








Procedure file

Basic information		
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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	 Internal Market and Consumer Protection	 GÁLL-PELCZ Ildikó	24/09/2014
		Shadow rapporteur	
		 GUTIÉRREZ PRIETO Sergio	
		 FORD Vicky	
		 GUOGA Antanas	
		 DURAND Pascal	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	General Affairs	3362	16/12/2014
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union	BIEŃKOWSKA Elżbieta	

Key events			
16/12/2014	Debate in Council	3362	
17/12/2014	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
22/01/2015	Vote in committee		
02/02/2015	Committee report tabled for plenary	A8-0018/2015	Summary
11/03/2015	Results of vote in Parliament		
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Technical information	

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Amendments tabled in committee	PE541.660	20/11/2014	EP	
Amendments tabled in committee	PE544.330	09/12/2014	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading	A8-0018/2015	02/02/2015	EP	Summary
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Single market governance within the European semester 2015

The Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection adopted the own-initiative report by Ildikó GÁLL-PELCZ (EPP, HU) on Single Market governance within the European Semester 2015. Noting the Commission communication of 28 November 2014 entitled [Annual Growth Survey 2015](#), the report stressed the need to put a stronger focus on the Single Market in the context of the European Semester in order to better exploit its growth and employment potential and place its enhancement at the heart of the European industrial strategy.

The Single Market pillar of the European Semester: Members stressed the need to use the Single Market as the third pillar of the European Semester in order to cover a clear set of priorities related to the real economy. They called on the Commission to improve governance of the Single Market by developing a set of analytical tools to more properly measure the economic and regulatory performance of the Single Market within the framework of the Single Market pillar of the European Semester.

The Commission was asked to:

- present, as early as possible in 2015, a report on the state of Single Market Integration and a mandatory report every year aimed at monitoring the functioning of the Single Market within the European semester process;
- identify policy priorities in the context of the Annual Growth Survey which would contribute to unlocking the Single Markets full growth potential, and to removing the remaining obstacles to further integration;
- introduce a methodology for quantitative targets for the reduction of administrative burdens at European level.

The report emphasised that the procedures should provide for appropriate involvement of the European Parliament in the economic governance cycle.

Untapped potential of the Single Market in key growth areas: Member States were asked actively to support the Investment Plan and to contribute to the [European Fund for Strategic Investment](#), supplementing the amounts provided through the EU budget and by the EIB, in order to guide and encourage investment by the private sector.

Member States, the Commission the regions and all the relevant stakeholders were asked to:

- focus on the real economy in designing and developing investment policies which will attract private investment in return;
- improve the regulatory framework for SMEs, given its job creation capacity;
- link investment with innovation and entrepreneurship, maximising the opportunities offered by the digital economy and society and developing a smart European industrial policy;
- reignite the entrepreneurial spirit in Europe;
- gear their economies towards innovation and growth, since this will prepare us for the tasks and demands of the future in the digital age.

The [Communication on Better Governance for the Single Market](#) and the study of September 2014 entitled The Cost of Non-Europe in the Single Market commissioned by the IMCO Committee, set out the key growth areas for improving the functioning and deepening of the Single Market, these being: (i) free movement of goods, (ii) services, (iii) public procurement and concessions, (iv) the digital single market, (v) the body of consumer law (consumer acquis), and (vi) energy and (vii) transport.

Members considered that these were still priority areas and that the efforts of coordination should be re-launched.

Instruments for the assessment of Single Market integration and governance tools: the report stressed the importance of improving dialogue with and between Member States in order to identify and address the complexities they were experiencing in implementing Single Market legislation.

The Commission was asked to consider including in the body of its proposals for legal instruments in the Single Market area the obligation to carry out a systematic review of transposition, compliance, effectiveness and fitness for purpose of the legal instruments, including a methodology and criteria for such a review.

Noting that proper implementation and enforcement of EU legislation was crucial for the completion of the Single Market. Members called on the Commission to make determined use of all its powers to reach this goal, and urged Member States and the Commission to step up their efforts to enforce Single Market legislation and to monitor this enforcement.

Single market governance within the European semester 2015

The European Parliament adopted by 568 votes to 107, with 11 abstentions, a resolution on Single Market governance within the European Semester 2015. Noting the Commission communication of 28 November 2014 entitled [Annual Growth Survey 2015](#), Parliament stressed the need to put a stronger focus on the Single Market in the context of the European Semester in order to better exploit its growth and employment potential and place its enhancement at the heart of the European industrial strategy.

The Single Market pillar of the European Semester: Members stressed the need to use the Single Market as the third pillar of the European Semester in order to cover a clear set of priorities related to the real economy. They called on the Commission to improve governance of the Single Market by developing a set of analytical tools to more properly measure the economic and regulatory performance of the Single Market within the framework of the Single Market pillar of the European Semester. In this regard, the Commission was asked to:

- present a mandatory report every year aimed at monitoring the functioning of the Single Market within the European semester process and presenting an analysis of the state of Single Market integration in key areas with the greatest growth potential;
- take full account of the key growth and quality job-creation areas for building an EU Single Market fit for the 21st century, as previously identified by the [Commission](#) and further specified in the study of September 2014 entitled *The Cost of Non-Europe in the Single Market* and including: (i) services, (ii) the Digital Single Market, (iii) the consumer acquis, (iv) public procurement and concessions, (v) the free movement of goods; (vi) transport and (vii) energy.
- introduce a methodology for quantitative targets for the reduction of administrative burdens at European level.

The resolution emphasised that the procedures should provide for appropriate involvement of the European Parliament in the economic governance cycle. It also stated that the ownership of the CSR by national parliaments needs to be strengthened. Members reiterated, furthermore, their request that the Commission report to the competent committee of Parliament on the measures taken to ensure progress in the implementation of the CSRs and the progress achieved thus far.

Untapped potential of the Single Market in key growth areas: concerned at falling levels of private investment in Europe, Members called on the Member States to support the [Investment Plan](#) and to contribute to the [European Fund for Strategic Investment](#), supplementing the amounts provided through the EU budget and by the EIB, in order to guide and encourage investment by the private sector.

Taking into account the priorities set out in the Europe 2020 strategy, the Member States, the Commission and all the relevant stakeholders were asked to:

- focus on the real economy in designing and developing investment policies which will attract private investment in return;
- invest in training for both individuals and companies for the digital era, including in the latest technologies in the energy sector ensuring a global digital network;
- improve the regulatory framework for SMEs, given its job creation capacity;
- link investment with innovation and entrepreneurship, maximising the opportunities offered by the digital economy and society and developing a smart European industrial policy;
- reignite the entrepreneurial spirit in Europe;
- gear their economies towards innovation and growth, since this will prepare us for the tasks and demands of the future in the digital age.

Assessment instruments and governance tools: Parliament stressed the importance of improving dialogue with and between Member States in order to identify and address the complexities they were experiencing in implementing Single Market legislation. The Commission was asked to consider including in the body of its proposals for legal instruments in the Single Market area the obligation to carry out a systematic review of transposition, compliance, effectiveness and fitness for purpose of the legal instruments, including a methodology and criteria for such a review.

Noting that proper implementation and enforcement of EU legislation was crucial for the completion of the Single Market, Members called on the Commission to make determined use of all its powers to reach this goal, and urged Member States and the Commission to step up their efforts to enforce Single Market legislation and to monitor this enforcement.