

PRESS RELEASE

Chambers set out proposals for less, better and more effective regulation

In the framework of the “Better Regulation” dossier, EUROCHAMBRES participated today in the first ever stakeholders meeting on the impact assessment system, organised by the European Commission.

EUROCHAMBRES appreciated the Commission’s invitation to take part in the debates on this crucial issue, and stressed that the better regulation agenda must be kept close to the top of the political agenda.

Paul Skehan, Deputy Secretary General of EUROCHAMBRES, said: *“Companies of all sizes, but especially SMEs, suffer from the burden of over- or bad regulation, which poses significant barriers for start-ups and for the growth of existing businesses. The endorsement of the 25% burden reduction target at the March Spring Summit is only a first step. A significant helping hand would come from the steady implementation of the 10 ‘fast-track’ measures included in the Commission’s programme for reducing administrative burdens in the European Union.”*

EUROCHAMBRES put forward specific proposals to achieve less, better and more effective regulation.

Less regulation

The Commission should create a permanent ‘Good Practices Consultation Forum’ in which Commission, Member States and business organisations would identify and disseminate good practices of cutting red tape at European, national, regional and local levels.

Better regulation

Parliament and Council must also undertake impact assessments on significant amendments they make, and these should clearly quantify costs and benefits for businesses – and specifically and separately for SMEs. Better regulation is not a task for the Commission alone.

More effective regulation

National implementation days should be set, each year, at fixed dates, in all Member States, when new business legislation is introduced. This would allow firms to be briefed at pre-set times about new rules affecting them.

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