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2025 Rule of Law Report - additional consultation on single market dimension

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Introduction

The annual Rule of Law Report lies at the centre of the Annual Rule of Law Cycle, which acts as a preventive tool, deepening multilateral dialogue and joint awareness of rule of law issues. So far, five editions of the Rule of Law Report have been published since 2020.

As announced in the Political Guidelines for the 2024-2029 Commission, a Single Market dimension will be added to the Rule of Law Report to report to address rule of law issues affecting companies, especially SMEs, operating across borders.

Therefore, in addition to the regular stakeholder consultation for the 2025 Rule of Law report which was launched on 29 November 2024 (available here), **the Commission is now launching an additional targeted stakeholder consultation on the single market dimension of the rule of law**. This short questionnaire covers additional topics that are not yet included in the Report's scope which the Commission considers of particular relevance under this angle. The questionnaire is in particular directed to business stakeholders, but all interested parties are invited to contributed. The deadline for contributions is on 24 January (midnight Brussels time).

Under the questions below, you are invited to provide information both on the **relevant legal framework** as well as information on any relevant developments since January 2024. Under each question, the following types of information may be relevant:

A) Legislative developments

- Newly adopted legislation
- legislative drafts currently discussed in Parliament
- legislative plans envisaged by the Government

B) Policy developments

- Implementation of legislation
- evaluations, impact assessment, surveys
- white papers/strategies/actions plans/consultation processes
- follow-up to reports/recommendations of Council of Europe bodies or other international organisations
- important administrative measures

- generalised practices

C) Developments related to the judiciary / independent authorities

- important case law by national courts
- important decision/opinions from independent bodies/authorities
- state of play on terms, nominations and expired mandates for high-level positions (e.g. Supreme Court, Constitutional Court, Council for the Judiciary, Prosecutor General, heads of independent authorities included in the scope of the questionnaire)

D) Any other relevant developments

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Topics for input on the single market dimension of the Rule of Law Report

* Country covered in your contribution [only one choice possible]

If you wish to submit information concerning several countries, please fill in the questionnaire separately for each country. There is no limit to the number of contributions submitted by a single participant.

Germany

Specialisation (of judges/specific courts/chambers within courts) and training for the judiciary to deal with commercial cases.

This question complements the questions in the original questionnaire related to quality and efficiency of justice

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In 2024 the "Gesetz zur Stärkung des Justizstandortes Deutschland durch Einführung von Commercial Courts und der Gerichtssprache Englisch in der Zivilgerichtsbarkeit (Justizstandort-Stärkungsgesetz)" was adopted. By this law the Länder can set up highly specialised judicial bodies at the higher regional courts for major civil commercial disputes with an amount in dispute of 500000 Euro or more. Proceedings can be conducted in English. The new regulations for the introduction of commercial courts will enter into force on 1st April 2025.

Alternative dispute resolution and mediation

This question complements the questions in the original questionnaire on quality and efficiency of justice

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Measures for the prevention of corruption in relation to the issuing of official permits (e.g. related to environment, energy and various types of construction)

This question complements the questions in the original questionnaire on the prevention of corruption

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Reporting on the use of digital technologies to enhance transparency and oversight in public procurement

This question complements the questions in the original questionnaire on the prevention of corruption

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Safeguards to ensure legal certainty, the stability of the legal framework and non-discrimination.

This question complements the question in the original questionnaire on rules and use of fast-track and emergency procedures, linked to the overall process for preparing and enacting laws

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Safeguards to ensure the effective independence of supervisory and regulatory authorities with a direct impact on economic operators

This question complements the questions in the original questionnaire on the independence, resources and powers of national human rights institutions, ombudspersons, equality bodies and supreme audit institutions

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Respect of the good administration principle (including the obligation of the administration to give reasons for decisions)

This question complements the question in the original questionnaire on transparency of administrative decisions

Safeguards (other than judicial review) regarding decisions or inaction of administrative authorities, including remedies

This question complements the question in the original questionnaire on judicial review of administrative decisions

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Any other points you would like to raise related to the single market dimension in the context of the Rule of Law Report

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