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**Question for written answer E-003770/25
to the Commission
Maria Grapini (S&D)
(29 September 2025)**

Subject: Importance of simplifying procedures and verification of the implementation of regulations across the EU

It has emerged from the dialogue with a number of professional organisations and companies that a host of obstacles stand in the way of the smooth functioning of the single market for services: disjointed reporting of statistics, a non-functioning one-stop-shop, no standardisation of health certificates, no harmonised procedures for the posting of workers, etc.

This is creating additional costs for companies.

Given that Member States have partial competence for the functioning of the single market for services, is the Commission considering measures and programmes for the Member States to raise their awareness of the importance of simplifying procedures, voluntary harmonisation and verification of the implementation of regulations across the EU?

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**Answer given by Executive Vice-President Séjourné on behalf of the European
Commission
(10 December 2025)**

The Commission's 2025 Single Market Strategy ⁽¹⁾ has a strong focus on the facilitation of the free movement of services, including by tackling key barriers identified in the 'Terrible Ten', such as restrictive and diverging national services regulation, burdensome procedures for temporary posting of workers or issues linked to recognition of professional qualifications. In addition, the existing horizontal policy approach will be complemented with sector-specific services' initiatives.

The strategy reiterates the need of more national ownership and commitment from all actors at all levels of national governments. Member States are encouraged to prevent new barriers and to address existing ones.

The Commission has been working with Member States on different levels and various forms. This could include for instance Working Party on Competitiveness and Growth (High Level), expert groups and other forums.

The Single Market Enforcement Taskforce (SMET) ⁽²⁾ is a collaborative forum where the Commission and Member States work together to identify and address some of the most pressing Single Market barriers.

An important part of the current SMET work is linked to the 'Terrible Ten' barriers presented by the strategy.

These broad areas are broken down to specific problems which businesses face on the ground. The objective is to ensure that they can be tackled in a more effective way.

The Commission will continue to focus on priority policies areas and collaborate with Member States.

¹ [https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=PI_COM:Ares\(2025\)13007](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=PI_COM:Ares(2025)13007).
² https://ec.europa.eu/internal_market/smet/index_en.htm.