

**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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**PROGRESS REPORT**

STAGES IN THE PROCEDURE

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## European Parliament

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Rapporteur	2014-2019 EP Nicola DANTI (S&D) 2019-2024 EP Brando BENIFEI (S&D)
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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, is 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 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 WPS 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. A technical meeting with the EP was held 2-3 December 2019 and a third political trilogue was planned on 11th December, but on the evening of 2nd December the EP decided to freeze negotiations on a political level. Therefore, also the COMPCRO Working Party that was scheduled for 9 December 2019 to discuss changes to the Council negotiation mandate was cancelled.

In January 2020, a continuation of discussion with the European Parliament at technical level was planned and in light of the 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.

Since the European Parliament suggested new willingness to negotiate, the COMPCRO Working Party resumed its meetings on 9 July 2020. On 15 July 2020, an exchange of views on yellow and light green marked Articles of the Single Market Programme was held. This procedure was continued at the next meeting on 20 July 2020 regarding Annex II. The German Presidency also presented a compromise text on which the MS could subsequently submit written comments at the COMPCRO Working Party.

A technical trilogue with the EP was held on 31 August 2020 and 2 September 2020, with Annex II being discussed on 2 September. Presidency and EP could not

yet agree on a compromise text regarding the statistical aspects. On 3 September 2020, the Presidency gave a debriefing of the two days of technical trilogue and informed about the next steps.

The Presidency of the CWPS prepared new compromise proposals Annex II and submitted them to CWPS members for written comments. The CWPS agreed on those new compromise texts. These were sent to the COMPCRO chair for consultation at the next meetings on 11, 15 and 21 September 2020. Annex II was discussed on 21 September. The COMPCRO Working Party agreed to the compromise proposals which were then presented to the EP. A further technical trilogue with the EP was held on 22 September 2020 and 23 September 2020, with Annex II and the new compromise texts being discussed on 23 September. The EP welcomed the willingness to compromise and reviewed the compromise proposal after the trilogue. The Presidency gave a debriefing of the two technical trilogues during a COMPCRO Working Party meeting on 30 September 2020.

In the follow-up to the last technical trilogues, the EP offered new compromise proposals. These were discussed with the Council at the COMPCRO Working Party meetings on 5, 6, 8 and 14 October 2020. The COMPCRO Working Party agreed to the compromise proposals by the EP with few changes. Annex II was negotiated with the EP in a further trilogue on 15 October 2020. Presidency and EP agreed on the compromise text. Annex II was marked "green" accordingly with the exception of row 411. The Presidency gave a debriefing on 20 October 2020.

COREPER 1 approved the amendments to the mandate set out in the text of the regulation, annexes and recitals, which were agreed in the technical trilogue, on 21 October 2020.

On 28 October 2020, a political trilogue was held followed by a debriefing in the COMPCRO Working Party on 30 October 2020. The parts of the text discussed at the COMPCRO Working Party and on which preliminary agreement had been reached at technical level were supported, including agreements on Annex II. No new textual compromises on statistics were made.

On 4 November 2020, COREPER 1 was informed about the results of the political trilogue with the EP. The presidency continued the consultations on the dossier in

a COMPCRO Working Party meeting on 12 November 2020. The Presidency informed that agreement was reached with the EP on row 411. Annex II as a whole was marked "green" accordingly.

On 25 November 2020, the second political trilogue was held under German Presidency. The EP did not agree on the implementation of the working programme with the addition of delegated acts. This issue includes the implementation of the statistical programme. Although no agreement could be reached with the EP during this trilogue, further progress had been made. The Presidency informed COREPER 1 on 27 November 2020 of the results of the trilogue.

In the political trilogue on 8 December 2020, provisional political agreement was reached. On 18 December 2020, COREPER endorsed the final compromise text as agreed with the EP.

On the basis of the agreed text, and following its political endorsement by the EP, and the legal-linguistic revision, the Council adopted its position at first reading on 13 April 2021.

On 27 April 2021, the Council position at 1<sup>st</sup> reading was approved by the European Parliament at 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, without amendments, and the act is deemed to have been adopted.

The legislative act was signed by the President of the EP and by the President of the Council on 28 April 2021.

It was published in the Official Journal on May 3, and it will apply retroactively from 1 January 2021.