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The 2025 Single Market Strategy¹ has a strong focus on the facilitation of the free movement of services, including by tackling key barriers identified in the ‘Terrible Ten’ and through a sector-specific approach.

The Strategy reiterates the Commission’s commitment to pursue effective, proactive and fast enforcement against incompliant national measures, making full use of its ‘toolbox’, including preventive mechanisms, cooperative work with the Member States on the concrete application of rules and legal corrective actions where needed. The Commission aims to further strengthen all those tools through concrete actions which will be gradually put in place as part of the implementation of the Strategy.

The Single Market Enforcement Taskforce (SMET)² is a collaborative tool 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. The first annual single market enforcement agenda will be presented at the beginning of 2026 and will provide more details regarding the priorities and the planned actions.

¹ https://single-market-economy.ec.europa.eu/publications/single-market-our-european-home-market-uncertain-world_en.

² https://ec.europa.eu/internal_market/smet/index_en.htm.