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### **EU action on trade secrets welcomed by business**

Welcoming today's announcement by the European Commission of its intention to deal with the increasing misappropriation of companies' trade secrets, BUSINESSEUROPE Director General Markus J. Beyrer said: *"This is good news for European business, especially SMEs. A single legal regime across the EU will protect companies against theft and misuse of their know-how. This will make innovation, technology transfer and investment in R & D more rewarding for companies and will make Europe more attractive as an investment location."*

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