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As expressed in the Political Guidelines for the 2024-2029 mandate, the Commission has a clear focus on making business easier and faster in Europe. In this context each Commissioner, working with the Commissioner for implementation and simplification, will stress test the acquis and table proposals to contribute to reducing reporting obligations by at least 25% – and for small and medium enterprises at least 35%.

In working towards the goals set for the reduction of reporting obligations, the Commission has taken a pragmatic approach, focusing first on delivering measures with a significant burden reduction potential in areas that stakeholders signal as most problematic. This work will now take an even stronger prominence. The statistical office of the EU is helping provide an approximation of the baseline from which the 25% and 35% goals will be calculated, using available data and the experience from the EU and other Member States. The Commission will be communicating on the baseline shortly. The Commission will continue monitoring these measures and reflect them in its annual reporting cycle.

The objective of the exercise is to reduce administrative and reporting burden (including in the corporate sustainability legislation), have simpler implementation and better enforcement, while maintaining the EU's high standards. As the Political Guidelines stress, the Commission will stay the course on the goals set out in the European Green Deal. The Commission must however make sure that these goals are achieved in the simplest, and most practical way. Working with all stakeholders, including through the new implementation dialogues and reality checks, the Commission will therefore identify potential simplification measures to reduce red tape and facilitate the achievement of the EU ambitions.