

**Question for written answer E-000183/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Reduction of reporting obligations

In early November 2024, EU leaders called for proposals from the Commission to cut reporting requirements by at least 25 % by mid-2025.¹ The same ambition can be found in the March 2023 Commission communication², on which a status update was provided in October 2023³, indicating the need to establish a comprehensive baseline for reporting obligations to be able to measure progress and announcing further status updates in the Annual Burden Survey for 2023 (which was due to be published in 2024). Furthermore, the Commission indicates that it will only reduce reporting requirements provided that legislative objectives and purposes are not ‘put at risk’.

1. What is the status of the 2023 Annual Burden Survey and the ‘baseline overview’ needed to assess the contribution of the proposals (for mid-2025) to the 25 % reduction goal?
2. Does the Commission agree that the principle of proportionality requires balancing costs and benefits, and that certain goals should be reconsidered (i.e. put at risk) if their costs are disproportionate?
3. If so, is the new Commission prepared to distance itself from the limitations imposed on reporting reductions and publicly commit to an impartial and transparent cost-benefit analysis in its 2025 work programme?

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¹ European Council, *Budapest Declaration on the New Competitiveness Deal*, 8 November 2024.

² Commission communication of 16 March 2023 entitled ‘Long-term competitiveness of the EU: looking beyond 2030’ (COM(2023)0168).

³ Annex II to Commission communication of 17 October 2023 entitled ‘Commission work programme 2024: Delivering today and preparing for tomorrow’ (COM(2023)0638).