicable to a debtor's insolvency proceedings and made mandatory the recognition of those proceedings in other EU Member States. Its remit was expanded to include not only bankruptcy but also hybrid and pre-insolvency proceedings, as well as debt discharges and debt adjustments for natural persons (consumers and sole traders). In late 2016, as a further step and a follow up to the Insolvency Recommendation of 2014, the Commission proposed to adopt a directive on business restructuring, which would provide new legal tools to rescue viable businesses in distress and give honest but bankrupt entrepreneurs a second chance. The proposal focuses on three key elements: common principles on early restructuring tools, which would help companies to continue operating and preserve jobs; rules to allow entrepreneurs to benefit from a second chance through a discharge of debt; and targeted measures allowing Member States to increase the efficiency of insolvency, restructuring and discharge procedures. The initiative is a key deliverable under the capital markets union action plan. It will also contribute substantially to addressing the high levels of non-performing loans in banks' balance sheets. The draft report was presented to the Parliament's Committee on Legal Affairs (JURI) in September 2017. In May 2018 the Council reached agreement on part of the proposal.

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[Strengthening EU cooperation on health technology assessment](#)

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Palavra-chave acesso ao mercado | análise económica | avaliação tecnológica | ciências médicas | cooperação científica | cooperação transfronteiriça | cuidados de saúde | direito da União Europeia | direitos do doente | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | informação e tratamento da informação | inovação | intercâmbio de informação | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | investigação e propriedade intelectual | material médico-cirúrgico | política comercial | política de cooperação | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | proposta (UE) | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | saúde | saúde pública | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The impact assessment (IA) accompanying the Commission proposal on strengthening EU cooperation on Health Technology Assessment clearly defines the problem, as well as the general and specific objectives. However, the IA does not appear to have succeeded in presenting a very convincing range of options. The analysis of impacts focuses on the economic dimension, which is consistent with the manner in which the problems have been defined. In light of the reported concentration of SMEs in the medical technologies sector (95 %), more emphasis could have been put on analysing the impacts of the retained options on them. The stakeholders' views have been illustrated in a satisfactory way. The evidence included or referenced in the IA is copious and up to date. The IA appears to have addressed most of the RSB's recommendations. Finally, the legislative proposal appears to be consistent with the analysis carried out in the IA.

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[Fostering cross-border investment – Law applicable to the third-party effects of assignments of claims](#)

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Palavra-chave análise económica | créditos | dimensão transfronteiras | DIREITO | direito civil | direito comercial | direito da União Europeia | direito internacional | direito internacional privado | ECONOMIA | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estudo de impacto | faturação | FINANÇAS | gestão contabilística | instrumento financeiro | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | livre circulação de capitais | mercado de capitais | política comercial | princípio de segurança jurídica | proposta (UE) | regiões e política regional | solvabilidade financeira | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The Commission is proposing to harmonise the conflict of law rules in regard to the applicable national law applicable to third-party effects in the case of cross-border assignments of rights. This initial appraisal of the Commission's impact assessment on the proposal observes that the impact assessment is characterised by a lack of quantitative evidence and this is acknowledged explained by the impact assessment itself. The IA, however, still seems to make a reasonable case for the proposal on the basis mostly of legal analysis and supported by anecdotal evidence gathered through the stakeholder consultation.

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[FTA negotiations to start with Australia and New Zealand](#)

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Palavra-chave acesso ao mercado | acordo comercial (UE) | análise económica | Austrália | comercialização | comércio internacional | construção europeia | contratação pública | denominação de origem | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | financiamento e investimento | FINANÇAS | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | geografia política | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | investimento da UE | investimento no estrangeiro | liberalização do comércio | Nova Zelândia | política comercial | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | Ásia-Oceânia

Resumo On 22 May 2018, the Council authorised the Commission to negotiate free trade agreements (FTAs) with Australia and New Zealand, and adopted the related negotiating directives. The FTAs will mainly focus on further reducing existing trade obstacles, eliminating custom duties on goods, and improving access for services and public procurement in Australia and New Zealand. The first negotiation rounds are expected to take place in July 2018, and the Commission aims to conclude negotiations before the end of its term in late 2019.

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[European crowdfunding service providers for business](#)

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Palavra-chave análise económica | aproximação das legislações | capital de início de atividade | comercialização | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estudo de impacto | financiamento colaborativo | financiamento e investimento | FINANÇAS | inovação | instituições financeiras e crédito | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | investigação e propriedade intelectual | investimento | livre circulação de capitais | nova empresa | pequenas e médias empresas | prestação de serviços | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | proposta (UE) | regulamentação financeira | serviços financeiros | tipos de empresa | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This briefing provides an initial analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the European Commission's impact assessment (IA) accompanying the above-mentioned proposal, published on 8 March 2018 and referred to Parliament's Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON). The strengthening of the capital markets to boost long-term investment in the EU is a priority EU goal. In this context, the Commission's 2017 mid-term review of the capital markets union (CMU) action plan noted that access to finance for small, innovative businesses is a challenge in all EU countries, even those where access to bank finance has remained stable during the financial crisis. Start-ups and other unlisted firms lack risk finance to invest in innovation and growth, in particular in the early stages of their development (IA, p. 6, 8). In view of closing this gap and complementing bank financing, the Commission supports alternative sources of financing, including technology-enabled financial services, the largest part of which consists in crowdfunding. In this context, crowdfunding is defined as an 'open call for the collecting of resources ... from the wider public through an internet-based platform for a specific project' (IA, p. 8). A 2016 Commission staff working document noted that crowdfunding has been developing rapidly since 2013, but remained concentrated in a few EU countries, with 81 % market share in the United Kingdom (UK) (IA, p. 16). Some Member States introduced national rules to regulate their online platforms and/or apply elements of existing EU legislation on financial services to specific types of crowdfunding, while others leave some aspects of the activity unregulated. This regulatory patchwork hinders cross-border crowdfunding and creates considerable market fragmentation (IA, pp. 26-30).

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[Multiannual plan for North Sea demersal fisheries](#)

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Palavra-chave AGRICULTURA, SILVICULTURA E PESCA | AMBIENTE | análise económica | captura autorizada | captura por espécie | conservação dos recursos haliéuticos | controlo da pesca | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | mar do Norte | meio natural | peixe de água salgada | pesca | pesca de alto mar | pesca sustentável | política comum da pesca | proposta (UE) | quota de pesca | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The European Parliament is due to vote on a provisional agreement with the Council on a legislative proposal for a multiannual plan to manage fisheries in the North Sea and some adjacent maritime areas. The plan would cover demersal species (i.e. species living close to the sea bottom). These stocks are exploited by various fishing fleets using various fishing gear but often catching different species together (mixed fisheries). Demersal fisheries, conducted by several thousand EU vessels, represent over 70 % of EU catches in this area. After the adoption of a plan concerning the Baltic Sea, this multiannual plan for North Sea demersal fisheries is the second management plan proposed by the European Commission since the reform of the Common Fisheries Policy agreed at the end of 2013. Such multiannual tools are essential for the sustainable exploitation of marine resources and offer better predictability on catches allowed to fishermen over time. They also set a framework for improved cooperation between the Member States concerned at sea-regional level. Third edition. The 'EU Legislation in Progress' briefings are updated at key stages throughout the legislative procedure. To view earlier editions of this briefing, please see: PE 608.662, September 2017, drafted by Jean Weissenberger.
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[A framework for EU covered bonds](#)

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Palavra-chave análise económica | Autoridade Bancária Europeia | caixa hipotecária | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | economia monetária | emissão de títulos | estudo de impacto | financiamento e investimento | FINANÇAS | instituição de crédito | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | instituições financeiras e crédito | investimento | liquidez monetária | livre circulação de capitais | mercado de capitais | obrigação financeira | proposta (UE) | regulamentação financeira | sociedade de investimento | supervisão financeira | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The Commission proposed a legislative framework for covered bonds. The supporting impact assessment (IA) provided a coherent problem analysis and the corresponding set of objectives. The impacts analysis focused mainly on the costs and benefits of enhancing the Capital Markets Union potential. However, the IA did not assess the options in terms of their proportionality and did not check the subsidiarity or proportionality of the regulatory options.

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[European Labour Authority: Workshop summary report](#)

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Palavra-chave análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | construção europeia | cooperação transfronteiriça | dimensão transfronteiras | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | emprego | EMPREGO E TRABALHO | Estado-Membro UE | estudo de impacto | funcionamento institucional | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | governação | informação e tratamento da informação | iniciativa da UE | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | intercâmbio de informação | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | livre circulação de trabalhadores | mercado do trabalho | mercado único | mobilidade da mão de obra | organismo da UE | poder executivo e administração pública | política aduaneira | política de cooperação | regiões e política regional | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | serviço de emprego | simplificação das formalidades | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This briefing gives a summary of presentations and discussions from the workshop "European Labour Authority" held on 24 May 2018 at request of the Employment and Social Affairs Committee. This combined an exchange on the Commission Impact Assessment and on the Initial Appraisal by the European Parliament with a panel of experts focusing on different dimensions: Enhanced enforcement, social security coordination, support for labour mobility (EURES), profile and governance of the planned new agency.

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[Rates of value added tax](#)

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Palavra-chave análise económica | bens e serviços | cobrança de impostos | comercialização | consumo | dedução fiscal | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | Estado-Membro UE | estudo de impacto | FINANÇAS | fiscalidade | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | harmonização fiscal | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | prestação de serviços | proposta (UE) | taxa do IVA | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This note seeks to provide an initial analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the European Commission's impact assessment (IA) accompanying the above proposal, submitted on 18 January 2018 and referred to Parliament's Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs. The proposal amends Directive 2006/112/EC (hereafter the VAT Directive), which sets out the rules governing the current temporary VAT system (dating from 1993), which are currently based on the principle of origin. When the Council adopted the common system of value added tax in 1967, the commitment was made to create a definitive VAT system operating within the European Community.

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[Strengthening the market surveillance of products](#)

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Palavra-chave análise económica | autorização de venda | comercialização | construção europeia | consumo | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | fiscalização das importações | fiscalização do mercado | importação (UE) | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | mercado único | norma de comercialização | norma de qualidade | política comercial | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | proposta (UE) | qualidade do produto | segurança do produto | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | trocas comerciais | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo An initial appraisal of the impact assessment suggests that methodological strengths outweigh the weaknesses in this overall convincing analysis. This impact assessment is underpinned by a substantial body of work and clearly shows expertise. Nonetheless, the impact assessment could have provided more information on the links with two pending legislative procedures. Its presentation could have further facilitated consideration of the choices made by the Commission.

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[Implementation of the Directive 2011/77/EU: copyright term of protection](#)

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Palavra-chave análise económica | aproximação das legislações | comunicação | criação artística | cultura e religião | direito da União Europeia | direito de autor | diretiva (UE) | disco | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | Estado-Membro UE | estudo de impacto | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | investigação e propriedade intelectual | música | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | profissão artística | propriedade literária e artística | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The objective of this study, commissioned by the European Parliament's Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs at the request of the JURI Committee, is to examine the current status quo of implementation of the Directive, and to carry out an in-depth review of the practices in selected Member States. The study provides a brief overview of the international framework concerning the term of protection for performers and phonogram producers, and analyses the main objectives and provisions of the Term Extension Directive. It explores in-depth the implementation and practices in seven selected Member States, and identifies best practices that can serve as a model for other EU Member States. In addition, the long term effects of the Directive are considered, both within the EU (in relation to relevant EU policies) and outside the EU (in relation to its main trading partners).

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[Transparent and predictable working conditions](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Emprego | Política Social

Palavra-chave administração e remuneração do pessoal | análise económica | comunicação | condições de trabalho | condições e organização do trabalho | consulta pública | contrato coletivo | contrato de trabalho | despedimento | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | emprego | EMPREGO E TRABALHO | estudo de impacto | informação dos trabalhadores | período de estágio | política de emprego da UE | proposta (UE) | relações laborais e direito do trabalho | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This note seeks to provide an initial analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the European Commission's impact assessment (IA) accompanying the above-mentioned proposal, submitted on 21 December 2017 and referred to the European Parliament's Committee on Employment and Social Affairs. The proposal updates and replaces Directive 91/533/EEC (the Written Statement Directive, hereafter WSD), which gives employees the right to be notified in writing of the essential aspects of their contract or employment relationship. Taking into account that the labour market has evolved and new forms of work have developed in recent years, the REFIT evaluation of the WSD found that there is a need to modernise and complement the existing obligations to inform workers of their working conditions, and to create minimum standards to ensure that each worker benefits from more clarity regarding his/her working terms, irrespective of the type of employment relationship they have. According to the IA, the initiative would set a framework within which new forms of work could develop, offering fairer protection for workers, a clearer legal framework and a more level playing field for companies in the internal market (IA, pp. 6-7). The proposal, which is part of the 2018 Commission work programme, is a follow-up to the European Pillar of Social Rights. In line with the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU), the Commission conducted a two-stage consultation with the social partners on the revision of the WSD. There was no agreement among the social partners to enter into direct negotiations on concluding an EU-level agreement. The European Parliament has stressed the need to address the developments of the labour market and protect workers in all forms of employment. It has called for a framework directive on decent working conditions and for a revision of the WSD to take account of new forms of employment.

Briefing [EN](#)

Value added tax: Administrative cooperation and combating fraud

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Domínio de intervenção Aprovação da Legislação pelo PE e pelo Conselho | Assuntos Económicos e Monetários

Palavra-chave análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | cobrança de impostos | comercialização | dedução fiscal | DIREITO | direito da União Europeia | direito penal | distribuição comercial | ECONOMIA | entrega | estudo de impacto | FINANÇAS | fiscalidade | fraude | harmonização fiscal | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | isenção fiscal | IVA | matéria coletável | prestação de serviços | processo de consulta | processo legislativo | proposta (UE) | trabalhos parlamentares | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This proposal was part of a package of proposed EU legislation that aims to modernise the VAT regime for cross-border B2C e-commerce. It provides the basis for the underlying IT infrastructure and the necessary cooperation by Member States to ensure the success of the extension of the mini-one-stop-shop (MOSS). It contains provisions relating to – among other things – the exchange of information between competent authorities of Member States, and the control of transactions and taxable persons, as well as Member States granting to the Commission access to statistical information contained in their electronic systems. The regulation, significantly amended, was adopted by the Council – after consulting the European Parliament – on 5 December 2017. It is accompanied by Council Directive 2017/2455, which amends Directive 2006/112/EC and Directive 2009/132/EC as regards certain value added tax obligations for supplies of services and distance sales of goods; see our separate briefing on this dossier – 2016/0370(CNS). Final edition. The 'EU Legislation in Progress' briefings are updated at key stages throughout the legislative procedure.

Briefing [EN](#)

New rules for managing the EU external fishing fleet

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Domínio de intervenção Aprovação da Legislação pelo PE e pelo Conselho | Pescas

Palavra-chave acordo de pesca | AGRICULTURA, SILVICULTURA E PESCA | AMBIENTE | análise económica | aprovação da lei | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | competência dos Estados-Membros | concorrência | critério de elegibilidade | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estudo de impacto | finanças da União Europeia | frota de pesca | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | investigação e propriedade intelectual | Parlamento Europeu | pesca | pesca sustentável | política ambiental | política da concorrência | processo legislativo ordinário | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | rastreabilidade | regulamentação da pesca | regulamento (UE) | trabalhos parlamentares | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | vigilância do ambiente

Resumo The European Parliament and the Council have adopted a new Regulation on the sustainable management of external fishing fleets, which replaces the 'Fishing Authorisations Regulation' 1006/2008, and covers all EU vessels fishing outside EU waters, as well as third-country vessels fishing in EU waters. The regulation revised the system of issuing and managing fishing authorisations, so as to improve monitoring and transparency of the EU external fishing fleet. It extended the scope of the authorisation system to include practices such as private agreements between EU companies and third countries, and abusive reflagging operations. Member States are required to authorise fishing vessels using common eligibility criteria, complemented by specific conditions depending on the nature of the authorisation. Part of the electronic fishing authorisations register, showing who fishes for what and where, will for the first time be publicly accessible. Fifth edition. The 'EU Legislation in Progress' briefings are updated at key stages throughout the legislative procedure. To view earlier editions of this briefing, please see: PE 608.651, July 2017.

Briefing [EN](#)

Consumer Protection Cooperation

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Domínio de intervenção Aprovação da Legislação pelo PE e pelo Conselho | Mercado Interno e União Aduaneira | Proteção dos Consumidores

Palavra-chave análise comparativa | análise económica | comercialização | comunicação | comércio de retalho | comércio eletrónico | construção europeia | consumo | direito da União Europeia | distribuição comercial | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estatística da UE | estudo de impacto | informação comercial | informação do consumidor | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | internet | investigação e propriedade intelectual | mercado único | mercado único digital | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | proteção do consumidor | regulamento CE | sociedade de serviços | tipos de empresa | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The Commission estimates that the detriment to consumers caused by non-compliance with basic EU consumer rules in certain cross-border online markets and also by inefficient cross-border enforcement amounts to €770 million per year. To remedy this, in May 2016 the Commission presented a legislative proposal to review the existing rules on consumer protection cooperation between enforcement authorities as part of its e-commerce package. The aim was to clarify the rules, give more powers to national enforcement authorities and improve their coordination, primarily to enable them to address unlawful online practices. Parliament and Council reached agreement on the proposal in June 2017, and formally adopted it in November. The new regulation covers ongoing infringements and those that have already ended, and lays down procedures for cooperation in cases of widespread infringements of consumer rights that affect consumers in multiple Member States. It entered into force on 16 January 2018 and applies from 17 January 2020. Fifth edition, based on an original briefing by Jana Valant. The 'EU Legislation in Progress' briefings are updated at key stages throughout the legislative procedure.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Protection from dumped and subsidised imports](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Aprovação da Legislação pelo PE e pelo Conselho | Comércio internacional

Palavra-chave análise económica | China | comércio internacional | concorrência | dumping | ECONOMIA | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estudo de impacto | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | importação (UE) | imposto compensatório | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | legislação antidumping | Organização Mundial do Comércio | ORGANIZAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | organizações mundiais | país terceiro | política aduaneira | política de cooperação | processo antissubvenção | produto originário | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | trocas comerciais | Ásia-Oceânia

Resumo On 9 November 2016, the European Commission published a proposal for targeted changes to the EU anti-dumping and anti-subsidy regulations. The proposal was a response to the expiry of parts of China's WTO accession protocol in December 2016 and to unfair trade practices from third countries. At the core of the amendments of the anti-dumping regulation was the use for WTO members of prices derived from constructed values in situations where there are 'substantial market distortions' in the country of export under investigation. This approach replaces the 'analogue country methodology' which was previously applied to non-market economies (NMEs) under EU law and remains in place for non-WTO members. The amendments to the anti-subsidy regulation insert due process and transparency provisions required to capture subsidies identified only in the course of anti-subsidy probes. Fourth edition. The 'EU Legislation in Progress' briefings are updated at key stages throughout the legislative procedure.

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[EU free trade agreement with Australia and New Zealand](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Comércio internacional

Palavra-chave acordo comercial (UE) | acordo de comércio livre | análise económica | Austrália | Comissão Europeia | competência institucional (UE) | comércio internacional | construção europeia | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | geografia política | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | negociação de acordo (UE) | Nova Zelândia | país terceiro | política de cooperação | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | Ásia-Oceânia

Resumo This note seeks to provide an initial analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the European Commission's impact assessment (IA) accompanying the above proposals, submitted on 13 September 2017 and referred to Parliament's Committee on International Trade (INTA). For the Commission, the proposals are a step towards fulfilment of the key criteria for the EU's trade relations with third countries, namely the criteria of effectiveness, transparency, and the safeguarding of the European social and regulatory model as underlined in the European Commission's 'Trade for all' communication. One of the objectives of the Commission's 2017 work programme was to open negotiations with Australia and New Zealand. Both countries are important trade partners for the EU and vice versa. In 2015, total trade in commercial services amounted to €4.3 billion between the EU and New Zealand, and €21.9 billion between the EU and Australia. In recent years, the EU has concluded bilateral agreements containing trade-related arrangements. Since 2015, the Commission has been preparing the ground for a free trade agreement (FTA) with both countries. On 26 October 2017 the European Parliament adopted two resolutions in which it called on the Council to authorise the Commission to start negotiations for trade and investment agreements with Australia and with New Zealand. The Parliament called on the Commission to outline the general future architecture of these trade agreements as rapidly as possible. The Parliament also stressed that the future FTAs 'must lead to improved market access and trade facilitation on the ground, create decent jobs, ensure gender equality for the benefit of the citizens on both sides, encourage sustainable development, uphold EU standards, safeguard services of general interest, and respect democratic procedures while boosting EU export opportunities'. The Commission conducted one impact assessment for the two proposals for free trade agreements with Australia and New Zealand and its conclusions are considered as valid for the EU's subsequent negotiations with both countries.

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International Agreements in Progress: EU-Vietnam Free Trade Agreement

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Aprovação da Legislação pelo PE e pelo Conselho | Assuntos Externos | Comércio internacional

Palavra-chave acordo bilateral | acordo de comércio livre | análise económica | comércio internacional | custo salarial | direitos aduaneiros | ECONOMIA | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estudo de impacto | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | gestão contabilística | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | política aduaneira | política internacional | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | Vietname | Ásia-Oceânia

Resumo The free trade agreement (FTA) with Vietnam has been described as the most ambitious deal of its type ever concluded between the EU and a developing country. Not only will it eliminate over 99 % of customs duties on goods, it will also open up Vietnamese services markets to EU companies and strengthen protection of EU investments in the country. According to European Commission figures, the FTA could boost Vietnam's booming economy by as much as 15 % of GDP, with Vietnamese exports to Europe growing by over one third. For the EU, the agreement is an important stepping stone to a wider EU-south-east Asia trade deal. Despite the obvious economic benefits of the FTA for Vietnam, some of its more vulnerable manufacturing sectors may suffer from competition with the EU. NGOs have also criticised the EU for pursuing closer ties with a politically repressive regime known for its human rights abuses, although the deal includes some safeguards against negative outcomes. Although the content of the FTA was already agreed in 2015, ratification has been delayed by a 2017 opinion of the European Court of Justice. The Court argued that some aspects of the EU-Singapore FTA, which is similar to the Vietnam FTA, are 'mixed competences', meaning that the FTA as it stands will have to be ratified not only by the EU but also by the 28 Member States. The Commission and Council are now considering whether to modify the agreement so that parts of it can be ratified more speedily by the EU alone. Second edition. The 'International Agreements in Progress' briefings are updated at key stages throughout the process, from initial discussions through to ratification.

Briefing [EN](#)

Free flow of non-personal data in the European Union

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Mercado Interno e União Aduaneira

Palavra-chave acesso à informação | análise económica | computação na nuvem | comunicação | construção europeia | DIREITO | direito da informática | direito da União Europeia | direitos e liberdades | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | fluxo de dados transfronteiriço | informação e tratamento da informação | informática documental | informática e processamento de dados | intercâmbio de informação | internet | megadados | memorização de dados | mercado único digital | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | proposta (UE) | proteção das comunicações | proteção dos dados | tecnologia digital | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This note seeks to provide an initial analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the European Commission's impact assessment (IA) accompanying the above Commission proposal (the proposal), submitted on 13 September 2017 and referred to Parliament's Committee on Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO). The creation of a connected digital single market is one of the ten priorities identified by Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker in his political guidelines for the Commission at the start of his mandate. In its digital single market strategy (DSM), the Commission stated that 'Any unnecessary restrictions regarding the location of data within the EU should both be removed and prevented' and committed to proposing an initiative to tackle restrictions on the free movement of data and unjustified restrictions on the location of data for storage or processing purposes. The challenges to the data economy are also specifically discussed in the 2017 communication on building a European data economy, which recognises that 'unjustified restrictions on the free movement of data are likely to constrain the development of the EU data economy [and] impair the freedom to provide services and the freedom of establishment stipulated in the Treaty'. The aim of the proposal is to remove geographical restrictions on the storage of non-personal data in the internal market and to facilitate switching between cloud service providers and the porting of data. It is meant to complement the 2016 General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which provides a single set of rules for the protection of personal data and provides the basis for the free flow of such data. Thus, for the purposes of the proposal, data is defined as 'data other than personal data as referred to in' the GDPR. The Commission seeks to build upon the existing applicable legal framework that regulates the internal market for data services (E commerce Directive, Services Directive, Transparency Directive), and pursues a high level of cybersecurity in the EU (NIS Directive), while at the same time remaining consistent with the existing provisions.

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FACT-FINDING VISIT TO LUSATIA, GERMANY. 14-16 February 2018

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Domínio de intervenção Petições ao Parlamento Europeu

Palavra-chave Alemanha | AMBIENTE | análise económica | análise económica | CIÊNCIAS | ciências humanas | cultura e religião | degradação do ambiente | ECONOMIA | ENERGIA | estudo de impacto | Europa | extração mineira | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | geografia política | identidade cultural | indústrias carbonífera e mineira | língua minoritária | qualidade do ar | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | regiões dos Estados-Membros da União Europeia | Saxónia

Resumo This briefing note was prepared by the Policy Department for the PETI Committee and provides background information on the region of Lusatia in Germany. In particular it contains background information on the Sorb population of this region and on various aspects concerning the lignite mining activities and its consequences for the population, the economy and the environment of the region.

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[Geo-Blocking](#)

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Palavra-chave análise económica | comercialização | comunicação | comércio eletrónico | comércio intra-UE | construção europeia | consumo | DIREITO | direito da União Europeia | direito de autor | direitos e liberdades | discriminação em razão da nacionalidade | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | informação e tratamento da informação | informática e processamento de dados | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | investigação e propriedade intelectual | literacia digital | mercado único | mercado único digital | política comercial | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | proposta (UE) | proteção do consumidor | proteção dos dados | tecnologia digital | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | telecomunicação | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo 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](#)

[Access to the international market for coach and bus services](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Transportes

Palavra-chave acesso ao mercado | análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | autocarro | cabotagem rodoviária | consumo | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | emprego | EMPREGO E TRABALHO | estudo de impacto | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | licença de transporte | livre prestação de serviços | mobilidade sustentável | organização dos transportes | política comercial | política de transportes | proposta (UE) | revisão da lei | serviço de interesse geral | trabalhos parlamentares | transporte de passageiros | transporte internacional | transporte rodoviário internacional | transporte terrestre | TRANSPORTES | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This note seeks to provide an initial analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the European Commission's impact assessment (IA) accompanying the above mentioned proposal, submitted on 8 November 2017 and referred to Parliament's Committee on Transport and Tourism. Bus and coach transport is an economical, efficient and sustainable mode of transport that can contribute to reducing emissions and to improving accessibility for citizens with low income or living in isolated and low population density regions with no rail services (IA, p. 4). The current legal framework that lays down the rules applicable to access to the international market for coach and bus services is Regulation (EC) 1073/2009. This regulation simplified and developed conditions for the international carriage of passengers by coach and bus across the European Union. Provisions of the regulation apply to regular service, special regular service and occasional service. Furthermore, the regulation applies to cabotage operations and also occasionally to own-account transport. The regulation aimed at the completion of the internal market for coach and bus services and at increasing the efficiency and competitiveness to generate a shift in the use of private passenger cars to coach and bus services. However, the evaluation outcomes suggest that the sector has failed to compete effectively with other modes of transport, in particular the private car, as a means of making longer distance journeys, and there are various challenges to the present system that limit harmonisation in this particular field. In this context, the European Parliament pointed in its 2017 resolution to a need to ensure, among other things, the completion and improved operation of the internal market for the transport by road of passengers and freight. The Commission promised to take actions allowing further development of domestic bus and coach services in the 2016 European strategy for low-emission mobility and confirmed its plans to review the EU rules on buses and coaches in the 2017 communication Europe on the move. It included the revision of Regulation (EC) 1073/2009 in its 2017 work programme (CWP) under the regulatory fitness (REFIT) initiatives, following up on an evaluation, which was concluded in 2017 with the publication of the ex-post evaluation report.

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Review of CO2 emission standards for new cars and vans

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Domínio de intervenção Ambiente | Transportes

Palavra-chave acesso à informação da UE | acordo internacional | AMBIENTE | análise económica | automóvel | degradação do ambiente | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | INDÚSTRIA | indústria mecânica | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | licença de emissão da UE | luta contra a poluição | mecânica geral | organização dos transportes | poluição automóvel | política ambiental | política internacional | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | transporte terrestre | TRANSPORTES | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | veículo de carga | veículo motorizado

Resumo This note seeks to provide an initial analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the European Commission's impact assessment (IA) accompanying the above proposal, adopted on 8 November 2017 and referred to European Parliament's Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI). According to the IA, road transport caused 22 % of all EU greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in 2015, 73 % of which came from cars and vans (IA, p. 19). The transport sector (except for aviation) is not covered by the EU's emissions trading system (ETS), adopted in 2005 in the context of international efforts to reduce GHG. Instead, the EU has put sector-specific legislation in place, in particular to reduce carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions. When it became clear that a 1999 voluntary emissions reduction agreement between the European Commission and the Association of European Automobile Manufacturers had not delivered, the EU adopted two regulations on mandatory CO2 standards for all new passenger cars and vans, in 2009 and 2011 respectively. Both were amended in 2014 with new emissions targets. After the Paris Agreement, countries such as China, the United States of America (USA) and Japan quickly began implementing ambitious policies for low-carbon transport. To comply with the agreement, the EU included the proposal to amend the current legislation in the European Commission's 2017 work programme. The review of the current regulations started in 2015, with publication of the European Commission's extensive ex-post evaluation. It found the current regulations effective and more efficient than expected, but also identified weaknesses. These included the measurement of emissions (test procedures), the utility parameter (mass or footprint) and emissions from energy and vehicle production, currently not covered (IA, pp. 15-16). As announced in its May 2017 communication, Europe on the Move, the Commission is pursuing an integrated approach to address all factors and actors relevant for CO2 emissions, from environment to industry (IA, p. 11). This proposal is therefore part of a comprehensive legislative package aiming to ensure 'clean, competitive and connected mobility for all' (IA, pp. 11-12, 17) and is flanked by important initiatives such as the EU action plan on alternative fuels infrastructure, revision of the Clean Vehicles Directive and the battery initiative.

Briefing [EN](#)

Ranking of unsecured debt instruments in insolvency hierarchy

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Domínio de intervenção Aprovação da Legislação pelo PE e pelo Conselho | Assuntos Bancários e Financeiros

Palavra-chave ajuda financeira | ajuda à reestruturação | análise económica | DIREITO | direito civil | ECONOMIA | empresa em dificuldade | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estabilização económica | estudo de impacto | FINANÇAS | instituição de crédito | instituições financeiras e crédito | intervenção financeira | livre circulação de capitais | organização de empresas | política de cooperação | política económica | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | situação económica | sociedade de investimento | solvibilidade financeira

Resumo Following the global financial crisis, the European Union extensively reformed its regulatory framework for financial services. With legislation such as the Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive (BRRD), it ensures that, through mechanisms such as 'bail-in', the recovery or restructuring of distressed financial institutions is done without spreading to other institutions, or using taxpayers' money to bail them out. To ensure that sufficient financial resources are available for bail-in, the BRRD requires resolution authorities to set financial institutions a minimum requirement for own funds and eligible liabilities (MREL). In parallel, a similar standard, the total loss-absorbing capacity (TLAC), was adopted internationally for systemically important financial institutions. The discretionary requirements in MREL and the compulsory requirement in TLAC concerning subordination of eligible liabilities have driven some countries to amend the ranking of certain bank creditors. Because national rules adopted so far diverge, unsecured debt holders and other creditors of banks can be treated differently from one Member State to another. The Commission therefore proposed to set harmonised rules. On 30 November and 8 December 2017 respectively, Parliament and Council adopted the text agreed in interinstitutional negotiations. The final act was published in the Official Journal on 27 December 2017.

Briefing [EN](#)

Road infrastructure and tunnel safety

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Domínio de intervenção Transportes

Palavra-chave análise económica | construção europeia | direito da UE | direito da União Europeia | documentação | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | infraestrutura do transporte | organização dos transportes | política de transportes | rede de estradas | rede de transporte | rede transeuropeia | relatório | segurança rodoviária | transporte terrestre | TRANSPORTES | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo In 2010, the European Commission adopted the road safety programme, aimed at reducing road deaths in Europe by half in the following decade. Through its strategic objectives, the programme focuses on three main issues: vehicle safety, the infrastructure safety, and road users' behaviour. The initiatives undertaken within the road safety programme refer to both EU and national level. In its efforts to improve road safety, the European Union is considering new measures and activities, as well as reviewing existing legislation. In this context, the European Commission decided to assess two pieces of legislation dealing with road infrastructure and tunnel safety issues: Directive 2008/96/EC and Directive 2004/54/EC, with a view to analysing whether they are still fit for current realities and needs. Directive 2008/96/EC requests Member States to put in place and implement 'procedures relating to road safety impact assessments, road safety audits, the management of road network safety and safety inspections' (Article 1), while Directive 2004/54/EC aims at ensuring 'a minimum level of safety for road users in tunnels in the trans-European road network' (Article 1). This implementation appraisal focuses on the evaluation of the two directives, a process that precedes the European Commission's new proposal, expected early this year.

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Limits on exposure to carcinogens and mutagens at work

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Domínio de intervenção Aprovação da Legislação pelo PE e pelo Conselho | Emprego | Saúde Pública

Palavra-chave AMBIENTE | análise económica | aprovação da lei | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | condições de trabalho | condições e organização do trabalho | degradação do ambiente | detrito perigoso | direito da União Europeia | doença profissional | ECONOMIA | EMPREGO E TRABALHO | estudo de impacto | matéria perigosa | norma de segurança | política ambiental | processo legislativo ordinário | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | proposta (UE) | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | redação legislativa | risco industrial | risco sanitário | saúde | saúde e higiene no trabalho | substância cancerígena | substância tóxica | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | trabalhos parlamentares | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The European Commission proposes to amend Directive 2004/37/EC by expanding its scope and by including and/or revising occupational exposure limit values for a number of cancer-causing chemical agents. According to the Commission, this would improve workers' health protection, increase the effectiveness of the EU framework and promote clarity for economic operators. Overall, the proposal received a broad welcome from stakeholders. After completion of the legislative procedure at first reading in the European Parliament and the Council, the presidents of the co-legislators signed the final act on 12 December 2017. The directive applies as from 16 January 2018.

Briefing [EN](#)

Sanctions over Ukraine: Impact on Russia

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Domínio de intervenção Assuntos Externos

Palavra-chave América | análise económica | análise económica | aprovisionamento energético | comércio extra-UE | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | ENERGIA | Estado-Membro UE | Estados Unidos | estudo de impacto | Europa | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | geografia política | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | política comercial | política energética | política energética | política internacional | questão russo-ucraniana | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | Rússia | sanção (UE) | sanção económica | segurança internacional | território ocupado | Ucrânia | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo In early 2014, Russia violated international law by annexing Crimea and allegedly fomenting separatist uprisings in the eastern Ukrainian region of Donbas. The European Union, the United States and several other Western countries responded with diplomatic measures in March 2014, followed by asset freezes and visa bans targeted at individuals and entities. In July 2014, sanctions targeting the Russian energy, defence and financial sectors were adopted. These sanctions have not swayed Russian public opinion, which continues to staunchly back the Kremlin's actions in Ukraine. Despite Western efforts to isolate Russia, the country is playing an increasingly prominent role on the global stage. On the other hand, sectoral sanctions have proved painful, aggravating an economic downturn triggered by falling oil prices, from which the country has only just begun to recover. Sanctions have affected the Russian economy in various ways. The main short-term impact comes from restrictions on Western lending and investment in Russia. Oil and gas production remains unaffected for the time being, but in the long term energy exports are likely to suffer. Meanwhile, Russian counter-sanctions are benefiting the country's agricultural sector, but consumers are losing out in terms of choice and price. Quantitative estimates of the impact are difficult, but most observers agree that sanctions are costing Russia billions of euros a year and holding back a return to higher rates of economic growth. This is an updated edition of a briefing from March 2016, PE 579.084.

Briefing [EN](#)

EU framework programme processes: Adoption, implementation, evaluation

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Domínio de intervenção Política de Investigação

Palavra-chave acordo-quadro | análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | avaliação de projeto | competência institucional (UE) | construção europeia | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estudo de impacto | finanças da União Europeia | gestão administrativa | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | política internacional | processo legislativo | programa da UE | proposta (UE) | quadro financeiro plurianual | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | repartição do financiamento da UE | trabalhos parlamentares | Tratado sobre o Funcionamento da UE | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo Over the past 35 years, the European Union (EU) institutions have adopted eight framework programmes for research. The lifecycles of these framework programmes have been progressively streamlined and aligned with the general guidelines for the adoption of EU programmes. These lifecycles unfold in four key phases: adoption, implementation, execution, and evaluation, with the EU institutions being in charge of all phases except execution. The adoption of a new framework programme includes the preparation of an impact assessment, the preparation of the Commission proposals and the adoption of the various legislative acts by the European Parliament and the Council to establish the programme. The implementation phase covers the adoption of the work programmes and the selection of the projects to be funded. Following the execution of the research and innovation activities, the evaluation phase aims to assess the outcomes of the programmes and whether the initial objectives have been met. In 2018, a new cycle is expected to start for the adoption of the ninth framework programme for research and innovation (FP9) to be effective by 2020. Understanding the processes that take place under each phase of this cycle is important for the preparation and adoption of the key legislative acts, establishing (1) the framework programme itself, (2) the specific programmes for implementation, and (3) the rules for participation, and for dissemination of the programme's results.

Briefing [EN](#)

Integration of refugees in Austria, Germany and Sweden: Comparative Analysis

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação da Legislação e das Políticas na Prática | Emprego | Política Social

Palavra-chave ajuda da UE | Alemanha | análise demográfica | análise económica | demografia e população | DIREITO | direito internacional | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estatística | estudo de impacto | Europa | finanças da União Europeia | fronteira externa da UE | Fundos Europeus Estruturais e de Investimento | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | geografia política | informática e processamento de dados | integração de migrantes | migrações | necessidade de alojamento | política económica | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | recolha de dados | refugiado | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | repartição do financiamento da UE | saúde | segurança internacional | sistema de saúde | Suécia | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | urbanismo e construção civil | Áustria

Resumo This note presents a comparative analysis of policies and practices to facilitate the labour market integration of beneficiaries of international protection in the main destination countries of asylum seekers in 2015/2016, namely Austria, Germany and Sweden. It focuses on the development of policy strategies to adapt the asylum and integration system to the high numbers of new arrivals. Special attention is given to the political discourse and public opinion on asylum and integration of refugees. Innovative approaches with respect to labour market integration are highlighted as well as gaps. Finally, the study includes lessons learned from recent policy developments as well as policy recommendations in order to improve labour market integration of asylum seekers and refugees. The study has been produced at request of the Employment and Social Affairs Committee.

Estudo [EN](#)

Rail passengers' rights and obligations

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Domínio de intervenção Transportes

Palavra-chave análise económica | consumo | DIREITO | direito civil | direito da UE | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | empresa de transporte | estudo de impacto | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | jurisprudência (UE) | organização dos transportes | pessoa deficiente | política comum dos transportes | política de transportes | proteção do consumidor | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | responsabilidade | tarifa de passageiros | transporte a grande velocidade | transporte de passageiros | transporte ferroviário | transporte terrestre | TRANSPORTES | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | vida social

Resumo This note seeks to provide an initial analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the European Commission's impact assessment (IA) accompanying the above proposal, adopted on 27 September 2017 and referred to Parliament's Committee on Transport and Tourism (TRAN). The proposal aims to amend Regulation (EC) No 1371/2007 in order to strengthen the rights for all EU rail passengers, and to reduce the 'burden on railway undertakings due to the inconsistent application of the regulation' (IA, p. 9). The proposal follows a Commission report (COM(2013) 587 final) on the application of the regulation, which 'highlighted certain problematic areas', and a second Commission report (COM(2015) 117 final) on exemptions granted by Member States, which 'identified the extensive use of exemptions as a major hindrance to the uniform application of the regulation' (explanatory memorandum of the proposal, p. 2). In addition, the proposal follows the ruling of the Court of Justice of the EU of 26 September 2013 in Case C-509/11, which is linked to the 'force majeure' issue described in the following section. The European Parliament has regularly taken a stand on passenger rights, by submitting written questions or by adopting resolutions.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Common rules for certain types of combined transport of goods](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Ambiente | Transportes

Palavra-chave AMBIENTE | análise económica | consequências económicas | degradação do ambiente | DIREITO | direito da União Europeia | diretiva CE | ECONOMIA | elaboração do direito da UE | estudo de impacto | fontes e ramos do direito | gás de efeito de estufa | impacto ambiental | luta contra a poluição | mobilidade sustentável | organização dos transportes | poluição automóvel | política ambiental | política de transportes | qualidade do ar | redução das emissões de gases | simplificação legislativa | transporte combinado | transporte de mercadorias | TRANSPORTES | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This note seeks to provide an initial analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the European Commission's impact assessment (IA) accompanying the above proposal, submitted on 8 November 2017 and referred to Parliament's Committee on Transport and Tourism. The proposal aims to amend Directive 92/106/EEC (Combined Transport Directive, hereafter CTD) in order to improve its effectiveness and further enhance the shift towards intermodal transport, in particular combined transport, as an alternative to road transport, through simpler use of the regulatory regime and greater effectiveness of economic support measures. Intermodal transport largely uses modes of transport – such as rail, inland waterways and maritime transport – that cause less negative externalities (emissions, noise and accidents). While aiming at the specific target for modal shift defined in the European Commission's 2011 White Paper on a Single European Transport Area, the proposal is expected to reduce the negative effects of transport activities (IA, p. 39). The proposal, which is a REFIT initiative and part of the 2017 Commission work programme, aims at more sustainable and efficient freight transport and is in line with the low-emission mobility strategy, the United Nations' 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement on climate change (IA, p. 39). The European Parliament has supported multimodality and intermodality in transport in a number of resolutions.

Briefing [EN](#)

[European Market Infrastructure Regulation](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Assuntos Bancários e Financeiros | Assuntos Económicos e Monetários | Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante

Palavra-chave análise económica | Autoridade Europeia dos Valores Mobiliários e dos Mercados | banco central | controlo financeiro | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | economia monetária | estudo de impacto | FINANÇAS | fiscalização do mercado | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | instrumento financeiro | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | livre circulação de capitais | mercado de capitais | orçamento | país terceiro | política comercial | política de cooperação | proposta (UE) | regulamentação financeira | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | Sistema Europeu de Bancos Centrais | transação financeira | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This note seeks to provide an initial analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the European Commission's impact assessment (IA) accompanying its proposal above, submitted on 13 June 2017 and referred to Parliament's Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON). This proposal amends the European Market Infrastructure Regulation (EMIR), which is already in the process of being amended by two proposals currently under consideration in Parliament. The first proposal focused on the recovery and resolution of central counterparties (CCPs). The second proposal proposed targeted amendments aiming to meet EMIR objectives in a more effective and efficient way. The current initiative under consideration focuses on the authorisation of CCPs and on the recognition of third-country CCPs. The impact assessment clearly identifies the problems that require EU action, as well as their drivers and consequences. The objectives of the initiative appear to be coherent with the analysis, and are relevant and measurable. The IA analyses a limited number of alternatives to the status quo in depth: two for each of the objectives, which deal respectively with EU and third-country central counterparties. These options are phrased in rather general terms and are left open to further development. The analysis is based on relevant sources and the Commission's expert knowledge in the field. However, the IA appears to have been prepared in a rather limited time-span and could have benefited from further work.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Assessment of the 10 years' Cooperation and Verification Mechanism for Bulgaria and Romania](#)

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Palavra-chave administração pública | análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | Bulgária | corrupção | DIREITO | direito penal | ECONOMIA | Estado de Direito | estudo de impacto | Europa | finanças da União Europeia | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | geografia política | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | poder executivo e administração pública | quadro político | repartição do financiamento da UE | Roménia | Serviço Europeu de Luta Antifraude | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This study takes stock of the Cooperation and Verification Mechanism (CVM) agreed between the European Commission and Bulgaria and Romania in 2007. It reviews the progress made regarding judicial reform, combatting corruption, and organised crime (in Bulgaria's case), looks at the measures adopted in response to the latest Commission recommendations, and examines how the CVM has performed overall. The report includes recommendations on the future of the CVM.

Estudo [EN](#)

Síntese [BG](#), [DE](#), [FR](#), [RO](#)

[EU Cybersecurity Agency and cybersecurity certification](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Espaço de Liberdade, de Segurança e de Justiça | Indústria | Mercado Interno e União Aduaneira

Palavra-chave Agência da União Europeia para a Cibersegurança | análise económica | comunicação | criminalidade informática | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | funcionamento institucional | informação e tratamento da informação | informática e processamento de dados | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | proteção dos dados | rede de informação | rede de transmissão | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This note seeks to provide an initial analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the European Commission's impact assessment (IA) accompanying the above proposal, which is the main part of the 'Cybersecurity package', submitted on 13 September 2017 and referred to Parliament's Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE). As announced in the State of the Union Address 2017 and the Commission's communication on Europe's Cyber Resilience System and Cybersecurity Industry, the initiative aims to reform the European Union Agency for Network and Information Security (ENISA or 'Agency') in order to enhance its supporting functions for Member States in achieving cybersecurity resilience and to acknowledge the Agency's responsibilities under the new directive on security of network and information systems (NIS Directive). In addition, the proposal establishes a voluntary European cybersecurity certification framework to promote such certification schemes for specific information and communication technology (ICT) products and services, and to allow for mutual recognition of certificates so as to avoid further market fragmentation.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Integration of refugees in Greece, Hungary and Italy: Comparative Analysis](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação da Legislação e das Políticas na Prática | Emprego | Política Social

Palavra-chave ajuda da UE | análise demográfica | análise económica | demografia e população | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | Estado-Membro UE | estatística | estudo de impacto | Europa | finanças da União Europeia | Fundos Europeus Estruturais e de Investimento | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | geografia política | Grécia | Hungria | informática e processamento de dados | integração de migrantes | Itália | migrações | necessidade de alojamento | política económica | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | recolha de dados | refugiado | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | repartição do financiamento da UE | saúde | segurança internacional | sistema de saúde | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | urbanismo e construção civil

Resumo This study presents a comparative overview of recent policy developments in Greece, Hungary and Italy, which present some similarities as regards their position in the migration routes, but also very different approaches. The focus of the analysis is on progress achieved in the last three years in the adaptation of the reception and integration system for the high numbers of new arrivals and on the main challenges encountered, with a focus on labour market integration measures. Further, special attention is given to changes in perceptions, public opinion and political discourse with respect to the asylum and integration of refugees and how this influenced policy strategies.

Estudo [EN](#)

Síntese [DE](#), [EN](#), [ES](#), [FR](#), [IT](#), [PL](#)

Anexo 1 [EN](#)

Anexo 2 [EN](#)

Anexo 3 [EN](#)

Import of cultural goods

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Domínio de intervenção Comércio internacional

Palavra-chave análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | bem cultural | combate ao crime | comércio de arte | cultura e religião | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | fiscalização das importações | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | geografia política | importação (UE) | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | Iraque | licença de importação | país terceiro | política aduaneira | política comercial | política de cooperação | proposta (UE) | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | regime aduaneiro da UE | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | Síria | terrorismo | trocas comerciais | tráfico ilícito | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | vida política e segurança pública | vida social | Ásia-Oceânia

Resumo This note seeks to provide an initial analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the European Commission's impact assessment (IA) accompanying the above proposal, adopted on 13 July 2017 and now under discussion in Parliament and Council. The proposal aims to prevent the import and storage in the EU of cultural goods illicitly exported from a third country, in order to reduce trafficking in cultural goods, combat terrorism financing and protect cultural heritage, especially archaeological objects in source countries affected by armed conflict (explanatory memorandum of the proposal, p. 3). The market for antiques, ancient art and collectibles of older age constitutes 24 % of the global legal art and antiques market. The European market share accounts for 35 % of this global market, with the UK in the lead with 24 % (due to its large auction houses), followed by Switzerland (6 %), France (5 %), Germany (3 %), and Austria, Spain and the Netherlands (each around 0.5% respectively). Based on Eurostat figures, the estimated annual value of imports of classical antiquities and ancient art declared to EU customs may be around €3.7 billion per year (IA, p. 10). The IA explains that the current Common Nomenclature tariff heading (9705) used for import of antiquities and ancient art objects is rather broad, including also a variety of other goods of interest to collectors, making it difficult to estimate the total EU imports of cultural goods (IA, p. 10). Regarding the illicit trade of cultural goods, there are numerous underlying factors, which cannot be changed by this initiative, according to the IA (p. 11). These include, for example, poverty and military conflicts prevalent in many regions rich in cultural heritage sites, technological progress in various digging tools (such as metal-detectors, power drills, explosives), the market demand for such objects, mostly concentrated in Europe and North America, as well as cross-border transaction and e-commerce (IA, pp. 11-12). Estimates show that 80-90 % of global antiquities sales are of goods with illicit origin, and these sales are worth US\$3 to 6 billion annually (IA, p. 12). The illicit sales of cultural goods often stem from terrorist activities and serve as a means to finance terrorism (IA, p. 14). For example, the Islamist profit from illicit trade in antiquities and archaeological treasures is estimated at US\$150-200 million (IA, p. 15).

Briefing [EN](#)

European Market Infrastructure Regulation-Regulatory Fitness and Performance (REFIT) proposal

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Domínio de intervenção Assuntos Bancários e Financeiros | Assuntos Económicos e Monetários | Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante

Palavra-chave análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | Autoridade Europeia dos Valores Mobiliários e dos Mercados | competência institucional (UE) | contrato | controlo administrativo | DIREITO | direito civil | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | FINANÇAS | fiscalização do mercado | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | livre circulação de capitais | mercado a prazo | norma técnica | poder executivo e administração pública | política comercial | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | proposta (UE) | regulamentação financeira | regulamento (UE) | revisão da lei | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | trabalhos parlamentares | transação financeira | transparência administrativa | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This note seeks to provide an initial analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the European Commission's impact assessment (IA) accompanying its above-mentioned proposal amending the European Market Infrastructure Regulation (EMIR), submitted on 4 May 2017 and referred to Parliament's Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs. The IA accompanying a subsequent Commission proposal (COM(2017) 331), also amending the EMIR regulation, as regards the authorisation of central counterparties and the recognition of third-country central counterparties, will be analysed in a forthcoming initial appraisal. This proposal is part of the Commission's REFIT programme, which stands for Regulatory Fitness and Performance. One of the stated aims of this programme is to make EU law 'simpler, lighter, more efficient and less costly' (Better Regulation Guidelines of 2015, p. 91). EMIR, adopted in 2012, forms part of the European regulatory response to the financial crisis. It specifically addresses the problems observed in the functioning of the over-the-counter (OTC) derivatives market from the 2007-2008 financial crisis onwards.

Briefing [EN](#)

[The Victims' Rights Directive 2012/29/EU](#)

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Autor externo The opening analysis of the study (Part I) has been prepared by Amandine Scherrer and Ivana Kiendl Krišto (EPRS, EVAL Unit) . Part II of the study was prepared by the Centre for Strategy & Evaluation Services LLP (CSES).

Domínio de intervenção Espaço de Liberdade, de Segurança e de Justiça

Palavra-chave acesso à justiça | ajuda às vítimas | análise económica | construção europeia | crime contra as pessoas | DIREITO | direito da UE-direito nacional | direito da União Europeia | direito penal | diretiva (UE) | ECONOMIA | espaço de liberdade, segurança e justiça | Estado-Membro UE | estudo de impacto | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | jurisprudência (UE) | justiça | justiça reparadora | Tribunal de Justiça da União Europeia | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo Directive 2012/29/EU establishing minimum standards for the rights, support and protection of victims of crime is an instrument of harmonisation that sets basic standards to be applied across the EU. It makes important procedural provisions regarding, for instance, the right to be heard, to understand and be understood, and the right to receive information, make a complaint and access support services. This study assesses the implementation of the directive and various aspects of its application: legal transposition measures at Member State level, the practical implementation of the directive on the ground, and the benefits it has provided for victims, as well as the challenges encountered.

Estudo [EN](#), [ES](#)

[Combating fraud and counterfeiting of non-cash means of payment](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Espaço de Liberdade, de Segurança e de Justiça

Palavra-chave análise económica | banca eletrónica | construção europeia | consumo | cooperação judiciária em matéria penal (UE) | cooperação policial (UE) | DIREITO | direito da União Europeia | direito penal | ECONOMIA | economia monetária | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estudo de impacto | falsificação de moeda | FINANÇAS | fraude | gestão contabilística | instituições financeiras e crédito | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | moeda eletrónica | pagamento | proposta (UE) | proteção do consumidor | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The IA presents the problem of non-cash payment fraud in a coherent and clear manner. The link between the problem (sub-) drivers, specific and general objectives of the proposal is rather straightforward. The objectives could be more specific and time-bound, however, to bring them in line with the SMART criteria. The IA sets out the content of all options in a clear manner. However, the quality of data, analysis and stakeholder consultation leaves an overall poor impression, partly because the combined IA and evaluation study, which is the external expertise informing the assessment, is not available online and therefore impossible to verify. For instance, according to the IA, the qualitative scores were validated with the focus group participants and external reviewers; however, the results of the validations are not reported in the IA report and only seven stakeholders attended the focus group. Such low attendance is rather surprising, considering that the qualitative assessment was given particular weight when deciding on the preferred option. The IA provides a rather inconsistent synopsis of the three consultation processes and the stakeholders' contributions are not available online. The IA does not make clear what the stakeholders' views were on the retained or discarded measures and options. Making the study accessible online could perhaps provide the information needed to understand the logic behind the assessment, the stakeholder consultation and the choice of the preferred option.

Briefing [EN](#)

[The proposed Directive on Copyright in the Digital Single Market \(Articles 11, 14 and 16\) Strengthening the Press Through Copyright](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Direito Contratual, Direito Comercial e Direito Empresarial | Direito da Propriedade Intelectual | Direito da UE: Ordenamento Jurídico e Atos Jurídicos | Direito internacional privado e cooperação judicial em matéria civil | Mercado Interno e União Aduaneira

Palavra-chave análise económica | comunicação | construção europeia | cultura e religião | direito de autor | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | fluxo de dados transfronteiriço | indústria audiovisual | informação e tratamento da informação | internet | investigação e propriedade intelectual | mercado único digital | património cultural | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | propriedade literária e artística | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | rede de transmissão | reprografia | tecnologia digital | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The briefing gives a brief introductory presentation of the provisions of the proposal concerning the creation of new rights for press publishers to protect their press publications under EU copyright law. Also, it discusses the reasoning behind the creation of new rights for press publishers to ensure a fair remuneration. It also discusses the definitions (of press publishers and press publications) and the scope of the protection as well as the effects of the proposed directive.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Legal analysis with focus on Article 11 of the proposed Directive on Copyright in the Digital Market](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Direito Contratual, Direito Comercial e Direito Empresarial | Direito da Propriedade Intelectual | Direito da UE: Ordenamento Jurídico e Atos Jurídicos | Direito internacional privado e cooperação judicial em matéria civil | Mercado Interno e União Aduaneira

Palavra-chave análise económica | comunicação | construção europeia | cultura e religião | DIREITO | direito da União Europeia | direito de autor | direitos e liberdades | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | gestão de direitos digitais | informação e tratamento da informação | informática e processamento de dados | internet | investigação e propriedade intelectual | liberdade de imprensa | mercado único | mercado único digital | património cultural | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | proposta (UE) | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | radiodifusão | rede de transmissão | reprografia | tecnologia digital | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | televisão | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The briefing paper gives a brief introductory presentation of the provisions of the copyright proposal COM (2016)593 concerning the creation of new rights for press publishers to protect their press publications under EU law. It also discusses the reasoning behind the creation of new rights for press publishers to ensure a fair remuneration and sheds light on the definitions "press publishers" and "press publications" and the scope of the protection as well as the effects of the proposed directive.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Statute for Social and Solidarity-based Enterprises](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Assuntos Económicos e Monetários | Emprego | Política Social

Palavra-chave análise comparativa | análise de custos-benefícios | análise económica | consumo | cooperação europeia | ECONOMIA | economia social | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estrutura económica | estudo de impacto | finanças da União Europeia | Fundo Europeu de Desenvolvimento Regional | Fundo Europeu para Investimentos Estratégicos | gestão contabilística | impacto social | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | investigação e propriedade intelectual | política de austeridade | política de cooperação | política económica | política social europeia | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | proteção social | quadro social | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | segurança social | serviço de interesse geral | serviço social | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | valor acrescentado | vida social

Resumo Social enterprises combine societal goals with entrepreneurial spirit. These organisations focus on achieving wider social, environmental or community objectives. There is currently no specific European legal framework to help social enterprises to benefit from the internal market. Against this background, this European added value assessment identifies the challenges in the existing national legal frameworks regarding social enterprises. It argues that action at EU level would generate economic and social added value. Moreover, it outlines potential legislative measures that could be taken at EU level, and that could generate European added value through simplification and a coordinated approach in this area.

Estudo [EN](#)

[Excise duty on alcohol - Revision of Council Directive 92/83/EEC on the structures of excise duty applied to alcohol and alcoholic beverages](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Assuntos Económicos e Monetários | Avaliação da Legislação e das Políticas na Prática | Transposição e Aplicação da Legislação

Palavra-chave AGROALIMENTAR | análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | bebidas e açúcar | cerveja | direito da União Europeia | diretiva CE | ECONOMIA | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | Estado-Membro UE | estudo de impacto | FINANÇAS | fiscalidade | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | imposto sobre consumos específicos | isenção fiscal | pequena empresa | proposta (UE) | revisão da lei | tipos de empresa | trabalhos parlamentares | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | vinho

Resumo Council Directive 92/83/EEC harmonises the structures of excise duties on alcohol and alcoholic beverages, as agreed in 1992 by the Member States. The directive establishes common definitions of alcoholic products that are subject to duty, as well as exemptions and common reduced rates, particularly for small producers of alcoholic beverages and home-brewers. The European Commission began evaluating whether the rules are still up to date and ensure a level playing-field among producers, as well as whether smaller producers might benefit from simpler rules and lower excise duties. Based on the results of the evaluation process, a new legislative proposal is expected to be presented by the end of 2017. This would be the second attempt to modify the current legislation, after the first failed to obtain the approval of the Member States in the Council, in 2006.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Council Framework Decision 2001/413 on combating fraud and counterfeiting of non-cash means of payment](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação da Legislação e das Políticas na Prática | Espaço de Liberdade, de Segurança e de Justiça | Transposição e Aplicação da Legislação

Palavra-chave análise económica | construção europeia | cooperação judiciária em matéria penal (UE) | cooperação transfronteiriça | decisão-quadro | DIREITO | direito da União Europeia | direito penal | ECONOMIA | economia monetária | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | Estado-Membro UE | estudo de impacto | FINANÇAS | fraude | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | gestão contabilística | informação e tratamento da informação | livre circulação de capitais | livre circulação de capitais | moeda eletrónica | pagamento | política de cooperação | proposta (UE) | rede de informação | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo Council Framework Decision 2001/413 (CFD) on combating fraud and counterfeiting of non-cash means of payment establishes minimum rules concerning the definition of criminal offences and sanctions related to fraud and counterfeiting of non-cash means of payment, as well as the mechanisms for cross-border cooperation and exchange of information. Adopted in 2001, the CFD is now 16 years old. Evidence collected through the Commission's evaluation and stakeholder consultation confirms the existence of significant challenges related to the implementation of the CFD. Overall, it appears that the CFD has not caught up with the technological developments of payment instruments, nor with the increasingly advanced techniques of non-cash fraud. Many Member States have in the meantime updated their respective legal frameworks individually in an effort to respond to these developments. This has resulted in a patchwork of different frameworks within the EU. It has also potentially opened the door to 'forum shopping' (i.e. criminals exploiting the system by moving to those Member States that have more lenient sanctions). The challenges identified include outdated/incomplete definitions, different levels of penalties in Member States, differences in criminalisation of preparatory acts in Member States, difficulties in allocating jurisdiction, under-reporting to law enforcement bodies, etc. The Commission evaluation finds that '[a]s a whole, the [CFD] does not appear to have fully met its objectives.' In the light of the above, in September 2017, the European Commission put forward a proposal for a new directive that would replace the CFD.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Multilateral court for the settlement of investment disputes](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Comércio internacional

Palavra-chave análise económica | comércio internacional | convenção internacional | diferendo comercial | DIREITO | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | financiamento e investimento | FINANÇAS | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | investimento direto | investimento estrangeiro | investimento internacional | jurisdição internacional | negociação internacional | organização da justiça | política comercial | política comercial comum | política internacional | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | relações multilaterais | resolução de diferendos | segurança internacional

Resumo This note seeks to provide an initial analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the European Commission's Impact Assessment (IA) accompanying the above recommendation, submitted on 13 September 2017 and referred to Parliament's Committee on International Trade. The recommendation aims to pave the way for the creation of a framework for the resolution of international investment disputes. The IA notes that foreign investors and host countries have settled their investment disputes through the Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS, ad hoc arbitration) since the 1950s. In recent years, concerns have been voiced about the ISDS, in particular in the context of the negotiation processes of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) (EU-USA) and of the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) (EU-Canada). Based on the results of the public consultation carried out in 2014, the European Commission presented a plan in May 2015 to reform the investment resolution system. It comprises, as a first step, an institutionalised court system (Investment Court System, ICS) for future EU trade and investment agreements and, as a second step, the establishment of an 'international investment Court'. According to the IA report, 'since 2016 the Commission has actively engaged with a large number of partner countries both at a technical and political level to further the reform of the ISDS system and to build a consensus for the initiative of a permanent multilateral investment Court' (IA, p. 6). In its resolutions of 8 July 2015 on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) and of 6 April 2011 on the future European international investment policy, Parliament noted the need to reform the investment dispute settlement mechanism. In its resolution of 5 July 2016 on the future strategy for trade and investment, it supported the aim of creating a 'multilateral solution to investment disputes'.

Briefing [EN](#)

The Ecodesign Directive (2009/125/EC)

Tipo de publicação Estudo

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Domínio de intervenção Ambiente | Avaliação da Legislação e das Políticas na Prática | Energia | Transposição e Aplicação da Legislação

Palavra-chave AMBIENTE | análise económica | aproximação das legislações | bens de consumo | comercialização | comercialização | consumo | consumo de energia | direito da União Europeia | diretiva CE | documentação | ECONOMIA | economia circular | economia de energia | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | eletrodoméstico | eletrónica e eletrotécnica | ENERGIA | Estado-Membro UE | estudo de impacto | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | impacto ambiental | INDÚSTRIA | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | marcação «CE» de conformidade | política ambiental | política económica | política energética | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | relatório | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This European Implementation Assessment (EIA) has been provided to accompany the work of the European Parliament's Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety in scrutinising the implementation of the directive establishing a framework for the setting of ecodesign requirements for energy-related products ('Ecodesign Directive'). The EIA consists of an opening analysis and two briefing papers. The opening analysis, prepared in-house by the Ex-Post Evaluation Unit within EPRS, situates the directive in the EU policy context, provides key information on implementation of the directive and presents opinions of selected stakeholders on implementation. The paper contains also short overview of consumers' opinions and behaviour. Input to the assessment was received from CPMC SPRL and from the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, both in the form of briefing papers: – the first paper gathers the opinions of EU-level and national stakeholders on successes in, failures of and challenges to the implementation of the directive and the underlying reasons. Experts from seven Member States were interviewed: Belgium, Denmark, Germany, the United Kingdom, Poland, Portugal and Finland. These interviews are complemented by a literature review of available studies, reports and position papers; – the second paper is based on three elements. The first part presents an analysis of the Ecodesign Directive, ecodesign working plans and related regulations, the second is based on an analysis of the scientific articles discussing the application of the directive to specific product groups and the third presents the results of the on-line surveys evaluating the application of the regulations of the directive for selected product groups.

[Estudo](#) [EN](#)

Road transport: Driving times, breaks, rest periods, tachographs and posting of drivers

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Domínio de intervenção Transportes

Palavra-chave análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | condições de trabalho | condições e organização do trabalho | condutor | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | EMPREGO E TRABALHO | estudo de impacto | mercado do trabalho | organização dos transportes | política de transportes | proposta (UE) | revisão da lei | tempo de condução | tempo de descanso | trabalhador destacado | trabalhos parlamentares | transportador | transporte de mercadorias | transporte de passageiros | transporte rodoviário | transporte terrestre | TRANSPORTES | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This note seeks to provide an initial analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the European Commission's Impact Assessment (IA) accompanying the above proposals, submitted on 31 May 2017 and referred to Parliament's Committee on Transport and Tourism. The aim of the proposals is to improve the application of social legislation in road transport, also including sector-specific rules for posting of workers, to facilitate fair competition between operators and enhance drivers' social conditions. The proposals form part of the 'Europe on the move' package, which is a broader review of the road transport legislation of the European Union. The transport package is one of the priorities of the European Commission. The proposals, which are part of the Commission's Regulatory Fitness and Performance (REFIT) programme, aim to contribute to the Commission's social agenda and the European Pillar of Social Rights. In its resolutions, the European Parliament has called for improved implementation of social legislation in the road transport sector, enhanced road safety, adapted posting provisions for transport workers, and called for measures to counter unfair competition and social dumping.

[Briefing](#) [EN](#)

Safeguarding competition in air transport

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Domínio de intervenção Direito e regulamentação da concorrência | Transportes

Palavra-chave acordo (UE) | acordo internacional | análise económica | concorrência | construção europeia | direito da UE | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estudo de impacto | organização dos transportes | país terceiro | política da concorrência | política de cooperação | política internacional | proposta (UE) | regulamentação de acordos e práticas concertadas | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | restrição de concorrência | transporte aéreo | transporte aéreo e espacial | transporte de passageiros | TRANSPORTES | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This note seeks to provide an initial analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the European Commission's impact assessment (IA) accompanying the above proposal, adopted on 8 June 2017 and referred to Parliament's Committee on Transport and Tourism (TRAN). The proposal intends to repeal Regulation (EC) No 868/2004 in order to 'ensure a fair level playing field between European and third country air carriers' (IA, p. 44), 'with a view to maintain conditions conducive to a high level of connectivity' (explanatory memorandum, p. 8). According to the IA, 'Regulation (EC) No 868/2004 intended to protect EU air carriers against objectively defined practices considered as "unfair" and "discriminatory", namely subsidisation and unfair pricing practices causing injury to EU carriers in the supply of air services to and from third countries' (IA, p. 34). However, for the reasons comprehensively outlined in the IA (pp. 34-36), the regulation 'has never been applied, and some of its features make it very unlikely that it will ever be (concretely) applied' (explanatory memorandum, p. 3). The proposal is part of the 'Open and Connected Aviation' package, which includes three other initiatives. The European Parliament has called for the revision of this regulation in a number of its resolutions, as it had proved inadequate and ineffective. The Council, in its conclusions adopted on 20 December 2012, called for a more ambitious and robust EU external aviation policy, based on the principles of reciprocity and open and fair competition in a level playing field. It considered that this regulation had proved itself unable to adequately address the specific characteristics of the aviation services sector and supported the Commission's intention to analyse possible options for a more effective instrument to safeguard open and fair competition. It also encouraged the Commission and Member States to 'use their bilateral and multilateral relations to actively support the establishment of a level playing field favouring open and fair competition in international air transport' (Recital 24, p. 4).

Briefing [EN](#)

Pan-European Personal Pension Product

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Palavra-chave análise económica | construção europeia | consumo | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | Estado-Membro UE | estudo de impacto | financiamento e investimento | FINANÇAS | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | informação do consumidor | instituições financeiras e crédito | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | livre circulação de capitais | mercado de capitais | mercado único | pensão complementar | promoção do investimento | proposta (UE) | proteção social | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | regulamentação do investimento | regulamento (UE) | sociedade de investimento | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This note seeks to provide an initial analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the European Commission's impact assessment (IA) accompanying the above proposal, adopted on 29 June 2017 and referred to Parliament's Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON). Pension systems across the EU vary considerably. While state-based public pensions constitute the most important part of retirement income, they may be complemented by occupational pensions and/or (national) personal pensions (private pension savings by households) (IA, pp. 4-5). The IA observes that although demographic change and limited public budgets increase the pressure on public pension systems and their adequacy, currently only 27 % of the EU population between 25 and 59 years old, representing 13 % of the total EU population, invest in personal pensions (IA, p. 11, Annex 6, pp. 97-98). Moreover, the 2015 Action Plan on a Capital Markets Union found the single market for personal pension products to be highly fragmented, due to divergent national and European rules. It concluded that this fragmentation prevented providers from developing innovative and competitive products and savers from receiving good quality, flexible and easily portable personal pensions (IA, p. 4, 9). The availability of personal pension products varies widely from Member State to Member State, and the existing offers differ considerably as regards both their accumulation (saving) and decumulation (pay-out) phases; this makes their portability difficult and leads to a generally low take-up. Against this backdrop, as announced in its mid-term review of the Capital Markets Union Action Plan, the Commission came forward in June 2017 with a legislative proposal to create a voluntary pan-European personal pension product (PEPP). The aim is to complement the existing national personal pensions and to encourage private capital investments in retirement savings on an EU scale. Given the relevance of tax incentives for personal pension products, the proposal is accompanied by a recommendation on tax treatment of such products by Member States, which is also covered by the IA under examination.

Briefing [EN](#)

[EU summer-time arrangements under Directive 2000/84/EC: Ex-post Impact Assessment](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação da Legislação e das Políticas na Prática | Mercado Interno e União Aduaneira | Transportes | Transposição e Aplicação da Legislação

Palavra-chave AGRICULTURA, SILVICULTURA E PESCA | análise económica | aproximação das legislações | assembleia | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | construção europeia | desporto | direito da União Europeia | diretiva CE | ECONOMIA | economia de energia | ENERGIA | estudo de impacto | hora de verão | INDÚSTRIA | mercado único | petição | política da UE | política de transportes | política e estruturas industriais | política energética | política industrial | produção agrícola | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | saúde | saúde pública | segurança dos transportes | segurança pública | sistema de exploração agrícola | transporte rodoviário | transporte terrestre | TRANSPORTES | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | vida política e segurança pública | vida social

Resumo The purpose of summer time is to capitalise on natural daylight. By turning the clock one hour forward as the days get longer in spring, sunset is delayed by this same hour, until the clock is set back again in autumn. This practice is applied in over 60 countries worldwide. In the EU, Member States draw on a long tradition of daylight saving time (DST), and many have developed their own DST schemes. Harmonisation attempts began in the 1970s, to facilitate the effective operation of the internal market. Today, the uniform EU-wide application of DST is governed by Directive 2000/84/EC; most European third countries have aligned their summer-time schemes with that of the EU. Much academic research has been invested in examining the benefits and inconveniences of DST. It appears that: - summer time benefits the internal market (notably the transport sector) and outdoor leisure activities, and it also generates marginal savings in energy consumption; - the impact on other economic sectors remains largely inconclusive; - with regard to inconveniences, health research associates DST with disruption to the human biorhythm ('circadian rhythm').

[Estudo EN](#)

[EU labour markets \[What Think Tanks are thinking\]](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Política Social

Palavra-chave análise económica | construção europeia | desemprego | desigualdade social | diálogo social (UE) | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | emprego | EMPREGO E TRABALHO | Espanha | estratégia de crescimento da UE | estrutura económica | estudo de impacto | Europa | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | geografia política | grupo de reflexão | Grécia | informação e tratamento da informação | integração de migrantes | inteligência artificial | investigação e propriedade intelectual | Itália | mercado do trabalho | mercado do trabalho | migrações | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | quadro social | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | reforma económica | relações laborais e direito do trabalho | trabalhador destacado | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo Economic recovery has reduced the unemployment rate in the euro area and the wider European Union, but there are still significant challenges for EU labour markets. These include increasing inequalities, the effect of the digital revolution and globalisation on jobs, the impact of the posting of workers abroad within the EU, persistently high youth and long-term unemployment, and integration of migrants. The European Commission is pushing ahead with its European Pillar of Social Rights package to strengthen the social dimension of Economic and Monetary Union. This note offers links to recent commentaries and reports by major international think tanks and research institutes on the state and possible reforms of EU labour markets as well as social policies. More reports on social policies can be found in a previous edition of 'What Think Tanks are Thinking' published in May 2017.

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Adapting the road haulage market to developments in the sector: road transport operators and access to the market

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Palavra-chave acesso à profissão | análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | cooperação administrativa | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | emprego | EMPREGO E TRABALHO | estudo de impacto | organização dos transportes | poder executivo e administração pública | política de transportes | política dos transportes | proposta (UE) | regulamentação dos transportes | transportador | transporte de mercadorias | transporte de passageiros | transporte interior | transporte internacional | transporte rodoviário | transporte terrestre | TRANSPORTES | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This note seeks to provide an initial analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the European Commission's impact assessment (IA) accompanying the above proposal, submitted on 31 May 2017 and referred to Parliament's Committee on Transport and Tourism (TRAN). The existing legislative framework regulating European cabotage operations (the national carriage of goods for hire or reward carried out by non-resident hauliers on a temporary basis in a host Member State) was adopted in 2009 (Regulations 1071/2009 and 1072/2009) with the aim of supporting the completion of the internal EU market in road transport and, in particular, of boosting its efficiency and competitiveness. To this day, however, the national transport market remains fragmented as Member States restrict cabotage operations for non-resident hauliers. At the same time, the carriage of goods, especially by light commercial vehicles (LCVs), is on the rise and is expected to increase on account of technological development, the growth of the e-commerce sector, and the related increase in demand for delivery services. In preparation for the legislative proposal the Commission conducted a REFIT exercise that showed potential scope for cutting red tape and reducing compliance costs for transport operators and national authorities. The proposed regulation aims to improve the internal market for road transport and achieve a better balance (in terms of the administrative burden and the cost of compliance) between the various stakeholders (e.g. transport operators, national authorities, drivers and the customers of transport operators) by amending the existing regulation. For the Commission, the proposal is part of a broader legislative initiative regarding European road transport legislation in general and, more specifically, the proposal concerning social legislation for road transport. In this regard, it is also related to the reform of the free movement of labour, in particular the posting of workers. The proposed regulation is also in line with the European Parliament's call to the Commission, expressed in its resolution of 9 September 2015, to clarify or review Regulation 1072/2009 in order to take measures against illegal practices that lead to unfair competition and encourage social dumping.

Briefing [EN](#)

Use of vehicles hired without drivers for carriage of goods by road

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Palavra-chave aluguer de veículos | análise económica | ECONOMIA | Estado-Membro UE | estatística da UE | estudo de impacto | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | organização dos transportes | transporte de mercadorias | transporte intra-UE | transporte rodoviário | transporte terrestre | TRANSPORTES

Resumo This note seeks to provide an initial analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the European Commission's impact assessment (IA) accompanying the above proposal, submitted on 31 May 2017 and referred to Parliament's Committee on Transport and Tourism. The proposal forms part of the 'Europe on the move' mobility package. By revising Directive 2006/1/EC on the use of vehicles hired without drivers for the carriage of goods by road, the Commission seeks to support the further integration of the road transport sector in the EU and increase the efficiency and competitiveness of this sector.

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Revision of the European Electronic Road Toll Service

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Domínio de intervenção Transportes

Palavra-chave análise económica | comunicação | construção europeia | cooperação transfronteiriça | DIREITO | direito penal | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | eletrónica e eletrotécnica | equipamento eletrónico | estudo de impacto | INDÚSTRIA | informação e tratamento da informação | infração ao código da estrada | intercâmbio de informação | política de cooperação | política de transportes | portagem | rede de transmissão | rede transeuropeia | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | transporte rodoviário | transporte terrestre | TRANSPORTES | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This note seeks to provide an initial analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the European Commission's impact assessment (IA) accompanying the above proposal, submitted on 31 May 2017 and referred to Parliament's Committee on Transport and Tourism. Digitisation and connectivity allow tolling without the user having to stop at toll barriers. Electronic tolls are levied by electronic systems that charge passing vehicles at a control point or across the infrastructure network. The vast majority require road users to install special equipment – on-board units (OBU) – for which technologies and standards may differ from one Member State to the next. For that reason, Directive 2004/52/EC on interoperability established the framework for a European Electronic Toll Service (EETS), in accordance with which road users could subscribe to a single contract and use a single OBU to pay electronic tolls throughout the EU. The detailed technical issues connected with the directive were set out in Commission Decision 2009/750/EC on the definition of the EETS and its technical elements. The EETS should have been operational for heavy goods vehicles by October 2012 and for other vehicles by October 2014, but the objectives of the legislation remain largely unattained. Some cross-border interoperability has been achieved, but in the majority of Member States it is still the case that only national OBUs can be used to pay tolls. The European Parliament has called for the Commission to consider appropriate legislative measures in the field of interoperability on several occasions, for instance in its 2013 and 2015 resolutions. In 2015, the Commission announced an evaluation of EETS legislation, which was concluded in 2017 with the publishing of the ex-post evaluation report. The Commission included the regulatory fitness (REFIT) revision of Directive 2004/52/EC in its 2017 work programme (CWP) under the new initiatives implementing the energy union strategy and included the initiative in the European strategy for low-emission mobility. Initially, EU road-pricing initiatives, such as the EETS Interoperability Directive and 'Eurovignette' Directive 1999/62/EC on the charging of heavy goods vehicles for the use of certain infrastructure, were not focused on contributing to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, but with time, this aspect has become more important. The Commission presented its revision of the EETS Interoperability Directive in parallel with the proposal to revise the Eurovignette Directive.

Briefing [EN](#)

The revision of the Posting of Workers Directive

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Domínio de intervenção Aprovação da Legislação pelo PE e pelo Conselho | Avaliação da Legislação e das Políticas na Prática | Direito da UE: Ordenamento Jurídico e Atos Jurídicos | Emprego | Programação

Palavra-chave administração e remuneração do pessoal | análise económica | assembleia | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | comissão PE | condições e organização do trabalho | direito da União Europeia | diretiva CE | ECONOMIA | emprego | EMPREGO E TRABALHO | Estado-Membro UE | estatística da UE | estudo de impacto | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | hora extraordinária | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | livre circulação de trabalhadores | mercado do trabalho | mobilidade da mão de obra | proteção social | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | relações interparlamentares | revisão da lei | salário mínimo | segurança social | trabalhador destacado | trabalhador fronteiriço | trabalhos parlamentares | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This briefing provides an update on the revision of the posting of workers directive in the European Parliament, and thus a follow up to the June 2016 study prepared for the EMPL Committee 'Posting of Workers Directive - current situation and challenges', the May 2016 EPRS appraisal of the Commission Impact Assessment 'Revision of the Posting of Workers Directive', and the March 2017 EPRS briefing 'Posting of Workers Directive'.

Briefing [EN](#)

[International Agreements in Progress: EU-Australia free trade agreement - Moving towards the launch of talks](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Comércio internacional

Palavra-chave acordo bilateral | acordo de comércio livre | AGRICULTURA, SILVICULTURA E PESCA | AGROALIMENTAR | análise económica | Austrália | comércio internacional | comércio internacional | construção europeia | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | estatística | estudo de impacto | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | geografia política | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | mercado agrícola | negociação de acordo (UE) | política agrícola | política internacional | princípio de reconhecimento mútuo | produto alimentar | produto à base de carne | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | trocas agrícolas | trocas comerciais | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | Ásia-Oceânia

Resumo The prospective EU-Australia free trade agreement (FTA) will complement the economic dimension of the current longstanding and evolving relationship with a new element. In addition to opening up new bilateral commercial opportunities, the FTA would also both facilitate the creation of new ties with global production and commercial networks and help to advance the trade policy interests of the EU in the Asia-Pacific region. The economic cooperation already in place includes a number of bilateral agreements that provide a good basis for the future negotiations. However, given that Australia is a major agricultural and agri-food exporter globally, it is expected that, in the course of the negotiations, certain sensitive issues may be raised. The EU is committed to taking European agricultural sensitivities fully into consideration in its negotiating strategy, seeking to protect vulnerable sectors through specific provisions. On 13 September 2017, the European Commission presented the draft negotiating directives for the FTA with Australia. This draft mandate, in line with the EU Court of Justice's recent opinion on the EU-Singapore FTA, covers only those areas falling under the EU's exclusive competence. Therefore, the prospective agreement could be concluded by the EU on its own and could be ratified at EU level only. The Commission aims to finalise the negotiations before the end of its mandate in late 2019.

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[Single digital gateway](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Mercado Interno e União Aduaneira

Palavra-chave acesso à informação | análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | cidadão da UE | comunicação | construção europeia | consumo | cooperação administrativa | DIREITO | direito da União Europeia | direito internacional | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | empresa | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estudo de impacto | fluxo de dados transfronteiriço | formalidade administrativa | informação e tratamento da informação | intercâmbio de informação | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | mercado único | poder executivo e administração pública | proposta (UE) | serviços | sistema de informação | tipos de empresa | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This note seeks to provide an initial analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the European Commission's Impact Assessment (IA) accompanying the above proposal, submitted on 2 May 2017 and referred to Parliament's Committee on Internal Market and Consumer Protection. The initiative seeks to reduce as much as possible the additional administrative burden that EU citizens and businesses face when they expand their activities to other Member States. To achieve this, the IA explains that the single digital gateway should provide access to the national rules, requirements and procedures that citizens and businesses from other Member States need to know about and comply with. To assist the user with this journey, the gateway should cover three layers, namely information, procedures and assistance services. The REFIT Platform Government Group confirmed the significance of a 'user journey approach' (IA, p. 5). The proposal on the single digital gateway is one of the initiatives falling under the Commission's 2015 single market strategy. The proposal also forms part of the 'compliance package', which, alongside the single digital gateway, sets out a single market information tool and the SOLVIT action plan. In addition, the REFIT Platform (consisting of business stakeholders and Member State representatives) published an opinion in June 2016 recommending the establishment of a single entry point with clear information and coordinated services for businesses in each Member State to assist companies operating in the single market, and the definition of minimum common quality criteria for content.

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[Single Market Information Tool](#)

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Palavra-chave análise económica | aplicação do direito da UE | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | comercialização | competência da UE | comunicação | construção europeia | cooperação administrativa | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | empresa | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estudo de impacto | fluxo de dados transfronteiriço | informação comercial | informação e tratamento da informação | informática e processamento de dados | iniciativa da UE | intercâmbio de informação | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | mercado único | poder executivo e administração pública | recolha de dados | tipos de empresa | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This note seeks to provide an initial analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the European Commission's impact assessment (IA) accompanying the above proposal, submitted on 2 May 2017 and referred to Parliament's Committee on Internal Market and Consumer Protection. The creation of a deeper and fairer single market is one of the ten main priorities of the Juncker Commission. To this end, the Commission proposed a new single market strategy in 2015. One of the key areas of the single market strategy's targeted actions is dedicated to a smart enforcement strategy and the culture of compliance and is entitled 'Ensuring practical delivery'. Within this area, the strategy announced, among other actions, 'a regulatory initiative on a market information tool for the Single Market, enabling the Commission to collect information from selected market players' (Single Market Strategy, p.16). It is this 'Single Market Information Tool' (SMIT) that is the subject of the Commission proposal. Two other initiatives were proposed by the Commission alongside the SMIT on 2 May 2017 as part of the compliance package: a regulation establishing a single digital gateway and an action plan on the reinforcement of the SOLVIT tool.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Definitive VAT system and fighting VAT fraud](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Assuntos Económicos e Monetários | Avaliação da Legislação e das Políticas na Prática | Transposição e Aplicação da Legislação

Palavra-chave análise económica | cobrança de impostos | comercialização | comércio intra-UE | construção europeia | dedução fiscal | DIREITO | direito da União Europeia | direito penal | diretiva CE | distribuição comercial | ECONOMIA | entrega | estudo de impacto | FINANÇAS | fiscalidade | fraude | fraude fiscal | harmonização fiscal | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | isenção fiscal | IVA | matéria coletável | mercado único | política comercial | prestação de serviços | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo Council Directive 2006/112/EC lays down the rules applicable to the common system of value added tax (VAT). Among other issues, the Council Directive establishes a temporary VAT system based on 'the origin principle', which requires that a VAT rate applicable to transactions is determined by the Member State of the seller's location. The temporary VAT system, established by the directive was supposed to be replaced by a definitive system. This however has not happened yet despite the latest VAT system having been set up approximately two decades ago. The temporary nature of the current VAT system brings several challenges, including the fact that it is more susceptible to VAT fraud. The European Parliament has called on the European Commission to update Council Directive 2006/112/EC to establish a definitive VAT system. Similarly, the Council and the European Economic and Social Committee have recommended updating the legislation. Representatives of various stakeholder groups have also meanwhile voiced concerns regarding this piece of legislation. It is expected that the European Commission will submit a legislative proposal amending this directive in October 2017.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Work-life balance for parents and carers](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Emprego | Questões de Género, Igualdade e Diversidade

Palavra-chave acordo-quadro | análise económica | condições e organização do trabalho | DIREITO | direitos e liberdades | ECONOMIA | EMPREGO E TRABALHO | equilíbrio entre vida profissional e pessoal | estudo de impacto | igualdade de género | licença para assistência aos filhos | licença por maternidade | licença por paternidade | parceiro social | política internacional | proteção social | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | relações laborais e direito do trabalho

Resumo This note seeks to provide an initial analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the European Commission impact assessment (IA) accompanying the above proposal, submitted on 26 April 2017 and referred to Parliament's Committee on Employment and Social Affairs. The proposal is a follow-up to the withdrawal of the Commission's proposal to revise Council Directive 92/85/EEC (the Maternity Leave Directive). After the withdrawal, the Commission announced its intention to prepare a new initiative with a broader approach. The European Parliament has called in its resolutions for a comprehensive proposal from the Commission on work-life balance. In line with the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU), the Commission conducted a two-stage consultation with the social partners on work-life balance. There was no agreement among social partners to enter into direct negotiations to conclude an EU level agreement. A roadmap for the new initiative was published in August 2015 and the initiative was included in the Commission's 2017 work programme within the framework of the European Pillar of Social Rights. The Commission's proposal for a directive is part of a package of measures aiming to address women's underrepresentation in employment by improving conditions to reconcile work and family duties. The proposal builds on existing EU legislation (especially Directive 2010/18/EU on parental leave), policies and best practices of the Member States in the area of work-life balance.

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Setting VAT rates

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Domínio de intervenção Assuntos Económicos e Monetários | Avaliação da Legislação e das Políticas na Prática | Transposição e Aplicação da Legislação

Palavra-chave análise económica | assembleia | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | cobrança de impostos | comercialização | comércio intra-UE | construção europeia | dedução fiscal | distribuição comercial | ECONOMIA | entrega | estudo de impacto | FINANÇAS | fiscalidade | harmonização fiscal | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | isenção fiscal | IVA | matéria coletável | mercado único digital | petição | política comercial | prestação de serviços | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo Council Directive 2006/112/EC lays down rules applicable to the common system of value added tax (VAT). Among other issues, the Council Directive sets a framework for VAT rates. The present VAT system is based on 'the origin principle', which requires that a VAT rate applicable to transaction is determined by the Member State in which the seller is located. Various studies and reports show that presently several challenges are linked to the implementation of this directive. These challenges include a gradual move from the origin principle to the destination principle, a need to fight VAT fraud, uncertainty for companies involved in cross-border trading, different VAT rates applied in Member States, obsolete rules, and the restrictive list of cases where reduced VAT can be applied, that is included in Annex III of the directive. The European Parliament has called on the European Commission to update Council Directive 2006/112/EC to respond to these challenges. Similarly, the Council and the European Economic and Social Committee have recommended that this legislation be updated. Furthermore, representatives of various stakeholder groups have voiced requests regarding this piece of legislation. Finally, the European Commission has expressed a willingness to take a more effective and proportionate approach to VAT rates. It is expected that the European Commission will submit this proposal in the third quarter of 2017.

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Completing the Digital Single Market for European Consumers and Citizens: Tackling Geo-blocking in the EU - 10th Meeting of the IMCO Working Group on the Digital Single Market

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Palavra-chave análise económica | comercialização | comunicação | comércio eletrónico | construção europeia | consumo | DIREITO | direito da União Europeia | direito de autor | direitos e liberdades | discriminação em razão da nacionalidade | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | informação e tratamento da informação | informática e processamento de dados | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | investigação e propriedade intelectual | literacia digital | mercado único | mercado único digital | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | proposta (UE) | proteção do consumidor | proteção dos dados | tecnologia digital | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | telecomunicação | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This report summarizes the discussion during the 10th Meeting of the IMCO Working Group on the Digital Single Market. It summarizes the exchange of views between MEPs, independent academic experts and the European Commission on the topic of geo-blocking in the Digital Single Market. The proceedings were prepared by Policy Department A for the Internal Market and Consumer Protection Committee.

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Russia's and the EU's sanctions: economic and trade effects, compliance and the way forward

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Domínio de intervenção Assuntos Externos | Comércio internacional

Palavra-chave análise económica | comercialização | comércio internacional | comércio por país | consequências económicas | construção europeia | ECONOMIA | estatísticas comerciais | estudo de impacto | Europa | exportação (UE) | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | geografia política | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | medida restritiva da UE | política comercial | política comercial comum | relações comerciais | relações da União Europeia | restrição à importação | Rússia | situação económica | situação económica | trocas comerciais | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This report summarises empirical facts about the economic impact of the EU sanctions against Russia and the Russian countersanctions, both implemented in the summer of 2014. The observed decline in trade volumes between the EU and Russia is not only due to the sanctions, but also other economic factors, such as the downturn of the Russian economy, largely caused by the falling oil price and the ensuing ruble depreciation. Furthermore, empirical evidence suggests that European and Russian companies alike managed to partly divert trade flows to other international markets in response to the deteriorating trade relationships. Overall trade diversion, however, cannot nearly compensate for losses of EU exports to Russia and thus mitigate the economy wide negative impacts. Finally, descriptive evidence and additional information seem to indicate that compliance with the sanctions was partly circumvented right after the implementation of the sanctions in 2014, in particular for agri food goods via countries of the Eurasian Economic Union. Legal trade diversion through countries unaffected by the sanctions has also taken place. It is important to emphasise that this study does not assess the political costs or effectiveness of the sanctions, but merely analyses potential economic costs caused by all sanction measures in place.

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[Forward-looking policy-making at the European Parliament through scientific foresight](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Política de Investigação | Programação

Palavra-chave análise económica | avaliação | cibernética | CIÊNCIAS | ciências humanas | ciências naturais e aplicadas | conhecimentos científicos | documentação | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | organização do ensino | parlamentar europeu | Parlamento Europeu | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | ética

Resumo The European Parliament's Science and Technology Options Assessment (STOA) Panel, supported by the Scientific Foresight Unit (STOA), decided two years ago to experiment with a process involving scenario development and assessment to explore possible future techno-scientific developments and their potential impacts, while backcasting possible future opportunities and concerns to options available to policy-makers today. This was achieved with the involvement of experts from a variety of backgrounds, together with stakeholders, using a multi-perspective approach. In this setting, various types of possible impacts are explored, which provide the foundations for imagined exploratory scenarios. From these scenarios we can learn about the possible challenges and opportunities arising from them. By communicating these challenges and opportunities to the Members of the European Parliament (MEPs), together with related legal and ethical reflections, the MEPs are provided with potential insights into how to anticipate future policy issues. The MEPs might thus be able to identify options for working towards the most desirable futures and avoiding undesirable futures, and even for anticipating undesirable scenarios. Therefore, foresight-based policy preparation can help the European Parliament stay well prepared for what might lie ahead, allowing informed, anticipatory action.

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[Banking reform package](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Assuntos Bancários e Financeiros | Assuntos Económicos e Monetários

Palavra-chave análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | comercialização | controlo financeiro | direito da UE | direito da União Europeia | disponibilidade monetária | ECONOMIA | economia monetária | estudo de impacto | FINANÇAS | fiscalização do mercado | informação comercial | instituição de crédito | instituições financeiras e crédito | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | livre circulação de capitais | orçamento | política bancária | política comercial | regulamentação financeira | revisão da lei | sociedade de investimento | trabalhos parlamentares | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This note seeks to provide an initial analysis of the methodological strengths and weaknesses of the European Commission's impact assessment (IA) accompanying five proposals reforming banking legislation, submitted on 24 November 2016 and referred to Parliament's Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs. To this end, it also provides a brief overview of the IA, complementing the Commission's own summary (SWD(2016)378). Despite significant progress since the financial crisis, the overhaul of the financial regulatory framework remains a major area of the European Commission's work. The IA covers five proposals (see table 1, below) included in the 2017 Joint Declaration on the EU's legislative priorities, for which the EU institutions want to ensure substantial progress. The proposals aim at: aligning EU rules with internationally agreed standards, drawn up by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision, and amending the current EU bank resolution framework.

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[Services in the internal market: Notification procedure for authorisation schemes and requirements related to services](#)

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Palavra-chave análise económica | aplicação do direito da UE | aproximação das legislações | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | comunicação de dados | construção europeia | consumo | direito da UE | direito da União Europeia | direito de estabelecimento | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | emprego | EMPREGO E TRABALHO | estudo de impacto | formalidade administrativa | informação e tratamento da informação | informática e processamento de dados | intercâmbio de informação | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | livre prestação de serviços | mercado único | poder executivo e administração pública | serviços | sistema de informação | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This note seeks to provide an initial analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the European Commission's Impact Assessment (IA) accompanying the above proposal, submitted on 10 January 2017 and referred to Parliament's Committee on Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO). Overall, the IA seems to motivate sufficiently the new legislation aiming to create a more effective notification procedure for services in the single market. In particular, the problems identified and the policy options considered appear to be clear and coherent. There are, however, some elements, which might merit further attention. It would have been useful to provide some quantification (or, alternatively, explain the lack thereof) regarding the economic impacts on businesses, competitiveness and SMEs, notwithstanding that the proposal is mainly addressed to Member States' public authorities. Moreover, it is noticeable that the range of sources used to substantiate this IA is rather limited.

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[Multiannual plan for North Sea demersal fisheries](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Aprovação da Legislação pelo PE e pelo Conselho | Pescas

Palavra-chave AGRICULTURA, SILVICULTURA E PESCA | AMBIENTE | análise económica | captura autorizada | captura por espécie | conservação dos recursos haliêuticos | controlo da pesca | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | mar do Norte | meio natural | Parlamento Europeu | peixe de água salgada | pesca | pesca de alto mar | pesca sustentável | política comum da pesca | processo legislativo ordinário | proposta (UE) | quota de pesca | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The European Parliament is due to decide a position in plenary in advance of interinstitutional negotiations on a legislative proposal for a multiannual plan to manage some fisheries in the North Sea. For its part, the Council adopted its general approach in April 2017. This plan would cover demersal species (i.e. species living close to the sea bottom) in the EU waters in the North Sea and some adjacent maritime areas. These stocks are exploited by various fishing fleets using various fishing gear but often catching different species together (mixed fisheries). These demersal fisheries, conducted by several thousand EU vessels, represent over 70% of the EU catches in this area. After the adoption of a plan concerning the Baltic Sea, this multiannual plan for North Sea demersal fisheries is the second management plan proposed by the European Commission since the reform of the Common Fisheries Policy agreed at the end of 2013. Such multiannual tools are essential for the sustainable exploitation of marine resources and offer better predictability on catches allowed to fishermen over time. They also set a framework for improved cooperation between the concerned Member States at sea regional level. Second edition. The 'EU Legislation in Progress' briefings are updated at key stages throughout the legislative procedure. To view earlier editions of this briefing, please see: PE 589.814, October 2016.

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[EU sustainability criteria for bioenergy](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Ambiente | Energia

Palavra-chave AGRICULTURA, SILVICULTURA E PESCA | AMBIENTE | análise económica | auxílio estatal | biocombustível | bioenergia | biomassa | concorrência | Conferência ONU | controlo dos auxílios estatais | desenvolvimento sustentável | direito da UE | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | ENERGIA | energia não poluente | energia renovável | estudo de impacto | exploração agrícola | floresta | política ambiental | política económica | política energética | política florestal | política internacional | política para as alterações climáticas | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | utilização da terra

Resumo Bioenergy, which is generally produced from plants such as agricultural crops or trees, comes in various forms. Wood and other solid biomass are commonly used for heating and electricity generation. Liquid biofuels for transport and other purposes are mainly made from food and feed crops, but can also be produced from waste and residues. Bioenergy can also be delivered in the form of gas. Bioenergy is a renewable but finite energy source, and considered as climate-friendly because the carbon which is emitted during combustion was removed from the atmosphere during growth of the biomass and will be removed again after some time if new plants are grown. However, its production and use has environmental impacts and the climate benefits may vary. The existing Renewable Energy Directive sets mandatory sustainability and greenhouse gas saving criteria for biofuels. For forest biomass, the Commission issued recommendations, but these are not uniformly implemented in the Member States. In November 2016, the Commission proposed a revised Renewable Energy Directive which includes mandatory sustainability criteria for both biofuels and biomass. The European Parliament supports sustainability criteria for bioenergy, and highlighted the sustainability issues of forest biomass in its June 2016 resolution on renewable energy. Stakeholder reactions to the Commission proposal have been mixed. While environmental NGOs called for stricter criteria, the bioenergy industries warned that tighter limits on conventional biofuels hinder the decarbonisation of the transport sector. Farmers and forest owners expressed concern about additional economic and administrative burden and stressed the principle of subsidiarity in forest policies.

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Multimédia [EU sustainability criteria for bioenergy](#)

Legal Implications of Brexit: Customs Union, Internal Market Acquis for Goods and Services, Consumer Protection Law, Public Procurement

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Palavra-chave acordo comercial | análise económica | assembleia | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | comércio internacional | comércio internacional | construção europeia | consumo | contrato público | cooperação comercial | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | Estado-Membro UE | estudo de impacto | Europa | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | geografia política | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | mercado único | negociação de acordo (UE) | Organização Mundial do Comércio | ORGANIZAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | organizações mundiais | política aduaneira | política comercial | política de cooperação | proteção do consumidor | Reino Unido | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | relações interparlamentares | retirada da UE | Tratado da União Europeia | união aduaneira | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This in-depth analysis addresses the implications of several scenarios of the UK withdrawing from the EU in relation to the EU Customs Union, the Internal Market law for Goods and Services, and on Consumer Protection law, identifying the main cross-cutting challenges that have to be addressed irrespective of the policy choices that will be made in due course. The analysis takes the fully-fledged EU membership as a point of departure and compares this baseline scenario to a membership of the UK in the European Economic Area (EEA), the application of tailor-made arrangements, as well as the fall-back scenario, in which the mutual relationship is governed by WTO law. Following an analysis of the EU legal framework defining the withdrawal of a Member State from the EU the study develops an analytical framework that allows for the identification of the legal impact of different Brexit scenarios on policy fields falling within the ambit of the IMCO Committee. In this context, the general impact of the EEA model, the tailor-made model and the WTO model on key pieces of the currently existing *acquis communautaire* in these policy areas are highlighted.

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Prospectuses for investors

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Domínio de intervenção Apreciação da Legislação pelo PE e pelo Conselho | Assuntos Bancários e Financeiros | Assuntos Económicos e Monetários

Palavra-chave análise económica | comercialização | comunicação de dados | construção europeia | consumo | documentação | ECONOMIA | economia monetária | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | FINANÇAS | informação comercial | informação do consumidor | informação e tratamento da informação | informática e processamento de dados | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | livre circulação de capitais | mercado de capitais | mercado regulamentado | mercado único | publicação | publicidade | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | valores mobiliários

Resumo On 30 November 2015, the European Commission published a proposal for a regulation on prospectuses (legal documents that provide details about an investment offer in an easily analysable format) to replace Directive 2003/71/EC, as amended by Directives 2008/11/EC, 2010/73/EU and 2010/78/EU. The aims of the regulation are to contribute to further financial market integration and to improve investor protection in the European Union. The proposal broadens the scope of the legislation and introduces changes to how the prospectus is drawn up. On 3 June 2016, the Dutch EU Council Presidency published its proposal for a general approach on the Commission proposal and on 15 September 2016, the European Parliament adopted its amendments to the Commission proposal. The compromise agreement between the two institutions was adopted by the European Parliament on 5 April 2017, and then by the Council on 16 May. The final act was published in the Official Journal on 30 June 2017, and applies in full from 21 July 2019.

[Briefing](#) [EN](#)

[Drinking Water Directive](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Ambiente | Avaliação da Legislação e das Políticas na Prática | Transposição e Aplicação da Legislação

Palavra-chave abastecimento de água | alimentação humana | AMBIENTE | análise económica | direito da União Europeia | diretiva CE | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | gestão das águas | meio natural | Nações Unidas | Organização Mundial da Saúde | ORGANIZAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | política ambiental | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | saúde | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | urbanismo e construção civil | água potável

Resumo The Drinking Water Directive (DWD) sets quality standards for drinking water and requires that Member States ensure monitoring and compliance with these standards. By and large, it has been successful, best exemplified by the high, and increasing, levels of compliance across the European Union (EU) with the microbiological, chemical and indicator parameters and values set in the DWD. Notwithstanding this overall success, evidence collected over the past years, most notably through evaluation as well as public and stakeholder consultation, confirm the existence of challenges. These include an outdated list of parameters and parametric values; over-reliance on compliance testing at the end of the water supply chain (at the tap) and related lack of a risk-based approach to managing water quality; problems related to water quality in small water supplies; lack of connection to public water networks for many citizens; problems related to water contact materials; as well as a lack of information for citizens. Although European Commission Directive 2015/1787 recently introduced elements of a risk-based approach, the current text of the directive does not appear to integrate the World Health Organization guidelines on drinking water quality sufficiently, both in terms of parameters and parametric values (which have not been updated in the DWD since 1998), as well as the lack of a comprehensive risk-based approach in water quality management that would systematically address potential risks throughout the water supply chain. The European Commission is expected to make a proposal to amend the directive in late 2017.

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[New rules for managing the EU external fishing fleet](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Aprovação da Legislação pelo PE e pelo Conselho | Pescas

Palavra-chave acordo de pesca | AGRICULTURA, SILVICULTURA E PESCA | AMBIENTE | análise económica | competência dos Estados-Membros | concorrência | critério de elegibilidade | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estudo de impacto | finanças da União Europeia | frota de pesca | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | investigação e propriedade intelectual | Parlamento Europeu | pesca | pesca sustentável | política ambiental | política da concorrência | processo legislativo ordinário | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | proposta (UE) | rastreabilidade | regulamentação da pesca | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | vigilância do ambiente

Resumo Following trilogue negotiations, the Parliament is to be asked to approve in plenary a revised system of issuing and managing fishing authorisations, intended to improve monitoring and transparency of the EU external fishing fleet. The new legislation will replace the current 'Fishing Authorisations Regulation' 1006/2008, and will cover all EU vessels fishing outside EU waters, as well as third-country vessels fishing in EU waters. The current scope of the authorisation system would be extended to include practices poorly monitored so far, such as private agreements between EU companies and third countries and abusive reflagging operations. Member States would authorise fishing vessels using common eligibility criteria, complemented by specific conditions depending on the nature of the authorisation. Part of the electronic fishing authorisations register, showing who fishes what and where, would for the first time be publicly accessible. Fourth edition. The 'EU Legislation in Progress' briefings are updated at key stages throughout the legislative procedure. To view earlier editions of this briefing, please see: PE 595.886, January 2017.

Briefing [EN](#)

[International Agreements in Progress: EU-Japan free trade agreement within reach](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Assuntos Externos | Comércio internacional

Palavra-chave acordo de comércio livre | análise económica | competência institucional (UE) | comércio internacional | comércio internacional | construção europeia | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | instituição comunitária | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | Japão | negociação de acordo (UE) | política internacional | relações bilaterais | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | Ásia-Oceânia

Resumo Negotiations on an EU-Japan free trade agreement (FTA) were officially launched in March 2013. Following 18 rounds of negotiations and a number of meetings at the technical and political levels, a political agreement in principle was reached during the 24th EU-Japan Summit in Brussels, on 6 July 2017. Negotiations on the outstanding issues that were left on the table will continue, with the aim of finalising the text of the agreement by the end of 2017. The deal with Japan, the EU's second largest trading partner in Asia, will enhance trade and investment relationships between the two parties. European companies, in the agri-food sector for instance, will benefit from improved access to the Japanese market, mainly through the reduction both of tariffs on specific goods as well as existing regulatory and non-tariff barriers. The 2016 trade sustainability impact assessment for the EU-Japan FTA indicated that the EU-Japan FTA and the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) agreement, involving the EU and the USA, would result in similar levels of economic gains for Europe. According to recent Commission estimates, European companies will save up to €1 billion in customs duties per year as a result of the EU-Japan FTA. Moreover, the value of EU goods and services exports could rise by up to €20 billion. This briefing is an update of an earlier version, of October 2016: PE 589.828.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Online and other distance sales of goods](#)

Tipo de publicação Estudo

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Domínio de intervenção Mercado Interno e União Aduaneira | Proteção dos Consumidores

Palavra-chave análise económica | comercialização | comércio eletrónico | construção europeia | contrato | contrato comercial | DIREITO | direito civil | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | impacto das tecnologias da informação | informação e tratamento da informação | informática e processamento de dados | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | mercado único digital | política comercial | sociedade da informação | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This study was requested by the European Parliament's Committee for Internal Market and Consumer Protection as part of the Parliament's general commitment to improving the quality of EU legislation, and in particular in undertaking to carry out impact assessments of its own substantial amendments when it considers it appropriate and necessary for the legislative process. The aim of this ex-ante impact assessment is to evaluate two substantial amendments being proposed to the Commission proposal for a directive on certain aspects concerning contracts for the online and other distance sales of goods. The amendments would extend the scope of the proposed directive to any sale contract concluded between the consumer and the seller, and would repeal the Consumer Sales Directive. The findings of the study indicate that the harmonisation of rules across Member States and sales channels would reduce the fragmentation of the legal framework and enhance the clarity and transparency of applicable rules to the benefit of both consumers and businesses. Most importantly, one single regime for online and face-to-face transactions could contribute to increased consumers' and traders' awareness and confidence in purchasing/selling online and offline, domestically and across borders. There would be a general increase in consumer protection throughout the EU, with the exception of some Member States where consumers' rights would be weakened. This could, however, translate into increased costs for businesses in relation to remedies provided to consumers. The importance of having a single regime for online and offline sales has been strongly supported by all stakeholders consulted for this study. Nonetheless, consumer and business organisations have different views with regard to the aspects of consumer protection under examination. Finding a balance between the interests of consumers and businesses remains, thus, crucial.

[Estudo](#) [EN](#)

[Empowerment of national competition authorities](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Assuntos Económicos e Monetários

Palavra-chave análise económica | cartel | concorrência | concurso (UE) | construção europeia | direito da concorrência | direito da UE | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estrutura económica | estudo de impacto | impacto social | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | mercado único | política de concorrência da UE | posição dominante | quadro social | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | setor económico | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | violação do direito da UE

Resumo The IA consistently emphasises the benefits of effective enforcement of EU competition law throughout the EU and assesses the contribution of the screened policy options to the general and specific objectives of the proposal. Its strengths lie in the solid expertise, based on internal and external research, its clear structure and its overall coherence. The analysis of the problems and their causes, and of the objectives, is comprehensive and concise. However, despite a clear attempt to comply with the BR guidelines, there are some weaknesses. These include the limited quantification of costs and benefits, the rather limited range of policy options – considering that option 1 and 2 are identified from the start as being ineffective – and the limited assessment of the options, except for option 3, which appears to have been identified very early in the process as the preferred option. Finally, the IA does not develop any operational objectives for the preferred option. Consequently, the proposed core indicators relate to the specific objectives, which, in this case, are rather general. This might imply some challenges for the monitoring, measuring and evaluation of the implementation of the provisions in the future.

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[Protection of workers from exposure to carcinogens or mutagens: second proposal \(CMD 2\)](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Emprego

Palavra-chave AMBIENTE | análise económica | cancro | condições e organização do trabalho | degradação do ambiente | direito da União Europeia | doença profissional | ECONOMIA | EMPREGO E TRABALHO | estudo de impacto | norma de segurança | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | proposta (UE) | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | risco sanitário | saúde | saúde e higiene no trabalho | substância cancerígena | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | óleo usado

Resumo The IA defines the problem clearly, and its evolution without EU action is comprehensively outlined. The objectives appear to be relevant, sufficiently measurable, achievable, and consistent with the manner in which the problem has been defined, as well as with other EU policies; however, they are not time-bound. The methodology used to compare the scope of impacts is well-developed, even though it is not always clear how the reported figures were obtained. However, the proposed range of options limits the scope of the analysis, and some of those retained for consideration are not entirely convincing. Environmental impacts are claimed not to be significant, without any explanation being provided. There is also a general issue regarding the availability of timely and reliable data, as well as the scarcity of available epidemiologic evidence. The Commission has consulted a broad range of stakeholders, and the replies received were highly representative of all national-level social partner organisations of employers and trade unions. Finally, the IA seems to have addressed the RSB's recommendations.

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Multimodal and Combined Freight Transport: Implementation Appraisal

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação da Legislação e das Políticas na Prática | Transportes | Transposição e Aplicação da Legislação

Palavra-chave análise económica | barçaça | BusinessEurope | construção europeia | direito da União Europeia | diretiva CE | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | instituição comunitária | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | organização dos transportes | organizações europeias | ORGANIZAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | organizações não governamentais | rede transeuropeia | transporte combinado | transporte de mercadorias | transporte ferroviário | transporte marítimo e fluvial | transporte rodoviário | transporte terrestre | TRANSPORTES | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | veículo de carga

Resumo Council Directive 92/106/EEC lays down rules applicable to combined transport of goods. Various resources show that there are currently several challenges linked with the implementation of the directive. These include, for instance, a broad and ambiguous definition of combined transport, outdated provisions of the directive, the need to align these provisions with the new economic reality and a need for a unified combined transport document. These challenges influence harmonisation of combined freight transport and limit the fulfilment of the directive's goals. The European Parliament has called on the European Commission to update the directive to respond to these challenges. Similar recommendations have come from the European Economic and Social Committee and from representatives of various stakeholder groups. Finally, the European Commission itself has expressed its intention to revise the directive as part of the enhancement of the social legislation in the area of road transport. It is expected that the European Commission will submit this proposal in the fourth quarter of 2017.

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Youth Employment Initiative: European Implementation Assessment

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação da Legislação e das Políticas na Prática | Educação | Emprego | Transposição e Aplicação da Legislação

Palavra-chave análise comparativa | análise económica | atividade não assalariada | avaliação de projeto | combate ao desemprego | construção europeia | ECONOMIA | emprego | EMPREGO E TRABALHO | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | espírito empresarial | Estado-Membro UE | estatística | estatística da UE | estudo de impacto | finanças da União Europeia | Fundo Social Europeu | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | gestão administrativa | iniciativa da UE | investigação e propriedade intelectual | organização de empresas | política da juventude | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | trabalho dos jovens | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | vida social

Resumo This in-depth analysis, produced by the Ex-Post Evaluation Unit of the European Parliamentary Research Service (EPRS), aims at presenting an overview of the state of implementation of the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI), which was established in 2013. It was drafted following the publication of the European Commission's report on the YEI and the Youth Guarantee, and also takes the findings of the Court of Auditors' special reports on the implementation of both instruments into account. The analysis seeks to contribute to the preparation of a non-legislative implementation report by the European Parliament's Committee on Employment and Social Affairs.

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Use of energy from renewable sources

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Domínio de intervenção Energia

Palavra-chave acordo internacional | AMBIENTE | análise económica | biocombustível | biomassa | construção europeia | consumo de energia | cooperação ambiental | degradação do ambiente | ECONOMIA | economia de energia | ENERGIA | energia não poluente | energia renovável | estudo de impacto | gás de efeito de estufa | meio natural | objetivo de produção | política ambiental | política de cooperação | política energética | política internacional | produção | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | programa da UE | qualidade do ar | recurso renovável | redução das emissões de gases | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo Despite its considerable length and a rather large number of options (over 30), the IA report could have delivered a more coherent, comprehensive, and persuasive analysis. The internal logic of the report and the arrangement of options is at times hard to understand because the options are linked to challenges rather than to clearly defined problems and objectives. Furthermore, the absence of preferred options makes it difficult to assess the usefulness of the impact assessment in informing the political decisions underpinning the legislative proposal. The use of different models, which are by the Commission's own admittance very difficult to compare, may have led to a certain lack of coherence in the assessment of the impacts. The proportionality of proposed measures is not always clearly visible compared with the evidence provided by the models used in the assessment. Overall, given the number of considerable shortcomings and the fact that the assessment twice received a negative opinion from the RSB, one might have expected a better argumentation for the Commission's decision to proceed with the proposal.

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Controls of cash entering or leaving the European Union

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Domínio de intervenção Assuntos Económicos e Monetários | Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante | Espaço de Liberdade, de Segurança e de Justiça

Palavra-chave análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | branqueamento de capitais | comunicação de dados | controlo aduaneiro | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | FINANÇAS | formalidade aduaneira | fuga de capitais | informação e tratamento da informação | informática e processamento de dados | intercâmbio de informação | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | livre circulação de capitais | política aduaneira | regulamentação aduaneira | terrorismo | vida política e segurança pública

Resumo The anonymity of cash transactions and the illegal nature of the problems identified in the IA bring about considerable challenges for the analysis, including a limited evidence base and trade-offs between the options to tackle the problems and their impact on several Union principles. The mostly qualitative analysis is generally logical and coherent, leading to a pertinent set of preferred options. For various reasons, however, it provides, very little quantification of costs and none of benefits, and focuses mainly on administrative burdens for competent authorities. To partly compensate for the lack of reliable data, despite apparent time constraints for the preparation of the evaluation and the IA – both conducted internally – the IA consistently indicates stakeholder views, which appear to support most of the preferred options of the IA, although they cannot be considered representative due to the small number of respondents.

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Current priorities and challenges in EU agricultural policy

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Domínio de intervenção Agricultura e Desenvolvimento Rural

Palavra-chave agricultura sustentável | AGRICULTURA, SILVICULTURA E PESCA | ajuda da UE | análise económica | apoio do mercado | desenvolvimento rural | ECONOMIA | estatística da UE | estrutura económica | estudo de impacto | FINANÇAS | finanças da União Europeia | importação | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | mercado agrícola da UE | política agrícola | Política Agrícola Comum | política comercial | política económica | previsão económica | preço médio | preços | reforma da PAC | regiões e política regional | repartição do financiamento da UE | setor agrícola | situação da agricultura | trocas comerciais | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The European Commission's work programme for 2017 includes a commitment to progress and consult widely on the simplification and modernisation of the common agricultural policy (CAP). A public consultation exercise was launched at the beginning of February 2017 and closed on 2 May 2017. A number of stakeholder organisations and think tanks have issued their reflections on the future shape of EU agricultural policy post 2020. In the last reform of the CAP, the European Parliament had a key role to play in this process. Both the Parliament and the Council will have responsibility to legislate on the Commission's proposals. A key role is performed by the Parliament's Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development. Future discussions on these matters can therefore be anticipated. The Maltese Presidency has identified a number of priorities to guide the discussion on future policy and also held a debate earlier in the year on the future of the CAP in the Agriculture Council. A communication is expected from the Commission before the end of 2017. This briefing provides a short overview of these issues, along with a summary of the key elements of the current CAP, some key features of EU agriculture including the prospects for the main agricultural markets based on the Commission's most recent agricultural outlook report. Recent developments in Council are also covered, and a number of stakeholder perspectives are highlighted.

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Mutual recognition of freezing and confiscation orders

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Domínio de intervenção Espaço de Liberdade, de Segurança e de Justiça

Palavra-chave análise económica | ação em matéria penal | combate ao crime | confisco de bens | construção europeia | cooperação judiciária em matéria penal (UE) | crime organizado | DIREITO | direito da União Europeia | direito penal | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | execução por dívidas | infração | justiça | princípio de reconhecimento mútuo | proposta (UE) | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | vida social

Resumo The IA for the proposed regulation has a number of weaknesses that could be attributed to political urgency and the need for EU action in the area of freezing and confiscation of criminal assets, notably since the recent terrorist attacks in France, Belgium and Germany. Overall, the IA lacks sound data and this is openly recognised throughout the document. In the context of the IA, no public consultation took place and no ex-post evaluation of existing mutual recognition instruments was carried out. The IA does not explain clearly how addressing the deficiencies in the existing EU legislation and its implementation would increase recovery of criminal assets in cross-border cases, as there is a general lack of data in this policy context. As for the options proposed, the IA could perhaps have clarified why sub-options 4a and 4b were discussed jointly, whereas option 3 was presented as a stand-alone option. In addition to this, the regulatory options could have been checked in the light of the principle of subsidiarity. The IA could have explained in more detail what it means by 'harmonised grounds for non-recognition based on fundamental rights', which seem not to have been included in articles 9 and 18 of the proposal. In general, the choice of legal instrument is left outside the scope of the impact analysis and the choice in favour of a regulation seems rather pre-determined. The IA could have addressed the impact of adopting a regulation on those 12 Member States that currently have more restrictive approaches to confiscation. Finally, it could have stated whether stakeholders were consulted on the choice of instrument, and how the preferred option accommodates the divergent views of the stakeholders on the issue of mutual recognition as an alternative to further harmonisation.

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Coordination of social security systems

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Domínio de intervenção Emprego

Palavra-chave análise económica | cooperação transfronteiriça | direito à segurança social | ECONOMIA | EMPREGO E TRABALHO | Estado-Membro UE | estudo de impacto | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | harmonização da segurança social | mercado do trabalho | mercado do trabalho | organização da saúde | política de cooperação | prestação familiar | prestação social | proteção social | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | saúde | seguro de desemprego | subsídio de assistência

Resumo Generally, the IA seems to provide a robust basis on which to change the current EU framework of social security coordination. A number of comprehensive external studies substantiates the IA. It appears that the European Commission was open about data limitations and key assumptions. Various stakeholder consultations were conducted, including two public online consultations. The Commission proved flexible and responsive in that it developed two options in direct response to feedback from the Administrative Commission. Consequently, however, the views of other stakeholders, including of social partners and NGOs regarding such options (which became the Commission's preferred options) were not gathered through a formal consultation.

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Consequences of Brexit in the area of public procurement

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Domínio de intervenção Aprovação da Legislação pelo PE e pelo Conselho | Avaliação da Legislação e das Políticas na Prática | Direito da UE: Ordenamento Jurídico e Atos Jurídicos | Mercado Interno e União Aduaneira | Programação | Proteção dos Consumidores

Palavra-chave acesso ao mercado | acordo comercial (UE) | análise económica | auxílio estatal | consequências económicas | construção europeia | contrato público | ECONOMIA | Espaço Económico Europeu | estudo de impacto | Europa | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | geografia política | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | mercado único | pertença à União Europeia | política comercial | política económica | Reino Unido | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This paper examines the implications of the UK's departure from the EU for the EU-UK legal relationship in the field of public procurement. It assesses, in comparison with the position under EU membership, the implications of four approaches found in the EU's relationships with other trading partners: the EEA model; the GPA model; and, between these two, what we call an "EEA-minus" approach and a "GPA-plus" approach. It also notes the procurement-specific issues that may need to be addressed in any withdrawal agreement (or later transition arrangement). This document was prepared for Policy Department A at the request of the Committee on Internal Market and Consumer Protection.

Estudo [EN](#)

The impact of Brexit in relation to the right to petition and on the competences, responsibilities and activities of the Committee on Petitions

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Domínio de intervenção Democracia na UE, Direito Institucional e Direito Parlamentar | Petições ao Parlamento Europeu

Palavra-chave análise económica | assembleia | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | cidadão da UE | comissão PE | construção europeia | demografia e população | DIREITO | direito da UE | direito da União Europeia | direito internacional | ECONOMIA | estrangeiro | estudo de impacto | Europa | fronteira externa da UE | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | geografia política | Iniciativa de Cidadania Europeia | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | Irlanda | país terceiro | petição | política de cooperação | política internacional | Provedor de Justiça Europeu | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | Reino Unido | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | representação diplomática | residência | retirada da UE | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo Upon request by the PETI Committee, this study considers issues raised in petitions to the European Parliament by citizens concerned about the way Brexit will impact on their rights. In particular, it first looks at the changes that Brexit will determine in relation to voting rights, the right to petition, the right to apply to the European Ombudsman and the European Citizens' Initiative. It then focuses at length on the way Brexit will affect UK citizens in the EU-27, and EU citizens living in the UK. In this respect, it considers challenges and risks for both citizens who have resided in the EU-27 or the UK for less than 5 years, and for those who have already acquired the right to permanent residence at the time of Brexit.

Estudo [EN](#)

The Commission Insolvency Proposal and its Impact on the Protection of Creditors

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Domínio de intervenção Aprovação da Legislação pelo PE e pelo Conselho | Avaliação da Legislação e das Políticas na Prática | Direito da UE: Ordenamento Jurídico e Atos Jurídicos | Direito internacional privado e cooperação judicial em matéria civil | Espaço de Liberdade, de Segurança e de Justiça

Palavra-chave análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | consumo | direito da União Europeia | direito de estabelecimento | ECONOMIA | emprego | EMPREGO E TRABALHO | empresa em dificuldade | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | Estado-Membro UE | estudo de impacto | falência | FINANÇAS | garantia de crédito | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | informação do consumidor | instituições financeiras e crédito | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | livre prestação de serviços | organização de empresas | proposta (UE) | revisão da lei | trabalhos parlamentares | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This study, commissioned by the European Parliament's Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs at the request of the JURI Committee compares the preventive insolvency restructuring regimes of various Member States and sets forth the scope of the Commission proposal for a draft Directive of 22 November 2016, the transposition of such proposal and policy recommendations in connection therewith.

Estudo [DE](#), [EN](#)

Preventive restructuring, second chance and efficient restructuring, insolvency and discharge procedures

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Domínio de intervenção Direito Contratual, Direito Comercial e Direito Empresarial

Palavra-chave ajuda à reestruturação | ajuda às empresas | análise económica | aproximação das legislações | DIREITO | direito civil | direito da União Europeia | direito das sociedades comerciais | ECONOMIA | empresa em dificuldade | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | Estado-Membro UE | estudo de impacto | fontes e ramos do direito | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | lei de harmonização | liquidação de sociedade comercial | organização de empresas | pequenas e médias empresas | política económica | solvabilidade financeira | tipos de empresa | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This Commission impact assessment is based on a wealth of information drawing from both research and consultation. Research quoted spans the last decade and encompasses international organisation, academic and think tank work. The consultation performed by the Commission has been essential to prioritising the issues to be further harmonised and in choosing the detailed sub-options. Among the strengths of the IA, there is a genuine attempt to comply as much as possible with the Commission Better Regulation Guidelines and transparency in providing information. This is particularly evident in the broad range of options presented and in the presentation of the territorial impacts of the initiative. In this regard, for instance, the IA provides a useful legal analysis of the most important issues for most Member States. Nevertheless, economic impacts appear to be analysed more in depth than social and employment outcomes. Among the additional weaknesses, the numerous objectives identified are not time-bound and may be difficult to measure. Finally, although the IA states that Member States should not incur significant monitoring costs, the requirements in the IA appear to be shorter and less detailed than the ones in the Commission proposal.

Briefing [EN](#)

From TPP to new trade arrangements in the Asia-Pacific region

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Data 24-05-2017

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Domínio de intervenção Assuntos Externos | Comércio internacional

Palavra-chave acordo comercial | AMBIENTE | análise económica | comércio externo | comércio internacional | cooperação comercial | Cooperação Económica Ásia-Pacífico | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | GEOGRAFIA | implementação conjunta | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | negociação internacional | organizações extra-europeias | ORGANIZAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | organizações mundiais | política ambiental | política comercial | política de cooperação | política internacional | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | relações transatlânticas | trocas comerciais | volume de comércio | Ásia | Ásia-Oceânia

Resumo The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), signed in February 2016 by the representatives of its 12 member countries, is a comprehensive regional agreement dealing with a wide range of trade and trade-related issues. In January 2017, President Donald Trump withdrew the United States from the TPP, making it impossible for the agreement, as it is currently drafted, to take effect. Despite the US withdrawal, the remaining TPP participating countries are determined to salvage the benefits of the agreement, and are working to develop alternative approaches to bring the trade deal into force. The failure of the TPP is likely to influence the way that other economic and trade cooperation initiatives, including the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), will develop in the Asia-Pacific region. The US withdrawal also represents an opportunity for the EU, which is strongly committed to a robust trade policy and an open trading system, to advance its interests in the region. The EU is currently working on or has already concluded bilateral trade agreements with almost all TPP member countries.

Briefing [EN](#)

Limitations of scope for aviation activities in the EU ETS

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Domínio de intervenção Ambiente

Palavra-chave AMBIENTE | análise económica | degradação do ambiente | ECONOMIA | estatística | estudo de impacto | gás de efeito de estufa | licença de emissão da UE | luta contra a poluição | organização dos transportes | política ambiental | redução das emissões de gases | Regime de Comércio de Licenças de Emissão da UE | transporte aéreo | transporte aéreo e espacial | transporte internacional | TRANSPORTES

Resumo The IA defines the problems and objectives of the proposed initiative clearly, and relies on comprehensive, and updated, sources of information. Overall, most of the objectives seem to be relevant, sufficiently measurable, and achievable, though not always specific or time-bound. The selection of policy options regarding the 2017-2020 period is not entirely convincing, especially considering that those included in the initial selection were quickly discarded. The IA assesses, with a considerable level of depth, the environmental, economic, and social impacts of the options retained. The analysis is, in general, balanced, clear and comprehensive, and is supported by two quantitative models (AERO-MS, and PRIMES) previously used by the Commission. However, the choice of these models is not entirely convincing, for reasons highlighted in this briefing. The analysis of the competitiveness of small emitters (SMEs) is sufficiently broad, and includes specific sections dealing with competition between direct city-pair routes, between one-stop services, and between tourist destinations. However, it is not always easy to read and, at least in the case when the IA describes the impact of an increase in fuel prices, is sometimes not very clear. The Commission consulted a broad range of stakeholders, whose views are described and analysed extensively. The IA seems to have addressed most of the RSB's recommendations. However, it keeps the full scope of the EU ETS as the baseline, whereas the RSB recommended the continuation of the current policy as a more realistic choice. In addition, sufficient information about EU and ICAO policies on aircraft technologies, operational measures and sustainable alternative fuels, as recommended by the RSB, still seems to be missing.

Briefing [DE](#), [EN](#), [FR](#)

Establishing a multi-annual plan for small pelagic stocks in the Adriatic Sea and the fisheries exploiting those stocks

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Domínio de intervenção Pescas

Palavra-chave AGRICULTURA, SILVICULTURA E PESCA | AMBIENTE | análise económica | captura autorizada | captura por espécie | conservação dos recursos haliêuticos | controlo da pesca | desenvolvimento sustentável | direitos de pesca | ECONOMIA | ecossistema marinho | estudo de impacto | mar Adriático | meio natural | país terceiro | pesca | pesca marítima | pescador | política de cooperação | política económica | quota de pesca | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS

Resumo The overall conclusion is that the IA could have deepened the analysis and perhaps discussed more thoroughly the scope of the plan in terms of areas and stocks specific to the Adriatic Sea. For instance, the potential interaction effect between small and large pelagic species and the interaction effect between fisheries and environmental factors could have been given more attention. The underlying drivers of the problems could have been analysed more thoroughly. The objectives of the proposed plan are quite general, only partially linked to the objectives stated in the IA, and one of them (the elimination of discards) would probably make limited difference for small pelagic stocks in the Adriatic Sea. The range of options considered in the IA is very limited as only one viable option is presented. The choice in favour of this option seems rather pre-determined since the establishment of multi-annual plans is already a priority under the Basic Regulation. Quality of data appears to be reasonable and external studies were used. The problems and their consequences are clearly elaborated and substantiated with data. General views of stakeholders seem to be reflected in the IA, although the initial scope of the public consultation was limited to the Northern Adriatic. The IA could nevertheless have discussed at more length and in more detail the impact on SMEs and the possibilities for financial assistance to mitigate the negative socio-economic impacts.

Briefing [DE](#), [EN](#), [FR](#)

[Measuring social impact in the EU](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

Data 16-05-2017

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Domínio de intervenção Assuntos Económicos e Monetários | Avaliação da Legislação e das Políticas na Prática | Política Social

Palavra-chave análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | condição socioeconómica | construção europeia | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | elaboração de políticas | elaboração do direito da UE | estatísticas sociais | estratégia de crescimento da UE | estudo de impacto | impacto social | indicador social | mudança social | método estatístico | poder executivo e administração pública | política social europeia | quadro social | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | vida social

Resumo Austerity measures in the wake of the financial crisis, coupled with fragile economic growth, have triggered a shift in the focus of EU policy-makers towards deepening the economic and monetary union and achieving greater social convergence across Member States. In addition, due to growing inequalities and changing labour markets, discussions on investing in human capital have also come to the fore. In this context, it has become all the more important to understand and assess the social impact of policies and investments. Moreover, both public and private investors want to gain a better understanding of the social outcomes that are achieved by their investments. There is no clear consensual definition of the concept of social impact: while the social sciences look at the impact of policies and programmes, often in terms of social progress, social investors tend to look for the non-financial (that is, social and environmental) returns on their investments, which they tend to quantify and/or express in monetary terms, if possible. Metrics and methodologies to carry out the measurement of social impact are numerous but incoherent. The European Commission and European Parliament have their own mechanisms for impact assessment, in which they also assess social impact. In addition, several initiatives aim at measuring the social dimension of growth beyond GDP, arguing that GDP in itself does not hold enough information on social progress. The third sector has developed several methodologies to measure social impact as well, due to its interest in investing in social causes. Unlike outputs, it is often difficult to quantify outcomes and impacts. Moreover, it is debated whether quantification, no matter how comprehensive it is, can express the intricate nature of the issues at hand. Finally, developing a coherent framework that would help to effectively link strategic thinking with policy-making and policy implementation, including investment, remains a policy challenge.

[Briefing](#) [EN](#)

[Initial qualification, periodic training and minimum age of professional drivers of certain road vehicles](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Transportes

Palavra-chave análise económica | aproximação das legislações | carta de condução | condutor | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | emprego | EMPREGO E TRABALHO | ensino da condução | estudo de impacto | formação profissional contínua | mercado do trabalho | organização dos transportes | política de transportes | qualificação profissional | reconhecimento das qualificações profissionais | regulamentação dos transportes | segurança rodoviária | transporte de mercadorias | transporte de passageiros | TRANSPORTES | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo Considerable efforts have gone into preparing this IA, with several years of research, evaluation and consultations to address the challenge of missing data and quantitative evidence. The IA admits that these efforts were only partly effective, but does not assess any specific solutions for comprehensive data collection. In general, the clear screening of the retained options to achieve policy objectives is significant for the credibility of any IA – in this case, it is the weakest section of the report, together with the part on monitoring. Notwithstanding, the analysis of the problems, objectives and measures is pertinent and balanced, and supports the case of the Commission to amend the two directives without creating excessive burdens for stakeholders.

[Briefing](#) [DE](#), [EN](#), [FR](#)

[The European services e-card](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Mercado Interno e União Aduaneira

Palavra-chave análise económica | apólice de seguros | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | comunicação | construção europeia | consulta pública | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | elaboração do direito da UE | emprego | EMPREGO E TRABALHO | estudo de impacto | FINANÇAS | formalidade administrativa | livre prestação de serviços | mercado único | poder executivo e administração pública | princípio da proporcionalidade | princípio da subsidiariedade | seguros | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The overall impression is that the IA provides a thorough analysis of the current problems encountered. The IA indicates the likely costs and benefits of the proposed options, which are grouped into four packages. The Commission makes clear that, where possible, quantitative estimations were provided of the impacts of reducing administrative burden and/or regulatory obstacles, but underscores that there are nevertheless many other factors which influence the levels of cross-border trade and investment in services. While stakeholder consultation was broad, stakeholder support for most options is not readily apparent from the IA.

[Briefing](#) [DE](#), [EN](#), [FR](#)

Research for the TRAN Committee - Infrastructure funding challenges in the sharing economy

Tipo de publicação Estudo

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Domínio de intervenção Transportes

Palavra-chave análise económica | consequências económicas | consumo | ECONOMIA | economia colaborativa | economia dos transportes | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estrutura económica | estudo de impacto | financiamento e investimento | FINANÇAS | impacto das tecnologias da informação | informática e processamento de dados | infraestrutura do transporte | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | modo de financiamento | organização dos transportes | política comum dos transportes | política de transportes | serviço de interesse geral | transporte coletivo | transporte urbano | TRANSPORTES

Resumo The study analyses the disruption created by shared mobility in the funding of transport infrastructure. While recognizing the benefits of shared mobility in terms of reduction of private car use, the study identifies that there might be short term negative effects on the revenues of long distance railway and coach operators. It also points out other potential risks, which include capture of value by commissions charged by platforms mediating mass-transit services (Mobility as a Service), freeriding and lower tax contributions. The study makes recommendations to reduce these risks.

Estudo [EN](#), [FR](#)

The Impact of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union on Scotland, Wales and Gibraltar

Tipo de publicação Análise aprofundada

Data 26-04-2017

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Domínio de intervenção Democracia na UE, Direito Institucional e Direito Parlamentar | Direito da UE: Ordenamento Jurídico e Atos Jurídicos | Direito internacional privado e cooperação judicial em matéria civil | Política Social

Palavra-chave análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | consequências económicas | construção europeia | descentralização | ECONOMIA | emprego | EMPREGO E TRABALHO | Escócia | estudo de impacto | Europa | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | geografia política | Gibraltar | livre circulação de trabalhadores | mercado único | País de Gales | países e territórios ultramarinos | poder executivo e administração pública | reforma administrativa | reforma institucional | regiões dos Estados-Membros da União Europeia | Reino Unido | relações Estado-região | retirada da UE | situação política | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | vida política e segurança pública

Resumo Upon request by the AFCC Committee, the Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs has commissioned this in-depth analysis on the impact of Brexit on the devolved territories of Scotland and Wales as well as the Overseas Territory of Gibraltar. It examines the economic and political implications of Brexit on these territories, the consequences of the possible return to devolved administrations of formerly 'Europeanised' competencies and looks at how Brexit might affect their future status within the UK as well as their relations with the EU.

Análise aprofundada [EN](#)

Economic Aspects of the Regulatory Framework in the Area of Fertilizers

Tipo de publicação Análise aprofundada

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Autor externo Justus Wesseler and Dušan Drabik

Domínio de intervenção Aprovação da Legislação pelo PE e pelo Conselho | Avaliação da Legislação e das Políticas na Prática | Direito da UE: Ordenamento Jurídico e Atos Jurídicos | Mercado Interno e União Aduaneira | Proteção dos Consumidores

Palavra-chave AGRICULTURA, SILVICULTURA E PESCA | AMBIENTE | análise de custos-benefícios | análise económica | análise económica | azoto | controlo da poluição | cádmio | degradação do ambiente | direito da UE | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | economia circular | empresa multinacional | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | Estado-Membro UE | estatística da UE | estudo de impacto | fertilizante | fósforo | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | gestão contabilística | INDÚSTRIA | meios de produção agrícola | metalurgia e siderurgia | poluição pela agricultura | política ambiental | política económica | química | tipos de empresa | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This study discusses economic implications of the proposed EU regulation on the market of CE marked fertilizers. Depending on the design of the regulation, the costs can be substantial. The expected additional costs of introducing mandatory or voluntary maximum threshold levels for cadmium in inorganic fertilizer are larger than the expected benefits. Measuring cadmium concentration in food in combination with food consumption information seems to be a more cost-effective strategy. Harmonizing the standards for new fertilizing products entering the EU market can increase their supply, support the development of the bio-economy and hence should be enforced. This document was prepared for Policy Department A at the request of the Committee on Internal Market and Consumer Protection.

Análise aprofundada [EN](#)

(Re-)Designing the internal market for electricity

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Autor DALLI HUBERT

Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante | Energia

Palavra-chave análise económica | aprovisionamento energético | concorrência | construção europeia | cooperação energética | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | elaboração do direito da UE | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | ENERGIA | energia elétrica | estudo de impacto | indústria elétrica | indústrias nuclear e elétrica | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | liberalização do mercado | mercado único | política comercial | política de concorrência da UE | política de cooperação | política energética | rede energética | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | segurança de abastecimento | trocas comerciais | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The IA appears to present a good and comprehensive analysis to identify the problems in the status quo, define the objectives of EU action, delineate policy options that can fulfil those objectives, assess the impacts of those options, and choose the best options to address the identified problems. This process seems to be based on sound data and research. In the explanation of the objectives, however, the distinction between what the IA refers to as the sub-objectives and the operational objectives does not appear to be very clear, raising doubts as to whether the sequential process required in the better regulation guidelines has been followed. Finally, the IA's length and complexity somewhat limit its accessibility, although the sixteen page abstract added in response to the Regulatory Scrutiny Board's recommendation goes some way towards addressing this issue.

Briefing [DE](#), [EN](#), [FR](#)

Respect for private life and protection of personal data in electronic communications

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Autor KONONENKO Vadim

Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante | Espaço de Liberdade, de Segurança e de Justiça

Palavra-chave análise económica | comunicação | correio eletrónico | dados pessoais | DIREITO | direito da União Europeia | direitos e liberdades | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | elaboração do direito da UE | estudo de impacto | informação e tratamento da informação | informática e processamento de dados | internet | proteção da vida privada | proteção dos dados | regulamentação das telecomunicações | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo Overall the IA report makes a good presentation of the Commission's impact assessment work for the legislative proposal. The IA draws on a vast amount of research and expertise in elaborating the policy options and linking them to the main problems. Also, the range of policy options appears comprehensive. However, a more thorough analysis of the social and fundamental rights impacts would have considerably strengthened the report. In particular, as confidentiality remains a sensitive issue in this field, the IA report could have gone into more depth on this issue, especially when comparing the options. In addition, more attention could have been dedicated to developing clearer monitoring and evaluation indicators.

Briefing [DE](#), [EN](#), [FR](#)

The Written Statement Directive

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Emprego | Política Social | Transposição e Aplicação da Legislação

Palavra-chave administração e remuneração do pessoal | análise económica | aproximação das legislações | Carta Comunitária dos Direitos Sociais Fundamentais dos Trabalhadores | condições de trabalho | condições e organização do trabalho | construção europeia | contrato de trabalho | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | economia monetária | EMPREGO E TRABALHO | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | Estado-Membro UE | estudo de impacto | FINANÇAS | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | gestão administrativa | informação dos trabalhadores | mercado único | política económica | prioridade económica | programa de ação | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | relações laborais e direito do trabalho | União Económica e Monetária | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | vida social

Resumo The Written Statement Directive obliges employers to provide employees with a written statement on the essential aspects of the work contract or employment relationship. Despite the fact that the directive was transposed into the legal systems of all Member States, the reports show several cases of its incorrect or inadequate implementation. Furthermore, new forms of employment have emerged since the directive's adoption in 1991, which it does not cover. Court of Justice jurisprudence clarifying several of the directive's provisions has to be taken into account as well. The European Parliament has called on the European Commission to update the Written Statement Directive so that it would react to these challenges. Similarly, the EESC has recommended that the existing legislation be updated. Furthermore, the representatives of various stakeholder groups have voiced requests to update this piece of EU legislation. Last, but not least, the European Commission itself has expressed the willingness to revise the Written Statement Directive as part of the REFIT exercise. It is expected that the Commission will submit this proposal on 26 April 2017.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Autor VETTORAZZI STEFANO

Domínio de intervenção Ambiente | Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante | Indústria

Palavra-chave AMBIENTE | análise económica | autorização de venda | comercialização | componente eletrónico | degradação do ambiente | detrito perigoso | ECONOMIA | eletrónica e eletrotécnica | equipamento eletrónico | estudo de impacto | INDÚSTRIA | indústria mecânica | indústrias diversas | instrumento musical | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | material elétrico | matéria perigosa | máquina | política ambiental | reciclagem de resíduos | resíduo eletrónico

Resumo The IA defines in a clear way the problems and the objectives of the proposed initiative, and is based on extensive research conducted by external contractors. However, it omits to explain the sequential process and the underlying assumptions leading to the identification of the four problems analysed, mentioning only the supporting studies. Also, it contains some discrepancies with respect to the supporting studies in terms of terminology and recommendations which are not explained in the IA. A broad range of stakeholders provided valuable data and information that were used in the IA, even though only 40 (out of 300) provided comments and suggestions. The IA seems to make a reasonable case for the preferred options, which are reflected in the legislative proposal, intending to amend four articles of RoHS 2. However, one of these amendments has been proposed without a clear explanation being provided in the IA. The analysis of competitiveness of SMEs appears to be, in general, insufficiently developed or explained.

Briefing [DE](#), [EN](#), [FR](#)

[Recovery and resolution of central counterparties](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Assuntos Bancários e Financeiros | Assuntos Económicos e Monetários | Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante

Palavra-chave análise económica | DIREITO | direito civil | ECONOMIA | empresa em dificuldade | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estudo de impacto | FINANÇAS | instituição financeira | instituições financeiras e crédito | instrumento financeiro | intervenção financeira | livre circulação de capitais | organização de empresas | regulamentação financeira | serviços financeiros | solvabilidade financeira | transação financeira

Resumo This impact assessment builds a convincing case for action. It is mainly based on expert judgement by the Commission's departments and is backed up by relevant references, public consultation and coordination with international work-streams. The Commission states that the proposal, published in November 2016, is fully in line with the latest policy discussions and orientation by the Financial Stability Board and the G20, quoting a document from August 2016. Notwithstanding this, the Impact assessment itself does not appear to have been fully updated since the summer of 2015. Therefore, some potentially important developments do not seem to be properly reflected in the IA. These include the recognition of non-EU central counterparties, the publication of new material, and the scenarios opened in the clearing world by the UK referendum of 23 June 2016.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Towards new rules on sales and digital content: Analysis of the key issues](#)

Tipo de publicação Análise aprofundada

Data 22-03-2017

Autor MAŃKO Rafał

Domínio de intervenção Direito Contratual, Direito Comercial e Direito Empresarial | Proteção dos Consumidores

Palavra-chave abastecimento | análise económica | comercialização | comércio eletrónico | comércio internacional | construção europeia | consumo | contrato | contrato digital | dados pessoais | digitalização | DIREITO | direito civil | distribuição comercial | documentação | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | fornecedor | informática e processamento de dados | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | livre circulação de mercadorias | mercado único | mercado único digital | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | proteção do consumidor | tecnologia digital | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | trocas comerciais | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo In 2015, the Commission presented two proposals for directives: on the online sale of goods to consumers, and on the supply of digital content to consumers. The two proposals need to be analysed in the context of the existing Consumer Sales Directive from 1999, which is currently under revision as part of the REFIT exercise. If the two proposals enter into force, consumer sales transactions will be regulated by three instruments: with regard to tangible goods sold face to face – by the Consumer Sales Directive, with regard to tangible goods sold at a distance – the Online Sales Directive, and with regard to the sale of digital content – the Digital Content Directive. Not surprisingly, the three texts have much in common as regards their structure and subject matter. They all deal with such issues as conformity (lack of defects), the consumer's remedies in cases of defects, the time limit for bringing such remedies and the burden of proof. They also have two other systemic issues in common: the choice between minimum and maximum harmonisation, on the one hand, and between mandatory and default rules, on the other. The existing Consumer Rights Directive is a minimum harmonisation instrument, and allows Member States to grant consumers a higher level of protection, especially when it comes to the period of seller's liability or the freedom of choice of remedies to be pursued in the event of defects. Similarly, the absence of any EU legislation specifically addressing contracts regarding the sale or rental of digital content or the provision of digital services means that Member States have been free to protect consumers to the extent they see fit. Since the two proposals are framed as maximum harmonisation instruments, the question of the exact extent of consumer rights and the way they should be exercised is crucial.

Análise aprofundada [DE](#), [EN](#), [FR](#)

[Energy Efficiency](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Ambiente | Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante | Energia

Palavra-chave AMBIENTE | análise económica | consumo | consumo de energia | ECONOMIA | economia de energia | ENERGIA | Estado-Membro UE | estudo de impacto | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | informação do consumidor | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | política ambiental | política energética | política para as alterações climáticas | rendimento energético | utilização da energia

Resumo The Commission IA presents a comprehensive overview of options and likely impacts of the proposed legislation. It would have been stronger if all its parts, which in their earlier life were separate impact assessments, were linked in a better, cross-referential manner. Also, given the prominent role of SMEs in boosting energy efficiency measures, the report would have benefited from devoting more space and attention to the situation of energy service companies in the EU. Lastly, the emphasis on econometric analytical models may have led to a certain lack of qualitative analysis of policy measures which were stated as being needed to correct the lack of progress in the EU energy efficiency field.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Gender Equality Plans in the private and public sector in the European Union](#)

Tipo de publicação Estudo

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Domínio de intervenção Emprego | Política Social | Questões de Género, Igualdade e Diversidade | Transposição e Aplicação da Legislação

Palavra-chave análise económica | condição feminina | construção europeia | DIREITO | direitos e liberdades | discriminação sexual | ECONOMIA | empresa privada | empresa pública | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | Espanha | Estado-Membro UE | estudo de impacto | Europa | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | geografia política | governação a vários níveis | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | Instituto Europeu para a Igualdade de Género | integração da perspetiva de género | programa da UE | QUESTOES SOCIAIS | tipos de empresa | transparência do processo de decisão | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | vida social | Áustria

Resumo This study aims at mapping existing Gender Equality Plans (GEPs) in the public and private sectors in the Member States of the EU, as far as data is available; it aims at analysing how GEPs have impacted/are impacting the economic situation of women in the EU; analysing national legislation and collective agreements in connection with GEPs; analysing the impact of the crisis/austerity on GEPs and analyse more in-depth the substance and impact of GEPs in the private and public sectors in 2 Member States, Austria and Spain.

Estudo [EN](#)

[The Eurovignette and the framework to promote a European electronic toll service \(EETS\)](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Ambiente | Avaliação da Legislação e das Políticas na Prática | Transportes | Transposição e Aplicação da Legislação

Palavra-chave análise económica | construção europeia | ECONOMIA | Estado-Membro UE | estudo de impacto | FINANÇAS | fiscalidade | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | imposto por eixo | imposto sobre veículos | infraestrutura do transporte | instituição comunitária | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | organização dos transportes | política de transportes | portagem | rede transeuropeia | transporte terrestre | TRANSPORTES | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | veículo de carga | veículo motorizado

Resumo The various reports and assessments show that there are considerable differences in the way vehicle road charges have been implemented across Member States. This means that a fully integrated market is yet to be reached. This is partly due to the flexibility contained in the various legislations which allowed Member States to apply systems that first and foremost fitted with their needs. As transport policy has increasingly become more interlinked with reducing emissions, these differences have become more problematic. The available evidence shows that there are qualitative differences between the road charging systems with distance-based charges being the most effective option. Indeed, it is clear that a move towards this system has been happening for some time now, and that road charges generally vary depending on emissions. The reviews did not find evidence of discrimination against any HGV users. In the area of electronic tolling, substantial variations can also be found. While dedicated short-range communications (DSRC) is the most used system, significant challenges around inter-operability remain. In fact some argue that none of the current systems in use under EETS will increase operability. Technological advances are nevertheless making harmonising these services easier. Although some argue that the gradual harmonisation seen to date has more to do with new technologies than with EU legislation. While a harmonised system is important for the internal market, road charges have also become closely linked with the reduction in emissions according to the 'polluter pay' principle. Following that logic, it would be difficult not to consider road charges for all vehicles. Especially since passenger car emissions make up a higher proportion of GHG emissions than HGVs. Indeed, the Commission's consultation on the topic confirms that wide ranging options are being considered. A broader scope raises more challenges, and as road charges get more sophisticated, i.e. time-based for example, more care needs to be taken that rates do not discriminate against some road users, in particular non-nationals. However, road charges currently make up only a very small proportion of the total costs for the transport sector, which means that behavioural changes solely based on these charges are likely to be limited. To significantly reduce transport emissions, much broader actions will be required.

Briefing [DE](#), [EN](#), [FR](#)

[EU-US trade and investment relations: Effects on tax evasion, money laundering and tax transparency](#)

Tipo de publicação Análise aprofundada

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Domínio de intervenção Assuntos Bancários e Financeiros | Assuntos Económicos e Monetários | Avaliação da Legislação e das Políticas na Prática | Comércio internacional | Transposição e Aplicação da Legislação

Palavra-chave acordo comercial | América | análise económica | branqueamento de capitais | comércio extra-UE | comércio internacional | DIREITO | direito penal | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | Estados Unidos | estatística da UE | estudo de impacto | evasão fiscal | financiamento e investimento | FINANÇAS | fiscalidade | fraude fiscal | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | geografia política | harmonização fiscal | informação e tratamento da informação | intercâmbio de informação | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | investimento estrangeiro | livre circulação de capitais | política comercial | política internacional | relações bilaterais | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS

Resumo This ex-post impact assessment analyses EU-US trade and investment relations to assess whether and, if so, to what extent these relations have impacted on issues related to tax evasion, money laundering and tax transparency. The EU and US economies are highly intertwined, generating together half the world's gross domestic product and more than 30 % of global trade. Overall, trade and investment relations between the European Union and the United States do not seem to have impacted on US efforts to combat tax evasion, strengthen anti-money laundering legislation, and its implementation, and boost tax transparency. While some progress has been made in the ongoing negotiation of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP), which also aims to establish regulatory cooperation between the EU and the USA on financial services, progress has been below expectations. The United States has set up mechanisms for information exchange with EU Member States, has signed tax treaties with almost all EU Member States, and has developed a robust legal framework to address money laundering and combat terrorism financing. Despite being largely compliant with the recommendations of the Financial Action Task Force, however, challenges remain on questions of beneficial ownership, cross-border exchange of information, privacy issues, and designated non-financial businesses and professions.

[Análise aprofundada](#) [EN](#)

[Audiovisual rights in sports events: An EU perspective](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Cultura

Palavra-chave análise económica | comunicação | concorrência | DIREITO | direito civil | direito da UE | direito da União Europeia | direito de autor | distribuição exclusiva | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | Estado-Membro UE | estudo de impacto | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | investigação e propriedade intelectual | manifestação desportiva | organização desportiva | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | propriedade de bens | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | radiodifusão | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | vida social

Resumo Premium live sports content attracts large audiences, drives TV subscriptions upwards and generates advertising for broadcasters, particularly in an increasingly diversified media landscape. With no foreseeable end to the rush for premium sports rights over a handful of major sports events, the dramatic intensification of competition in the past 20 years has led to a steep increase in the pricing levels of audiovisual rights. In 2009, EU broadcasters spent around €5.8 billion on the acquisition of rights, representing nearly 17 % of their total €34.5 billion programming spend. Although sports events do not qualify as works of authorship, the audiovisual recordings of such events enjoy copyright protection and entitle rights-holders of the first fixation of the event to the right of reproduction, distribution, rental and communication to the public. In this context, the regulatory framework under which audiovisual sports rights agreements are negotiated in the EU features two predominant models – the joint selling of rights, where rights are sold by specially created associations on behalf of sports clubs, and exclusivity – a model referring to territorial exclusivity over the exploitation of audiovisual rights. In spite of the prominence of the latter model, the Audiovisual Media Services Directive contains two provisions that curb the restrictive allocation of rights, making it possible to freely receive information about events of major importance for society and enabling the public to have access to short extracts within general news programmes. The ongoing revision of the Audiovisual Media Services Directive does not currently envisage any changes to these provisions.

[Briefing](#) [EN](#)

[Governance of the Energy Union](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Ambiente | Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante | Energia | Indústria

Palavra-chave acordo internacional | adaptação às alterações climáticas | AMBIENTE | análise económica | construção europeia | cooperação energética | degradação do ambiente | direito da União Europeia | diversificação energética | ECONOMIA | ENERGIA | energia não poluente | energia renovável | estudo de impacto | gás de efeito de estufa | investigação energética | mercado único | Nações Unidas | ONU | ORGANIZAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | política ambiental | política de cooperação | política energética | política internacional | proposta (UE) | redução das emissões de gases | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | rendimento energético | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo Overall, the IA presents a comprehensive description and explanation of the problem, and options to resolve it by means of an EU-wide legislative action integrating planning, reporting and monitoring requirements of a range of existing legislation into a single regulation. The lack of quantitative evidence, and the fact that the economic, social and environmental impacts are not assessed to an equal degree, is perhaps understandable, given the nature of the action proposed, which is focused strictly on governance aspects of the energy union, i.e. the obligations of Member States and the monitoring activities of the Commission.

[Briefing](#) [DE](#), [EN](#), [FR](#)

[Energy performance of buildings](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Ambiente | Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante | Energia

Palavra-chave AMBIENTE | análise económica | competitividade | construção civil | consumo de energia | ECONOMIA | economia de energia | edifício | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | ENERGIA | estudo de impacto | financiamento da UE | finanças da União Europeia | impacto ambiental | impacto social | INDÚSTRIA | inovação | investigação e propriedade intelectual | melhoria do habitat | mudança tecnológica | organização de empresas | política ambiental | política energética | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | quadro social | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | redução das emissões de gases | rendimento energético | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | urbanismo e construção civil

Resumo The IA appears to provide a thorough analysis of the current situation and of the likely impacts of the proposed options, based on sound and comprehensive research. The Commission explains the models used for the analysis and is open about the key assumptions. The IA relies largely on the wide stakeholder consultation activities carried out for the ex post evaluation of the EPBD (published on the same day as the IA). However, generally speaking, the information on stakeholders' views in the IA could have been more precise; the stakeholder support for each option is not readily apparent from the IA.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Revision of the calculation methodology of dumping](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

Data 28-02-2017

Autor GEORGESCU Alina Alexandra

Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante | Comércio internacional

Palavra-chave análise económica | China | comércio internacional | concorrência | direito da União Europeia | dumping | ECONOMIA | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estudo de impacto | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | importação (UE) | imposto compensatório | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | legislação antidumping | Organização Mundial do Comércio | ORGANIZAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | organizações mundiais | país terceiro | política aduaneira | política de cooperação | processo antissubvenção | produto originário | proposta (UE) | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | trocas comerciais | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | Ásia-Oceânia

Resumo The IA appears to provide a well-researched explanation of the evidence base for the legislative proposal; it clearly explains the scale of the problem, illustrated by facts and figures giving a clear view of the international situation. However, a better, more coherent organisation of the data related to the problem definition, and a broader range of options, would have strengthened the IA. Option 3 is the only viable one to address all the objectives, although – as also indicated by stakeholders – its elements are only vaguely presented. The IA would have been more persuasive had it been clearer about the modification of the standard methodology. In particular, it would have benefited from a better explanation as to how it would work in practice, in order to allow the EU to continue to disregard domestic costs and prices of China and other NME countries, as this appears to be the most crucial element of the preferred option. The IA does not look at the impact on the economic performance of the EU sectors concerned, and remains unclear as to how EU SMEs would be affected. The stakeholder consultation covered a broad range of stakeholders and the collected views are presented systematically throughout the IA. However, it seems that stakeholders were not given the opportunity to comment in detail on the preferred option 3. The consultation seems to have happened at an early stage in the drafting process of the IA, which could explain the vague questions asked and the shortened period of consultation of 10 weeks instead of 12.

Briefing [EN](#)

The effects of human rights related clauses in the EU-Mexico Global Agreement and the EU-Chile Association Agreement

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Domínio de intervenção Ajuda Humanitária e Desenvolvimento | Assuntos Externos | Avaliação da Legislação e das Políticas na Prática | Comércio internacional | Democracia | Direitos Humanos | Transposição e Aplicação da Legislação

Palavra-chave acordo de associação (UE) | acordo de comércio livre | América | análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | Chile | comércio extra-UE | comércio internacional | construção europeia | DIREITO | direitos e liberdades | direitos humanos | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | geografia política | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | México | política comercial | sociedade civil | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | vida política e segurança pública

Resumo The democracy clause in the EU-Mexico Global Agreement and by extension the EU-Mexico Free Trade Agreement calls for respect for fundamental human rights. If these are breached, a sanctioning clause can be invoked. The widely reported violations of human rights in Mexico are tackled through political dialogue. The agreement includes cooperation articles on social policy, the results of which are non-binding. Against this background, it is difficult to make a clear link between the potential effects of human rights related clauses in the Global Agreement on the human rights situation in Mexico. The EU-Chile Association Agreement (AA) also includes a comprehensive Free Trade Agreement, which is subject to the democracy clause. More developed than that in the Global Agreement, this clause calls for respect for fundamental human rights; sustainable economic and social development; and commits parties to good governance. The AA also includes a suspension clause in case of breach of the democracy clause, and cooperation provisions, the results of which are non-binding. While these are more detailed than the ones in the Global Agreement, the impact of the EU-Chile AA on the human rights situation in Chile has been limited in its extent and to specific aspects of the social policy agenda. In both cases, the monitoring mechanisms of the EU agreements have generally been implemented properly – even if civil society participation in Chile was institutionalised late. These mechanisms have played an important role in nurturing cooperation, but the incentives created have not translated into sufficient pressure for the implementation of human rights related reforms. Rather than the EU FTAs per se impacting on ensuring the respect of human rights in Mexico and Chile, it is the cumulative effect of the liberalisation of trade in the two countries, the EU-Mexico Strategic Partnership, the role of all global players, and cooperation with international donors that have encouraged reform. Ultimately, whether or not reforms in favour of respect of human rights have been adopted and implemented was the result of domestic politics in Mexico and Chile.

Estudo [EN](#), [ES](#)

Limits on exposure to carcinogens and mutagens at work

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Domínio de intervenção Aprovação da Legislação pelo PE e pelo Conselho | Emprego | Saúde Pública

Palavra-chave AMBIENTE | análise económica | condições e organização do trabalho | degradação do ambiente | ECONOMIA | EMPREGO E TRABALHO | estrutura económica | estudo de impacto | INDÚSTRIA | Nações Unidas | norma de segurança | Organização Mundial da Saúde | ORGANIZAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | produto químico | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | química | risco sanitário | saúde | saúde e higiene no trabalho | setor económico | substância cancerígena | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica

Resumo The European Commission proposes to amend Directive 2004/37/EC by expanding its scope and by including and/or revising occupational exposure limit values for a number of cancer-causing chemical agents. According to the Commission, this would improve workers' health protection, increase the effectiveness of the EU framework and promote clarity for economic operators. Overall, the proposal has received a broad welcome from stakeholders. The Council reached a general approach on 13 October 2016. The European Parliament's EMPL Committee rapporteur has presented her draft report, which was considered in December. A total of 196 amendments have been tabled on the Commission proposal. The Committee vote is scheduled for 27-28 February 2017.

Briefing [EN](#)

Control of exports, transfer, brokering, technical assistance and transit of dual-use items

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante | Comércio internacional | Segurança e Defesa

Palavra-chave análise económica | comércio internacional | comércio intra-UE | controlo das exportações | cooperação técnica | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | exportação (UE) | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | organização dos transportes | política aduaneira | política comercial | política de cooperação | produto dual | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | regulamentação aduaneira | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | restrição ao comércio | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | TRANSPORTES | trocas comerciais | trânsito

Resumo The IA is well structured, clear and compact. Overall, it appears to provide well-researched explanation of the evidence base of the legislative proposal. The problem definition is illustrated by facts and figures which give a clear view of international security threats. The outcome of the stakeholder consultation is clearly presented and has been integrated into the analysis and the assessment of the different options, with a transparent presentation of stakeholders' views throughout. Nevertheless, the IA has a number of shortcomings. A clearer explanation of the links between the problems and their drivers, the objectives of the legislative proposal and the options considered, would have strengthened the IA. The report would have been more persuasive had it been clearer about the methodological approach to the comparison of the options. Even if the Commission made efforts to collect relevant data in preparation of the IA, the analysis remains essentially qualitative. Finally, the IA remains vague about the overall impact of the proposal on SMEs and competitiveness.

Briefing [DE](#), [EN](#), [FR](#)

The European Electronic Communications Code and the Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communication (BEREC)

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante | Indústria | Mercado Interno e União Aduaneira

Palavra-chave análise económica | comunicação | construção europeia | consumo | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | funcionamento institucional | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | organismo da UE | rede de transmissão | rede transeuropeia | regulamentação das telecomunicações | serviço universal | tecnologia da informação | telecomunicação sem fios | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo Overall, the IA presents a comprehensive and well-researched explanation of the evidence base of the legislative proposals. However, the nature of the proposals (one of them being a recast of four existing directives) has posed an obvious challenge in terms of keeping the report concise and readable. The IA clearly exceeds the length recommended in the better regulation guidelines. The report presents stakeholder views well, although the consultation itself focused more on the review process in general than on the specific options for future policy. Finally, the overly general presentation of monitoring instruments represents a significant shortcoming of the report, especially given the importance of effective monitoring mechanisms in assessing the implementation of legislation.

Briefing [DE](#), [EN](#), [FR](#)

New rules for managing the EU external fishing fleet

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Domínio de intervenção Aprovação da Legislação pelo PE e pelo Conselho | Pescas

Palavra-chave acordo de pesca | AGRICULTURA, SILVICULTURA E PESCA | AMBIENTE | análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | competência dos Estados-Membros | concorrência | critério de elegibilidade | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estudo de impacto | finanças da União Europeia | frota de pesca | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | investigação e propriedade intelectual | Parlamento Europeu | pesca | pesca sustentável | política ambiental | política da concorrência | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | proposta (UE) | rastreabilidade | regulamentação da pesca | trabalhos parlamentares | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | vigilância do ambiente | votação parlamentar

Resumo In February 2017, the Parliament is due to vote in plenary on a Commission proposal for a revised system of issuing and managing fishing authorisations. Intended to improve monitoring and transparency of the EU external fishing fleet. The proposal, replacing the current 'Fishing Authorisations Regulation' 1006/2008, applies to all EU vessels fishing outside EU waters, and to third-country vessels fishing in EU waters. The current scope of the authorisation system would be extended to include practices poorly monitored so far, such as private agreements between EU companies and third countries and abusive reflagging operations. Member States would authorise fishing vessels using common eligibility criteria, complemented by specific conditions depending on the nature of the authorisation. Part of the electronic fishing authorisations register, showing who fishes what and where, would for the first time be publicly accessible. Third edition. The 'EU Legislation in Progress' briefings are updated at key stages throughout the legislative procedure. To view earlier editions of this briefing, please see: PE 589.834, October 2016. "A more recent edition of this document is available. Find it by searching by the document title at this address: <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/thinktank/en/home.html>"

Briefing [EN](#)

Modernisation of EU copyright rules: Initial Appraisal of a European Commission Impact Assessment

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante | Direito da Propriedade Intelectual

Palavra-chave análise económica | comunicação | construção europeia | cultura e religião | direito de autor | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | gestão de direitos digitais | informação e tratamento da informação | informática e processamento de dados | internet | investigação e propriedade intelectual | mercado único | mercado único digital | património cultural | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | programa audiovisual | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | radiodifusão | rede de transmissão | reprografia | tecnologia digital | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | televisão | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The IA clearly defines the underlying problems and the objectives of the proposed initiatives. It relies on various recent external studies, reviews and evaluations. The Commission consulted widely and the IA appears to have analysed a broad range of options and their impacts on all relevant stakeholders. However, the IA, which is very dense, is based on limited quantitative data, which the Commission openly acknowledges. It would also perhaps have benefited from a more detailed assessment of social impacts and impacts on fundamental rights. Moreover, with regard to the third general objective of achieving a well-functioning marketplace for copyright, it would seem that some specific issues were not addressed: concerning the use of right holders' content by online services, it appears the Commission changed its preferred option following the issuing of the RSB opinion, since a negotiation obligation is no longer included in the final IA. The IA could also have given more guidance on the coherence of the proposed acts with the E-Commerce Directive. Finally, concerning rights in (press) publications, it would have been useful if the IA had provided more thorough reasoning regarding the new ancillary right.

Briefing [DE](#), [EN](#), [FR](#)

World Energy Outlook 2016

Tipo de publicação Em síntese

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Palavra-chave acordo internacional | Agência Internacional de Energia | análise económica | consumo de energia | disponibilidades energéticas | ECONOMIA | ENERGIA | energia não poluente | energia não poluente | estudo de impacto | financiamento e investimento | FINANÇAS | nova tecnologia | ORGANIZAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | organizações mundiais | política de investimento | política energética | política internacional | previsão a longo prazo | produção de energia | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | tecnologia energética

Resumo World Energy Outlook 2016 World Energy Outlook (WEO) is an annual study produced by the International Energy Agency (IEA), which models future global trends in energy based on different policy scenarios. The study looks at how production and consumption of different energy sources is evolving, and considers the likely effects of investment decisions, new technologies, government policies and international agreements. The WEO sheds light on the expected energy trajectory of different regions of the world.

Em síntese [EN](#)

The Mediation Directive

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Palavra-chave acesso à justiça | análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | ação em matéria civil | comércio internacional | cooperação judiciária | cooperação transfronteiriça | diferendo comercial | difusão da informação | DIREITO | direito civil | direito civil | direito comercial | direito da UE | direito da União Europeia | diretiva CE | documentação | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | justiça | poder executivo e administração pública | política comercial | política de cooperação | processo civil | Provedor de Justiça | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo Taking into account the limited objectives set within the Mediation Directive, namely to facilitate access to alternative dispute resolution and promote mediation that would operate in a balanced relationship with judicial proceedings, its implementation throughout the European Union has been rather successful and unproblematic. In some Member States, it has triggered the establishment of previously non-existent mechanisms and institutions; in others, it has ensured some alignment of procedural law and various practices. The challenges lying ahead are linked to the limitations of comparing different national solutions without the benefit of coherent data on the use and impact of mediation, and to experience with the implementation of other European Union (EU) acts (such as the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Directive from 2013). The growing recognition of the usefulness of mediation as such will in any case be further strengthened by the continuous exchange of best practices in different national jurisdictions, supported by appropriate action at the European level.

Análise aprofundada [EN](#)

Scientific Aspects Underlying the Regulatory Framework in the Area of Fertilisers – State of Play and Future Reforms

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Domínio de intervenção Aprovação da Legislação pelo PE e pelo Conselho | Avaliação da Legislação e das Políticas na Prática | Direito da UE: Ordenamento Jurídico e Atos Jurídicos | Mercado Interno e União Aduaneira | Programação | Proteção dos Consumidores

Palavra-chave AGRICULTURA, SILVICULTURA E PESCA | AMBIENTE | análise económica | Autoridade Europeia para a Segurança dos Alimentos | cádmio | degradação do ambiente | direito da UE | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | estatística da UE | estudo de impacto | fertilizante químico | fósforo | INDÚSTRIA | indústria de adubos | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | meios de produção agrícola | metalurgia e siderurgia | norma de qualidade | organismo da UE | poluição pela agricultura | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | química | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This document was prepared by Policy Department A at the request of the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO) on the proposed cadmium regulation for phosphate fertilisers. Cadmium is a metal that can have adverse health effects on the general population. The use of mineral phosphate fertilisers contributes to about 60% of current cadmium emissions to soil. The proposed regulation aims to reduce soil and crop cadmium concentrations on the long term in most European regions.

Análise aprofundada [EN](#)

[New radio frequencies for mobile internet services](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Aprovação da Legislação pelo PE e pelo Conselho | Mercado Interno e União Aduaneira

Palavra-chave análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | banda de frequências | comunicação | construção europeia | cooperação europeia | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | harmonização das normas | inovação | internet | investigação e propriedade intelectual | mercado único digital | política de cooperação | política do audiovisual | processo legislativo ordinário | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | proposta (UE) | redação legislativa | rede de transmissão | regulamentação das telecomunicações | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | telecomunicação sem fios | trabalhos parlamentares | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo While radio spectrum management is predominantly a national competence, EU policy plays an increasingly important role in its coordination and harmonisation. The EU actively seeks ways to harmonise use of the different bands of the spectrum to meet the ever-growing demand for wireless mobile broadband. Nevertheless, spectrum allocation in the EU remains fragmented and varies among Member States. Following developments in the international framework, as well as the considerations of high-level expert groups and a public consultation, the Commission adopted a long-term strategy for use of the 470-790 MHz frequency band. The strategy proposes to repurpose the 694-790 MHz band, to use it for wireless broadband rather than television broadcasting. The latter is to have priority in the 470-694 MHz band. The ITRE Committee report proposes that the deadline for national roadmaps is extended to 30 June 2018, that the 470-694 MHz band can be used by broadcasting services until 2030 and that end-users are compensated promptly for the switch. A December agreement with the Council in trilogue needs now to be confirmed.
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Briefing [EN](#)

[China's WTO accession: 15 years on - Taking, shaking or shaping WTO rules?](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Comércio internacional

Palavra-chave análise económica | China | concorrência | consequências económicas | DIREITO | direitos e liberdades | ECONOMIA | economia de mercado | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estrutura económica | estudo de impacto | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | importação (UE) | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | legislação antidumping | luta contra a discriminação | Organização Mundial do Comércio | ORGANIZAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | organizações mundiais | política comercial | política comercial comum | trocas comerciais | Ásia-Oceânia

Resumo 11 December 2016 marks the 15th anniversary of China's accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO). In 2001, after arduous negotiations with key WTO members, China agreed not only to extensive market access commitments but also to substantial non-reciprocal rules obligations. This was unprecedented in WTO history. Most WTO disputes involving China, notably in the field of trade remedies, have been linked to these tailor-made rules for China. China has exhibited timely and qualitatively sound compliance with WTO rulings. But its narrow letter of the law compliance has at times been found not to reflect the spirit of the legal provisions at issue, with WTO-inconsistent regulations having remained in place or re-emerged. In the Doha Development Round of WTO multilateral negotiations China has so far taken a backseat rather than a leadership role. Domestic resistance to reform in sensitive areas on economic and ideological grounds has been a crucial factor in China's absence from the WTO Agreement on Government Procurement. Past US opposition has been key for its non-participation in the Trade in Services Agreement. Uncertainties about ratification by the US Congress of the US-led Trans-Pacific Partnership and future US trade policy under President Donald Trump may reverse the past trend of China's marginalisation from shaping global rules outside the WTO. At the same time this may lower China's ambition to shift gradually from rather shallow to EU-style 'deep and comprehensive' free trade agreements (FTAs) and may induce it to promote its own rules more assertively by leveraging its economic weight in predominantly bilateral relations under its One Belt, One Road (OBOR) initiative.

Briefing [EN](#)

Tackling food waste: The EU's contribution to a global issue

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Domínio de intervenção Agricultura e Desenvolvimento Rural

Palavra-chave agroalimentar | AGROALIMENTAR | ajuda ao desenvolvimento | AMBIENTE | análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | degradação do ambiente | desperdício alimentar | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | gestão de resíduos | iniciativa legislativa | malnutrição | país em desenvolvimento | política alimentar | política ambiental | política de cooperação | produção alimentar | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | resíduo | saúde | situação económica | trabalhos parlamentares

Resumo In spite of the availability of food, there is still malnutrition in the world. Food is lost or wasted throughout the supply chain, from initial agricultural production down to final consumers. In developed countries, a significant amount of food is wasted at the consumption stage, meaning that it is discarded even though still suitable for human consumption. In developing countries food is lost mostly at the farmer-producer end of the food supply chain; much less food is wasted at consumer level. Experts assert that the largest part of food waste in developed countries is produced by households and is linked mainly to urbanisation, changes in the composition of diets, and large-scale mass distribution. Food losses and waste have negative environmental and economic impacts and their existence raises questions for society. Overall, on a per-capita basis, much more food is wasted in the industrialised world than in developing countries. In the EU, food waste has been estimated at some 88 million tonnes, or 173 kg per capita per year. The production and disposal of this food waste leads in turn to the emission of 170 million tonnes of CO₂ and consumes 261 million tonnes of resources. The EU is contributing to reducing food waste mainly through its commitment to halve the disposal of edible food in the EU by 2020. Various national initiatives also aim to attain this goal. In June 2016, EU agriculture ministers adopted conclusions in which they pledged to improve data-gathering and awareness-raising on food losses and waste. In addition, they urged the European Commission to remove the legal and practical barriers so that it becomes easier to donate food. This briefing is an update of an earlier one, of January 2014.

Briefing [EN](#)

The Implementation of the Charter of Fundamental Rights in the EU institutional Framework

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Domínio de intervenção Democracia | Democracia na UE, Direito Institucional e Direito Parlamentar | Direito da UE: Ordenamento Jurídico e Atos Jurídicos | Direitos Humanos | Política Social

Palavra-chave Agência da União Europeia para o Asilo | análise económica | Carta dos Direitos Fundamentais da União Europeia | construção europeia | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | economia monetária | estudo de impacto | Europa | FINANÇAS | Frontex | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | geografia política | instituição comunitária | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | Mecanismo Europeu de Estabilidade | Política Externa e de Segurança Comum | Polónia | programa legislativo (UE) | Reino Unido | relações monetárias | Semestre Europeu | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The EU institutions are required take into account the Charter of Fundamental Rights in the design and implementation of legislation or of policies, both within law- and policymaking internal to the Union and in the external relations of the EU. This study was commissioned by the European Parliament's Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs at the request of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs of the European Parliament, to examine how they discharge this duty: it looks into the role of the Charter in the legislative process; in the economic governance of the Union; in the work of EU agencies; in the implementation of EU law by EU Member States; and, in the external relations of the Union, both in trade and investment policies and in the Common Foreign and Security Policy. It also analyses certain gaps in the judicial protection of the Charter and identifies measures through which the potential of the Charter could be further realized.

Estudo [EN](#), [IT](#)

The Implementation of the Mediation Directive - Workshop on 29 November 2016

Tipo de publicação Análise aprofundada

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Autor externo Giuseppe DE PALO, Leonardo D'URSO, Geoffrey VOS, Felix STEFFEK, Carlos ESPLUGUES, Jose Luis IGLESIAS and Jin Ho VERDONSCHOT

Domínio de intervenção Avaliação da Legislação e das Políticas na Prática | Direito Contratual, Direito Comercial e Direito Empresarial | Direito da UE: Ordenamento Jurídico e Atos Jurídicos | Direito internacional privado e cooperação judicial em matéria civil | Direito internacional público

Palavra-chave acesso à justiça | análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | ação em matéria civil | comércio internacional | cooperação judiciária | cooperação transfronteiriça | diferendo comercial | difusão da informação | DIREITO | direito civil | direito comercial | direito da UE | direito da União Europeia | diretiva CE | documentação | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | justiça | poder executivo e administração pública | política comercial | política de cooperação | processo civil | Provedor de Justiça | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The workshop, organised by the Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs upon request by the JURI Committee, will provide an opportunity to discuss the state of implementation of the Mediation Directive (2008/52/EC), in the light of the recently published European Commission report on the application of the Directive (COM (2016) 542) and in view of the European Parliament's Implementation Report. The papers included in this compilation examine the application of the Mediation Directive in the Member States, as well as its relationship with both judicial proceedings and other forms of alternative and online dispute resolution. The papers propose possible avenues to improve the situation, in particular by promoting a better use of mediation and ADR and facilitating the intra-EU recognition of settlements.

Análise aprofundada [EN](#)

Smart Borders Revisited: An Assessment of the Commission's Revised Smart Borders Proposal

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Domínio de intervenção Aprovação da Legislação pelo PE e pelo Conselho | Espaço de Liberdade, de Segurança e de Justiça

Palavra-chave Acordo de Schengen | análise económica | Autoridade Europeia para a Proteção de Dados | dados pessoais | DIREITO | direito da União Europeia | direito internacional | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | fronteira externa da UE | informação e tratamento da informação | informática e processamento de dados | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | intercâmbio de informação | proposta (UE) | recolha de dados | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This study, commissioned by the European Parliament's Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs at the request of the LIBE Committee, appraises the revised legislative proposals ('package') on EU smart borders adopted by the European Commission on 6 April 2016. It provides a general assessment of the package, focusing in particular on costs, technical feasibility and overall proportionality, and a fundamental rights check of the initiative.

Estudo [EN](#)

Recasting the Brussels IIa Regulation - Workshop on 8 November 2016 - Compilation of Briefings

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação da Legislação e das Políticas na Prática | Direito da UE: Ordenamento Jurídico e Atos Jurídicos | Direito internacional privado e cooperação judicial em matéria civil | Direito internacional público | Política Social

Palavra-chave análise económica | competência jurisdicional | construção europeia | cooperação judiciária | cooperação judiciária civil na UE | criança | demografia e população | DIREITO | direito da União Europeia | direito matrimonial | ECONOMIA | Estado-Membro UE | estudo de impacto | execução de sentença | família | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | justiça | organização da justiça | país terceiro | pessoa divorciada | política de cooperação | princípio de reconhecimento mútuo | proposta (UE) | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | responsabilidade paternal | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The workshop, organised by the Policy Department upon request by the JURI Committee, takes place while the European Parliament is consulted on the Commission proposal to recast the so-called "Brussels IIa" Regulation 2201/2003 concerning jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgements in matrimonial matters and the matters of parental responsibility. The briefings included in this compilation examine the main amendments proposed by the Commission as regards child abduction and return proceedings, mediation, cooperation between national judicial and central authorities, and suggest possible further improvements in these areas as well as in the field of jurisdiction over divorce and annulment of marriage, cooperation with third countries and international organisations, and training of judges.

Estudo [EN](#)

[An EU mechanism on democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights](#)

Tipo de publicação Análise aprofundada

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Domínio de intervenção Democracia | Democracia na UE, Direito Institucional e Direito Parlamentar | Direito da UE: Ordenamento Jurídico e Atos Jurídicos | Valor Acrescentado Europeu

Palavra-chave acordo interinstitucional | Agência dos Direitos Fundamentais da União Europeia | análise de custos-benefícios | análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | Autoridade Europeia para a Proteção de Dados | democracia | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | Estado de Direito | estudo de impacto | gestão contabilística | instituição comunitária | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | quadro político | Tratado da União Europeia | Tratado sobre o Funcionamento da UE | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo European Parliament legislative initiative reports drawn up on the basis of Article 225 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union are automatically accompanied by a European Added Value Assessment (EAVA). Such assessments are aimed at evaluating the potential impacts, and identifying the advantages, of proposals made in legislative initiative reports. This EAVA accompanies a resolution based on a legislative initiative report prepared by Parliament's Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE) (rapporteur: Sophie in 't Veld (ALDE, the Netherlands), presenting recommendations to the Commission on an EU mechanism on democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights (P8_TA-PROV (2016) 0409). The main conclusion of the EAVA is that there is a gap between the proclamation of the rights and values listed in Article 2 TEU and actual compliance by EU institutions and Member States, resulting in significant economic, social and political costs. The root causes of this lack of compliance are to be found in certain weaknesses in the existing EU legal and policy framework on democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights. These weaknesses could be overcome by the conclusion of an EU Pact for Democracy, the Rule of Law and Fundamental Rights (DRF) in the form of an interinstitutional agreement (IIA). This IIA should lay down arrangements for (i) the development of an annual European report on the state of democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights in the Member States with country-specific recommendations assessing compliance with DRF, and (ii) a policy cycle for DRF, involving EU institutions and national parliaments, with country-specific recommendations aimed at monitoring and enforcing Member State compliance, including a DRF policy cycle within the institutions of the Union. This could be done at relatively low cost, particularly if the right synergies are found with international organisations, whilst at the same time having significant benefits, notably fostering mutual trust and recognition, attracting more investment, and providing higher welfare standards.

Análise aprofundada [EN](#)

Anexo 1 [EN](#)

Anexo 2 [EN](#)

[Investing in regions to boost jobs: Cohesion policy and job creation](#)

Tipo de publicação Análise aprofundada

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Domínio de intervenção Desenvolvimento Regional | Emprego

Palavra-chave análise económica | coesão económica e social | construção europeia | criação de emprego | ECONOMIA | emprego | EMPREGO E TRABALHO | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estatística da UE | estudo de impacto | finanças da União Europeia | Fundo de Coesão | Fundo Europeu de Desenvolvimento Regional | Fundo Social Europeu | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | Parlamento Europeu | pequenas e médias empresas | tipos de empresa | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo In these times of post economic and financial crisis the EU is faced with numerous employment challenges, such as high overall unemployment and insufficient labour market participation by disadvantaged groups. Cohesion policy offers significant investment resources to address these issues and contribute to EU-wide employment goals. The EU regulations on the European Structural and Investment Funds, which form the legal basis of cohesion policy, lay down the rules for funding allocation and specify the priorities supported, including employment. The strategic implementation documents prepared by the Member States – Partnership Agreements and Operational Programmes – describe concrete actions such as training, strengthening public employment services, and supporting entrepreneurship. Individual projects are then implemented on the ground. The impact of cohesion policy is analysed by means of evaluations based on a set of common indicators and methods. These provide the basis for assessing the efficiency of interventions and progress towards the objectives.

Análise aprofundada [DE](#), [EN](#), [FR](#)

[Developing health technology assessment in the European Union](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Saúde Pública

Palavra-chave análise económica | cuidados de saúde | ECONOMIA | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estudo de impacto | gestão administrativa | nova tecnologia | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | perspectiva tecnológica | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | saúde | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | tomada de decisão

Resumo Health Technology Assessment (HTA) is a research-based tool to support decision-making in healthcare. HTA assesses the added value of new health technologies – medicines, medical devices and diagnostic tools, surgical procedures as well as measures for disease prevention, diagnosis or treatment – over existing ones. HTA is used with a view to improving the quality and efficiency of public health interventions and the sustainability of healthcare systems. It has been growing in importance, given rising demand for healthcare and economic pressures. HTA in the EU involves multiple national and regional players. European HTA cooperation consists of a strategic level (HTA Network) and a scientific and technical level (EUnetHTA Joint Action). Efforts to advance certain aspects of voluntary cooperation on HTA are gaining momentum. Industry and non-industry stakeholders, as well as academia, generally agree on the benefit of stepping up EU cooperation on HTA. Members of the European Parliament have regularly asked for enhanced EU-level cooperation. The European Commission has recently published an inception impact assessment for an initiative on HTA, planned for the fourth quarter of 2017. It will be preceded by a public stakeholder consultation due to be launched in autumn 2016.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Multiannual plan for North Sea demersal fisheries](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Pescas

Palavra-chave AGRICULTURA, SILVICULTURA E PESCA | AMBIENTE | análise económica | captura autorizada | captura por espécie | conservação dos recursos haliéuticos | controlo da pesca | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | mar do Norte | meio natural | peixe de água salgada | pesca | pesca de alto mar | pesca sustentável | política comum da pesca | proposta (UE) | quota de pesca | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo On 3 August 2016, the European Commission tabled a legislative proposal for a multiannual plan to manage some fisheries in the North Sea. This plan would cover demersal species (i.e. species living close to the sea bottom) in the EU waters in the North Sea and some adjacent maritime areas. These stocks are exploited by various fishing fleets using various fishing gear but often catching different species together (mixed fisheries). These demersal fisheries, conducted by several thousand EU vessels, represent over 70% of the EU catches in this area. After recent adoption of a plan concerning the Baltic Sea, this multiannual plan for North Sea demersal fisheries is the second management plan proposed by the European Commission since the reform of the Common Fisheries Policy agreed at the end of 2013. Such multiannual tools are essential for the sustainable exploitation of marine resources and offer better predictability on catches allowed to fishermen over time. They also set a framework for improved cooperation between the concerned Member States at sea regional level. The European Parliament is now to start the examination of the proposal.

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Briefing [EN](#)

[The New EU Blue Card Directive](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante | Espaço de Liberdade, de Segurança e de Justiça

Palavra-chave análise económica | DIREITO | direito do trabalho | direito internacional | ECONOMIA | emprego | EMPREGO E TRABALHO | estrangeiro | estudo de impacto | fronteira interna da UE | fuga de cérebros | licença de trabalho | mercado do trabalho | migração profissional | migrações | mobilidade da mão de obra | operário qualificado | país terceiro | política de cooperação | política internacional | política migratória da UE | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | relações internacionais | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | relações laborais e direito do trabalho | trabalhador migrante

Resumo The Impact Assessment makes a convincing case for the need for action to overhaul the current Blue Card Directive. The IA is substantiated by sound and comprehensive research (in the form of 16 annexes) and external expertise, as well as wide consultation taking international immigration systems aiming to attract highly skilled workers into account. Although not all of the options presented appear viable, the European Commission makes a genuine attempt to identify solutions to the problem. The limited data, about which the Commission is transparent, suggests that the quantitative evidence used in the IA, in particular regarding the economic impacts, might merit further exploration. Finally, it would have been useful if the IA had provided a link to the external IA study that underpins the Commission's IA.

Briefing [DE](#), [EN](#), [FR](#)

[Legal aid in criminal proceedings](#)

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Palavra-chave análise económica | assistência judiciária | ação em matéria penal | Carta dos Direitos Fundamentais da União Europeia | construção europeia | Convenção Europeia dos Direitos do Homem | DIREITO | direito da União Europeia | direitos cívicos | direitos e liberdades | direitos políticos | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | justiça | mandado de captura europeu | política internacional | proposta (UE) | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The EU is close to taking the final step on the long road to improving citizens' legal defence rights. The October plenary is due to vote on the compromise agreement reached by co-legislators on the proposed legal aid directive.

Em síntese [DE](#), [EN](#), [ES](#), [FR](#), [IT](#), [PL](#)

[Completing the Internal Market for Parcel Delivery and e-Commerce - State of Play and Possible Reforms](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Aprovação da Legislação pelo PE e pelo Conselho | Avaliação da Legislação e das Políticas na Prática | Direito da UE: Ordenamento Jurídico e Atos Jurídicos | Mercado Interno e União Aduaneira | Programação | Proteção dos Consumidores

Palavra-chave análise económica | comercialização | comunicação | comércio eletrónico | construção europeia | consumo | distribuição comercial | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | entrega | estatística da UE | estudo de impacto | frete | informação do consumidor | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | mercado único | mercado único digital | organização dos transportes | política de transportes | prestação de serviços | serviço postal | serviço universal | transporte de mercadorias | TRANSPORTES | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo Effective and affordable parcel delivery is a pre-condition for cross-border trade in physical goods. At present, consumers and shippers in different Member States face very different prices, service levels, and volumes of e-commerce parcels differ hugely by Member State. These shortcomings represent a major impediment to cross-border e-commerce, and thus the Digital Single Market. This in-depth analysis reviews the performance of EU markets for parcel delivery, and discusses concerns and policy options in light of the Digital Single Market. The paper evaluates the Commission's recent proposal for a Regulation on cross-border parcel delivery services, and presents recommendations for to improving and aligning the proposed regulation. This document was provided by Policy Department A at the request of the Committee on Internal Market and Consumer Protection.

Análise aprofundada [EN](#)

[Evaluation and ex-post impact assessment at EU level](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação da Legislação e das Políticas na Prática | Direito da UE: Ordenamento Jurídico e Atos Jurídicos

Palavra-chave análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | construção europeia | direito da UE | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | finanças da União Europeia | funcionamento institucional | fundo (UE) | iniciativa da UE | instituição comunitária | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | poder executivo e administração pública | programa da UE | relações interinstitucionais | transparência administrativa | União Europeia | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | vida política e segurança pública

Resumo Evaluation is an exercise which aims to assess the outcomes and relevance of an intervention – be it a policy, a piece of legislation, a project, a spending programme or an international agreement – in the light of its initial objectives and expected effects. This assessment is based, as far as possible, on empirical information that has been collected and critically analysed - the evidence-base. Evaluation looks into direct as well as indirect impacts, including consideration of undesired side-effects. At EU level, evaluation has been used for decades to assess how well EU funds are spent in financial programmes. In the wake of the European Commission's Better Regulation agenda, the scope of the evaluation exercise has been broadened and it has now become a standard tool for assessing the performance of any policy intervention, looking into effects and seeking to identify evidence of causality between the intervention and its outcomes. As a result, in terms of overall aims, evaluation fosters transparency and accountability of EU action, policy coherence, as well as improved decision-making through policy learning.

Briefing [EN](#)

[The Cost of Non-Schengen: Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs aspects](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Espaço de Liberdade, de Segurança e de Justiça | Valor Acrescentado Europeu

Palavra-chave Acordo de Schengen | análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | combate ao crime | controlo fronteiriço | DIREITO | direito internacional | direito penal | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | fronteira externa da UE | fronteira interna da UE | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | livre circulação de pessoas | política comercial | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | tráfico de estupefacientes | tráfico ilícito | vida política e segurança pública | vida social

Resumo This study identifies the costs, in economic, social and political terms, of the (temporary) reintroduction of border controls between the Schengen Member States, with a special focus on civil liberties, justice and home affairs aspects. It recommends more concerted action at EU level with a view to returning to a fully functioning Schengen Area. Regaining inter-Member State and citizen's' trust in the EU's ability to tackle the deficiencies exposed by the refugee crisis should be an immediate priority. More concerted action at EU level is necessary to foster solidarity and cooperation between Member State authorities. Their work should also be supported through EU agencies, such as the European Border and Coast Guard, Europol, Eurojust and the European Asylum Support Office. The need for changes to the current Schengen governance framework should be further considered based on compliance with the conditions allowing five Member States to maintain their internal border controls until November 2016.

Estudo [DE](#), [EN](#), [FR](#)

[Publishing corporate tax information Country-by-country reporting for multinational enterprise groups](#)

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Palavra-chave análise económica | construção europeia | controlo fiscal | cooperação fiscal europeia | DIREITO | direito da União Europeia | direito fiscal | direito penal | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | elaboração do direito da UE | empresa multinacional | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estudo de impacto | evasão fiscal | FINANÇAS | fiscalidade | fraude fiscal | imposto sobre as sociedades | informação e tratamento da informação | intercâmbio de informação | mercado único | princípio da proporcionalidade | princípio da subsidiariedade | tipos de empresa | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The Commission's Better Regulation Guidelines recall that an impact assessment 'should be comprehensive, proportionate, evidence-based, open to stakeholder's view, unbiased, prepared collectively with relevant Commission services, embedded in the policy cycle, transparent and of a high quality' (Guidelines, p. 20). After an initial appraisal, it can be concluded that this IA seems to fit to a large extent this description and could be considered in many respects as an example of good practice, compared to other Commission IAs in the financial field. The Better Regulation Guidelines have been to a large extent respected. The IA seems to have considered the recommendations made in relevant Parliament resolutions, such as the one of 16 December 2015 on 'bringing transparency, coordination and convergence to corporate tax policies in the Union', although, in some cases, the Commission has drawn different conclusions. One of the weaknesses is that the IA does not appear to present the likely impacts of some changes introduced in the proposal and acknowledged in the Explanatory Memorandum, such as the EU list of tax havens. Overall, this IA appears to contribute effectively to informing the decision-making process.

Briefing [DE](#), [EN](#), [FR](#)

[The European Accessibility Act](#)

Tipo de publicação Análise aprofundada

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Palavra-chave análise de custos-benefícios | análise económica | construção europeia | demografia e população | ECONOMIA | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | envelhecimento da população | estratégia da UE | estudo de impacto | facilidades para deficientes | gestão contabilística | infraestrutura do transporte | integração dos deficientes | pequenas e médias empresas | pessoa deficiente | política de transportes | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | tipos de empresa | TRANSPORTES | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | vida social

Resumo TThis paper, produced by the Policy Department on Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs, looks into the Commission proposal for a European Accessibility Act. It briefly describes its contents, the Council discussions on the proposal, its Impact Assessment and the main points of contention, as well as the views of disability advocacy groups, as well as of the business and industry organisations, both on the act and on its articles. A series of suggestions and recommendations are proposed with the objective of ensuring that the Act can effectively achieve its declared aims: implementing the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities by fostering the integration of disabled persons in society and guaranteeing equal access to goods and services.

Análise aprofundada [EN](#)

Combatting Consumer Discrimination in the Digital Single Market: Preventing Geo-Blocking and other Forms of Geo-Discrimination

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Palavra-chave análise económica | comercialização | comunicação | comércio eletrónico | construção europeia | consumo | DIREITO | direito da União Europeia | direito de autor | direitos e liberdades | discriminação em razão da nacionalidade | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | informação e tratamento da informação | informática e processamento de dados | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | investigação e propriedade intelectual | literacia digital | mercado único | mercado único digital | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | proposta (UE) | proteção do consumidor | proteção dos dados | tecnologia digital | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | telecomunicação | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The paper conducts a stocktaking exercise of the state of play in the DSM and offers a critical assessment of the most relevant initiatives to combat consumer discrimination. It gives an overview of discriminatory practices in the online environment and assesses the magnitude of the problem. Differences between justified and unjustified geo-blocking are discussed. An in-depth analysis of the EC proposals on geo-blocking, portability and parcel delivery and the DG COMP investigation into the distribution of audiovisual content is then performed. This document was prepared by Policy Department A at the request of the Committee on Internal Market and Consumer Protection.

Estudo [EN](#)

Financial Services Liberalisation and TiSA: Implications for EU Free Trade Agreements

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Palavra-chave acesso ao mercado | acordo comercial (UE) | acordo de comércio livre | análise económica | cláusula de proteção | comércio internacional | construção europeia | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | emprego | EMPREGO E TRABALHO | estudo de impacto | financiamento e investimento | FINANÇAS | garantia do investimento | informação e tratamento da informação | instituições financeiras e crédito | intercâmbio de informação | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | livre circulação de capitais | livre prestação de serviços | nação mais favorecida | negociação de acordo (UE) | política comercial | política internacional | regulamentação financeira | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | serviços financeiros | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo With 23 participating countries, including all of the world's largest financial centres, covering the vast bulk of global financial services trade, the TiSA negotiations on financial services trade are strategically important for the EU. They are likely to deliver commitments and rules, which go significantly beyond the GATS package negotiated over two decades ago – and to extend their umbrella to a greater range of countries. In addition, the level of market access commitments ultimately incorporated into TiSA will set a new benchmark and reference point for future EU FTA negotiations. Depending on the outcome of remaining negotiations, the TiSA may also establish influential new and consolidated texts on such matters as data transfer, forced localisation, source code, regulatory transparency, and domestic regulation.

Estudo [EN](#)

Legal aid: Impact assessment of substantial amendments

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante | Espaço de Liberdade, de Segurança e de Justiça

Palavra-chave análise económica | assistência judiciária | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | Carta dos Direitos Fundamentais da União Europeia | construção europeia | Convenção Europeia dos Direitos do Homem | DIREITO | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | emenda | Estado-Membro UE | estudo de impacto | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | justiça | mandado de captura europeu | política internacional | redação legislativa | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | trabalhos parlamentares | tratados europeus | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This study was requested by the European Parliament's Committee for Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE) as part of the Parliament's general commitment to improving the quality of EU legislation, and in particular its undertaking to carry out impact assessments of its own substantial amendments when it considers it appropriate and necessary for the legislative process. The aim of this ex-ante impact assessment is to evaluate seven substantial amendments to the Commission's proposal for a directive on provisional legal aid for suspects or accused persons deprived of liberty and legal aid in European Arrest Warrant proceedings, adopted by the LIBE Committee in its report of May 2015. The study concludes that the adoption of these amendments would have a generally positive impact on the fundamental rights of suspects and accused persons. The right to legal aid, and thus, equal access to justice, would be further enhanced. In particular, the 'practical' enjoyment of the right of access to a lawyer (Directive 2013/48/EU) by indigent people would be ensured. Overall, the justice systems of the Member States investigated in this study would benefit from the adoption of the legal aid guarantees provided by the amendments. Evidence shows that a well-functioning legal aid system can streamline the proceedings, reduce the length of time suspects are held in police stations/detention centres, and limit the number of wrongful convictions, prison overcrowding and congestion in courts. The amendments would, however, imply certain additional cost burdens for Member States' administrations. Please click here for the full publication in PDF format

Estudo [EN](#)

Protection of workers from exposure to carcinogens or mutagens

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante | Emprego | Saúde Pública

Palavra-chave AMBIENTE | análise económica | condições de trabalho | condições e organização do trabalho | degradação do ambiente | detrito perigoso | ECONOMIA | EMPREGO E TRABALHO | estudo de impacto | matéria perigosa | política ambiental | risco industrial | saúde e higiene no trabalho | substância cancerígena | substância tóxica

Resumo Overall, the Commission appears to have provided sound reasoning and justification for the initiative. The methodology used to compare the scope of impacts is well-developed, but the proposed range of options limits the scope of the analysis. As Option 3 is barely considered, and Option 4 does not seem to be consistent with the objectives, the added value of these options is not evident. Moreover, both the IA and the Explanatory Memorandum of the proposal are not explicit about the preferred option. More information on the consultation with SCOEL and ACSH would have been welcomed in order to understand the way in which the OELs were set. Finally, it is not entirely clear why the Commission has come forward with this proposal before the ex-post evaluation of the OSH Framework undertaken within the remit of REFIT has been completed. Indeed, including the results of the ex-post evaluation in the IA might have strengthened the Commission's evidence base as well as further clarified the monitoring and evaluation arrangements and the interaction between the various pieces of legislation under the OSH Framework.

Briefing [DE](#), [EN](#), [FR](#)

Posting of Workers Directive – Current Situation and Challenges

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Palavra-chave análise económica | consequências económicas | custo salarial | direito da União Europeia | direito do trabalho | diretiva CE | dumping social | ECONOMIA | emprego | EMPREGO E TRABALHO | empresa de trabalho temporário | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estudo de impacto | gestão contabilística | livre circulação de trabalhadores | livre prestação de serviços | mercado do trabalho | mobilidade da mão de obra | organização de empresas | política de emprego da UE | proposta (UE) | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | relações laborais e direito do trabalho | trabalho temporário | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | vida social | ética empresarial

Resumo This study, commissioned by the European Parliament's Policy Department for Economic and Scientific Policy at the request of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs, provides an overview of the Posting of Workers Directive, focussing on the current situation and major patterns regarding the posting of workers in the EU, major problems and challenges, and how these patterns have translated political, as well as jurisdictional, debates and proposals to improve the regulation of this specific form of employment and service provision. With the Commission's view on the proposal published on 8 March 2016, to revise the Directive, the study aims to provide the EMPL Committee with an assessment of the proposal in light of both the key challenges addressed and the previous resolutions and requests made by the European Parliament.

Estudo [EN](#)

Longer Lifetime for Products: Benefits for Consumers and Companies

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Palavra-chave AMBIENTE | análise de custos-benefícios | análise económica | conceção do produto | consequências económicas | consumo | desenvolvimento sustentável | duração de vida do produto | ECONOMIA | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estudo de impacto | gestão contabilística | gestão de resíduos | impacto ambiental | INDÚSTRIA | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | organização de empresas | política ambiental | política e estruturas industriais | política económica | produto reciclado | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | responsabilidade social das empresas | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica

Resumo The report provides an evaluation of the potential impact of a longer lifetime for products in Europe on the economy, on society and on the environment. It provides case studies of existing businesses, the (non-)legal context for an initiative on longer product lifetimes, and a wide range of policy options to optimize benefits to society. A minimal increase of 1% of value added by economic activities related to a longer lifetime for products would have an aggregated effect of 7.9 billion EUR per year across the European economy. This document was prepared by Policy Department A at the request of the Committee on Internal Market and Consumer Protection.

Estudo [EN](#)

Limits on exposure to carcinogens and mutagens at work

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Domínio de intervenção Aprovação da Legislação pelo PE e pelo Conselho | Emprego | Saúde Pública

Palavra-chave AMBIENTE | análise económica | condições e organização do trabalho | degradação do ambiente | direito da União Europeia | direito do trabalho | doença profissional | ECONOMIA | elaboração do direito da UE | EMPREGO E TRABALHO | estudo de impacto | INDÚSTRIA | norma de segurança | produto químico | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | química | relações laborais e direito do trabalho | saúde e higiene no trabalho | substância cancerígena | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The European Commission proposes to amend Directive 2004/37/EC by expanding its scope and by including and/or revising occupational limit exposure values for a number of cancer-causing chemical agents in the light of new scientific data. According to the Commission, this would improve workers' health protection, increase the effectiveness of the EU framework and promote clarity for economic operators. The initiative would proceed in two steps, with the current proposal and another to follow later in the year. Broad discussions with scientists and the social partners fed into the proposal, and it has received a broad welcome from stakeholders. Trade unions nonetheless regret that certain substances are not included, and some on the employers' side oppose the limit value for respirable crystalline silica. The legislative process is in its initial stages, with the EMPL Committee to consider the proposal in the coming months.

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Briefing [EN](#)

The inclusion of financial services in EU free trade and association agreements: Effects on money laundering, tax evasion and avoidance

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Domínio de intervenção Assuntos Económicos e Monetários | Avaliação da Legislação e das Políticas na Prática | Comércio internacional | Governação Mundial | Mercado Interno e União Aduaneira | Transposição e Aplicação da Legislação

Palavra-chave acordo comercial (UE) | acordo de associação (UE) | acordo de comércio livre | América | análise económica | branqueamento de capitais | Colômbia | comércio internacional | construção europeia | Coreia do Sul | DIREITO | direito penal | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | Europa | evasão fiscal | FINANÇAS | fiscalidade | fraude fiscal | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | geografia política | instituições financeiras e crédito | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | livre circulação de capitais | México | Peru | política comercial | política comercial comum | serviços financeiros | Sérvia | transferência de capitais | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | África | África do Sul | Ásia-Oceânia

Resumo This study examines the implementation and effects of the inclusion of financial services in existing EU free trade and association agreements (FTAs) and, in particular, their impact on money laundering, tax evasion and avoidance. The opening analysis outlines the geopolitical and trade context, as well as the EU policy framework to combat money laundering, tax evasion and avoidance. It examines the effects of the 'Panama Papers' leaks; assesses the consequences of tax evasion and money laundering and their link to trade in Africa; evaluates the implementation of the EU-Central America Agreement; and provides a synthesis of the key findings and policy recommendations presented in the annexed study. The annexed expertise investigates the implementation and effects of financial services provisions in selected EU FTAs with third countries, with a particular focus on their propensity to curb money laundering, tax evasion and elusion. It concludes that the liberalisation of trade in goods and services with developing countries increases the threat of money laundering, and that it is therefore likely to contribute to an increase in illicit financial flows from developing countries to the EU. The study does not find conclusive statistical data to support a causal link between the EU FTAs that are in force and an increase in illicit financial flows. Nonetheless, the far-reaching commitments made by the EU and the developing countries in the selected EU FTAs regarding access to the markets for goods and services, including in the financial services sector, translate into such agreements significantly increasing trade openness, and hence also the threat of money laundering facing developing countries. To remedy these threats, the study provides a number of policy recommendations.

Estudo [EN](#)

Schengen Border Controls: Challenges and Policy Options

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Domínio de intervenção Aprovação da Legislação pelo PE e pelo Conselho | Assuntos Económicos e Monetários | Avaliação da Legislação e das Políticas na Prática | Democracia na UE, Direito Institucional e Direito Parlamentar | Mercado Interno e União Aduaneira

Palavra-chave Acordo de Schengen | análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | consequências económicas | construção europeia | controlo fronteiriço | DIREITO | direito internacional | ECONOMIA | estatísticas dos transportes | estudo de impacto | fronteira externa da UE | fronteira interna da UE | mercado único | organização dos transportes | política de transportes | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | transporte de mercadorias | transporte de passageiros | TRANSPORTES | turismo | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | vida política e segurança pública | vida social

Resumo This compilation paper revisits the Schengen set up including recent developments triggered by both the migration crisis and terrorism, and subsequently presents and qualifies expert estimates of the potential economic impact stemming from the introduction of ID-checks, including a case study on the very key transport sector. Estimates by the Kiel Institute for the World Economy point at a burden on EU citizens and firms of between €7 and €14 billion for the entire EU. TML-Leuven assessed the cost for transport users of reinstating border controls in the entire Schengen area to amount between €2.5 billion and €5 billion annually (waiting times 10-20 minutes for passenger cars and 30-60 minutes for lorries). Effects, however, could prove much more costly if e.g. fullfledged border controls are permanently re-introduced. This paper has been prepared by the Policy Department A at the request of the European Parliament's Committee on Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO).

Análise aprofundada [EN](#)

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

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Palavra-chave análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | comércio internacional | consequências económicas | construção europeia | controlo fronteiriço | DIREITO | direito internacional | duração do transporte | ECONOMIA | emprego | EMPREGO E TRABALHO | estudo de impacto | FINANÇAS | fronteira interna da UE | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | livre circulação de capitais | livre circulação de mercadorias | livre circulação de pessoas | livre prestação de serviços | mercado de capitais | mercado único | organização dos transportes | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | TRANSPORTES | turismo | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | vida política e segurança pública | vida social

Resumo This paper considers the costs of four scenarios for the reintroduction of border controls within the Schengen area: for two years for seven countries; for two years across the Schengen area; indefinitely for seven countries; and indefinitely across the Schengen area. It identifies how a reintroduction of borders would create costs of 'non-Schengen' and estimates that cost quantitatively. For the highest-cost scenario — indefinite suspension of the whole Schengen area — the cost is 0.06-0.14 per cent of EU GDP, or some €100 billion to €230 billion over ten years.

Estudo [EN](#)

Follow-Up to the European Parliament's Resolution of 8 September 2015 on 'The Situation of Fundamental Rights in the European Union (2013-2014)'

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Palavra-chave análise económica | assistência judiciária | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | Carta dos Direitos Fundamentais da União Europeia | construção europeia | cooperação judiciária em matéria penal (UE) | corrupção | democracia | DIREITO | direito da União Europeia | direito penal | direitos e liberdades | direitos fundamentais | discriminação baseada na orientação sexual | discriminação fundada na deficiência | ECONOMIA | elaboração do direito da UE | Estado de Direito | estudo de impacto | evasão fiscal | FINANÇAS | fiscalidade | justiça | proteção das minorias | quadro político | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | refugiado político | regime penitenciário | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | vida política e segurança pública | vida social | violência doméstica

Resumo This study was commissioned by the European Parliament's Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs at the request of the LIBE Committee. With a view to support the preparation of the report on the situation of fundamental rights in the European Union (2015), it examines the follow-up given to the European Parliament resolution of 8 September 2015 on 'The situation of fundamental rights in the European Union (2013-2014)'. It considers the conditions that should be established for the establishment of an EU fundamental rights strategy, as well as the recent developments related to the issues of concern and proposals made in the resolution of 8 September 2015.

Estudo [EN](#)

[Fisheries technical measures](#)

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Palavra-chave AGRICULTURA, SILVICULTURA E PESCA | análise económica | captura de peixe | DIREITO | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | elaboração do direito da UE | estudo de impacto | fontes e ramos do direito | pesca | política comum da pesca | regulamentação da pesca | simplificação legislativa | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The main strengths of the IA are its use of wide-ranging and apparently sound information from the external studies, meetings and consultations, as well as the cogent presentation of the stakeholder views and the results of the public consultation throughout the report. The IA appears to be well-illustrated by examples; however, they do not always facilitate a better understanding of the current issues due to their sometimes inconsistent and rather confusing presentation. The analysis of the various impacts on stakeholders and fishing regions is rather weak. In particular, the analysis of impacts on SMEs is brief, qualitative and very general, and might have merited a more in-depth approach. It is unclear why Options 1 and 2.1 were retained for further analysis since it is claimed that they would only have a limited contribution to solving the problems of enforcement of the technical measures. A more detailed analysis is provided for Option 2, which is the preferred option, in comparison to the other options, which might suggest that the apparent choice of options is not as broad as it may appear. Finally, the IA could have given greater insight into how the remaining technical measures regulations and the Commission acts would be affected in practice as a result of this proposal.

Briefing [DE](#), [EN](#), [FR](#)

[Recognition of Professional Qualifications in Inland Navigation](#)

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Palavra-chave análise económica | Comissão Central de Navegação do Reno | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | elaboração do direito da UE | emprego | EMPREGO E TRABALHO | estudo de impacto | mercado do trabalho | organização dos transportes | organizações europeias | ORGANIZAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | qualificação profissional | reconhecimento das qualificações profissionais | transporte marítimo e fluvial | transporte por via navegável | TRANSPORTES | tripulação | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The IA clearly identifies and defines the problems, demonstrating that EU action is necessary to address them. The analysis emphasises that, in this case, EU action is further justified by the limited provisions offered by the existing EU legislative framework and potential offered by the IWT sector towards the objectives of the Single Market. Although the legislative proposal is limited to aspects of labour mobility, the analysis presents a wide array of policy measures that can be adopted to tackle the main problem drivers as presented in the impact assessment, and provides an explanation for the measures that were discarded prior to the analysis. Some criticism can be made concerning the weak quantification of impacts. This is recognised through the analysis, and justified on the basis of the high regional diversification of the sector concerned by the EU action, and the difficulties linked to the monitoring and data collection processes.

Briefing [DE](#), [EN](#), [FR](#)

[Revision of the Posting of Workers Directive](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante | Emprego

Palavra-chave administração e remuneração do pessoal | análise económica | concorrência | custo salarial | direito da União Europeia | diretiva CE | dumping social | ECONOMIA | elaboração do direito da UE | emprego | EMPREGO E TRABALHO | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estudo de impacto | gestão contabilística | produção | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | proteção social | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | remuneração do trabalho | restrição de concorrência | salário mínimo | segurança social | subcontratação | trabalho temporário | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | vida social

Resumo Overall, the Commission has attempted to provide information as clearly and transparently as possible in the IA based on external expertise and wide consultation. Nonetheless, the limited availability of data suggests that the qualitative and quantitative evidence used to support the problem definition and the assessment of impacts might require further exploration. Moreover, the IA would have benefited from a clearer explanation on the interaction with, and impact on, the Enforcement Directive. Finally, the IA could have better explained why EU action is necessary to solve the new problems and why Option 1 was ruled out despite broad stakeholder support.

Briefing [DE](#), [EN](#), [FR](#)

The Establishment of an EU Entry/Exit System

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante | Espaço de Liberdade, de Segurança e de Justiça

Palavra-chave análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | Comissão Europeia | controlo fronteiriço | corrente migratória | DIREITO | direito da União Europeia | direito internacional | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | fontes e ramos do direito | fronteira externa da UE | imigração | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | migração ilegal | migrações | política de vistos da UE | política migratória da UE | proposta (UE) | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | simplificação legislativa | Sistema de Informação de Schengen | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | vida política e segurança pública

Resumo The impression is that the legislative scrutiny of the original 2013 package and the unusual opportunity for the proposals to be backed by, not one, but by two impact assessment exercises, have resulted in proposals that are very robustly evidence-based. The co-legislators' input in the examination of the 2013 Package allowed the second IA process to be more focused and more aware of potential practical and political pitfalls. To get to the preferred option, which is ultimately reflected in the proposals, the IA appears to follow a detailed, organised and systematic analysis based on a combination of sound qualitative and quantitative data and research. In particular, the proof of concept exercise provides a wealth of technical and field information that contributes substantial added value to the support of the decision-making process.

Briefing [DE](#), [EN](#), [FR](#)

Use of radio frequencies in the Union

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante | Indústria

Palavra-chave análise económica | aparelho de rádio | banda de frequências | comunicação | comunicação por satélite | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | harmonização das normas | norma europeia | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | rede de transmissão | regulamentação das telecomunicações | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | telecomunicação sem fios

Resumo The IA links the problems with the objectives, with the options proposed and with the suggested preferred option, and lays down what seem to be appropriate indicators to evaluate the attainment of those objectives. In the discussion of the policy options, it would appear that option 4 is not really a viable alternative. In the analysis of the impacts of the options the relevant section does not appear to have a methodical structure, and it could arguably have benefited from stronger evidence on the absence of an environmental impact. In relation to the other categories of impact, it appears that a sufficiently robust assessment is made vis-à-vis the retained options. With regard to stakeholder consultation, although it would appear that interested parties were given good opportunities to express their views, reservations about the formulation of the public questionnaire, and a perhaps ambiguous interpretation of the answers, might weaken the credibility of the exercise. Overall, the IA nevertheless offers a combination of qualitative and quantitative analysis that would appear to provide a solid basis for the policy choices made in the proposal.

Briefing [DE](#), [EN](#), [FR](#)

Intergovernmental agreements in the field of energy

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante | Direito da UE: Ordenamento Jurídico e Atos Jurídicos | Energia

Palavra-chave acordo bilateral | análise económica | aplicação do direito da UE | aprovisionamento energético | construção europeia | cooperação energética | direito da energia | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | elaboração do direito da UE | ENERGIA | estudo de impacto | informação e tratamento da informação | intercâmbio de informação | mercado único | política de cooperação | política energética | política internacional | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo Overall, the IA report is of sound quality and provides a wealth of background analysis, especially the evaluation report included in Annex 1. However, the IA does suffer from several weaknesses. Most importantly, the limited representativeness of stakeholders in the public consultation and the almost exclusive reliance on a qualitative and largely descriptive evaluation, are aspects which might have deserved further attention.

Briefing [DE](#), [EN](#), [FR](#)

Security of gas supply

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Domínio de intervenção Ambiente | Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante | Energia

Palavra-chave análise económica | aprovisionamento energético | cooperação energética | direito da energia | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | elaboração do direito da UE | ENERGIA | estudo de impacto | gás natural | indústria petrolífera | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | política de cooperação | política energética | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | segurança de abastecimento | trocas comerciais | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The IA report concentrates on the very complex problem of securing access to gas by each Member State in case of disruption of supply. In this regard, the IA builds a case in favour of common EU action and of improvement of the existing regulation to that end. The IA could have provided more background information on how Member States are grouped into the seven regions under the preferred option and how this is linked to the existing patterns of cooperation. It could also have deepened the scope to devote more attention to the significance of environmental impacts. Finally, the section on monitoring and evaluation could have been made a lot stronger if key monitoring mechanisms had been explained more clearly.

Briefing [DE](#), [EN](#), [FR](#)

Motor vehicles: New approval and market surveillance rules - Initial Appraisal of a European Commission Impact Assessment

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Autor COLLOVA Claudio

Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante | Mercado Interno e União Aduaneira | Transportes

Palavra-chave AMBIENTE | análise económica | automóvel | construção europeia | degradação do ambiente | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | elaboração do direito da UE | Estado-Membro UE | estudo de impacto | fiscalização do mercado | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | homologação | INDÚSTRIA | indústria automóvel | indústria mecânica | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | mercado único | norma ambiental | poluente atmosférico | poluição automóvel | política ambiental | política comercial | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | transporte terrestre | TRANSPORTES | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This briefing seeks to provide an initial analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the European Commission's Impact Assessment (IA) accompanying its proposal on the approval and market surveillance of motor vehicles and their trailers, adopted on 27 January 2016 and referred to Parliament's Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO). This IA is the result of a process of analysis and consultation that started in 2010. It accompanies a proposal which the Commission presented rapidly after the Volkswagen case and in response to the calls made by Parliament in its resolution of October 2015. Some useful information can be found in the IA; however, even bearing in mind that impact assessments should not unduly delay the legislative process, an initial appraisal of its quality would suggest that this IA is not presented in a way that facilitates consideration by the co-legislators. The decision to publish the IA in two parts does not help overall comprehension, despite an honest attempt to show the links between the two. The problem definition devotes limited attention to the social and environmental consequences. The framing of the options makes it difficult to distinguish between essential and non-essential elements. Moreover, by the Commission's own admission, the monetisation of benefits is not sufficiently robust and gives an impression of certainty to estimates which are in fact surrounded by a high degree of uncertainty. All of these elements compromise to some extent the quality of the IA. Finally, the internal quality assurance procedures do not appear to be fully in line with BR principles, in that this IA is accompanied only by the original 2014 opinion of the IA Board, which corresponds to the measures planned at that time, without any update covering the additional material provided later in part 2 of the IA.

Briefing [DE](#), [EN](#), [FR](#)

Sustainable management of external fishing fleets: Initial Appraisal of a European Commission Impact Assessment

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante | Pescas

Palavra-chave acordo de pesca | AGRICULTURA, SILVICULTURA E PESCA | análise económica | DIREITO | direito da União Europeia | direito do mar | direito internacional | ECONOMIA | elaboração do direito da UE | estudo de impacto | frota de pesca | gestão das pescas | pavilhão de navio | país terceiro | pesca | política comum da pesca | política de cooperação | regulamentação da pesca | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | transporte marítimo e fluvial | TRANSPORTES | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | águas da UE

Resumo This note seeks to provide an initial analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the European Commission's Impact Assessment (IA) accompanying its proposal on the sustainable management of external fishing fleets, repealing Council Regulation (EC) 1006/2008. The proposal, adopted on 10 December 2015, was referred to the Parliament's Committee on Fisheries. Overall, the impression is that the IA has made a genuine attempt to articulate what it perceives to be the problems necessitating action and to define the objectives of the initiative. The outcome of the stakeholder consultation, albeit rather limited, is clearly presented and appears to have been integrated into the analysis with a transparent presentation of the stakeholders' views throughout. Nevertheless, the IA has a number of shortcomings. The problem definition lacks the hard evidence required to be entirely convincing. The assessment of impacts is largely qualitative and is focused on benefits with hardly any reference to potential costs. The report would have been more persuasive had it provided stronger arguments and clearer quantitative evidence to prove that the expected benefits outweigh the costs. Generally, the information could have been better structured throughout and a more solid analysis of the compared options would have strengthened the IA.

Briefing [DE](#), [EN](#), [FR](#)

Regulation on Mercury Aligning EU legislation with the Minamata Convention: Initial Appraisal of a European Commission Impact Assessment

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Ambiente | Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante

Palavra-chave AMBIENTE | análise económica | comércio internacional | consequências económicas | convenção ONU | degradação do ambiente | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | elaboração do direito da UE | estudo de impacto | impacto ambiental | INDÚSTRIA | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | luta contra a poluição | mercúrio | metalurgia e siderurgia | poluição pelos metais | política ambiental | política internacional | prevenção da poluição | ratificação de acordo | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | restrição à exportação | restrição à importação | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This note provides an initial analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the European Commission's Impact Assessment (IA) accompanying the above proposal which was adopted on 2 February 2016 and has been referred to Parliament's Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety. The IA clearly identifies and defines the problems, demonstrating that EU action is necessary to address them, within the existing regulatory framework. The analysis emphasises that in this case EU action is further justified by the external competence of the EU and its legal right to act in the context of an international agreement. The analysis of options mainly focuses on the alternatives within the 'ratification' scenario, whereas less prominence is given to the assessment of impacts under the hypothesis of 'non EU action', which is an option clearly ruled out from the outset. Stakeholders have been consulted on two main occasions (workshop and public consultation) and the IA reports extensively on the results of that consultation process. However, most of the preferred options identified in the IA – and which feature in the Commission's legislative proposal – differ from the opinion expressed by the relative majority of stakeholders who responded to the questionnaire used for the public consultation.

Briefing [DE](#), [EN](#), [FR](#)

Aviation strategy — Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems: Initial Appraisal of a European Commission Impact Assessment

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante | Transportes

Palavra-chave AMBIENTE | análise económica | aviação civil | construção europeia | consumo | degradação do ambiente | DIREITO | direito da União Europeia | direitos e liberdades | drone | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | elaboração do direito da UE | estudo de impacto | homologação | informação e tratamento da informação | informática e processamento de dados | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | mercado único | política de transportes | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | proteção da vida privada | proteção dos dados | ruído | segurança aérea | segurança do produto | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | transporte aéreo e espacial | TRANSPORTES | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This note seeks to provide an initial analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the European Commission's Impact Assessment on Safe Development of Drone Operations. The main strengths of the IA are its solid information base, including the three supporting studies, as well as the presentation of the results of the public consultation throughout, and the examination of options against the proportionality criterion according to the new Better Regulation guidelines. However, the range of options considered appears to be rather limited, and descriptions are so general that it is very difficult to assess and compare them; for example, the criteria for categorising drone risks, and the question of how the certificates will be issued and by whom, are not explained at all. The IA reiterates throughout that several issues, such as drone risk categorisation, or factors defining an operation-centric approach to regulating drones, will be topics for new impact assessments accompanying future delegated acts. The absence of some more insight concerning the likely content of the measures to be adopted through delegated acts or for the use of such delegated acts is regrettable. Nevertheless, the categorisation of risks (what is a high or low risk operation) could have been explained in more detail, as not every aspect of drone rules is likely to depend only on technological development. A better illustrated and explained problem description, as well as more detailed descriptions of the policy options, would have contributed to better and clearer understanding of the impacts of the new proposal, especially for a reader who may not be familiar with existing civil aviation safety rules.

Briefing [DE](#), [EN](#), [FR](#)

[Accessibility requirements for products and services - The European Accessibility Act: Initial Appraisal of a European Commission Impact Assessment](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante | Mercado Interno e União Aduaneira | Política Social

Palavra-chave análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | comércio internacional | construção europeia | contrato público | convenção ONU | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | elaboração do direito da UE | estudo de impacto | facilidades para deficientes | formalidade administrativa | harmonização das normas | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | livre circulação de mercadorias | mercado único | poder executivo e administração pública | política comercial | política internacional | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | vida social

Resumo This note seeks to provide an initial analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the European Commission's Impact Assessment (IA) accompanying the above proposal, submitted on 12 December 2015 and referred to Parliament's Committee on Internal Market and Consumer Protection. While considerable effort has clearly been put into preparing this report and to providing information in a transparent manner, the length and level of detail do not always support clear analysis of the problem definition and clear explanation of the methodology. Although the Commission consulted widely on the issue of accessibility and made use of external expertise, the data used appears rather old. Moreover, the views of disabled citizens, who are meant to be the major end-beneficiaries of the proposal, are not explicitly apparent and could perhaps have been better reflected throughout the IA. A more detailed exploration of social considerations to counterbalance the largely economic analysis would have been welcome, despite the internal market focus of this proposal. Please click here for the full publication in PDF format

Briefing [DE](#), [EN](#), [FR](#)

[Contract rules for online purchase of digital content and tangible goods \(Part of Digital Single Market\): Implementation Appraisal](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação da Legislação e das Políticas na Prática | Mercado Interno e União Aduaneira | Transposição e Aplicação da Legislação

Palavra-chave análise económica | aplicação do direito da UE | comercialização | comércio eletrónico | construção europeia | consumo | contrato | DIREITO | direito civil | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | elaboração do direito da UE | estudo de impacto | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | mercado único | proteção do consumidor | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The 2015 Commission proposals on contract rules for online purchase of digital content and tangible goods intend to simplify and harmonise the contract rules on the cross-border online purchases in Europe. The proposals introduce various rules with a goal to fully harmonise provisions applicable to online purchases. These proposals try to react to the newest developments in the digital society while updating existing European legislation. Full harmonisation can increase legal certainty on the applicable rules and interest of the customers in making cross-border purchases. As currently various different national contract rules are applied in the MS, full harmonisation would introduce the same rules applicable throughout the whole EU. This harmonisation will in general, simplify and increase customer protection in contract relations conducted online and cross-border. However, full harmonisation might have some negative impact on those MS that already have existing national legislation going beyond the text of the proposals.

Briefing [DE](#), [EN](#), [FR](#)

[EU Policy Coherence for Development: The challenge of sustainability](#)

Tipo de publicação Estudo

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Domínio de intervenção Ajuda Humanitária e Desenvolvimento

Palavra-chave ajuda ao desenvolvimento | análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | avaliação da ajuda | branqueamento de capitais | construção europeia | coordenação das ajudas | desenvolvimento sustentável | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | financiamento da UE | FINANÇAS | finanças da União Europeia | livre circulação de capitais | Nações Unidas | ORGANIZAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | papel internacional da UE | país em desenvolvimento | política de cooperação | política económica | Política Externa e de Segurança Comum | programa das Nações Unidas para o desenvolvimento | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | segurança pública | situação económica | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | utilização da ajuda | vida política e segurança pública

Resumo The EU has been at the forefront of efforts to define and implement the concept of policy coherence for development (PCD) in recent years. A range of instruments has been established to promote the inclusion of development issues in all EU policies. The workshop offered a platform for a lively debate among practitioners and researchers about the achievements of the EU in practice, the potential of recent reforms such as the better regulation package, and the lessons learnt from PCD efforts steered by the OECD at international level. As regards the security-development nexus, speakers highlighted both the progress made in enhancing PCD, for example through the comprehensive approach, and the risks of 'securitising' development policy. The Sustainable Development Goals, which include a target for 'Policy Coherence of Sustainable Development', have added a new layer to the debate. The UN views PCSD as a key factor in facilitating the achievement of the SDGs, and the OECD has taken the concept fully on board. But there are also critical voices which fear that the broader approach could lead to the dilution of the clearly defined legal obligation enshrined in the EU treaties. There was some consensus that PCD needs high-level political engagement to be effective.

Estudo [EN](#)

Non-Performing Loans in the Banking Union: Stocktaking and Challenges

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Palavra-chave análise económica | atividade bancária | Banco Europeu de Investimento | crescimento económico | DIREITO | direito civil | ECONOMIA | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | empréstimo internacional | Estado-Membro UE | estudo de impacto | FINANÇAS | Fundo Monetário Internacional | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | instituições financeiras e crédito | Nações Unidas | ORGANIZAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | pequenas e médias empresas | plano anticrise | política económica | recessão económica | relações monetárias | situação económica | solvibilidade financeira | tipos de empresa | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | zona euro

Resumo This briefing presents the state of play of non-performing loans (NPL) in the euro area, and provides an overview of the various measures implemented across Member States to facilitate their resolution.

Briefing [EN](#)

Cross-border portability of online content services in the internal market: Initial Appraisal of a European Commission Impact Assessment

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Palavra-chave análise económica | comercialização | comunicação | comércio eletrónico | construção europeia | direito da União Europeia | direito de autor | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | elaboração do direito da UE | emprego | EMPREGO E TRABALHO | estudo de impacto | fluxo de dados transfronteiriço | indústria audiovisual | indústria dos programas | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | investigação e propriedade intelectual | livre circulação de programas | livre prestação de serviços | mercado único | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This note seeks to provide an initial analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the European Commission's Impact Assessment accompanying the above proposal, adopted on 9 December 2015. This proposal is one of the first legislative initiatives proposed under the umbrella of the Digital Single Market (DSM) Strategy. The DSM Strategy is in itself one of the ten political priorities of the Juncker Commission. The portability proposal aims to contribute to the key objectives of the DSM allowing for better online access to digital goods and services across the EU Member States when travelling. Further legislative proposals in the field of copyright are expected in 2016. Overall, the impression is that this IA has made a reasonable attempt to analyse the current situation, substantiating the need for EU action to solve the issue. The IA draws upon a wide range of research from different sources and disciplines, both external and internal, and the stakeholder consultation appears to be broad. However, the objective of the present initiative (to ensure cross-border portability) is formulated in such a way that it can in fact only conceivably be achieved by a legislative solution that prescribes portability on a mandatory basis (meaning Option 3, which is the Commission's preferred option). This could cast some doubt as to whether the alternatives presented were really considered as viable options. Also, some of the assumptions upon which the IA is based might merit some further examination. For example, this might be the case concerning the current and potential future consumer demand for portability based on Eurobarometer data. Finally, the IA could perhaps have been clearer from the start that the real issue at hand concerns almost exclusively limited portability of online content services in the AV sector and sport premium content services, but that for reasons of legal certainty, all sectors are technically covered by the initiative (IA, p. 21).

Briefing [DE](#), [EN](#), [FR](#)

Exchange of Information on Third Country Nationals – European Criminal Records Information System: Initial Appraisal of a European Commission Impact Assessment

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante | Espaço de Liberdade, de Segurança e de Justiça

Palavra-chave análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | comunicação de dados | construção europeia | cooperação judiciária em matéria penal (UE) | DIREITO | direito da União Europeia | direito internacional | direito penal | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | elaboração do direito da UE | estrangeiro | estudo de impacto | formalidade administrativa | informação e tratamento da informação | informática e processamento de dados | intercâmbio de informação | poder executivo e administração pública | registo criminal | sistema de informação | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This note seeks to provide an initial analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the European Commission's Impact Assessment accompanying the Commission proposal on the European Criminal Records Information System, submitted on 19 January 2016 and referred to Parliament's Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs. The European Criminal Records Information System (ECRIS) is an electronic system allowing Member States to exchange information on previous convictions against an individual by criminal courts in the European Union (EU). It is based on the principle that each Member State keeps a record of all convictions against its nationals, including those given in other Member States. The exchange of information is intended to be used in new criminal proceedings against that person, but national laws can widen the scope for such exchange of information for other purposes. The IA provides logical qualitative analysis linking the problem, its underlying drivers, the objectives and the policy options to address it. The qualitative analysis is reasonable, makes concrete arguments and is substantiated with up-to-date statistical data, although one might question the decision not to hold the mandatory 12 week open public consultation. In the discussion of the policy options, it would appear that only options 3 and 4 were actually considered as viable alternatives. In its analysis of the costs, the IA draws considerably on the Kurt Salmon report, which provides a convincing evaluation of options 3 and 4 with regard to substantive compliance costs. Where the IA goes beyond the data and analysis provided in the Kurt Salmon report, however, there are instances where the assessment appears less clear. With regard to the shift in preference from the voluntary use of fingerprints for the identification of TCN (favoured as a preferred sub-option in the IA) to the mandatory use of fingerprints (the sub-option chosen in the proposal), one possibility may be that the weighting of the arguments for and against the different sub-options might have changed prior to adoption of the proposal due to the particularly volatile security situation in the EU.

Briefing [DE](#), [EN](#), [FR](#)

Research for TRAN Committee - From Responsible Best Practices to Sustainable Tourism Development

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação da Legislação e das Políticas na Prática | Transportes | Turismo

Palavra-chave AMBIENTE | análise económica | construção europeia | desenvolvimento regional | desenvolvimento rural | desenvolvimento sustentável | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | financiamento da UE | finanças da União Europeia | impacto ambiental | impacto social | mobilidade sustentável | política ambiental | política da UE | política de transportes | política de turismo | política económica | quadro social | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | regiões e política regional | TRANSPORTES | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | vida social

Resumo This report explores sustainable development in EU tourism and concludes that there is a lack of up-to-date data for both the environmental and social effects of tourism. Furthermore, most sustainable tourism initiatives depend on public funding highlighting the failure of industry to internalise sustainable development costs. Tourism, environmental and transport policies in the EU need to integrate better to create sustainable development. The report concludes with general recommendations for sustainable development, improving impact evaluations tourism at the EU scale.

Estudo [EN](#)

Interinstitutional Agreement on Better Law-Making

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Direito da UE: Ordenamento Jurídico e Atos Jurídicos | Transposição e Aplicação da Legislação

Palavra-chave acordo interinstitucional | análise económica | aplicação do direito da UE | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | autorização legislativa | codificação do direito da UE | DIREITO | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | elaboração do direito da UE | estudo de impacto | fontes e ramos do direito | formalidade administrativa | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | poder executivo e administração pública | simplificação legislativa | transparência do processo de decisão | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The new Interinstitutional Agreement on Better Law-Making, adopted by the European Parliament on 9 March 2016, replaces the 2003 Interinstitutional Agreement with the same name.

The Commission initially presented its proposal on 19 May 2015. Part of its better regulation agenda, the proposal was announced as one of the ten priorities of the Juncker Commission at the start of its term, with the aim to design EU policies and laws so that they achieve their objectives in the most efficient and effective way possible.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Interinstitutional Agreement on Better Law-Making](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Direito da UE: Ordenamento Jurídico e Atos Jurídicos | Transposição e Aplicação da Legislação

Palavra-chave acordo interinstitucional | análise económica | aplicação do direito da UE | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | autorização legislativa | DIREITO | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | elaboração do direito da UE | estudo de impacto | fontes e ramos do direito | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | poder executivo e administração pública | simplificação legislativa | transparência do processo de decisão | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo According to Article 295 TFEU, the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission may conclude interinstitutional agreements (IIAs) setting out arrangements for their cooperation. A number of such agreements are in place, including the 2003 IIA on Better Law-Making, which is now to be replaced by a new agreement. With the aim of ensuring a high quality of legislation, the new agreement contains provisions concerning the various stages of the policy cycle, including programming, legislating and implementation.

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[Aviation strategy — European Union Aviation Safety Agency: Initial Appraisal of a European Commission Impact Assessment](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante | Transportes

Palavra-chave Agência Europeia para a Segurança da Aviação | análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | aviação civil | competitividade | construção europeia | DIREITO | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | elaboração do direito da UE | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estudo de impacto | fontes e ramos do direito | formalidade administrativa | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | mercado único | organização de empresas | poder executivo e administração pública | política de transportes | segurança aérea | simplificação legislativa | transporte aéreo e espacial | TRANSPORTES | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The main strengths of the IA are its apparently solid information base, including the two supporting studies, as well as good presentation of stakeholder views and the results of the public consultation throughout. It is, however, unfortunate that the external supporting studies do not appear to be publicly available. The IA would have benefitted from a clearer and more complete presentation of the background information and problem definition, as well as more direct reference to the evidence identified. There appears to be a certain bias towards the preferred options, as far as the way in which options are presented is concerned; the question remains as to whether additional options could have been considered in order to provide a broader choice of genuine alternatives. There are also some technical presentation issues, such as rather inconsistent numbering of the items in some sections. It is striking that no reference whatsoever appears to be made to the existence of a second, separate IA (on drones) which accompanies the same proposal and thus is presumably intended to complete the overall analysis.

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[Action Plan on Building a Capital Markets Union - Prospectus Regulation: Initial Appraisal of a European Commission Impact Assessment](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Assuntos Bancários e Financeiros | Assuntos Económicos e Monetários | Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante

Palavra-chave análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | consumo | DIREITO | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | elaboração do direito da UE | emissão de títulos | estudo de impacto | financiamento da empresa | financiamento e investimento | FINANÇAS | fontes e ramos do direito | formalidade administrativa | garantia do investimento | informação do consumidor | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | livre circulação de capitais | poder executivo e administração pública | regulamentação financeira | simplificação legislativa | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo Overall, this appraisal considers whether the quality of research and analysis presented in the Commission's IA is fit for purpose – that is to say, whether the IA serves what should be one of its fundamental aims, which is to facilitate better-informed decision-making throughout the legislative process. After an initial screening, it concludes that the Impact Assessment does indeed provide some essential elements to assist decision-makers in understanding the rationale of the choices made by the Commission. However, it has a number of weaknesses which somewhat compromise its quality. Firstly, there seems to be a mismatch between the intended broad legislative overhaul, repealing the existing Directive and its Implementing Regulation, and the deliberately targeted analysis of the IA, which – focusing largely on six important issues – is bound to leave some other areas unexplored. Secondly, the Commission's decision not to carry out a fully-fledged evaluation is debatable and leaves some gaps in the analysis. While acknowledging the extreme complexity of the subject matter, a wider selection of options than the one presented in the IA might reasonably have been expected. Finally, some impacts, such as the anticipated effects on main groups of Member States, impacts on employment and on third countries, could have been better developed.

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[Contracts for the supply of digital content and for the online and other distance sales of goods: Initial Appraisal of a European Commission Impact Assessment](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante | Direito Contratual, Direito Comercial e Direito Empresarial | Mercado Interno e União Aduaneira

Palavra-chave abastecimento | análise económica | comercialização | comércio eletrónico | construção europeia | consumo | contrato | dados pessoais | digitalização | DIREITO | direito civil | distribuição comercial | documentação | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | fornecedor | harmonização das normas | informação e tratamento da informação | informática e processamento de dados | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | mercado único | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | proteção do consumidor | proteção dos dados | tecnologia digital | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | trocas comerciais | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This note seeks to provide an initial analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the European Commission's Impact Assessment (IA) accompanying the above two Commission proposals (the proposals), submitted on 9 December 2015 and referred to Parliament's Committee on Internal Market and Consumer Protection. In 2011 the Commission published a proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on a Common European Sales Law (CESL). The European Parliament adopted its first reading legislative resolution on the proposal in February 2014, proposing substantial amendments. It did not receive Council's backing, however. In its Work Programme for 2015, the Commission stated that it would be modifying the CESL proposal and the two proposals under examination are the result of that process. The 2015 Work Programme had announced that the Commission was preparing a strategy to identify and tackle the major challenges towards a digital single market, undertaking, amongst other things, to simplify the rules for consumers making online and digital purchases and to facilitate e-commerce. Please click here for the full publication in PDF format

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[Review of the EU waste management targets - 'Circular Economy Package': Initial Appraisal of a European Commission Impact Assessment](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Ambiente | Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante

Palavra-chave AMBIENTE | análise de custos-benefícios | análise económica | comunicação | consulta pública | DIREITO | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | elaboração do direito da UE | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estudo de impacto | fontes e ramos do direito | gestão contabilística | política ambiental | reciclagem de resíduos | simplificação legislativa | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The additional analysis accompanying the new 'Circular Economy package' goes a considerable way towards addressing some of the concerns previously voiced with regard to waste targets in the context of the original IA and legislative proposal, especially the criticisms regarding the apparent failure to take sufficient account of the different situations of the Member States and their capacity to perform in the future. It provides further evidence of the possible impacts of new waste targets by considering a number of alternatives to one of the original options (option 3), and by presenting the results of an updated application of the model used for the original impact assessment. In particular, costs were updated to 2015 prices, and data on waste was drawn from the latest available Eurostat sources (2012). The use of sensitivity analysis (carried out on the main input parameters used in the model, e.g. efficiency of the collection system, material losses and revenues, etc.) is another welcome indication of the desire to provide a realistic assessment of the likely impacts of the proposed measures. A clearer ranking of the options presented - and of their variants - might nevertheless have allowed for a more thorough appreciation of the potential impact (and benefits) of each of the new alternatives considered, as well as for a better understanding of the coherence between the new proposal and the overall impact assessment analysis. As mentioned, some questions concerning subsidiarity and proportionality - especially as to the issue of landfilling of waste - are left partially unaddressed. Finally, the analysis, though thorough, is clearly intentionally restricted to an exploration of the possible impacts generated by the new sets of waste targets. It does not seek to go further in 'exploring synergies with other policies' - one of the reasons set out in the April 2015 Roadmap, referred to above, for the withdrawal of the original proposal.

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The Cost of Non-Europe in the Sharing Economy: Economic, Social and Legal Challenges and Opportunities

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Palavra-chave análise de custos-benefícios | análise económica | aplicação do direito da UE | cobrança de impostos | comercialização | comércio eletrónico | concorrência | construção europeia | direito da União Europeia | direito do trabalho | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | emprego | EMPREGO E TRABALHO | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estudo de impacto | FINANÇAS | fiscalidade | gestão contabilística | impacto das tecnologias da informação | impacto social | informática e processamento de dados | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | livre prestação de serviços | mercado do trabalho | mercado dos transportes | mercado único | novas formas de emprego | política de transportes | proteção social | quadro social | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | relações laborais e direito do trabalho | restrição de concorrência | segurança social | TRANSPORTES | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This 'Cost of Non-Europe' study examines the current economic, social and legal state of play regarding the sharing economy in the European Union, and identifies the cost of the lack of further European action in this field. The assessment of existing EU and national legislation confirms that there are still significant implementation gaps and areas of poor economic performance. The subsequent examination of areas where it was believed that an economic potential exists highlighted that substantial barriers remain, hindering the achievement of the goals set out in the existing legislation. Moreover, some issues are not or are insufficiently addressed (e.g. status of workers employed by sharing economy service providers). Consequently, more European action would be necessary to achieve the full economic potential of the sharing economy. In doing so, policy-makers should seek to ensure an adequate balance between creative freedom for business and the necessary regulatory protection. This research estimates the potential economic gain linked with a better use of capacities (otherwise under-used) as a result of the sharing economy is €572 billion in annual consumption across the EU-28. This figure should nevertheless be considered with caution; substantial barriers prevent the full benefits from being realised, and could reduce the value of potential increased use to up to €18 billion in the shorter-term and up to €134 billion in the medium and longer term, depending on the scale of regulatory obstacles.

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Bringing transparency, coordination and convergence to corporate tax policies in the European Union: II - Evaluation of the European Added Value of the recommendations in the ECON legislative own-initiative draft report

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Palavra-chave análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | cooperação administrativa | cooperação fiscal europeia | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | elaboração do direito da UE | empresa multinacional | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estudo de impacto | evasão fiscal | FINANÇAS | fiscalidade | harmonização fiscal | imposto sobre as sociedades | matéria coletável | poder executivo e administração pública | tipos de empresa | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This Study evaluates the European Added value of the recommendation in the draft report of the European Parliament on bringing transparency, coordination and convergence to corporation tax policies in the Union. This study finds that the single most effective contribution to mitigating aggressive tax planning strategies and therefore lost revenues to Member States, which are estimated to be in the region of 50-70 billion euro per annum to 160-190 billion euro per annum on an assumption of no base from sources other than profit shifting, would be enacting a common consolidated corporate tax base (CCCTB), across the entire Union. Moreover, this is a conservative estimate. The cost-effective regulations proposed by the Rapporteur's draft proposals can be expected to add 0.6 per cent - 1.1 per cent to Member States potential public investment spending power, according to research assessments. Based on OECD methodology, the enactment of these proposals are capable of improving corporation tax receipts by between 13.4 billion euro and 33.5 billion euro per annum. The Study finds that transparency and uneven implementation is one of the most serious challenges faced by the EU in the field of business taxes. This applies to methodologies, what information is made available by Member States, enforcement practices adopted by Member States and the recent innovation of 'free-ports' which has created a parallel trading system.

Estudo [EN](#)

Active Inclusion: Stocktaking of the Council Recommendation (2008)

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Palavra-chave análise económica | coesão económica e social | combate ao desemprego | construção europeia | ECONOMIA | emprego | EMPREGO E TRABALHO | Estado-Membro UE | estudo de impacto | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | integração social | mercado do trabalho | mercado do trabalho | política de emprego da UE | prestação social | proteção social | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | vida social

Resumo This study on Active Inclusion: Stocktaking of the Council Recommendation (2008), prepared by Policy Department A for the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs, provides an analytical review of literature, taking stock of strengths and weaknesses in implementation. This leaflet presents the key findings of the study.

Link to the original publication:

[http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/STUD/2015/569971/IPOL_STU\(2015\)569971_EN.pdf](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/STUD/2015/569971/IPOL_STU(2015)569971_EN.pdf)

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Analysis and Effects of the Different Member States' Customs Sanctioning Systems

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Domínio de intervenção Proteção dos Consumidores

Palavra-chave América | análise económica | comércio internacional | DIREITO | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | Estado-Membro UE | Estados Unidos | estudo de impacto | fraude aduaneira | GATT | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | geografia política | harmonização alfandegária | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | justiça | política aduaneira | prescrição de ação | proposta (UE) | regime aduaneiro da UE | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This Study provides an analysis of the effects of the present divergence of the customs sanctioning systems of the Member States of the EU, as well as of the proposal of the European Commission for a Directive to harmonise the customs infringements and sanctions. A number of conclusions and recommendations on the preferred model for the EU is provided. The Study was prepared for Policy Department A on the request of European Parliament's Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection.

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Changes to Accounting and Solvency Rules: The (Possible) Impact on Insurance and Pensions

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Palavra-chave análise económica | companhia de seguros | consequências económicas | contabilidade | contabilidade nacional | crise monetária | DIREITO | direito civil | ECONOMIA | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estudo de impacto | FINANÇAS | gestão contabilística | livre circulação de capitais | plano de pensões | proteção social | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | recessão económica | regulamentação financeira | relações monetárias | seguro de vida | seguros | sistema contabilístico | situação económica | solvabilidade financeira

Resumo This document, prepared by Policy Department A for the Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON) Committee, briefly describes the general accounting and solvency framework, provides an overview of the accounting rules applicable to entities providing insurance and pensions, and presents recent changes to accounting and solvency rules and their potential effects on pension management, financing and provision.

Estudo [EN](#)

The European Social Charter in the Context of Implementation of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights

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Domínio de intervenção Espaço de Liberdade, de Segurança e de Justiça

Palavra-chave adesão a um acordo | análise económica | aplicação do direito da UE | Carta dos Direitos Fundamentais da União Europeia | Carta Social Europeia | construção europeia | DIREITO | direito comparado | direito da UE - direito internacional | direito da União Europeia | direito internacional | direito internacional - direito interno | direitos e liberdades | direitos sociais | ECONOMIA | elaboração do direito da UE | estudo de impacto | fontes e ramos do direito | ordem jurídica da UE | papel internacional da UE | política internacional | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | vida social

Resumo This study was commissioned by the European Parliament's Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs at the request of the AFCD Committee. Despite its increased visibility and relevance to fields covered by the EU, the European Social Charter has been largely ignored from the more recent developments concerning the protection of fundamental rights in the EU legal order. This creates the risk of conflicting obligations imposed on the EU Member States, respectively as members of the EU and as States parties to the European Social Charter. Various options could be explored to move beyond the current impasse.

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[A strategy for completing the Single Market: the trillion euro bonus - Report of the High-Level Panel of Experts to the IMCO Committee](#)

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Palavra-chave análise de custos-benefícios | análise económica | análise económica | aplicação do direito da UE | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | comércio internacional | construção europeia | coordenação das políticas UEM | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | economia monetária | elaboração do direito da UE | emprego | EMPREGO E TRABALHO | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estudo de impacto | FINANÇAS | gestão contabilística | governação | integração europeia | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | livre circulação de mercadorias | livre circulação de trabalhadores | mercado único | poder executivo e administração pública | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The economic potential of the Single Market could reach, according to research carried out by the European Parliament, as much as one trillion euro per annum in additional GDP growth. Securing this economic 'bonus' requires a strategic approach, through which the EU would pursue a "genuine Single Market" and treat it as a common asset. Such a strategy implies leadership and new politics for the Single Market, involving the full commitment of Member States and their compliance in implementing of EU law and removing the remaining obstacles. Six key recommendations are put forward to enhance the functioning of the Single market, focused on concepts of reframing, reengineering and retooling the Single Market.

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[Cableway installations: Proposal for a new regulation](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Aprovação da Legislação pelo PE e pelo Conselho | Mercado Interno e União Aduaneira | Proteção dos Consumidores

Palavra-chave análise económica | comércio internacional | consumo | DIREITO | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | elaboração do direito da UE | equipamento do veículo | estudo de impacto | fontes e ramos do direito | homologação | INDÚSTRIA | indústria mecânica | indústria mecânica | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | livre circulação de mercadorias | marcação «CE» de conformidade | organização dos transportes | princípio de segurança jurídica | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | segurança do produto | simplificação legislativa | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | transporte por cabo | TRANSPORTES | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo Around 17 500 cableway installations currently exist in Western Europe and the Alps, representing 60% of the global total. European industry has generally held a dominant position in the global cableway installations market, with the ski industry remaining the primary market for cableway technology. The proposed regulation, covering the European Economic Area, is to replace Directive 2000/9/EC relating to cableway installations designed to carry persons. Its aim is to simplify the current rules, align them with the EU's New Legislative Framework, and address some problems experienced in implementing the existing Directive. Given its predominantly technical nature, the new regulation was developed with input from experts via targeted consultations. The Commission's impact assessment revealed a broad consensus among Member States, manufacturers, notified bodies and stakeholders regarding the need to simplify and clarify the current rules. The European Economic and Social Committee issued an opinion on the proposal in 2014. On 10 November 2015, the Internal Market and Consumer Protection Committee of the European Parliament voted in favour of the interinstitutional agreement reached at informal trilogues between the Commission, Council and Parliament. The vote in plenary is expected in January 2016.

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[Council Regulation 1006/2008 on fishing authorisations: Implementation Appraisal](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Pescas | Transposição e Aplicação da Legislação

Palavra-chave AGRICULTURA, SILVICULTURA E PESCA | análise económica | aplicação do direito da UE | captura autorizada | conservação dos recursos haliêuticos | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | frota de pesca | pesca | política comum da pesca | quota de pesca | regulamentação da pesca | regulamento CE | resolução PE | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This Implementation Appraisal focuses on Regulation 1006/2008 on fishing authorisations (also known as the Fishing Authorisation Regulation - FAR) and disciplining the access of third-country vessels to EU waters and the access of EU vessels to non-EU waters. Where relevant, this implementation appraisal will also cover implementing Regulation 201/2010 laying down the detailed rules for fishing authorisations and Regulation 1005/2008 to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing (IUU). The forthcoming review of the FAR is part of a wider effort to improve the effectiveness and coherence of the regulatory framework in this field after the latest reform of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP), in effect since 1 January 2014. The European Union is home to 85,692 active vessels (data from March 2015), contributing to about 5% of total global catches. A vast majority of EU catches come from the North East Atlantic and Eastern Central Atlantic areas and, to a lower degree, from the Mediterranean.

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[Ex-ante impact assessment in the European Commission's new Better Regulation Guidelines: Better Law-Making in Action](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante | Direito da UE: Ordenamento Jurídico e Atos Jurídicos

Palavra-chave análise económica | Comissão Europeia | DIREITO | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | elaboração do direito da UE | estudo de impacto | fontes e ramos do direito | funcionamento institucional | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | simplificação legislativa | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This briefing note seeks to provide a short overview of some of the main changes introduced by the new Guidelines in the ex-ante impact assessment process. It does so both from a general point of view and then with regard to the formal presentation of the IA Report accompanying every legislative initiative subject to ex-ante impact assessment. Unless otherwise stated, references are to the Better Regulation Guidelines and Toolbox.

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[Evaluation in the European Commission: Rolling Check-List and State of Play](#)

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Palavra-chave acesso à informação da UE | administração da instituição | análise económica | aplicação do direito da UE | avaliação de projeto | Comissão Europeia | competência institucional (UE) | construção europeia | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estudo de impacto | gestão administrativa | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | programa da UE | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This research paper aims to provide an overview of planned and ongoing evaluations of EU legislation and spending programmes carried out by each European Commission Directorate-General (DG). The general overview and state of play on the public availability of evaluations is completed by a Rolling Check-List comprising the on-going and planned evaluations on the basis of information disclosed by the Commission in various sources (DGs' Annual Management Plans, the Single Evaluation Plan, and Roadmaps published since July 2015) and the information available in individual DGs. The annexes to this research paper contain an overview and links to the DGs Management Plans for 2014 (Annex I) and DGs Management Plans for 2015 (Annex II), the contact details (where available) of the evaluation function in each DG (Annex III); finally Annexes IV and V provide a list of and direct links to the evaluations published in 2014 and until 31 October, 2015 on the Commission's database of completed evaluations.

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[Reducing air pollution - National emission ceilings for air pollutants](#)

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Palavra-chave AMBIENTE | análise económica | degradação do ambiente | direito da União Europeia | diretiva (UE) | ECONOMIA | elaboração do direito da UE | estudo de impacto | impacto ambiental | norma ambiental | poluente atmosférico | política ambiental | qualidade do ar | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | redução das emissões de gases | risco sanitário | saúde | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo Despite significant progress in recent decades, air pollution levels in the European Union still have adverse impacts on the environment and on health. The European Commission estimates that health-related costs of air pollution in the EU range from 390 to 940 billion euros per year. The proposed directive, which would replace the current National Emission Ceilings Directive, sets binding national reduction objectives for six air pollutants (SO₂, NO_x, NMVOCs, NH₃, PM_{2.5} and CH₄) to be met by 2020 and 2030. It will also implement the Gothenburg Protocol as amended in 2012. The European Commission estimates that implementation costs would range from 2.2 to 3.3 billion euros per year. Stakeholders have been divided over the level of ambition of the proposed ceilings. Both EU advisory committees have issued opinions and some national parliaments have made comments on the proposal. The Council held a policy debate in June 2015. Parliament adopted its first reading position on 28 October 2015. Interinstitutional negotiations are expected to start once Council has agreed its general approach. This briefing updates an earlier edition, of 4 September 2015: PE 565.910.

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[Action Plan on Building a Capital Markets Union: EU securitisation framework: Initial Appraisal of a European Commission Impact Assessment](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Assuntos Bancários e Financeiros | Assuntos Económicos e Monetários | Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante

Palavra-chave análise económica | aprofundamento da União Europeia | construção europeia | DIREITO | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estudo de impacto | financiamento da empresa | financiamento e investimento | FINANÇAS | fontes e ramos do direito | instituições financeiras e crédito | instrumento financeiro | livre circulação de capitais | mercado de capitais | modo de financiamento | movimento de capitais | pequenas e médias empresas | política financeira | programa legislativo (UE) | proposta (UE) | regulamentação financeira | simplificação legislativa | sociedade de investimento | tipos de empresa | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This briefing seeks to provide an initial analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the European Commission's Impact Assessment (IA) accompanying two Commission proposals for Regulations referred to Parliament's Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs : Regulation laying down common rules on securitisation and creating a European framework for simple, transparent and standardised securitisation (COM (2015) 472); and Regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 575/2013 on prudential requirements for credit institutions and investment firms (COM (2015) 473). Securitisation refers to the process of packaging and converting loans into securities that can be sold to investors. The Commission recognises that securitisation of US subprime mortgages was one of the causes of the last financial crisis, but believes that properly structured securitisation can play a positive role in the EU economy. These are the first two legislative proposals of the Action Plan on Building a Capital Markets Union, one of the Commission's key priorities, aimed at strengthening the links between savings and growth. The European Parliament resolution of 9 July 2015 on Building a Capital Markets Union expressed support for an initiative in this field, as part of a broad variety of avenues to be explored to improve SME financing.

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Palavra-chave administração e remuneração do pessoal | ajustamento estrutural | análise económica | coordenação das políticas UEM | dívida pública | ECONOMIA | economia monetária | emprego | EMPREGO E TRABALHO | estudo de impacto | financiamento da empresa | financiamento e investimento | FINANÇAS | finanças públicas e política orçamental | fiscalidade | flexibilidade do trabalho | impacto social | mercado do trabalho | política de austeridade | política do emprego | política económica | política orçamental | política salarial | quadro social | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | reforma fiscal | relações monetárias | zona euro

Resumo The European Semester is a key monitoring element of the EU's economic governance framework which aims to detect, prevent, and correct problematic economic trends such as excessive government deficits or public debt levels. As part of the annual evaluation cycle, the European Parliament's Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON) Committee notes insufficient implementation of country-specific recommendations in some Member States, and expresses concerns that economic recovery may be threatened by the EU's underlying structural weaknesses and regional differences. On 21 October 2015, the European Commission proposed to 'revamp' the European Semester process and to better align recommendations for the overall EU/euro area with those for individual Member States.

Em síntese [EN](#)

[National emission ceilings for air pollutants](#)

Tipo de publicação Em síntese

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Domínio de intervenção Ambiente

Palavra-chave AMBIENTE | análise económica | consequências económicas | degradação do ambiente | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | elaboração do direito da UE | estudo de impacto | luta contra a poluição | norma ambiental | poluente atmosférico | política ambiental | qualidade do ar | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo Despite improvements in recent decades, air pollution in Europe remains a concern. To address this, in 2013 the European Commission put forward a proposal to update and expand the National Emission Ceilings Directive. A first-reading vote on the report adopted by the ENVI Committee is scheduled for the October III plenary.

Em síntese [EN](#)

[The Results and Efficiency of Railway Infrastructure Financing within the EU](#)

Tipo de publicação Estudo

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação da Legislação e das Políticas na Prática | Controlo Orçamental | Orçamento | Transportes | Transposição e Aplicação da Legislação

Palavra-chave análise de custo-eficácia | análise económica | avaliação de projeto | construção europeia | documentação | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estudo de casos | estudo de impacto | financiamento da UE | financiamento e investimento | FINANÇAS | finanças da União Europeia | gestão administrativa | gestão contabilística | infraestrutura do transporte | modo de financiamento | organização dos transportes | política comum dos transportes | política de transportes | rede ferroviária | rede transeuropeia | transporte a grande velocidade | transporte intra-UE | transporte terrestre | TRANSPORTES | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo Upon request by the Committee on Budgetary Control (CONT) this study analyses the results, efficiency and effectiveness of the EU investment in rail infrastructure with a special focus on cross border rail projects. Beginning with a discussion of the reasons for the moderate success of EU railway policy it investigates four case studies with a focus on effectiveness of funding schemes and success of removing bottlenecks, particularly at border crossings, to improve attractiveness of the railway mode. Recommendations are given for a more efficient joint development of a European rail network by the Member States and the EU and a further development of funding schemes tailored to railways.

Estudo [DE](#), [EN](#), [FR](#)

[Review of the EU copyright Framework: European Implementation Assessment](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Direito da Propriedade Intelectual | Direito da UE: Ordenamento Jurídico e Atos Jurídicos | Indústria | Mercado Interno e União Aduaneira | Transposição e Aplicação da Legislação

Palavra-chave análise de custos-benefícios | análise económica | aplicação do direito da UE | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | base jurídica | comercialização | comunicação | comércio eletrónico | construção europeia | cultura e religião | DIREITO | direito da União Europeia | diretiva CE | ECONOMIA | edição | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estudo de impacto | fontes e ramos do direito | gestão contabilística | indústria audiovisual | indústria cinematográfica | indústria cultural | indústria dos programas | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | interpretação do direito | investigação e propriedade intelectual | mercado único | pirataria audiovisual | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | propriedade intelectual | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | radiodifusão | revisão da lei | trabalhos parlamentares | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This European Implementation Assessment aims to provide briefing for the Committee on Legal Affairs (JURI) ahead of the publication of the Commission's legislative proposals concerning the modernisation of the EU copyright framework, which are expected towards the end of 2015. The specific objective is to help JURI Members achieve a better understanding of the actual gaps and weaknesses in the existing EU copyright framework. This European Implementation Assessment is divided into: an introduction presenting an overall analysis and summary of findings, an Ex-Post Impact Assessment study, and three EU Added Value briefing papers, which are included as annexes.

Estudo [EN](#)

[Workshop on a "New Technical Measures Framework for The New Common Fisheries Policy"](#)

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação da Legislação e das Políticas na Prática | Pescas

Palavra-chave AGRICULTURA, SILVICULTURA E PESCA | AMBIENTE | análise económica | captura de peixe | ECONOMIA | ecossistema marinho | estudo de impacto | gestão das pescas | impacto ambiental | mar Báltico | mar Mediterrâneo | meio natural | oceano Atlântico | pesca | política ambiental | política comum da pesca | regulamentação da pesca

Resumo This set of documents was prepared for the workshop of the PECH Secretariat held on 13 October 2015 in Brussels, and include the following papers:

- I - Lessons from the Past for the Future of Technical Measures ;
- II - Technical Measures in the Baltic Sea – An Alternative to Over-Regulation and the Brace-and-Belt Approach ;
- III - Technical Measures in the Atlantic and the North Sea – Working with Stakeholders Towards Meaningful Revision ;
- IV - Fishing Management Based on Technical Measures - The Need of a New Framework for the Mediterranean Sea.

Estudo [EN](#)

Best practices in legislative and regulatory processes in a constitutional perspective: actors, processes and transparency. The case of Poland

Tipo de publicação **Análise aprofundada**

Data **30-09-2015**

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Domínio de intervenção **Avaliação da Legislação e das Políticas na Prática | Democracia na UE, Direito Institucional e Direito Parlamentar | Direito da UE: Ordenamento Jurídico e Atos Jurídicos | Espaço de Liberdade, de Segurança e de Justiça**

Palavra-chave **análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | conselho de ministros | construção europeia | DIREITO | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | elaboração do direito da UE | estudo de impacto | Europa | fontes e ramos do direito | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | geografia política | pertença à União Europeia | poder executivo e administração pública | Polónia | processo legislativo | reforma institucional | simplificação legislativa | trabalhos parlamentares | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | vida política e segurança pública**

Resumo **This paper describes regulatory planning, impact assessment and early warning systems in Poland. It presents three regulatory reforms in Poland which were introduced in 2012-2013: changes to the rules of work of the Council of Ministers, further improvements of the governmental work programme (new regime of "traffic light system" for the submissions to the work plan) and improvements of Polish participation in the EU law-making process.**

[Análise aprofundada](#) [EN](#)

Energy efficiency labelling: Initial Appraisal of a European Commission Impact Assessment

Tipo de publicação **Briefing**

Data **17-09-2015**

Autor **EISELE Katharina**

Domínio de intervenção **Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante | Energia**

Palavra-chave **AMBIENTE | análise económica | competitividade | conceção do produto | consequências económicas | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | economia de energia | elaboração do direito da UE | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | ENERGIA | estudo de impacto | impacto ambiental | impacto social | organização de empresas | política ambiental | política energética | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | quadro social | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | rendimento energético | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | UNIÃO EUROPEIA**

Resumo **This note seeks to provide an initial analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the European Commission's Impact Assessment (IA) accompanying the proposal for a Regulation setting a framework for energy efficiency labelling, adopted on 15 July 2015, and referred to Parliament's Committee on Industry, Research and Energy. The proposal repeals Directive 2010/30/EU on the indication by labelling and standard product information of the consumption of energy and other resources by energy-related products. The proposal for a revision of the rules regulating energy efficiency labelling forms part of the energy package and aims to ensure that consumers make better informed purchase decisions of energy efficient products, and thereby reduce energy consumption and associated energy bills (as well as other major environmental impacts of products).**

[Briefing](#) [EN](#)

EU Emissions Trading System: cost-effective emission reductions and low-carbon investments: Initial Appraisal of a European Commission Impact Assessment

Tipo de publicação **Briefing**

Data **17-09-2015**

Autor **DOSSI Samuele**

Domínio de intervenção **Ambiente | Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante**

Palavra-chave **AMBIENTE | análise económica | competitividade | consequências económicas | construção europeia | DIREITO | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | elaboração do direito da UE | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estudo de impacto | fontes e ramos do direito | impacto ambiental | impacto social | organização de empresas | política ambiental | quadro social | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | redução das emissões de gases | Regime de Comércio de Licenças de Emissão da UE | relações da União Europeia | simplificação legislativa | UNIÃO EUROPEIA**

Resumo **This note provides an initial analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the European Commission's Impact Assessment (IA) accompanying the proposal for a Directive to enhance cost-effective emission reductions and low carbon investments, which was adopted on 15 July 2015 and has been referred to the Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety. The EU Emissions Trading System (EU ETS) is the largest international trading system for greenhouse gas emission allowance. The ETS Directive was adopted in 2003 (and revised in 2009); it took effect in 2005 and now covers all EU Member States plus Iceland, Lichtenstein and Norway. The aim is to cut greenhouse gas emissions by 80 to 95 per cent compared to 1990 by 2050. The ETS works by putting a limit on the overall emissions from sectors included in the scheme and, ideally, these are reduced every year. Within the limits, companies can buy and sell emission allowances when needed (i.e. cap and trade approach). While until 2012 most allowances were given out for free by using the 'grandfathering' approach - based on historical Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG) -, since 2013, the system has operated through a benchmarking approach based on performance. A detailed overview of the mechanisms governing the ETS and its operation to date can be found in the EPRS Implementation Appraisal 'Climate action. Greenhouse Gas Emissions and the EU Emission Trading System'.**

[Briefing](#) [EN](#)

Climate Action - Greenhouse Gas Emissions and the EU Emissions Trading System: Implementation Appraisal

Tipo de publicação Briefing

Data 17-09-2015

Autor MALMERSJO Gertrud

Domínio de intervenção Ambiente | Transposição e Aplicação da Legislação

Palavra-chave alteração climática | AMBIENTE | análise económica | aplicação do direito da UE | degradação do ambiente | direito da União Europeia | diretiva CE | ECONOMIA | elaboração do direito da UE | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | ENERGIA | estudo de impacto | gestão administrativa | gás de efeito de estufa | política ambiental | política energética | política energética | redução das emissões de gases | Regime de Comércio de Licenças de Emissão da UE | reservas | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The EU ETS is the first and largest international trading system for greenhouse gas emission allowances, accounting for over three quarters of international carbon trading. It is part of the climate and energy package, which consists of four pieces of complementary legislation to deliver on the '20-20-20 targets': the EU ETS to cut industrial greenhouse gas emissions; the Effort-Sharing Decision introducing binding national targets for sectors not covered by the EU ETS; the Renewable Energy Directive; and the Geological Storage of CO2 Directive. This briefing is one in a series of 'Implementation Appraisals' on the operation of existing EU legislation in practice. Each such briefing focuses on a specific EU law which is likely to be amended or reviewed as set out in the European Commission's Annual Work Programme. The Implementation Appraisals aim to provide a succinct overview of material publicly available on the implementation, application and effectiveness of an EU law to date – drawing on available input from the EU institutions and external organisations. They are provided to assist parliamentary committees in their consideration of the new proposals, once tabled.

Briefing [EN](#)

Reducing air pollution - National emission ceilings for air pollutants

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Autor BOURGUIGNON Didier

Domínio de intervenção Ambiente | Aprovação da Legislação pelo PE e pelo Conselho

Palavra-chave AMBIENTE | análise económica | consequências económicas | degradação do ambiente | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | elaboração do direito da UE | estudo de impacto | norma ambiental | poluente atmosférico | política ambiental | qualidade do ar | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | redução das emissões de gases | risco sanitário | saúde | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo Despite significant progress in recent decades, air pollution levels in the European Union still have adverse impacts on the environment and on health. The European Commission estimates that health-related costs of air pollution in the EU range from 390 to 940 billion euros per year. The proposed directive, which would replace the current National Emission Ceilings Directive, sets binding national reduction objectives for six air pollutants (SO₂, NO_x, NMVOCs, NH₃, PM_{2.5} and CH₄) to be met by 2020 and 2030. It will also implement the Gothenburg Protocol as amended in 2012. The European Commission estimates that implementation costs would range from 2.2 to 3.3 billion euros per year. Stakeholders have been divided over the level of ambition of the proposed ceilings. Both EU advisory committees have issued opinions and some national parliaments have made comments on the proposal. The Council held a policy debate in June 2015. The ENVI Committee adopted its report on 15 July 2015. A vote in plenary is expected to take place in October. This briefing updates an earlier edition, of 12 May 2015. A more recent edition of this document is available. Find it by searching by the document title at this address: <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/thinktank/en/home.html>

Briefing [EN](#)

Compendium of Initial Appraisals of European Commission Impact Assessments: July 2014 - December 2015

Tipo de publicação Briefing

Data 03-09-2015

Autor DUNNE Joseph

Domínio de intervenção Aprovação da Legislação pelo PE e pelo Conselho | Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante

Palavra-chave análise económica | construção europeia | difusão da informação | direito da União Europeia | documentação | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | elaboração do direito da UE | estudo de impacto | instrumento documental | política da UE | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The European Parliament's Ex-Ante Impact Assessment Unit routinely undertakes initial appraisals of Impact Assessments accompanying the European Commission's legislative proposals when they arrive in Parliament, to check that certain criteria are met and to identify their basic methodological strengths and weaknesses. The initial appraisals do not attempt to deal with the substance of the proposal and are drafted for informational and background purposes to assist the relevant parliamentary committee(s) and Members more widely in their work. The present volume is a compendium of all Initial Appraisals produced from July 2014 to December 2015.

Briefing [EN](#)

Analysis of Political Parties' and Independent Candidates' Policies for Gender Balance in the European Parliament after the Elections of 2014

Tipo de publicação Estudo

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação da Legislação e das Políticas na Prática | Democracia | Democracia na UE, Direito Institucional e Direito Parlamentar | Questões de Género, Igualdade e Diversidade

Palavra-chave análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | Bélgica | comunicação | condição feminina | DIREITO | direitos e liberdades | documentação | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | eleição europeia | Espanha | estatística da UE | estudo de casos | estudo de impacto | Europa | França | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | geografia política | grupo político (PE) | Hungria | igualdade de género | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | Lituânia | luta contra a discriminação | Malta | meios de comunicação de massas | parlamentar europeu | participação das mulheres | partido político | partidos políticos | Polónia | processo eleitoral | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | Reino Unido | resultado eleitoral | Suécia | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | vida social

Resumo Upon request by the FEMM Committee, this study explores the results of the 2014 European Parliament elections in terms of gender balance of MEPs. The study uses case studies and statistical analyses of the election results to establish the main barriers to women being elected. The factors explored include the type of electoral system used, political parties' candidate list selection processes and strategies used by women political candidates. The study presents recommendations for improving gender balance in the European Parliament.

Estudo [EN](#)

Best practices in legislative and regulatory processes in a constitutional perspective: the case of the European Union

Tipo de publicação Análise aprofundada

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Domínio de intervenção Democracia na UE, Direito Institucional e Direito Parlamentar | Direito da UE: Ordenamento Jurídico e Atos Jurídicos | Programação

Palavra-chave acordo interinstitucional | administração da instituição | análise económica | aplicação do direito da UE | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | Comissão Europeia | DIREITO | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | elaboração do direito da UE | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estudo de impacto | fontes e ramos do direito | gestão administrativa | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | princípio da proporcionalidade | princípio da subsidiariedade | redação legislativa | simplificação legislativa | tomada de decisão | trabalhos parlamentares | transparência do processo de decisão | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This briefing note discusses the key features of the EU better lawmaking agenda, also in light of the new EU better regulation package, and highlights areas in which the EU can be considered a best practice, as well as existing gaps and concerns. Gaps include problems of accountability and transparency, uncertainty in methodology and lack of the coherence between better regulation and long-term policy goals. Concerns relate to the newly adopted package and refer to the sustainability of the workload, the lack of a real attribution of responsibility for the update of EU impact assessments during the ordinary legislative procedure and uncertainty on the treatment of self- and co-regulation within the Inter-institutional Agreement on Better Regulation.

Análise aprofundada [EN](#)

Making the European Banking Union Macro-Economically Resilient: Cost of Non-Europe Report

Tipo de publicação Estudo

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Domínio de intervenção Assuntos Bancários e Financeiros | Assuntos Económicos e Monetários | Valor Acrescentado Europeu

Palavra-chave análise económica | banco | consequências económicas | controlo bancário | crise monetária | depósito bancário | DIREITO | direito bancário | direito civil | dívida pública | ECONOMIA | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estudo de impacto | FINANÇAS | finanças públicas e política orçamental | gestão administrativa | gestão financeira | instituições financeiras e crédito | investigação e propriedade intelectual | macroeconomia | previsão económica | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | relações monetárias | simulação | solvibilidade financeira | zona euro

Resumo This study seeks to assess the resilience of the banking union framework created in recent year and, in particular, the potential costs that would be induced by different banking shocks, under various scenarios regarding the implementation of the Banking Union's resolution pillar. Based on a non-linear dynamic model, the potential costs to the euro area economy of a medium-sized financial shock are estimated at a cumulated loss of 1 trillion euro in GDP (approximately -9.4% of the 2016 forecast GDP), job losses amounting to 1.71 million and an increase in public debt of 51.4 billion euro in 2016. The most effective remedial would be to increase the banking sectors' equity ratio to 9% or more and to lower dividends, on the basis of the simulations in the model. This would make the economy more shock-resistant in the medium term. At the same time, the cost of implementing this increased equity ratio would be offset by the reduction in losses caused by a financial shock. In addition, an augmented Single Resolution Fund with more timely implementation would reduce the cost of a new crash, but would be insufficient to prevent turmoil in the euro area economy.

Estudo [DE](#), [EN](#), [FR](#)

[Adapting EU fisheries legislation to the landing obligation](#)

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Aprovação da Legislação pelo PE e pelo Conselho | Avaliação da Legislação e das Políticas na Prática | Pescas

Palavra-chave AGRICULTURA, SILVICULTURA E PESCA | análise económica | conservação dos recursos haliêuticos | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | estudo de impacto | pesca | pescado rejeitado | política comum da pesca | proposta (UE) | quantidade de pescado desembarcado | regulamentação da pesca | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The landing obligation, designed to end the practice of 'discarding' fish, is a central component of the reformed Common Fisheries Policy adopted in December 2013. In order to review the specific measures in current legislation which conflict with the landing obligation, the Commission has put forward an 'omnibus proposal' which provides a package of amendments to eight existing regulations. The changes proposed in the omnibus regulation concern fisheries technical measures and control rules. On technical measures, the proposal removes the existing provisions which forbid landing of fish of a certain size or species, and requires that these catches are landed and counted against quotas. The proposal would also modify the current control system with respect to the application of the landing obligation. On 28 April 2015, the Parliament adopted the legislative resolution on the omnibus proposal in first reading by 573 votes to 96, with 21 abstentions. The Council approved the legislative act on 11 May 2015. This briefing updates an earlier edition, of 23 April 2015 – PE 554.209.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Towards a new EU gender equality strategy](#)

Tipo de publicação Em síntese

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Domínio de intervenção Questões de Género, Igualdade e Diversidade

Palavra-chave administração e remuneração do pessoal | análise económica | condição feminina | construção europeia | DIREITO | direitos da mulher | direitos e liberdades | ECONOMIA | emprego | EMPREGO E TRABALHO | estratégia de crescimento da UE | estudo de impacto | igualdade das remunerações | igualdade de género | política de emprego da UE | política social europeia | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | vida social

Resumo The European Union (EU) is in the process of shaping a new strategy for equality between women and men that will determine its policy and action in this area from 2016 to 2020. On-going assessments of the current strategy show that although some of its goals have been reached, progress has been slow and uneven and many challenges remain. Full gender equality is far from being achieved and this has implications for the lives and life chances of individual women, girls, boys and men, the communities they live in and the EU as a whole.

Em síntese [DE](#), [EN](#), [ES](#), [FR](#), [IT](#), [PL](#)

[Water legislation: Cost of Non-Europe Report](#)

Tipo de publicação Estudo

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Domínio de intervenção Ambiente | Proteção dos Consumidores | Valor Acrescentado Europeu

Palavra-chave AMBIENTE | análise de custos-benefícios | análise económica | aplicação do direito da UE | CIÊNCIAS | ciências naturais e aplicadas | degradação do ambiente | direito da União Europeia | direito do ambiente | ECONOMIA | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estudo de impacto | gestão contabilística | gestão das águas | hidrologia | meio natural | poluição da água | política ambiental | proteção das águas | qualidade do ambiente | recursos hídricos | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | água | água residual

Resumo This 'Cost of Non-Europe' report examines the state of implementation of current EU Water Legislation and identifies the cost of the lack of further European action in this field. The assessment made of existing water legislation confirms that there are still implementation gaps and areas of poor performance. The examination of five case studies, where it was believed that a significant potential exists for further EU action, served to demonstrate that there are several barriers which hinder the achievement of the goals set in the legislation. More European action would accordingly be necessary to limit the impact on Europe's water quality of flooding or of pharmaceutical residues. To limit the use of fresh water more generally, there is a need for European coordination to increase the use of water-efficient equipment and water-metering. This research makes a cautious estimate that the benefits of full implementation of existing legislation could reach 2.8 billion euro per year. The study also demonstrates that further European action in this field could provide further added value, representing a 'cost of non-Europe' of some 25 billion euro per year.

Estudo [EN](#)

Multimédia [Water legislation: Cost of Non-Europe Report](#)

Youth Employment Initiative: Implementation Appraisal

Tipo de publicação Briefing

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Domínio de intervenção Emprego | Transposição e Aplicação da Legislação

Palavra-chave ajuda ao emprego | análise económica | combate ao desemprego | desemprego de jovens | ECONOMIA | emprego | EMPREGO E TRABALHO | estudo de impacto | finanças da União Europeia | Fundo Social Europeu | inserção profissional | política de emprego da UE | política económica | regime de financiamento da UE | trabalho dos jovens | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This implementation appraisal focuses on Regulation (EU) 1304/2013 on the functioning of the European Social Fund (ESF) and the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI), in force since 21 December 2013. The European Commission announced in its annual Work Programme (CWP) for 2015 that the provisions concerning the YEI, Chapter IV of Regulation (EU) 1304/2013, will be updated by a new proposal, which it tabled on 4 February 2015. 'Implementation Appraisals' aim to provide a succinct overview of material publicly available on the implementation, application and effectiveness of an EU law to date - drawing on available in-puts from, inter alia, the EU institutions and advisory committees, national parliaments, and relevant external consultation and outreach exercises. They are provided to assist parliamentary committees in their consideration of the new Commission proposal, once tabled.

Briefing [EN](#)

European Progress Microfinance Facility - Interim evaluation: European Implementation Assessment

Tipo de publicação Análise aprofundada

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Palavra-chave análise económica | construção europeia | criação de emprego | ECONOMIA | emprego | EMPREGO E TRABALHO | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estudo de impacto | financiamento da empresa | financiamento e investimento | FINANÇAS | finanças da União Europeia | garantia do investimento | impacto social | instituições financeiras e crédito | instrumento financeiro da UE | microcrédito | microfinança | pequena empresa | política de emprego da UE | programa da UE | quadro social | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | tipos de empresa | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The European Progress Microfinance Facility for employment and social inclusion was established by Decision 283/2010 and will be in operation until April 2016. Although only a limited number of conclusions can be made on the basis of data available so far, some criticism towards this instrument has already been reflected in the set-up of the next EU multi-annual framework to cover microcredit, namely the Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI). The specific effects of the Microfinance Facility, especially those related to social and employment matters, seem to correspond to the objectives that were set in response to the financial crisis in Europe. The commitment of 100 million euro from the EU budget (supplemented by an equal amount from the European Investment Bank), allowed a growing number of financial intermediaries to offer small loans (below and above 5,000 euro - but in any case below 25,000 euro which is the maximum limit of the micro-credit's definition) to persons starting-up or developing their own micro-enterprises (and often previously unemployed).

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Emissions from engines in non-road mobile machinery: Initial Appraisal of a European Commission Impact Assessment

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Palavra-chave AMBIENTE | análise económica | cooperação interinstitucional (UE) | custo da poluição | degradação do ambiente | ECONOMIA | embarcação de recreio | estudo de impacto | gás de combustão | harmonização das normas | INDÚSTRIA | indústria mecânica | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | motor | máquina | norma técnica | política ambiental | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | redução das emissões de gases | risco sanitário | saúde | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | transporte marítimo e fluvial | TRANSPORTES | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This note seeks to provide an initial analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the European Commission's Impact Assessment (IA) accompanying the proposal for a Regulation relating to emission limits and type-approval for internal combustion engines for non-road mobile machinery.

Non-road mobile machinery (NRMM) is a term that encompasses a wide range of equipment. Small handheld equipment, construction and forestry machinery, generators, railcars, locomotives and inland waterway vessels (IWV) can all be classed as NRMM. These machines are commonplace within the agriculture, construction, rail, aircraft, inland waterway transport (IWT) and domestic shipping industries.

This note, prepared by the Ex-Ante Impact Assessment Unit for the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI) of the European Parliament, analyses whether the principal criteria laid down in the Commission's own Impact Assessment Guidelines, as well as additional factors identified by the Parliament in its Impact Assessment Handbook, appear to be met by the IA.

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Veterinary medicinal products: Initial Appraisal of a European Commission Impact Assessment

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante | Mercado Interno e União Aduaneira | Saúde Pública

Palavra-chave AGRICULTURA, SILVICULTURA E PESCA | análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | autorização de venda | comercialização | construção europeia | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | elaboração do direito da UE | estudo de impacto | formalidade administrativa | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | legislação veterinária | medicamento veterinário | mercado único | poder executivo e administração pública | política agrícola | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | saúde | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This note seeks to provide an initial analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the European Commission's Impact Assessment (IA) accompanying the proposal for a Directive of on veterinary medicinal products. The proposal on veterinary medicines, together with the parallel proposal on medicated feed, is part of an overarching goal of the Commission to address the problem of rising threats from antimicrobial resistance in the EU. This note, prepared by the Ex-Ante Impact Assessment Unit for the Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI) of the European Parliament, analyses whether the principal criteria laid down in the Commission's own Impact Assessment Guidelines, as well as additional factors identified by the Parliament in its Impact Assessment Handbook, appear to be met by the IA.

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The TTIP's Potential Impact on Developing Countries: A Review of Existing Literature and Selected Issues

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Palavra-chave acordo comercial (UE) | acordo de comércio livre | América | análise económica | CIÊNCIAS | ciências humanas | comércio internacional | comércio por grupos de países | consequências económicas | construção europeia | ECONOMIA | Estados Unidos | estudo de impacto | GEOGRAFIA | geografia económica | geografia política | geopolítica | INTERCÂMBIOS ECONÓMICOS E COMERCIAIS | liberalização do comércio | negociação de acordo (UE) | país em desenvolvimento | política aduaneira | política comercial | preferências generalizadas | situação económica | suspensão dos direitos aduaneiros | trocas comerciais | trocas comerciais | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo The position and concerns of developing countries have only belatedly entered the discussion over the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP). While poor countries may gain much from the positive effects of the TTIP, their precarious positions means that they may be less able to react and adapt to negative consequences. The EU is required to assess the development effects of its policies, including trade policies, by the Lisbon Treaty. Although the shape and scope of the final TTIP agreement is not yet known, economic analyses have identified different ways in which it could affect developing countries and influence the global trading system. Several economic studies have also attempted to measure the possible outcomes for different countries and regions. While it appears that the negative impact of trade diversion and preference erosion is likely to be small, there may be notable exceptions, including risks to the position of some countries in international value chains. Proposals to address such negative consequences include concrete measures for affected countries, such as extending unilateral preferences and shaping the TTIP in such a way as to facilitate positive effects. Extending the principle of mutual recognition or equivalence to third parties and defining liberal rules of origin in the agreement are particularly important.

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Smart Borders package

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Palavra-chave análise económica | ATIVIDADE POLÍTICA | controlo fronteiriço | cooperação interinstitucional (UE) | DIREITO | direito internacional | direitos e liberdades | direitos humanos | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | estudo de impacto | fronteira externa da UE | imigração | informação e tratamento da informação | informática e processamento de dados | instituições da União Europeia e função pública europeia | migração ilegal | migrações | país terceiro | política de cooperação | política de vistos da UE | política migratória da UE | processamento de dados | proteção dos dados | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS | Sistema de Informação de Schengen | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | vida política e segurança pública

Resumo In anticipation of increased traveller flows and in response to the security concerns voiced by EU Member States, the European Commission put forward a Smart Borders package in 2013, consisting of three legislative proposals with the goal of making border control procedures faster and more reliable through applying interconnected advanced technologies throughout the Schengen area.

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Medicated feed: Initial Appraisal of a European Commission Impact Assessment

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Domínio de intervenção Agricultura e Desenvolvimento Rural | Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante | Mercado Interno e União Aduaneira

Palavra-chave AGRICULTURA, SILVICULTURA E PESCA | alimento para gado | AMBIENTE | análise de custos-benefícios | análise económica | atividade agrícola | bem-estar dos animais | construção europeia | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | elaboração do direito da UE | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estudo de impacto | gestão contabilística | impacto ambiental | medicamento veterinário | mercado único | política ambiental | QUESTÕES SOCIAIS | saúde | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This note seeks to provide an initial analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the European Commission's Impact Assessment (IA) accompanying the proposal for Regulation on the manufacture, placing on the market and use of medicated feed and repealing Council Directive 90/167/EEC (COM (2014) 556).

This note, prepared by the Ex-Ante Impact Assessment Unit for the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development (AGRI) of the European Parliament, analyses whether the principal criteria laid down in the Commission's own Impact Assessment Guidelines, as well as additional factors identified by the Parliament in its Impact Assessment Handbook, appear to be met by the IA.

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Reduction of pollutant emissions from road vehicles: Initial Appraisal of a European Commission Impact Assessment

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Domínio de intervenção Ambiente | Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante

Palavra-chave AMBIENTE | análise económica | degradação do ambiente | direito da União Europeia | ECONOMIA | elaboração do direito da UE | estudo de impacto | gás de combustão | homologação | impacto ambiental | norma ambiental | poluente atmosférico | poluição automóvel | política ambiental | PRODUÇÃO, TECNOLOGIA E INVESTIGAÇÃO | qualidade do ar | tecnologia e regulamentação técnica | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This note seeks to provide an initial analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the European Commission's Impact Assessment (IA) accompanying the proposal for a Regulation as regards the reduction of pollutant emissions from road vehicles.

This note, prepared by the Ex-Ante Impact Assessment Unit for the Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI) of the European Parliament, analyses whether the principal criteria laid down in the Commission's own Impact Assessment Guidelines, as well as additional factors identified by the Parliament in its Impact Assessment Handbook, appear to be met by the IA.

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Corporate governance: long-term shareholder engagement: Initial Appraisal of a European Commission Impact Assessment

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Domínio de intervenção Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante | Direito Contratual, Direito Comercial e Direito Empresarial

Palavra-chave acionista | administração e remuneração do pessoal | análise de custos-benefícios | análise económica | difusão da informação | direito da União Europeia | diretor de empresa | documentação | ECONOMIA | EDUCAÇÃO E COMUNICAÇÃO | elaboração do direito da UE | EMPREGO E TRABALHO | EMPRESAS E CONCORRÊNCIA | estudo de impacto | financiamento e investimento | FINANÇAS | forma jurídica de sociedade | garantia do investimento | gestão administrativa | gestão contabilística | gestão financeira | governo das empresas | organização de empresas | publicidade das contas | remuneração do trabalho | sociedade de capitais | UNIÃO EUROPEIA | ética empresarial

Resumo This note seeks to provide an initial analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the European Commission's Impact Assessment (IA) accompanying the proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2007/36/EC as regards the encouragement of long-term shareholder engagement, a Directive 2013/34/EU as regards certain elements of the corporate governance statement (COM (2014) 213), and a Commission Recommendation on the quality of corporate governance reporting ('comply or explain') (C(2014) 2165)

This note, prepared by the Ex-Ante Impact Assessment Unit for the Committee on Legal Affairs (JURI) of the European Parliament, analyses whether the principal criteria laid down in the Commission's own Impact Assessment Guidelines, as well as additional factors identified by the Parliament in its Impact Assessment Handbook, appear to be met by the IA. It does not attempt to deal with the substance of the proposal.

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Money Market Funds: Impact Assessment of Substantive EP Amendments

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Domínio de intervenção Assuntos Bancários e Financeiros | Assuntos Económicos e Monetários | Avaliação do Impacto ex-ante

Palavra-chave análise económica | aplicação de capitais | DIREITO | direito civil | direito da União Europeia | dívida pública | ECONOMIA | economia monetária | elaboração do direito da UE | estudo de impacto | financiamento e investimento | FINANÇAS | finanças públicas e política orçamental | instituição financeira | instituições financeiras e crédito | livre circulação de capitais | mercado financeiro | mercado monetário | regulamentação do investimento | regulamentação financeira | sociedade de investimento | solvabilidade financeira | UNIÃO EUROPEIA

Resumo This study was requested by the European Parliament's Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON), as part of Parliament's general commitment to improving the quality of EU legislation, and in particular its undertaking to carry out impact assessments of its own substantive amendments when it considers it appropriate and necessary for the legislative process.

The study concludes that the four substantive amendments in question, which are under consideration in the context of the ECON Committee's draft report on the Commission proposal on Money Market Funds (MMFs), would retain the effect of transforming the considerable majority of the Constant Net Asset Value (CNAV) MMF market in Europe. There would be some, but only limited, take-up of the proposed Retail CNAV or EU Public Debt CNAV Money Market Funds. Most of the funds currently invested in Constant Net Asset Value MMFs would move to either Variable Net Asset Value (VNAV) MMFs or short-term bank deposits. To some extent, the features of Constant Net Asset Value MMFs which are attractive to investors would be duplicated in Variable Net Asset Value MMFs, but, equally, the same concerns over systemic risk might also be replicated.

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