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Press Release

Commission Work Programme 2027: a welcome shift towards delivery – now for a deeper regulatory clean-up

Eurochambres welcomes the European Commission's 2027 Work Programme and its stronger focus on delivery, implementation, simplification and tackling barriers to European competitiveness.

The Work Programme represents a welcome shift in emphasis, according to Eurochambres President Vladimír Dlouhý: *"The Commission Work Programme sets the tone for the EU policy agenda, and this year's provides a better balance between new initiatives and streamlining the legislative stockpile. Businesses need breathing space, and this provides a basis for a more extensive regulatory deep clean to remove obsolete, excessive and overlapping regulation from the EU acquis."*

The lower number of new initiatives for 2027 reflects the chamber network's call for a more targeted and focused approach and for regulatory restraint. Eurochambres strongly supports the Commission's decision to withdraw several proposals, including those on late payment, green claims and financial data access (FiDA), as explicitly requested in our recent *'less paper, more business'* checklist for the Commission's Regulatory Deep Cleaning Action Plan.

The 'review and remove' mechanism in the context of the European Semester is also a step in the right direction to address gold-plating, together with measures preventing single market barriers from the outset and the omnibus to accelerate permitting.

However, the job is far from done. In the new Eurochambres Economic Survey 2027 (EES2027), regulatory burden remains among the top three challenges cited by the more than 40,000 businesses surveyed. The Commission should therefore introduce targeted amendments to existing legislation, as recommended in our checklist.

Explore the complete Eurochambres Economic Survey 2027: https://bit.ly/EES2027
Read our list for a regulatory deep clean: https://bit.ly/ECH_Position_RDCAP

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