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The Commission introduced the ‘one-in, one-out’ mechanism in 2022 to simplify and reduce administrative burdens for businesses¹. In 2025, the Commission strengthened its efforts, going hand in hand with facilitating implementation and enforcement. The Commission has set a very ambitious target of reducing administrative burdens for companies by at least 25%, and by at least 35% for small and medium-sized enterprises. This target goes much beyond savings that could be achieved with the ‘one in, two out’ approach.

During 2025, the Commission tabled Omnibus and other Simplification Proposals, which – if approved by the co-legislators, could deliver at least EUR 15 billion savings in recurring administrative costs². This is the net result of EUR 15.25 billion in cost savings and EUR 247 million in additional costs. This result is already now significantly more ambitious than any level of savings that would result from a ‘one-in, two out’ approach.

The Commission has a comprehensive agenda for regulatory efficiency and is stepping up its simplification efforts. Implementation dialogues and reality checks are helping to identify undue complexities and simplification avenues. An Action Plan on Regulatory Deep Cleaning, recently announced by the President of the Commission, will further address overlaps, duplications, inefficiencies and redundancies, as well as foster the consolidation of legislation in fragmented areas.

¹ The results can be found on the website: https://commission.europa.eu/law/law-making-process/better-regulation/simplification-and-implementation/simplification/one-one-out-approach_en.

² https://commission.europa.eu/law/law-making-process/better-regulation/simplification-and-implementation/simplification_en.