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ENFORCEMENT IN THE INTERNAL MARKET: STRONGER COMMITMENT IS NEEDED!

BUSINESSEUROPE today discussed how to improve enforcement in the Internal Market during a seminar in Brussels.

The debate showed that important problems remain in various areas:

- application of the mutual recognition principle,
- market surveillance and border controls,
- accessibility of information, or
- means of redress.

These problems represent direct costs for Europe. For instance, the costs of redundant product conformity assessment in several countries are estimated to range from 2% to 15% of enterprises' entire annual turnover. They also deprive citizens and businesses of their rights and undermine their confidence in and perception of Europe.

BUSINESSEUROPE has presented its recommendations for improvement. Among them, BUSINESSEUROPE asks for: a national government member to be appointed responsible for the Internal Market in each Member State, greater support and promotion of non-judicial dispute resolution tools like SOLVIT or better cooperation between national administrations.

Jesús Banegas, Chairman of BUSINESSEUROPE Internal Market Committee, said: *"Improvement of the single market through better enforcement must be a priority. The Commission's forthcoming Single Market Review should give due consideration to these matters taking into consideration the difficulties for companies. National authorities have a particularly important responsibility. It is at national level where the single market takes shape"*.

Please download here the BUSINESSEUROPE publication "[Enforcement in the Internal Market: challenges and proposals for improvement](#)". It is also available on the [BUSINESSEUROPE website](#).

NOTE TO THE EDITOR

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