



## Single Market Act

Public consultation

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1) What is your overall assessment of the **Single Market Act**?

- Positive ?
- Neutral ?
- Negative ?

Neutral

Additional explanation

The Single Market Act is a document of 50 proposals issued by the General Direction of the Internal Market on diverse issues such as energy, European patents, transports, VAT, services of general interest, or fundamental social rights.

Beyond the inventory of all the possible actions of the European Commission, the fundamental issues are a clear definition of the actions that the Commission will undertake for all those 50 proposals and whether the Commission will be able to implement all those actions. Some proposals are rather vague, such as proposal 25 on the services of general interest in which the Commission indicates that it will publish a communication as well as a series of action which will be implemented later on.

2) The Single Market Act proposes **50 actions**: please indicate the actions you consider to be the most important (up to 10 choices possible)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1. European patent                         | <input type="checkbox"/> 26. Transport infrastructures                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Copyright                               | <input type="checkbox"/> 27. Energy infrastructures                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Counterfeit and piracy                  | <input type="checkbox"/> 28. European radiospectrum                                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4. Internal Market for services | <input type="checkbox"/> 29. Respect for fundamental social rights                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5. Electronic commerce                     | <input type="checkbox"/> 30. Posting of workers to other member states             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6. Standardisation              | <input type="checkbox"/> 31. Pensions                                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 7. Integrated transport system             | <input type="checkbox"/> 32. Industrial restructuring                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 8. Energy taxation                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 33. Recognition of professional qualifications |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 9. B-to-B services                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 34. Mobility of students                       |



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| <input type="checkbox"/> 10. Ecological footprint of products                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 35. Recognising skills and training                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 11. Energy efficiency                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> 36. Social business                                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 12. SME Access to finances                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> 37. Social Innovation                                                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 13. Small Business Act Review                    | <input type="checkbox"/> 38. Corporate governance                                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 14. Accounting rules                                        | <input type="checkbox"/> 39. Product safety                                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15. EU project bonds                                        | <input type="checkbox"/> 40. Access to basic banking services                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 16. Private investment and venture capital                  | <input type="checkbox"/> 41. Responsible lending and borrowing                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 17. Public procurement                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> 42. Tax obstacles for citizens                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 18. Services concessions                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> 43. Passenger rights                                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 19. Common consolidated corporate tax base (CCCTB)          | <input type="checkbox"/> 44. Evaluating implementation of rules with Member States            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 20. VAT                                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 45. Information exchange between public authorities (IMI) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 21. Interconnexion of business registers                    | <input type="checkbox"/> 46. Alternative dispute resolution and collective redress            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 22. E- Identification/authentication                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 47. National transposition of EU rules                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 23. International trade                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> 48. Consultation and dialogue with civil society                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 24. International public procurement                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 49. One-stop-shop for information and assistance          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 25. Services of general economic interest (SGEI) | <input type="checkbox"/> 50. Informal problem-solving tools                                   |

If you wish, you can state the reason for your choice

As an expert in land planning and management, the land surveyor's role is fundamental in the delimitation and security of land ownerships. He/she therefore plays a key role in the protection of the consumer's property deeds and rights.

Since a few years, CLGE, which is currently the only association representative of the profession in Europe, observes a trend of an increasing transnational mobility.

The surveying profession is therefore concerned by the EU measures related to the free movement of services, the mobility of students, the recognition of professional qualifications, skills and trainings, the exchange of information between public authorities, the implementation of the IMI system, not to forget the standardization issue.



Those issues, which aim at improving the mobility of workers and services, cannot properly work without a fair transposition of the EU rules in all the Member States.

Last but not least, the surveying profession has in many European countries a duty of public services with even sometimes a status of public officer, in the area of land delimitation. This prerogative is however overlooked by the European legislation, which can harm the consumer protection. As a consequence, CLGE wishes that the proposal 25 focuses more on the professions which activities are connected with the exercise of official authority and which, in accordance with the EU Treaty provisions, should be exempted from the rules on the free movement of services.

3) Does the Single Market Act propose appropriate measures to address the issues/challenges that are identified?

- yes
- Partly
- No
- No opinion

Partly

Additional explanation

The Single Market Act offers a global overview of the Single market, its dysfunctions and existing brakes. However, this global overview is too general to evaluate whether the proposals suggested for each issue will meet the needs of the actors of the Single market.

4) Are there any other issues you consider should be addressed in the Single Market Act in the chapter on "Strong, sustainable and equitable growth for business"?

- Yes
- No

No

5) Are there any other issues you consider should be addressed in the Single Market Act in the chapter on "Restoring confidence by putting Europeans at the heart of the single market"?

Yes or no ?

No

6) Are there any other issues you consider should be addressed in the Single Market Act in the chapter on "Dialogue, partnership, evaluation: the keys to good governance of the single market"?

Yes or no ?

No