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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Séjourné  
on behalf of the European Commission  
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The Commission agrees that the Single Market for services has potential for further development. In its Single Market Strategy<sup>1</sup>, it proposed a new sectoral policy approach to boost European services markets, zooming in on specific services sectors that could bring the highest economic added value and are relevant for the twin transition. The announced initiatives are complemented by concerted action to take down the most harmful Single Market barriers, the so-called Terrible Ten. The Single Market Roadmap will further offer an opportunity to reinforce the actions of the Strategy.

To assess competitiveness bottlenecks and to track progress in the integration of the Single Market, each year the Commission presents the Annual Single Market and Competitiveness Report together with the Single Market and Competitiveness Scoreboard, which is now making use of 29 Key Performance Indicators<sup>2</sup>. However, the well-functioning of the Single Market is a joint responsibility of the EU and the Member States. Therefore, Member States need to address proactively regulatory and administrative barriers at regional and national level.

The strategic enforcement of Single Market rules has been a consistent Commission priority over the last years<sup>3</sup>. Enforcement has been structured around three pillars, namely prevention of new barriers (notification procedures and proportionality assessments), cooperation with Member States (Single Market Enforcement Task Force) and infringement procedures. The Commission will continue working with Member States and deploy relevant means to tackle unjustified obstacles to business in the EU.

The Single Market Strategy proposes specific actions to strengthen enforcement of the Single Market rules. As one of the deliverables of the Strategy, the Commission recently announced the first annual Single Market enforcement agenda<sup>4</sup> as part of the Annual Single Market and Competitiveness Report.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52025DC0500>.

<sup>2</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:52026DC0046>.

<sup>3</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52020DC0094>;

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52022DC0518>;

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52023DC0162>.

<sup>4</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:52026DC0046>.