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to the Commission**
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Subject: Strengthening the free movement of services in the single market

A study commissioned by Parliament has highlighted a persistent weakness in the EU's internal market – the insufficient integration of services. Despite services representing the largest share of EU economic activity, barriers continue to undermine their free movement, reducing efficiency and limiting competitiveness. The obstacles identified – non-compliance with EU rules, over-transposition and excessive administrative burdens – are not new. Yet they persist, largely due to inconsistent enforcement and a lack of serious political will to dismantle them.

The Commission's recent single market strategy proposes solutions such as a 28th regime for businesses and automatic recognition of qualifications. However, these initiatives are expected to face resistance from Member States and risk falling short of the structural change needed. The study instead stresses the importance of rigorous implementation of current rules, systematic monitoring of barriers and the development of less restrictive legislative frameworks. Critical areas, such as transport, logistics, posting of workers and financial services, require particular attention, as they directly affect value chains and economic resilience.

How does the Commission plan to strengthen enforcement and monitoring mechanisms to ensure that barriers to the free movement of services are effectively dismantled across the single market?

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