

Competitiveness Council: Green Deal and Single Market must be pursued in unison

EUROCHAMBRES has highlighted the importance of ensuring synergy between two of the main topics on the agenda of tomorrow's Competitiveness Council: the Green deal and the future of the Single Market.

Single Market Performance Report

83% of businesses in a recent EUROCHAMBRES [survey](#) on barriers in the Single Market support improvements in the implementation and enforcement of EU law. This must be reflected in the Competitiveness Council discussion on the Single Market Performance Report, which highlights significant scope for improvement in the application of legislation. In order for entrepreneurs to benefit more from the Single Market, policy-makers' perspective urgently needs to shift from the drafting of rules to their correct application and enforcement.

EUROCHAMBRES President, Christoph Leidl, said: *"Reports outlining the benefits of the Single Market need to be backed up with concrete actions to ensure that legislation is enforced and implemented in a consistent and business-friendly manner. Chambers want to see the Commission and member states agree on an ambitious action plan to bring improvements throughout this legislative term."*

Green Deal

Europe's transition to a sustainable economy will entail significant changes to the existing regulatory environment. Chambers highlight to ministers the need for an open dialogue with the business community throughout the process in order to ensure that policy measures will deliver tangible progress while reinforcing competitiveness.

President Leidl underlined the important links between the Green Deal and the Single Market: *"The Single Market is a cornerstone of EU competitiveness. It must be reinforced if the Green Deal is to drive both sustainable transition and growth, as the Commission rightly advocates. It's positive that both topics will be discussed by the Competitiveness Council, but the follow-up at EU and national level will be the real test."*

Link to EUROCHAMBRES Single Market report: <http://bit.ly/SMSurveyReport>

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