

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-001862/25
to the Commission
Piotr Müller (ECR)
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Subject: Impact of overregulation in the technology sector

In its draft international digital strategy, the Commission sets out an ‘unprecedented’ simplification of the rulebook with a view to boosting the competitiveness of European tech firms.

In so doing, after years of forcing through layer upon layer of regulation, the Commission seems to be indirectly admitting that overregulation has led to a serious weakening of Europe’s standing in the global tech race.

In light of this:

1. Does the Commission accept that its previous approach of overregulating the technology sector was wrong and actually counterproductive?
2. What specific remedial action does the Commission intend to take to swiftly restore the ability of European firms to compete effectively on international markets?
3. Has the Commission carried out an analysis of the losses, delays and missed opportunities resulting from the former regulatory overload? If so, will it publish an estimate of the impact of its previous approach?

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**Answer given by Executive Vice-President Virkkunen on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission announced in the communication on a Simpler and Faster Europe ⁽¹⁾ and its 2025 work programme ⁽²⁾ an ambitious simplification agenda throughout all areas of regulation, including on digital matters.

The objective of the exercise is to cut costs on businesses across all sectors, delivering simpler rules and more cost-effective implementation.

This exercise is not about de-regulating, but about simplifying rules wherever it is possible to identify adequate means of pursuing the original regulatory objective by more streamlined and efficient means. A simpler rulebook will help strengthen the competitiveness of our economy.

As regards digital regulation, the Commission announced its intention to propose a Digital Package in the fourth quarter of the year, including a proposal for a Digital Omnibus with concrete measures of regulatory simplification.

Further, the Commission announced it would conduct a fitness check of the digital *acquis* and will continue to conduct evaluations on the major digital regulatory instruments, as required by the legal acts.

In addition, on digital rules, as well as other regulatory instruments, the Commission is carrying out implementation dialogues ⁽³⁾ with stakeholders to seek feedback and facilitate the implementation of EU policies and rules, and their potential simplification.

Throughout the mandate we will continue our efforts to simplify rules while upholding our goals and targets in a more cost-effective way.

⁽¹⁾ https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/8556fc33-48a3-4a96-94e8-8ecacef1ea18_en?filename=250201_Simplification_Communication_en.pdf.

⁽²⁾ https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/strategy-documents/commission-work-programme/commission-work-programme-2025_en.

⁽³⁾ https://commission.europa.eu/law/law-making-process/better-regulation/simplification-and-implementation/implementation-dialogues_en.