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**Question for written answer E-002762/26
to the Commission
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Subject: Will the Commission's new omnibus proposals simplify rules for Romanian businesses or saddle them with hidden costs?

The Commission believes that it will substantially reduce administrative costs for businesses by means of its two new omnibus proposals of 25 June 2026, which set ambitious targets for cutting red tape by 2029. However, regulatory relief measures tend not to have a uniform impact on Member States because the latter have distinct economic characteristics.

I therefore ask the Commission:

1. What support mechanisms or transitional periods do these omnibus proposals provide for producers and retailers in Romania, where estimated savings could be offset in the short-term by the cost of complying with the new labelling schemes' technical standards?
2. How will it ensure that these 'simplified tax rules' do not lead to the covert establishment of harmonised tax arrangements, which would harm the competitiveness of states that use tax incentives to attract investment?
3. What are the estimated net savings that these omnibus proposals — which are expected to cut administrative costs by EUR 18 billion across the board — will generate for companies registered in Romania?

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**Answer given by Commissioner Hoekstra on behalf of the European Commission
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Omnibus XII on energy and tyre labelling aims to simplify and clarify rules set in existing Regulations. It does not create any technical standards.

Overall, we expect important benefits and cost reductions for producers and retailers, but these benefits are not expected to be substantially different in Romania from any other Member States.

The Omnibus on taxation (Omnibus XI) aims to simplify the EU direct tax Directives to keep them fit for purpose, while preserving existing safeguards and the level of protection.

It does not lower tax (good governance) standards, or mitigate measures to fight tax fraud, avoidance and evasion. The Commission remains fully committed to retaining these high standards and objectives.

At the same time, the omnibus will help businesses operate more easily across the EU, supporting a level playing field and a well-functioning internal market, boosting investment, growth and competitiveness.

The proposal is expected to significantly cut tax compliance costs for EU taxpayers, including companies registered in Romania. The accompanying Impact Assessment estimates a lower administrative burden that translates into savings of around EUR 6.6 billion, of which about EUR 2 billion in recurring, annual compliance costs on an annual basis.
