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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Séjourné
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The Commission is determined to play its part in improving the business climate in the EU and creating framework conditions that strengthen the global competitiveness of EU companies. The recently adopted Competitiveness Compass¹ lays out the roadmap ahead in this regard, building on the Commission's extensive dialogue with the business community, along with the findings of recent reports taking stock of the EU's competitiveness. As highlighted by the Annual Single Market and Competitiveness Report², regulatory burdens are seen as obstacles to investment by two thirds of EU companies. Significantly reducing excessive regulatory burdens and simplifying compliance will therefore be one of the paramount priorities going forward.

The Commission has recently presented a first set of simplification Omnibus packages, namely on sustainability and on investment simplification. These will be followed by further simplification measures to reduce the cost and complexity of regulation borne by companies. In conjunction, the Commission has put forward the Clean Industrial Deal, a bold business plan to support the competitiveness and resilience of our industry. The Deal will accelerate decarbonisation, while securing the future of manufacturing in Europe. The Deal will be supported by a new State aid Framework to allow for simplified and quicker approval of State aid measures to the roll-out of renewable energy, deploy industrial decarbonisation and ensure sufficient manufacturing capacity of clean technologies in Europe, while avoiding market distortions.

¹ https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/10017eb1-4722-4333-add2-e0ed18105a34_en

² https://single-market-economy.ec.europa.eu/publications/2025-annual-single-market-and-competitiveness-report_en