

Question for written answer E-003877/2025
to the Commission
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Subject: Commission initiative on competitiveness and excessive red tape

The Commission recently launched an initiative to strengthen the competitiveness of European businesses, including by ‘making standard-setting processes faster’. However, many businesses consider that the main problem is not the slow pace of standard-setting procedures, but the proliferation of standards and administrative constraints, which hamper activity and increase burdens on businesses, particularly industrial firms.

Moreover, the announced creation of a new category of medium-sized enterprises (250 to 1 500 employees) calls into question the consistency of the stated objective of simplification.

1. Does the Commission intend to repeal some of the excessive European standards in order to substantially ease the burden on European businesses?
2. Can it explain how the creation of a new legal category of companies would contribute to competitiveness and administrative simplification in practice, without adding additional complexity?
3. Is it prepared to reassess the impact of the Green Deal on the EU’s industrial competitiveness, particularly in terms of regulatory costs and distortion of competition with non-EU producers?

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