

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-000905/26
to the Commission
Friedrich Pürner (NI)
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Subject: ‘One Europe, One Market’, democratic participation and compatibility with EU Treaties

The Commission President and the President of the European Council have announced that the ‘One Europe, One Market’ roadmap and action plan will be presented at the next European Council in March (¹).

The ‘One Market Pact’ is the product of a political compromise between EU elites pertaining to major institutional changes. Examples include:

- extending and speeding up omnibus procedures;
- cracking down on gold-plating (i.e. the addition of extra layers of legislation in the Member States) by passing more regulations and fewer directives;
- reducing the number of delegated and implementing acts, limiting parliamentary oversight;
- making greater use of sunset clauses (time-limited legislation);
- introducing an annual report on simplification progress; stepping up the implementation of trade agreements.

A rushed exercise that weakens democratic oversight in EU policymaking constitutes neither true simplification nor proper application of the subsidiarity principle, but rather risks instability, uncertainty and an increasingly undemocratic regime.

1. How does this square with more inclusive, scientific and evidence-based debates, previous impact assessments, democratic processes in the Member States and public participation in policymaking?
2. Are the current institutional architecture and the established distribution of powers and prerogatives being undermined by fast-track procedures, procedural shortcuts and competence shifts between the EU bodies, in an undue departure from the rules enshrined in the EU Treaties?

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**Answer given by Mr Dombrovskis on behalf of the European Commission
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The ‘One Europe, One Market’ roadmap was announced following the informal EU Leaders’ retreat of 12 February 2026 and further referred to in the Commission President’s letter to Leaders ahead of the March 2026 European Council and in the European Council Conclusions of 19 March 2026.

The aim is for the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission to deliver swiftly on key initiatives for the Single Market with clear timelines for delivery by the end of 2027. The roadmap will establish measurable targets and provide a framework to ensure that strategic priorities are implemented and commitments delivered.

The Commission remains committed to its better regulation high standards and to working in a transparent, inclusive and evidence-based manner. All Commission initiatives follow better regulation principles and guidelines, which include the built-in flexibility to account for urgencies and prepare legislation in a short time frame, if necessary.

Further to adoption by the Commission, the proposals follow the interinstitutional negotiation process, in full respect of prerogatives and responsibilities of the co-legislators as foreseen by the Treaties.

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/statement_26_405.