

Proposal for a Regulation establishing the Programme for single market, competitiveness of enterprises, including small and medium-sized enterprises, and European statistics

- Single Market Regulation

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## European Parliament

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<b>Rapporteur</b>	2014–2019 EP Nicola DANTI (S&D) 2019–2024 EP Brando Benifei (S&D)
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## Trilogues

<b>Trilogue meetings</b>	24.10.2019 18.11.2019
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## Summary

The objective of this proposal is to provide the financial programme and framework for, among other fields, European statistics for the period 2021-2027. One of the general objectives of the Single Market Programme will be to provide high-quality, comparable and reliable European Statistics which underpin the design, monitoring and evaluation of all the Union policies and help policy makers, businesses, academia, citizens and media to make informed decisions and actively participate in the democratic process.

The Statistical Programme, as part of the Single Market Programme, will be dealt with in the Working Party on Competitiveness and Growth, in close cooperation with the Council Working Party on Statistics. At the Working Party on Competitiveness and Growth meeting on 3 July 2018, the Commission delivered a presentation of the Impact Assessment on the European Statistical Programme.

A written consultation was launched among the Council Working Party on Statistics members on the Single Market Programme text relevant to statistics related recitals, articles and annexes with the deadline of 24 July 2018. The resulting compilation of Member States' comments was taken as the basis for discussions in the Council Working Party on Statistics meeting on 3 September, where all the annexes, articles and recitals connected to statistics were discussed. Based on these discussions, a compromise text was prepared. This text was then sent to the Member States for a brief written consultation following which the results of this written consultation as well as the compromise text itself were forwarded to the COMPCRO working party

to serve as basis for discussions for the 1 October 2018 meeting where experts could participate as +1. In this COMPCRO meeting, both the horizontal parts which concern statistics and the European Statistical Programme parts would be discussed together.

In parallel the Austrian CWPS Presidency team has been in close contact with their COMPCRO counterparts, informing CWPS delegates on steps taken in the COMPCRO community (eg. written procedure on horizontal issues, discussions of horizontal articles etc) and asking them to liaise with their own COMPCRO counterparts for any drafting suggestions and comments regarding horizontal issues. The Austrian CWPS Presidency team also made sure that the statistical voice is heard in the COMPCRO community by informing them about the outcome of our written consultation and attending COMPCRO working party meetings in which horizontal articles were discussed.

After the meeting on 1 October 2018 some additional COMPCRO meetings (without the participation of statistics experts) took place where a few adaptations on statistics related articles, recitals and Annex II were made.

The SMP/ESP Presidency compromise proposal was approved in Coreper I on 14 November 2018.

The Competitiveness Council approved a partial general approach on 29 November 2018.

In November 2018 already the RO PRES undertook several discussions within the IMCO committee of the EP. On 22 January 2019 the final report containing a part of the MEPs proposed amendments, was voted by the IMCO committee.

On 30 January 2019 Committee report tabled for plenary, 1 reading / single reading.

On 12 February 2019 the EP voted the report on the Regulation and the rapporteur informed that the file will be handed to the next EP legislative mandate.

The dossier was submitted to the next legislature, in the context in which the RO Presidency objective to complete the file in the first quarter of 2019 could not be reached.

On 2 July 2019, the FI COMPCRO Presidency launched a written consultation on the European Parliament's amendments with a deadline of 24 July 2019. The replies were to be coordinated nationally and provided to the COMPCRO chair.

On 7 August 2019, the CWPS delegates were informed by e-mail of the results of the consultation. On its meeting on 26 September 2019, the CWPS discussed the EP amendments based on the comments received in the written consultation on the statistical parts of the SMP. This exchange of views was held in order to facilitate the delegates' national coordination, but MS formal positions needed to be delivered at the COMPCRO.

The EP amendments were discussed at a COMPCRO Working Party 8 October 2019, where CWPS delegates could also participate.

The FI COMPCRO Presidency had the first political trilogue with the EP on 24 October 2019. The articles of the SMP-file were divided into technical and political items, and meetings with the EP continued on technical and political level in parallel processes. Most parts relating to European statistics were defined as technical, including the annex II. All provisional agreements on technical level will also have to be endorsed on a political level at the end of the process. First technical meetings took place on 4 - 5 November 2019. The second political trilogue was held on 18 November 2019.

The COMPCRO WP discussed possible compromise proposals at its meeting on 22 November 2019. The last technical meeting with the European Parliament was held on 2 - 3 December 2019. Technical meeting should have been followed by a political trilogue on 11 December 2019. However, on 2 December 2019 the European Parliament informed Finnish Presidency of decision to freeze negotiations on a political level until further notice.

No further technical meetings were held during the Finnish Presidency and the file was handed over to the Croatian Presidency.

In January 2020 continuation of discussion with the European Parliament at technical level was planned and in light of preparation for negotiations, COMPCRO held a meeting on 3 February 2020 to discuss parts of the Single Market Programme which have not been provisionally agreed with the European Parliament during the Finnish Presidency.

Technical meetings with the European Parliament planned for 17 and 20 February 2020 were not held because of unexpected circumstances and the last one scheduled for the 16 March 2020 had to be cancelled too, due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

