

2025 Overview Report: simplifying, implementing & enforcing EU rules

Simpler rules will help companies save money, making the EU more attractive for business.

This report gives an overview of the actions carried out to simplify, implement and enforce EU rules from January – July 2025.

Simplifying EU rules

The proposed omnibus initiatives aims to bring more than **€8.6 billion** in annual savings for European businesses – reaching one fifth of the 2030 target.

Target: cut EU administration costs by 25%, equal to €37.5 billion



Omnibus I: Sustainability

Cut costs by

- Covers a far-reaching simplification in the fields of sustainability reporting, sustainability due diligence and taxonomy (CSRD and CSDD)
- Obliges only the largest companies to report on sustainability and implement due diligence processes
- Reduces the obligation to monitor the effectiveness of due diligence measures from annually to every 5 years
- The proposal on the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism exempts 90% of small importers from EU carbon emission rules, still covering 99% of emissions

**€4.5
billion**

**€1.2
billion**



Omnibus II: Investment simplification

- Simplifies administrative requirements for partners, intermediaries and recipients of InvestEU benefits
- Releases €50 billion of extra resources for new public and private investments

**€350
million**



Omnibus III: Common agricultural policy

- Simplifies payment distribution to small farmers and environmental requirements, cutting administrative costs for farmers →
- Reduces complex administrative burdens, also through digitalization, cutting costs for national administrations →

€1.58
billion

€210
million



Omnibus IV: Small mid-cap companies

- Introduces SME benefits for 38 000 small mid-cap companies

€380
million



Omnibus V: Defence readiness

- Strengthens Europe's defence by boosting investment, improving funding access and raising readiness to deter major conflict



Omnibus VI: Chemicals

- Cuts compliance costs and administrative burden for the chemical industry

€363
million

Implementation



28 Implementation Dialogues, a new consultation tool at the political level, took place with civil society, enterprises, business associations, authorities, SMEs to discuss simplification.



The Commissioners engaged with more than 550 industry representatives, SMEs, social partners, authorities and civil society.

Enforcing EU rules

- **Cooperation:** before launching infringement cases to resolve incomplete or incorrect implementation of EU law, the Commission held **168 dialogues with Member States**
- **Success:** In the reference period of the report (January to July 2025), the Commission closed **345 cases** as Member States achieved compliance. **95%** of the cases were resolved before the Commission had to refer them to the Court of Justice
- **Resolute action:** **45 cases** were referred to the Court, **15** with proposed financial sanctions
- **More transparency:** new [webpage](#) for easier searches and more information