

Making Europe simpler and faster

The '*Simpler and Faster Europe*' Communication sets out our new course to simplify EU rules, making our economy more prosperous and competitive

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Reducing unnecessary bureaucracy:

With new targets to reduce administrative burden

New targets address all administrative costs, instead of just reporting costs, to better meet our economic, social and environmental goals:

At least
25%
for **all companies**

At least
35%
for **SMEs**

- A 25% reduction requires **cutting € 37.5 billion** in annual administrative costs by mandate's end.

By stress-testing EU legislation

- Continuous screening process to **review the entire EU acquis**, with concrete simplification measures.

With direct outreach to stakeholders

- Practitioners will share their experience on the impact of EU law on the ground, during 'reality checks', **identifying hurdles faster**.

By prioritising simplification measures in our work

At least five *omnibus* proposals foreseen in 2025:

- **Sustainable finance** reporting, due diligence and taxonomy.
- EU **investment** instruments (InvestEU, EFSI).
- Targeted simplification for **small mid-caps**.
- A **digital** simplification package, including on cybersecurity.
- Simplification of **Common Agricultural Policy** for farmers.

Improving how new EU rules are made:

With better impact assessments

- Reinforced **SME and competitiveness checks** systematically integrated to impact assessments for relevant legislation.

With smarter delivery

- **Practical implementation** to become part of stakeholder consultations and impact assessments.
- '**Digital by default**' and '**once-only**' principles.

By avoiding the proliferation of delegated and implementing acts

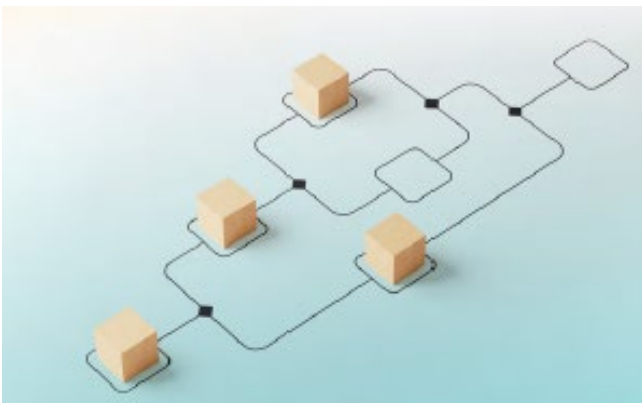
Improving how rules are implemented

By providing stronger support to Member States

Implementation strategies for legal acts, helping Member States address **main implementation challenges** through **support measures**, explanations and transposition **roadmaps**.

By building administrative capacity

The EU has tools to help national administrations with implementation. e.g. the **Technical Support Instrument**, key in helping Member States strengthen their administrative capacity.



By cooperating closer with stakeholders

Each Commissioner will host at least **two implementation dialogues** annually to:

- get feedback from industry, including SMEs, social partners, civil society organisations, and regional and local authorities;
- identify good practices and issues of poor implementation, gold plating, fragmentation and simplification opportunities.

With a swift and resolute enforcement action

When cooperation fails to bring about timely implementation of agreed rules, the Commission will pursue **resolute enforcement action** and launch infringement procedures, requesting financial sanctions where legally possible.

The way forward: partnership and co-ownership

- Good implementation and simplification, a **joint endeavour**: the Commission invites the European Parliament and the Council to **consider fast-tracking** simplification proposals, without reopening other parts of the legislation, to provide maximum and swift clarity and relief to companies.
- The Commission invites co-legislators to put in place the processes and resources to assess **significant amendments** during the legislative process, and will suggest a simple methodology for this purpose.
- The Commission as a whole and each Commissioner will be held accountable and present **reports and simplification work** to the responsible Parliament Committees and Council configurations.
- A **change in regulatory and corporate culture** for the Commission: focusing on achieving economic, social and environmental goals through more effective implementation and more cost-effective rules.