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The public consultation on the Single Basic Act for Joint Undertakings was published on the Have your say portal¹ and will feed the preparation of the impact assessment (IA). It seeks views and evidence on how Treaty-based partnerships can be strengthened to boost EU competitiveness, mobilise investment and support the innovation-to-investment journey.

In question group 1, respondents may select the 'fully disagree' where they think that the listed area does not constitute a problem. For the subsequent questions on contributing factors, objectives and measures, respondents may select 'Cannot say' or 'I do not know'; in such cases, no - rating is recorded.

The five areas reflect the Commission's preliminary identification of possible areas for improvement. Respondents can propose other possible areas for improvement by replying to question 6 of question group 1: 'Are there other problems to be considered in relation to Treaty-based partnerships that are not included above'. Moreover, the impact assessment will also reflect the results of the call for evidence. Finally, the external study supporting the IA will conduct an evidence-based review of the identified problems and assess their magnitude. Thus, there is room for rescoping the problem areas based on the consultations and analyses.

Fully disagree' responses will be recorded and reported separately from 'Cannot say' or 'I do not know' responses in the quantitative analysis.

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/16413-Horizon-Europe-European-Partnerships-to-be-implemented-as-joint-undertakings_en.