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Abstract

This paper provides a graphic overview on core legislation in the area of the Internal Market and Consumer Protection. The presentation essentially covers the areas within the responsibility of the Committee on Internal Market and Consumer Protection, but also displays neighbouring areas of other Committees' competences which are closely connected to and impacting on IMCO's work.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ADR	Alternative Dispute Resolution
AGS	Annual Growth Survey
ATEX	Equipment and Protective Systems for Potentially Explosive Atmosphere
CCD	Consumer Credit Directive
CCIP	Customs Code Implementing Provisions
CESL	Common European Sales Law
CETA	EU-Canada Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement
CIS	Convention on the Use of Information Technology for Customs Purposes
COM	European Commission
CPA	Statistical Classification of Products by Activity
CPC	Consumer Protection Cooperation
CPV	Common Procurement Vocabulary
CRD	Consumer Rights Directive
DMA	Digital Market Act
DSA	Digital Services Act
DSM	Digital Single Market
ECC-Net	European Consumer Centres Network
ECON	Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee
EEA	European Economic Area
EEN	Enterprise Europe Network
e.g.	for example
EIF	European Interoperability Framework
EIS	European Interoperability Strategy

EMPL	Employment and Social Affair Committee
ENVI	Environment, Public Health and Foot Safety Committee
EP	European Parliament
ESPD	European Single Procurement Document
EU	European Union
EURES	European Job Mobility Portal
FTA	Free Trade Agreement
GATS	General Agreement on Trade in Services
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
GPA	Government Procurement Agreement
IMCO	Internal Market and Consumer Protection Committee
IMD	Insurance Mediation Directive
IMI	Internal Market Information System
INTA	International Trade Committee
IPI	International Procurement Instrument
IPR	Intellectual Property Rights
ISA	Interoperability Solutions for European Public Administrations
IT	Information Technology
ITA	Information Technology Agreement
JURI	Legal Affairs Committee
NLF	New Legislative Framework
ODR	Online Dispute Resolution
OJEU	Official Journal of the European Union
PRIPS	Packaged Retail Investment Products

PSC	Point of Single Contact
RAPEX	Rapid Alert System Facilitating the Exchange of Information on Products Posing a Serious Risk to the Health and Safety of Consumers
REACH	Regulation on Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals
RoP	Rules of Procedure
SMA	Single Market Act
SPS	WTO Agreement on the Application of the Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures
TBT	Agreements on Technical Barriers to Trade
TFEU	Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union
TRAN	Transport and Tourism Committee
TRIMs	Agreement on Trade-Related Investment Measures
TRIPS	Agreement on Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights
TTIP	EU-US Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership
UCC	Union Customs Code
UCPD	Unfair Commercial Practices Directive
UK	United Kingdom
US	United States
VAT	Value-added tax
WCT	WIPO Copyright Treaty
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organization
WPPT	WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty
WTO	World Trade Organization

INTRODUCTION

This study provides a graphic overview on core EU legislation on the Internal Market and consumer protection. It was prepared by the Policy Department for Economic, Scientific and Quality of Life Policies and the Secretariat of the Committee on Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO).

The objective is to offer the reader an at a glance understanding of the IMCO acquis législatif and, more generally of the 'legislative landscape' that frames IMCO Committee's work. Thus, for each of the various policy areas that make up the IMCO remit, a set of graphic charts describes the most relevant existing EU legislation and adjacent rules in the field, and how these different acts relate to each other.

The presentation is structured into three chapters, as follows:

- (1) **Single Market policies** (public procurement and concessions; free movement of services and persons/professionals; free movement of goods; the Digital Single Market and e-commerce; Customs Union);
- (2) **Consumer protection** (general framework; redress; sectoral framework: transport and travel services);
- (3) **Single Market governance** (Single Market programming, governance and functioning documents; Single Market governance tools; external dimension of the Single Market: bilateral agreements; multilateral and plurilateral agreements).

Most importantly the infographics show the legislation in force; pending proposals (i.e., legislative acts at all stages of procedure for which a Commission proposal has been published, and for which the related final act has not yet been adopted) and any other relevant provisions of particular importance (e.g., implementing measures). In addition, some practical tools (e.g., websites, networks, scoreboards) have been included as well as EU external agreements covering domains subject to Single Market rules. The most important acts in a given policy area are indicated in bold. At the end of each section, explanatory notes may provide some additional detail for specific acts or policy areas, followed by complete references for all acts.

The infographics focus on core IMCO areas and legislation. Hence the presentation essentially covers those policy areas that fall within the responsibility of IMCO. However, to the extent that there may be linkages or overlaps with specific sectoral or other related policies, some neighbouring areas that fall under the competences of other committees of the European Parliament are also displayed where these are closely connected to and/or impacting on IMCO's work. Any such linkages and related competencies are clearly highlighted in the notes sections.

This study was initially drafted in March 2015 and substantially updated in December 2022 and May 2024. It shows the situation at this time, to the best knowledge of the authors, and does not pretend to be exhaustive. As legislation and policy-making evolve over time, the intended overview can only ever have the character of a 'snapshot', and should be considered as a living document to be regularly updated.

LEGEND: HOW TO READ THIS DOCUMENT

Infographics colour code

... Directive	dark blue: Adopted legislative acts <i>(i.e., that have been published in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU))</i>
Commission Delegated/ Implementing Act ...	blue: Adopted delegated/implementing acts <i>(only included where of particular relevance)</i>
Proposal ... Regulation	light blue: Legislative proposals <i>(i.e., legislative initiatives at all stages of procedure for which a Commission proposal has been published, but where the final act has not yet been adopted)</i>
Communication, Green/White Paper on ...	grey: Communications, Green Papers, White Papers and other policy documents of non-binding nature <i>(only included where of particular relevance)</i>
Agreement/ Partnership	orange: International agreements concluded by the EU that have entered into force
Agreement/Partnership	light orange: International agreements by the EU still under negotiation or concluded, but not yet in force
Scoreboard, Network...	green: Tools such as websites, platforms or networks by the Commission in support of EU Single Market policies
Possible forthcoming document	mauve: Possible forthcoming documents <i>(i.e., initiatives for legislation or non-binding documents, for which no formal Commission proposal has been issued but which are scheduled with some certainty)</i>

Explanations

Dates: The date mentioned in each box refers to the date of adoption of the act or document in question.

Fonts: normal (directives), *italics (regulations)*, **bold** (important acts in a **given** field/policy area)

Notes: At the end of each section, below the infographics chart boxes, detailed notes provide additional information on a particular act, legislation or policy area.

Order: The infographics present legislative acts and documents according to thematic clusters, in reverse chronological order, with important acts in **bold**. Those legislative acts considered to be of general application or scope are generally on the left of each category or subcategory, the more sectorally oriented ones on the right. The **size of boxes** may vary depending on editorial constraints and is not related to the relevance of any given acts.

References (endnotes): At the end of each section, bibliographic endnotes reference the full official title of each act or document indicated in the infographics charts or notes, and provide hyperlinks to the corresponding page of the EurLex repertory.

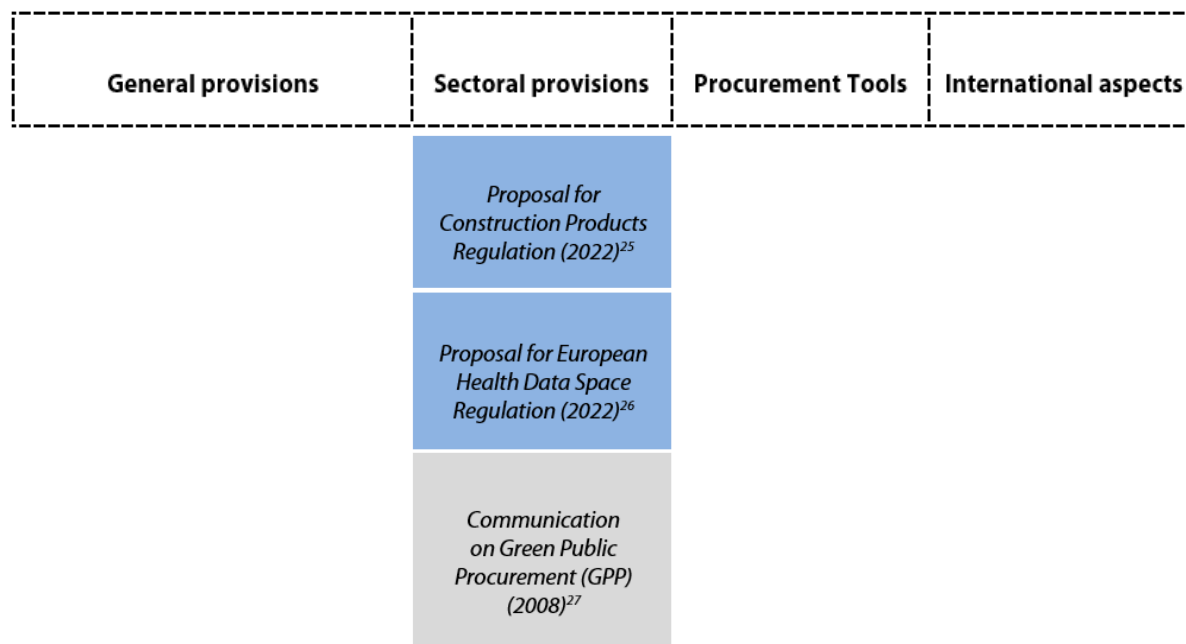
N.b. *Hyperlinks are as accessed in May 2024. Where available, they lead to (non-official) consolidated versions*

Titles: The infographics chart boxes contain short hand titles of legal acts; the full official titles are provided in the endnotes.

1. SINGLE MARKET POLICIES

1.1. Public Procurement and Concessions

General provisions		Sectoral provisions	Procurement Tools	International aspects
Biannual Commission Delegated Regulations on Procurement Thresholds (2023) ^{1,2,3,4}			Commission Implementing Regulation on Standard Forms for Procurement Notices (2019) ⁵	International Procurement Instrument (IPI) (2022) ⁶
Public Procurement Directive 'Classic' (Revised 2014) ⁷	Concessions Directive (2014) ⁸	Public Procurement Directive 'Utilities' (Revised 2014) ⁹	Commission Implementing Regulation on the European Single Procurement Document (ESPD) (2016) ¹⁰	Foreign Subsidies Regulation (2022) ¹¹
Directive on e-Invoicing in Public Procurement (2014) ¹²	Remedies Directive (2007) ¹³	Commission Decision on Exemptions from the Utilities Directive (application of Article 34) (2016) ¹⁴	Commission Regulation on the Central Exclusion Database (2008) ¹⁵	Government Procurement Agreement (GPA) (2012)
Communication on using the public procurement framework in the COVID-19 crisis (2020) ¹⁶		Defence Procurement Directive (2009) ¹⁷	Commission Regulation on a Common Procurement Vocabulary (CPV) (2008) ¹⁸	FTAs (Canada, Chile, MERCOSUR, Mexico, Moldova, Singapore, South Korea, Switzerland, Vietnam, UK)
Communication on Making Public Procurement work in and for Europe (2017) ¹⁹		Ecodesign Requirements for Sustainable Products Regulation (2024) ²⁰	Communication on Public Procurement Data Space (PPDS) (2023) ²¹	
Communication on Community law applicable to contracts not or not fully subject to the procurement Directives (2006) ²²		Net Zero Industry Act Regulation (2024) ²³		
		Proposal for Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation (2022) ²⁴		



Notes:

- Generally speaking, IMCO has the exclusive lead on public procurement-related files, with the exception of:
 - the International Procurement Instrument (IPI), for which the Committee on International Trade (INTA) was in the lead with enhanced cooperation of IMCO,
 - those pieces of sectoral legislation in which provisions on public procurement constitute only small part of their scope, i.e. the Ecodesign Regulation, the Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation, Net Zero Industry Act Regulation, and European Health Data Space Regulation, for which the committees responsible for main subject matter were in the lead with enhanced cooperation of IMCO.
- Principles for procurements not or not fully subject to the above directives are set out in a **2006 Commission interpretative communication**. It applies to:
 - low-value contracts below the directives' thresholds with a cross-border interest, and
 - contracts for which the directives provide limited rules, e.g. health and legal services.
- Green Public Procurement (GPP) is defined in the Communication "[Public procurement for a better environment](#)" as "a process whereby public authorities seek to procure goods, services and works with a reduced environmental impact throughout their life cycle when compared to goods, services and works with the same primary function that would otherwise be procured". While GPP is a voluntary instrument and Members States are able to determine the extent to which policies or criteria are applied, it plays a key role in the EU's efforts to boosting a resource-efficient economy. The Commission has been developing [voluntary GPP criteria](#) for several product groups and is proposing minimum mandatory GPP criteria and targets in sectoral legislation such as the Ecodesign Regulation, the New Construction Products Regulation and the Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation.

EP Studies:

- [The Digital Single Market and the digitalisation of the public sector - GovTech and other innovations in public procurement](#) (2022)
- [EU international procurement instrument](#) (2022)
- [Foreign subsidies and public procurement](#) (2021)
- [The impact of COVID-19 on the Internal Market](#) (2021)
- [The EU's Public Procurement Framework](#) (2020)
- [Contribution to Growth: European Public Procurement](#) (2019)
- [Innovation and Better Synergies of Public Procurement with other Policies](#) (2018)
- [Contribution of Internal Market and Consumer Protection to Growth](#) (2015)

- ¹ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2023/2495 of 15 November 2023 amending Directive 2014/24/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council in respect of the thresholds for public supply, service and works contracts, and design contests, OJ L, 2023/2495, 16.11.2023, https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2023/2495/oj.
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- ⁸ Directive 2014/23/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on the award of concession contracts (Text with EEA relevance), OJ L 94, 28.3.2014, p. 1–64, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02014L0023-20240101>.
- ⁹ Directive 2014/25/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on procurement by entities operating in the water, energy, transport and postal services sectors and repealing Directive 2004/17/EC (Text with EEA relevance), OJ L 94, 28.3.2014, p. 243–374, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02014L0025-20240101>.
- ¹⁰ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/7 of 5 January 2016 establishing the standard form for the European Single Procurement Document (Text with EEA relevance), OJ L 3, 6.1.2016, p. 16–34, https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2016/7/oj.
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1.2. Free Movement of Services and Persons (professionals)

Treaty provisions: Art 49 TFEU on freedom of establishment and Art 56 TFEU on freedom to provide services					
I - General provisions	II - Free movement of professionals	II - Sectoral provisions			
		Credit and retail financial services	Insurance services	Payment services	Transport
<i>Internal Market Emergency and Resilience Act (IMERA) (2024)¹</i>	<i>Proportionality Test Directive (2018)²</i>	<i>Consumer Credit Directive (CCD) (2023)³</i>	<i>Insurance Distribution Directive (2016)⁴</i>	<i>SEPA Regulation (2009, codified in 2021)⁵</i>	<i>Interoperability Directive (2016)⁶</i>
<i>Single Market Programme (2021)⁷</i>	<i>Recognition of Professional Qualifications Directive (2005, amended in 2013)⁸</i>	<i>Directive on Distance Marketing of Consumer Financial Services (2023)⁹</i>	<i>Omnibus II Directive (2009)¹⁰</i>	<i>Payment Services Directive (2015)¹¹</i>	<i>Single European Railway Area Directive (2012)¹²</i>
<i>Services Directive (2006)¹³</i>	<i>European Professional Card Implementing Regulation (2016)¹⁴</i>	<i>Mortgage Credit Directive (2014)¹⁵</i>	<i>Solvency II (2009)¹⁶</i>	<i>Funds Transfers Regulation (2015)¹⁷</i>	<i>Reservation System Regulation (2009)¹⁸</i>
<i>Proposal for Regulation amending the IMI and Single Digital Gateway (2023)¹⁹</i>	<i>Lawyers Directive (1998)²⁰</i>	<i>Markets in Financial Instruments Directive (2014)²¹</i>	<i>Motor Insurance Directive (2009)²²</i>	<i>Multilateral Interchange Fees Regulation (2015)²³</i>	<i>Coach and Bus Services Regulation (2009)²⁴</i>
<i>Proposal for a Directive on third countries interest representation (2023)²⁵</i>	<i>Lawyers Directive (1977)²⁶</i>	<i>Packaged Retail Investment and Insurance Products (PRIIPS) Regulation (2014)²⁷</i>	<i>Financial Conglomerates Directive (2002)²⁸</i>	<i>Directive on Payment accounts (2014)²⁹</i>	<i>Road Haulage Regulation (2009)³⁰</i>

I - General provisions	II - Free movement of professionals	II - Sectoral provisions			
		Credit and retail financial services	Insurance services	Payment services	Transport
Proposal for a Regulation on emergency procedures for conformity assessment, adoption of common specifications and market surveillance (2022) ³¹		Banking Regulation (2013) ³²	Insurance Accounts Directive (1991) ³³	E-Money Directive (2009) ³⁴	Air Service Regulation (2008) ³⁵
		Banking Directive (2013) ³⁶			Single European Sky Regulation (2004) ³⁷
Proposal for a Directive on emergency procedures for conformity assessment, adoption of common specifications and market surveillance (2022) ³⁸		Proposal for a Late Payments Regulation (2023) ³⁹			Inland Navigation Regulation (1996) ⁴⁰
					Maritime Cabotage Directive (1992) ⁴¹
					Non-resident Carriers Regulation (1991) ⁴²
Long term action plan for better implementation and enforcement of single market rules (2020) ⁴³			Communication on long-term financing of European Economy (2014) ⁴⁴		Maritime Transport Regulation (1986) ⁴⁵
					Proposal on Revision of Air Service Regulation
Communication on Unfair Trading Practices in the B2B food supply chain (2014) ⁴⁶					
Communication on European Retail Action Plan (2013) ⁴⁷					
Communication on the implementation of the Services Directive (2012) ⁴⁸					

Notes:

- The principle of free movement within the Single Market, enriched in Articles 49 and 56 TFEU, is fundamental to the European Union's efforts to enhance growth and competitiveness. This principle ensures that businesses and professionals can provide, and everyone can access services across Member States' borders without discrimination based on nationality or residence. Moreover, this principle positively impacts the EU economy and society, as it fosters innovation, increases productivity, and provides opportunities for businesses to diversify and access new markets.
- Additionally, free movement contributes to the EU's overall resilience during times of crisis by creating a more diverse and integrated market with a broader range of goods and services, which decreases the dependence on one market that may be affected by the crisis, thus leading to greater stability for the European economy.
- The Services Directive strengthens the freedom to provide services within the EU. This directive is crucial for completing the internal market, since it has huge potential for delivering benefits to consumers and SMEs. Businesses benefit from easier establishment, easier provision of cross-border services and simplified procedures and formalities. Customers benefit from strengthened rights of consumers and businesses receiving services, higher quality of services and enhanced information and transparency on service providers. The aim is to continuously improve the single market for services within the EU while at the same time ensuring the quality of services provided to consumers.
- The general legislative framework regulating the free movement of services and persons (professionals) falls within the responsibility of IMCO, while many of the relevant sectoral regulations are under the lead responsibility of other committees of the European Parliament, such as the Employment and Social Affairs Committee (EMPL), the Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee (ECON) or the Transport and Tourism Committee (TRAN). For the sake of completeness, some of those references have also been included.

EP Studies:

- [The role of Points of Single Contact and other information services in the Single Market](#) (2020)
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1.3. Free Movement of Goods

Non-harmonised products	Technical harmonisation			Standardisation
	Harmonised products	Sectoral provisions		
<i>General Product Safety Regulation (2023)¹</i>	<i>Machinery Regulation (2023)²</i>	<i>Batteries and Waste Batteries Regulation (2023)³</i>	<i>Chips Act (2023)⁴</i>	<i>European Standardisation Organisations Regulation (2022)⁵</i>
<i>Regulation on Market Surveillance and Compliance of products (2019)⁶</i>	<i>Deforestation-free products Regulation (2023)⁷</i>	<i>Common Charger Directive (2022)⁸</i>	<i>Type-approval Regulation (2019)⁹</i>	
<i>Mutual Recognition Regulation (2019)¹⁰</i>	<i>Ecodesign Requirements for Sustainable Products Regulation (2024)¹¹</i>	<i>In vitro Diagnostic Medical Devices Regulation (2017)¹²</i>	<i>Medical Devices Regulation (2017)¹³</i>	
		<i>Personal Protective Equipment Regulation (2016)¹⁵</i>	<i>Appliances burning gaseous fuels Regulation (2016)¹⁶</i>	<i>Mercury Regulation (2017)¹⁷</i>
<i>Information Directive (1998, codified 2015)¹⁸</i>	<i>Regulation setting out the requirements for accreditation and market surveillance relating to the marketing of products (2008)¹⁹</i>	<i>E-Call Regulation (2015)²⁰</i>	<i>Directive on reduced consumption of lightweight plastic carrier bags (2015)²¹</i>	<i>Cableway Installations Regulation (2016)²²</i>
		<i>Tobacco Directive (2014)²⁴</i>	<i>Explosives for Civil Uses Directive (2014)²⁵</i>	<i>Lifts Directive (2014)²⁶</i>
		<i>Low Voltage Directive (2014)²⁷</i>	<i>Potential Explosives Atmosphere (ATEX) Directive (2014)²⁸</i>	<i>Non-Automatic Weighting Directive (2014)²⁹</i>
		<i>Radio Equipment Directive (2014)³⁰</i>	<i>Measuring Instruments Directive (2014)³¹</i>	<i>Electromagnetic Compatibility Directive (2014)³²</i>
				<i>European Standardisation Regulation (2012)²³</i>

Non-harmonised products	Technical harmonisation			Standardisation
	Harmonised products	Sectoral provisions		
Regulation on the functioning of the internal market (1998) ³³	Decision on a common framework for the marketing of products (2008) ³⁴	Simple Pressure Vessels Directive (2014) ³⁵	Pressure Equipment Directive (2014) ³⁶	Approval and market surveillance of agricultural and forestry vehicles (2013) ³⁷
	Ecodesign Requirements for Energy-related Products Directive (recast) (2009) ³⁸	Recreational Crafts Directive (2013) ³⁹	Pyrotechnic Articles Directive (2013) ⁴⁰	Type-approval of two or three wheel vehicles and quadricycles (2013) ⁴¹
		Biocidal Products Regulation (2012) ⁴²	Construction Product Regulation (2011) ⁴³	Hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment Directive (2011) ⁴⁴
		Toys Directive (2009) ⁴⁵	Cosmetics Regulation (2009) ⁴⁶	
General Product Safety Directive (2001) ⁴⁷	Machinery Directive (2006) ⁴⁸	Measuring Instruments & Metrological Control Methods Directive (2009) ⁴⁹		
Proposal for Regulation on Forced Labour products (2022) ⁵⁰	Proposal for Toy Safety Regulation (2023) ⁵¹	Proposal for revision of Construction Products Regulation (2022) ⁵²	Proposal for approval and market surveillance of non-road mobile machinery (2023) ⁵³	Communication An EU Strategy on standardisation (2022) ⁵⁴

Notes:

- The right to free movement of goods originating in Member States, or of goods from third countries which are in free circulation in the Member States, is one of the fundamental principles of the Treaty (Article 28 TFEU).
- Originally, free movement of goods was seen as part of a customs union between the Member States, involving the abolition of customs duties, quantitative restrictions on trade and equivalent measures, and the establishment of a common external tariff for the Community. Later, the emphasis was laid on eliminating all remaining obstacles to free movement of goods with a view to creating the internal market — an area without internal borders, in which goods could move as freely as on a national market.
- IMCO is responsible for legislation on free movement and safety of products, while the legislation dealing with specific products may fall into other Committees' remit. For instance, the legislation on cosmetics, dangerous substances, or medical devices are of the competence of the ENVI Committee. As this overview focuses on the IMCO remit, the chart excludes food-related legislation (ENVI competence).
- Given the large amount of Union harmonisation legislation, the list of sectoral provisions presented here is not exhaustive. Further references can be found in Annex I of Regulation (EU) 2019/1020. Also, the large number of delegated and implementing acts, which are of particular importance for safety issues, are not included in the chart either.

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- [Contribution of Internal Market and Consumer Protection to Growth](#) (2015)
- [The Cost of Non-Europe in the Single Market. Part I - Free Movement of Goods](#) (2014)
- [Product Safety and Market Surveillance Package](#) (2014)

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1.4. Digital Single Market and eCommerce

Consumer protection in the digital era	E-Commerce and online services		Data protection and copyright
<i>Artificial Intelligence Act (2024)¹</i>			<i>Copyright Directive (2019)²</i>
<i>Data Act (2023)³</i>			
<i>Digital Services Act (2022)⁴</i>			
<i>Digital Markets Act (2022)⁵</i>			
<i>Data Governance Act (2022)⁶</i>			<i>General Data Protection Regulation (2016)⁷</i>
<i>Single Market Programme Regulation (2021)⁸</i>			
<i>Digital Europe Programme Regulation (2021)⁹</i>			<i>Collective Management of Copyright Directive (2014)¹⁰</i>
<i>Contracts for the supply of digital content and services Directive (2019)¹¹</i>	<i>Directive on Distance Marketing of Consumer Financial Services (2023)¹²</i>	<i>Regulation on short-term rentals (2024)¹³</i>	
<i>Enforcement of Consumer Protection Rules Directive (2019)¹⁴</i>	<i>Platforms to Business Regulation (2019)¹⁵</i>	<i>Open Data and Re-use of Public Sector Information Directive (2019)¹⁶</i>	<i>Orphan Works Directive (2012)¹⁷</i>
<i>Consumer Rights Directive (2011)¹⁸</i>	<i>Audiovisual Media Services Directive (2018)¹⁹</i>	<i>European Accessibility Act (2019)²⁰</i>	<i>E-privacy Directive (2002)²¹</i>
<i>Misleading Advertising Directive (2006)²²</i>	<i>Public Procurement Directives (e-procurement) (2014)²³</i>	<i>Accessibility of public sector bodies' websites Directive (2016)²⁴</i>	<i>Copyright in Information Society Directive (2001)²⁵</i>

Consumer protection in the digital era	E-Commerce and online services		Data protection and copyright
<i>Unfair Commercial Practices Directive (2005)²⁶</i>	<i>Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) Regulation (2013)²⁷</i>	<i>Postal Services Directive (2008)²⁸</i>	<i>Political Advertising Regulation (2024)²⁹</i>
<i>Unfair Contract Terms Directive (1993)³⁰</i>	<i>Services Directive (2006)³¹</i>	<i>E-commerce Directive (2000)³²</i>	<i>EU - US agreement on safe harbour privacy principles (2000)³³</i>
<i>Proposal on AI Liability Directive (2022)³⁴</i>	<i>Proposal on Product Liability Directive (2022)³⁵</i>	<i>Proposal on Discontinuation of ODR Platform (2023)³⁶</i>	<i>Proposals on the Legal Protection of Designs (2022)³⁷</i>
<i>White Paper on Artificial Intelligence (2020)³⁸</i>	<i>Communication on 2030 Digital Compass (2021)³⁹</i>	<i>Declaration on Digital Rights and Principles (2021)⁴⁰</i>	<i>Proposal on European Media Freedom Act (2022)⁴¹</i>
<i>Communication on Shaping Europe's digital future (2020)⁴²</i>	<i>Communication on a European Strategy for Data (2020)⁴³</i>	<i>Communication on crowdfunding in the EU (2014)⁴⁴</i>	<i>EU Intellectual Property Action Plan (2020)⁴⁵</i>

Electronic communication services and infrastructure	Trust and security	E-government	
<i>Union Secure Connectivity Programme Regulation (2023)⁴⁶</i>	<i>NIS 2 Directive (2022)⁴⁷</i>	<i>European Digital Identity (EUDI) Regulation (2024)⁴⁸</i>	<i>Interoperable Europe Act (2024)⁴⁹</i>
<i>Roaming Regulation (recast) (2022)⁵⁰</i>	<i>NIS Directive (2016)⁵¹</i>	<i>Single Digital Gateway (DSG) (2018)⁵²</i>	<i>Consumer Protection Cooperation Network (2017)⁵³</i>
<i>Connecting Europe Facility Regulation (2021)⁵⁴</i>	<i>Regulation on e-identification and trust services for electronic transactions (2014)⁵⁵</i>	<i>E-Call Regulation (2015)⁵⁶</i>	<i>SOLVIT (2013)⁵⁷</i>
<i>European Electronic Communications Code Directive (2018)⁵⁸</i>		<i>Points of Single Contact under Services Directive (2006)⁵⁹</i>	<i>IMI Regulation (2012)⁶⁰</i>
<i>Connected Continent Regulation (2015)⁶¹</i>		<i>Your Europe (2013)⁶²</i>	<i>European Consumer Centres Network⁶³</i>

Electronic communication services and infrastructure	Trust and security		E-government
Directive on measures to reduce cost of deploying high-speed electronic communications networks (2014) ⁶⁴			
Radio Spectrum Policy Programme Decision (2012) ⁶⁵	Proposal for a Cyber Resilience Act (2022) ⁶⁶	Proposal for a Regulation amending IMI and SDG Regulations (2023) ⁶⁷	Proposal for amendments to IMI and Single Digital Gateway (2023) ⁶⁸
	Joint Communication on Cyber Defence (2022) ⁶⁹	Communication on Strengthened Public Sector Interoperability Policy (2022) ⁷⁰	eGovernment Action Plan 2016-2020 ⁷¹

Notes:

- The Digital Single Market (DSM) aims to create a cohesive digital market where businesses and individuals can buy and sell goods and services and operate freely and seamlessly, for instance by removing barriers to cross-border e-commerce and access to online content. The significance of the DSM lies in its ability to generate substantial economic growth, foster innovation, enhance competition, and improve consumer choice and consumer protection.
- The DSM boosts the economy, decreases environmental impacts and improves quality of life through e-commerce and e-government, at a time where market and government services are fastly evolving from fixed to mobile platforms and becoming increasingly ubiquitous. These developments call for a constant updating and modernisation of the EU regulatory framework for competitive services.
- By standardising regulations and developing standards across the EU, the DSM can also provide citizens with benefits regarding data protection, privacy, and digital security. This not only safeguards citizens' rights but also increases trust in online transactions and e-commerce throughout the EU.

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- [The impact of influencers on advertising and consumer protection in the Single Market](#) (2022)
- [Privacy and security aspects of 5G technology](#) (2022)
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- [Liability of online platforms](#) (2021)
- [The legal framework for e-commerce in the Internal Market](#) (2020)
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- [New Developments in Digital Services](#) (2020)
- [How to Fully Reap the Benefits of the Internal Market for E-Commerce?](#) (2020)
- [Collection of studies for the IMCO Committee - Digital Services Act](#) (2020)
- [Consumer Choice and Fair Competition on the Digital Single Market in the Areas of Air Transportation and Accommodation](#) (2018)
- [Liability of Online Service Providers for Copyrighted Content – Regulatory Action Needed?](#) (2018)
- [Building Blocks of the Ubiquitous Digital Single Market](#) (2015)
- [Contribution of Internal Market and Consumer Protection to Growth](#) (2015)
- [Net Neutrality Revisited: Challenges and Responses in the EU and in the US](#) (2014)
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1.5. Customs Union

General provisions		Customs and intellectual property rights	Tariff and non-tariff instruments	Mutual assistance and e-customs
Up to 2016	After 2016			
<i>Community Customs Code (1992)¹</i>	<i>Union Customs Code (2013)²</i>	<i>Regulation on Customs Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights (2013)³</i>	<i>Reliefs from customs duty Regulation (2009)⁴</i>	<i>EU Single Window Environment for Customs Regulation (2022)⁵</i>
<i>Implementing Regulation for Community Customs Code (1993)</i>	<i>Delegated and Implementing Acts for Union Customs Code⁶</i>	<i>Implementing Regulation on customs enforcement of intellectual property rights (2013)⁷</i>	<i>Regulation on the elimination of border controls (2008)⁸</i>	<i>Decision on a paperless environment for customs and trade (2008)⁹</i>
<i>CUSTOMS Programme Regulation (2021)¹⁰</i>			<i>Common Customs Tariff (1987)¹¹</i>	<i>Naples II Convention (1997)¹²</i>
<i>Customs Control Equipment Instrument (2021)¹⁴</i>				<i>Mutual Assistance and Cooperation Regulation (1997, 2015)¹³</i>
<i>Proposal for revision of Union Customs Code (2023)¹⁶</i>				<i>Customs Cooperation and Mutual Assistance Agreements (Canada, China, India, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, UK, US)¹⁷</i>
<i>Communication on EU Customs Action Plan (2020)¹⁸</i>		<i>Council Conclusions on an EU Customs Action Plan to combat IPR infringements 2018-2022 (2019)¹⁹</i>		
<i>Biennial Report on Progress in Developing the EU Customs Union and its Governance (2018)²⁰</i>				

Notes:

- General provisions:** The Union Customs Code (UCC) entered into force on 30 October 2013 and applies from 1 May 2016, replacing the Community Customs Code. The end of the IT transitional period was initially set to 31 December 2020, then extended to 2025. The corresponding Delegated Acts and Implementing Acts were adopted by 2016. Following the Commission proposal for the revision of the UCC and the establishment of a EU Customs Authority, published in Spring 2023, the EP adopted its first reading position in March 2024 and interinstitutional negotiations are expected in the next legislative term.

- **Tariff and non-tariff instruments:** The Commission regularly adopts measures relating to suspensions and quotas for certain agricultural and industrial products²¹.
- **Customs matters related to UK's withdrawal from the EU (Brexit):** The [EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement \(TCA\)](#), which provisionally entered into force on 1 January 2021, provides for zero tariffs and zero quotas on all trade of EU and UK goods that comply with the appropriate rules of origin. For customs, VAT and excise purposes, the Northern Ireland Protocol, which is part of the EU-UK Withdrawal Agreement, aimed to ensure that movements of goods which commence before the UK's withdrawal from the EU Customs Union should be allowed to complete their movement under the Union rules. Northern Ireland will remain aligned to a limited set of rules related to the EU's Single Market in order to avoid a hard border with Ireland. The agreed Windsor Framework of 24 March 2023 provides common solutions, such as an expanded trusted trader scheme. The aim is to simplify procedures related to the movement of goods. Goods moved by trusted traders from Great Britain to Northern Ireland that are not at risk of entering the EU Single Market can benefit from these new arrangements. However, goods moving from Great Britain to Northern Ireland that are destined for the EU or at risk of entering the EU will be subject to full customs checks and controls.
- **Customs and intellectual property rights:** A EU-China IPR Action Plan, first launched in 2009, was renewed for 2016-2017 and 2018-2020, within the EU-China Strategic Framework for Customs Cooperation 2018-2020²². A new Action Plan for the years 2021-2024 was prepared and agreed at technical level between the Commission and China Customs, in line with the new Strategic Framework for Customs Cooperation 2021-2024 between the European Union and the Government of the People's Republic of China. However, the signing of both the Strategic Framework and the Action Plan was delayed and finally did not take place in 2021.

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- [EU customs control mechanisms and their possible improvement](#) (2022)
- [Contribution to Growth: Customs union](#) (2019)
- [Protection of EU financial interest on customs and VAT: Cooperation of national tax and customs authorities to prevent fraud](#) (2019)
- [Union Customs Code State of play](#) (2018)
- [Workshop Proceedings on "Strengthening Competitiveness of the Internal Market by Developing the EU Customs Union and its Governance"](#) (2018)
- [Contribution of Internal Market and Consumer Protection to Growth](#) (2015)

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2. CONSUMER PROTECTION

2.1. General framework for consumer protection

Policy programme and financial instrument	Consumer and marketing law		Enforcement
	Consumer contract law	Unfair commercial practices	
<i>Single Market Programme Regulation (2021)¹</i>	<i>Better Enforcement and Modernisation of Union Consumer Protection Rules Directive (2019)²</i>		
<i>New Consumer Agenda (2020)³</i>	<i>Right to Repair Directive (2024)⁴</i>	<i>Directive on Empowering Consumers for the Green Transition (2024)⁵</i>	<i>Representative Actions Directive (2020)⁶</i>
<i>New Deal for Consumers (2018)⁷</i>	<i>Consumer Credit Directive (2023)⁸</i>	<i>Misleading and Comparative Advertisement Directive (2006)⁹</i>	<i>Consumer Protection Cooperation (CPC) Regulation (2017)¹⁰</i>
	<i>Distance Marketing of Consumer Financial Services Directive (2023)¹¹</i>	<i>Unfair Commercial Practices Directive (UCPD) (2005)¹²</i>	<i>Consumer Protection Cooperation (CPC) Network¹³</i>
	<i>Sales of Goods Directive (2019)¹⁴</i>	<i>Price Indication Directive (1998)¹⁵</i>	
	<i>Contracts for the Supply of Digital Content and Services Directive (2019)¹⁶</i>		
	<i>Consumer Rights Directive (CRD) (2011)¹⁷</i>		
	<i>Unfair Contract Terms Directive (UCTD) (1993)¹⁸</i>		
	<i>Proposal on Product Liability Directive (2022)¹⁹</i>	<i>Proposal on Green Claims Directive (2023)²⁰</i>	
	<i>Guidance on CRD (2021)²¹</i>	<i>Guidance on UCPD (2021)²²</i>	
	<i>Guidance on UCTD (2019)²³</i>	<i>Guidance on Price indication Directive (2021)²⁴</i>	

Notes:

- Consumer protection is an important aspect of EU law and policy, as it aims to ensure that consumers are provided with safe products, accurate and relevant information about products and services and are protected against unfair and misleading practices. The EU's consumer protection framework is based on the Consumer Acquis, a set of rules and regulations that the EU has adopted over the years to protect consumers' rights and interests. It comprises a wide range of measures, including regulations, directives, and decisions, that cover various aspects of consumer protection, such as product safety, distance selling, and unfair commercial practices.
- This chart maps the legislation falling under the competence of the IMCO Committee, that is responsible for consumer protection. Throughout the years, the IMCO Committee has been involved in several high-profile initiatives aimed at protecting consumer rights, such as the Unfair Contract Terms Directive, the Consumer Sales and Guarantees Directive, and the Consumer Rights Directive. In recent years, the IMCO Committee has also focused on issues related to online consumer protection, such as the regulation of online platforms, the protection of personal data, the right to redress and the fight against counterfeit goods. The Committee also engages in dialogue with consumer organisations and stakeholders to ensure that consumer interests are taken into account in the legislative process.
- For the sake of completeness, the chart includes other legislation which can be relevant for consumer protection but falls under the remit of the Committee on Legal Affairs (JURI), generally responsible for civil and commercial law files.

EP Studies:

- [The European Parliament and the Origins of Consumer Policy](#) (2024)
- [The performance of the Package Travel Directive and broader consumer protection issues in the implementation of passenger rights](#) (2023)
- [Market surveillance for effective consumer protection in the EU](#) (2023)
- [Personalised pricing](#) (2022)
- [The impact of influencers on advertising and consumer protection in the Single Market](#) (2022)
- [Online advertising: the impact of targeted advertising on advertisers, market access and consumer choice](#) (2021)
- [Regulating targeted and behavioural advertising in digital services](#) (2021)
- [Liability of online platforms](#) (2021)
- [Application of the Unfair Commercial Practices Directive](#) (2017)
- [Misleading packaging practices](#) (2011)
- [Information requirements in the CRD](#) (2011)

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- ⁸ Directive (EU) 2023/2225 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 October 2023 on credit agreements for consumers and repealing Directive 2008/48/EC, OJ L 2023/2225, 30.10.2023, p.1–67, available at: https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ%3AL_202302225.
- ⁹ Directive 2006/114/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2006 concerning misleading and comparative advertising (codified version) (Text with EEA relevance) OJ L 376, 27.12.2006, p. 21–27, available at: <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32006L0114&from=EN>.
- ¹⁰ Regulation (EU) 2017/2394 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2017 on cooperation between national authorities responsible for the enforcement of consumer protection laws and repealing Regulation (EC) No 2006/2004 (Text with EEA relevance), OJ L 345, 27.12.2017, p. 1–26, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02017R2394-20220101>.
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2.2. Redress

In-Court settlement	Out-of-Court settlement
<i>Directive on Actions for Damages for Infringements of Competition Law (2014)³</i>	<i>Directive on ADR (2013)⁴</i>
<i>Recommendation on Collective Redress (2013)⁵</i>	<i>Regulation on ODR (2013)⁶</i>
<i>Small Claims Procedure Regulation (2007)⁷</i>	<i>Proposal on discontinuation of ODR Platform (2023)⁸</i>
<i>European Order for Payment Procedure Regulation (2006)⁹</i>	<i>Proposal for revision of ADR directive (2023)¹⁰</i>
<i>European Enforcement Order Regulation (2004)¹¹</i>	
<i>Communication on Collective Redress (2013)¹²</i>	<i>Recommendation on ADR procedures by online marketplaces and Union trade associations (2023)¹³</i>

Notes:

- Several committees are competent for legislation relating to the consumers' right to redress, depending on the remit of that legislation. IMCO covers redress as it strongly relates to consumer protection. Some of the general legislation relating to civil and procedural law (order for payment, small claims procedure, enforcement order, injunctions, mediation) presented here falls into the competence of the Committee on Legal Affairs (JURI). However, for the sake of completeness and better understanding of consumer redress issues, these are being included in the chart. The Directive on damages for infringements of competition law is in the competence of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON).
- The Directive on **Consumer Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)** was transposed into national law by Member States by 9 July 2015 and the **Regulation on online dispute resolution (ODR)** is directly applicable in Member States from 9 January 2016. Previously to the Directive on alternative dispute resolution, the Commission had endeavoured to promote the greater use of ADR procedures in consumer disputes in two recommendations on principles which ADR bodies are encouraged to adhere to (Commission Recommendation 98/257/EC on the principles applicable to the bodies responsible for out-of-court settlement of consumer disputes¹⁴ and Commission Recommendation on the principles for out-of-court bodies involved in the consensual resolution of consumer disputes¹⁵), then replaced by the new legislation. According to the 2021 edition of the consumer conditions survey published by the Commission, only 5% of the EU consumers who encountered a problem in buying a product or service, and took subsequent action, reported it to an alternative dispute resolution (ADR) body. In October 2023, the Commission adopted a proposal for a directive amending the ADR Directive 2013/11/EU with the aim of extending its scope of application, strengthening the remit of the ADR entities established in the Member States, facilitating cross-border ADR procedures and

improve consumer awareness. The European Parliament adopted its plenary report and interinstitutional negotiations are expected to start after the European elections.

- In the specific area of competition, the EU adopted already in 2014 a binding text (Directive on certain rules governing actions for damages under national law for infringements of the competition law provisions¹⁶).
- It is worth mentioning private international law as a tool for the use of national redress and enforcement instruments in cross-border disputes: the **Brussels I Regulation**¹⁷ on jurisdiction and recognition and enforcement of judgements and the **Rome I**¹⁸ and **Rome II Regulations**¹⁹ for identifying the applicable law for contractual and non-contractual obligations.

EP studies:

- [Collective redress in the Member States of the European Union](#) (2018)
- [The Mediation Directive](#) (2016)
- ['Rebooting' the Mediation Directive: Assessing the Limited Impact of its Implementation and Proposing Measures to Increase the Number of Mediations in the EU](#) (2014)
- [Collective Redress in Antitrust](#) (2012)
- [Optimal integration of the European Dispute Resolution Platform](#) (2012)

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- ¹² Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions, Towards a European Horizontal Framework for Collective Redress, COM(2013)401 final, <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=COM:2013:0401:FIN>.
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- ¹⁶ Directive 2014/104/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 November 2014 on certain rules governing actions for damages under national law for infringements of the competition law provisions of the Member States and of the European Union (Text with EEA relevance), OJ L 349, 5.12.2014, p. 1–19, available at: https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv:OJL_2014.349.01.0001.01.ENG.
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2.3. Sectoral framework: Transport and Travel Services

Transport			Travel
Air	Road and rail	Maritime	
<i>Regulation on the rights of disabled persons and persons with reduced mobility when travelling by air (2006)¹</i>	<i>Regulation on rail passengers' rights and obligations (2021)²</i>	<i>Regulation on the rights of passengers when travelling by sea and inland waterway (2010)³</i>	<i>Regulation on short-term rentals (2024)⁴</i>
<i>Regulation on the establishment of a list of air carriers subject to an operating ban (2005)⁵</i>	<i>Regulation on the rights of passengers in bus and coach transport (2011)⁶</i>	<i>Regulation on the liability of carriers of passengers by sea in the event of accident (2009)⁷</i>	<i>Package Travel Directive (2015)⁸</i>
<i>Air Passenger Rights Regulation (2004)⁹</i>			<i>Directive on timeshare, long-term holiday products, resale and exchange contracts (2009)¹⁰</i>
<i>Regulation on air carrier liability in respect of the carriage of passengers and their baggage by air (1997)¹¹</i>			
<i>Proposal for modification of Regulations on Air Passenger Rights (2013)¹²</i>			<i>Proposal for revision of Package Travel Directive (2023)¹³</i>
<i>Communication on passenger rights in all transport modes (2011)¹⁴</i>			<i>Report on implementation of the Timeshare Directive (2015)¹⁵</i>

Notes:

- Timeshare and Package Travel Directives are IMCO competence, while regulations on transport fall under the competence of the Committee on Transport and Tourism (TRAN). However, as some of those regulations reinforce passenger, i.e. consumers, rights, the chart presents the most relevant legislation in that area.
- The EU has over time adopted a body of rules designed to protect passengers, irrespective of the mode of transport they use (air, road, rail and maritime). These rules build on previous legislation on the protection of consumers and package holidays, and on the applicable international conventions, the Charter of Fundamental Rights and the relevant national provisions.
- The Package Travel Directive provides important rights for consumers who book package holidays, including the right to a refund or the right to receive assistance in case of the insolvency of the tour operator. With the outbreak of COVID-19, these rights became particularly relevant, as many consumers had to cancel or postpone their holidays due to travel restrictions and quarantine measures. In response to the pandemic, the European Commission issued interpretative guidelines on the application of the Directive. These guidelines clarified that consumers have the right to a refund if the package holiday cannot be provided due to the COVID-19 pandemic, regardless of the reason for the cancellation. They also confirmed that tour operators are obliged to refund the consumer within 14 days of the cancellation, and that consumers are entitled to reimbursement in the form of vouchers or rebooking only if they have given their explicit and informed consent.
- The European Court of Auditors (ECA) conducted a review of the application of EU consumer law, including the Package Travel Directive, in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. The review found that consumers have faced several challenges in obtaining refunds for cancelled package holidays, such as delays, disputes over the applicable law, confusion regarding refund conditions, and a lack of consistency in the application of EU consumer law across the EU. These challenges have resulted in difficulties for consumers in understanding their rights and enforcing them. The ECA report recommends that steps should be taken to ensure a more consistent and harmonized application of EU consumer law across the EU in order to better protect consumers.
- On 29 November 2023, the Commission adopted a proposal to amend the Package Travel Directive, in order to make the protection of travellers more effective and to simplify and clarify certain aspects of the Directive. The Parliament will start working on this proposal after the European elections.

EP studies:

- [The performance of the Package Travel Directive and broader consumer protection issues in the implementation of passenger rights](#) (2023)
- [Reimbursement and compensation in case of transport cancellation or delay: rights and their enforcement](#) (2021)
- [Rail passengers' rights and obligations in the EU](#) (2021)
- [Consumer Choice and Fair Competition on the Digital Single Market in the Areas of Air Transportation and Accommodation](#) (2018)
- [Implementation of the Package Travel Directive](#) (2012)

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- ⁸ Directive (EU) 2015/2302 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2015 on package travel and linked travel arrangements, amending Regulation (EC) No 2006/2004 and Directive 2011/83/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Council Directive 90/314/EEC, OJ L 326, 11.12.2015, p. 1–33, available at: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/en/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32015L2302>.
- ⁹ Regulation (EC) No 261/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 February 2004 establishing common rules on compensation and assistance to passengers in the event of denied boarding and of cancellation or long delay of flights, and repealing Regulation (EEC) No 295/91, OJ L 46, 17.2.2004, p. 1–8, <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32004R0261>.
- ¹⁰ Directive 2008/122/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 January 2009 on the protection of consumers in respect of certain aspects of timeshare, long-term holiday product, resale and exchange contracts (Text with EEA relevance) OJ L 33, 3.2.2009, p. 10–30, <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32008L0122>.
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3. SINGLE MARKET GOVERNANCE AND FUNCTIONING

3.1. Single Market programming, governance and functioning documents

Single Market programming	Single Market governance		Single Market functioning	
	Guidelines & recommendations	"EU Semester" exercise		
Long term action plan for better implementation and enforcement of single market rules (2020) ¹	Communication on Better governance for the Single Market (2012) ²	2024 Annual Growth Survey (AGS) (2023) ³	AGS - Report on Single Market Integration (2022) ⁴	<i>Internal Market Emergency and Resilience Act (IMERA) (2024)⁵</i>
Communication on Single Market Strategy (2015) ⁶	Recommendation on Measures to improve the functioning of the Single Market (2009) ⁷			Single Digital Gateway (2018) ⁸
Communication on Single Market Act (SMA) II (2013) ⁹	Recommendation on Transposition of Directives affecting the Internal Market (2004) ¹⁰			Your Europe Portal (2013) ¹¹
Communication on Single Market Act (SMA) I (2012) ¹²	Communication on Monitoring the application of EU law (2002) ¹³			
	Annual Single Market Reports ¹⁴			

Notes:

- Single Market policy coordination has been structured around specific work programmes, such as the **Single Market Acts** (SMA I and SMA II) and the **Single Market Strategy**. In addition, more general guidelines and recommendations have been adopted with a view to improving the transposition and coherent implementation of EU law in the Single Market.
- Member States' economic policies are coordinated at EU level through the annual **'European Semester' exercise** which synchronises the timing of economic and fiscal policy reporting and evaluation at EU level. The **Annual Growth Survey** (AGS) is the first step. Specific reports are also attached, such as the **Joint Employment Report** and an annual **Report on Single Market Integration**. Published since 2012, the later analyses how the single market works in key areas with the greatest growth potential and points out possible gaps in implementing EU legislation.

EP studies:

- [Contribution of Internal Market and Consumer Protection to Growth](#) (2015)
- [Single Market Act: state of play](#) (Update 2014)
- [Indicators for Measuring the Performance of the Single Market – Building the Single Market Pillar of the European Semester](#) (2014)
- [Towards indicators for measuring the performance of the Single Market](#) (2014)
- [From Shadow to Formal Economy: Levelling the Playing Field in the Single Market](#) (2013)
- [Performance-based full policy cycle for the digital single market](#) (2013)
- [Better Governance of the Single Market](#) (2013)

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- ⁴ Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Central Bank, the European Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of Regions and the European Investment Bank - A Single Market for growth and jobs: An analysis of progress made and remaining obstacles in the Member States - Contribution to the Annual Growth Survey 2014, COM(2013)0785 final, http://ec.europa.eu/europe2020/pdf/2014/smr2014_en.pdf.
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- ⁹ Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and social Committee and the Committee of the Regions - Single Market Act II Together for new growth (Text with EEA relevance), COM(2012) 573 final, available at: <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=COM:2012:0573:FIN:EN:PDF>.
- ¹⁰ Commission Recommendation (2005/309/EC) of 12 July 2004 on the transposition into national law of Directives affecting the internal market (Text with EEA relevance), OJ L 98, 16.4.2005, p. 47–52, available at: http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv:OJ.L_.2005.098.01.0047.01.ENG.
- ¹¹ Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions - Empowering businesses and citizens in Europe's single market: An Action Plan for boosting Your Europe in cooperation with the Member States (Text with EEA relevance), COM(2013) 636 final, http://europa.eu/youreurope/advice/index_en.htm.
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3.2. Single Market governance tools

Single Market governance tools			
Information tools	Monitoring tools	Problem solving tools	Tools for administrative cooperation
Your Europe/Your Europe Advice portal ¹	Single Market Scoreboard ² (annual publication)	"EU Pilot" platform ³	Internal Market Information System (IMI) ⁴
European Consumer Centres Network (ECC-Net) ⁵	Consumer Markets Scoreboard ⁶ (annual publication)	SOLVIT service portal ⁷	Consumer Protection Cooperation (CPC) Network ⁸
European Employment Services Network (EURES) ⁹	Consumer Conditions Scoreboard ¹⁰ (annual publication)	Single Market Enforcement Taskforce (SMET) ¹¹	
Points of Single Contact (PSCs) ¹²			
Enterprise Europe Network (EEN) ¹³			

Notes:

- The chart presents practical "Single Market tools", i.e. the websites, platforms, networks etc. set up by the Commission in support of the EU policy on Single Market governance. Unlike the other charts in this document, the aim here is not to present the legislative and non-legislative acts in force, but to give an overview of the existing tools. The footnotes therefore refer to the texts used as a legal basis for creating the tools.
- Regarding **monitoring tools**, a number of other tools and reports in specific sectors are also available, for example the EC European Financial Stability and Integration Review (EFSIR)¹⁴ or the EC report on public procurement¹⁵.
- The **Points of Single Contact** have been set up in all the Member States under the EU 'Services Directive'. They provide businesses with information relating to business opportunities and related legislation and allow them to complete online administrative procedures for setting up a business in all the Member States.

- **"EU Pilot"** is an online platform used by Member States and the European Commission to communicate and clarify the factual and legal background of problems arising in relation to the conformity of national law with EU law or the correct application of EU law.

EP studies:

- [The role of Points of Single Contact and other information services in the Single Market](#) (2020)
- [A European Single Point of Contact](#) (2013)
- [Data protection in the IMI system](#) (2012)

- ¹ Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions - Empowering businesses and citizens in Europe's single market: An Action Plan for boosting Your Europe in cooperation with the Member States (Text with EEA relevance) COM(2013) 636 final, http://europa.eu/youreurope/http://europa.eu/youreurope/advice/index_en.htm.
- ² Single Market Scoreboard, <http://ec.europa.eu/single-market-scoreboard>.
- ³ Communication from the Commission - A Europe of results - Applying Community law, COM(2007) 502 final, available at: https://single-market-scoreboard.ec.europa.eu/governance-tools/eu-pilot_en.
- ⁴ Regulation (EU) No 1024/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on administrative cooperation through the Internal Market Information System and repealing Commission Decision 2008/49/EC ('the IMI Regulation') (Text with EEA relevance), OJ L 316, 14.11.2012, p. 1–11, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02012R1024-20220221>.
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3.3. External dimension of the Single Market: Bilateral agreements

Free movement of goods	Free movement of persons	Free movement of services	Free movement of capital	Public procurement
EU-New Zealand Trade Agreement (2024) ¹		EU-New Zealand Trade Agreement (2024) ²		
EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA) (2021) ³		EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA) (2021) ⁴		
EU-Singapore Free Trade Agreement (2019) ⁵		EU-Singapore Free Trade Agreement (2019) ⁶		
EU-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement (2018) ⁷		EU-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement (2018) ⁸		
EU-Canada Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) (2017) ⁹				
EU-Georgia Association Agreement (2014) ¹⁰		EU-Georgia Association Agreement (2014) ¹¹		
EU-Iraq Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (2012) ¹²				EU-Iraq Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (2012) ¹³
EU-South Korea Free Trade Agreement (2010) ¹⁴		EU-South Korea Free Trade Agreement (2010) ¹⁶		
EU-South Africa Trade Development and Cooperation Agreement (2004) ¹⁷		EU-South Africa Trade Development and Cooperation Agreement (2004) ¹⁸		
Agreements with American countries ¹⁹		Agreements with American countries ²⁰		
Association Agreements with Mediterranean countries ²¹		Association Agreements with Mediterranean countries ²²		
EU-Switzerland Free Trade Agreement ²³ (1972) and additional protocols	EU-Switzerland "Bilateral Agreements I" (1999) and "Bilateral Agreements II" (2004) ²⁴			EU-Switzerland Agreement on certain aspects of government procurement (part of "Bilateral Agreements I") (1999) ²⁵

Notes:

- **General provision:** only the EU Member States are fully part of the EU Single Market, while several other countries and territories have been granted various degrees of participation. The Single Market has been extended, with exceptions, to Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway through the Agreement on the European Economic Area (EEA), and to Switzerland through sectoral bilateral agreements.

The exceptions, where the three states member of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) are not bound by EU law, are:

- the common agricultural policy and the common fisheries policy (although the EEA agreement contains provisions on trade in agricultural and fishery produce);
 - the customs union;
 - the common trade policy;
 - the common foreign and security policy;
 - the field of justice and home affairs (although each EFTA country is part of the Schengen area); and
 - the economic and monetary union (EMU).
- This chart aims at presenting the main bilateral international agreements between the EU and third countries and regions that cover issues of interest for the IMCO Committee.
 - Therefore, the presentation excludes:
 - EU-enlargement issues (including Ukraine and Moldova) and the Agreement on the European Economic Area (EEA),
 - Internal EU regulations such as the **Regulation on access to international public procurement markets (IPI)**²⁶ and the **Strategy for the protection and enforcement of intellectual property rights in 3rd countries**²⁷;
 - International agreements touching upon Internal Market policies but with no direct link to the core issues dealt with by the IMCO Committee (e.g. competition, energy, intellectual property rights, financial services, investment, food, animal and plants products). Such agreements include e.g. the **Agreement on Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS)**²⁸, the **Fifth Protocol to GATS on financial services**²⁹, the **WIPO Copyright Treaty (WCT)**³⁰ and the **WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty (WPPT)**³¹, the **WTO Agriculture Agreement**³², the **WTO Agreement on the Application of the Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS Agreement)**³³, the **WTO Anti-dumping Agreement**³⁴, the **Agreement on Trade-Related Investment Measures (TRIMs)**³⁵.
 - The scope of each bilateral agreement presented in the chart depends on the negotiations that took place between the EU and the country concerned. Therefore, the agreements appearing under one specific issue (e.g. free movement of services) may differ as regards the scope and intensity of the commitments.

- **Agreements EU-Switzerland:**

- "**Bilateral Agreements I**" is a package of seven sectoral agreements with the Swiss Confederation (free movement of persons, air and land transport, public procurement, scientific and technological cooperation, mutual recognition in relation to conformity assessment, and trade in agricultural products). The "**Bilateral Agreements II**" deal with different issues, such as the Schengen and Dublin agreements, the taxation of savings' interest, the fight against fraud, processed agricultural products, statistics, pensions, the environment, the MEDIA audiovisual programme, education, occupational training and youth.
- There is no general agreement on **free movement of services with Switzerland**. However, a limited application of it is provided for in the Free Movement of Persons Agreement and in some specific sectors under specific agreements (e.g. the Transport Agreements). **Free movement of capital** is in principle not covered by bilateral agreements; but a minor element may be found in Article 25 of Annex I attached to the Free Movement of Persons Agreement (Bilateral Agreements I), concerning the purchase of real estate.
- On 18 March 2024 the EU and Switzerland launched negotiations on a broad package of measures to deepen and expand EU-Switzerland relationship. Key elements of the possible package include institutional provisions i.a. on internal market, state aid provisions, Swiss participation in a number of EU programmes like Horizon Europe and Swiss permanent financial contribution to social and economic cohesion in the EU.

EP studies:

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- [CETA implementation - SMEs and regions in focus](#) (2019)
- [Internal Market beyond the EU: EEA and Switzerland](#) (2010)

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- 11 Ibidem.
- 12 Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Iraq, of the other part, OJ L 204, 31.7.2012, p. 20, available at: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A22012A0731%2801%29>.
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- 20 These refer to the following agreements: EU's Trade agreement with Ecuador, Peru and Colombia (2012), EU-Chile Association Agreement (2003), EU-Central America Association Agreement (2012).
- 21 EU-Algeria Association Agreement (2005), EU-Egypt Association Agreement (2004), EU-Israel Association Agreement (2000), EU Jordan Association Agreement (2002), EU Morocco Association Agreement (2000), EU Palestinian Occupied Territory Association Agreement (1997), EU-Tunisia Association Agreement (1998).
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- economic operators, goods and services to the public procurement and concession markets of third countries (International Procurement Instrument – IPI) (Text with EEA relevance), OJ L 173, 30.6.2022, p. 1–16, available at: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32022R1031>.
- ²⁷ Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council and the European Economic and Social Committee - Trade, growth and intellectual property - Strategy for the protection and enforcement of intellectual property rights in third countries COM(2014) 389 final 01.07.2014, <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52014DC0389>.
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- ³² Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations (1986- 1994) - Annex 1 - Annex 1A - Agreement on Agriculture (WTO-GATT 1994), OJ L 336, 23.12.1994, p. 22–39, [http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:21994A1223\(04\)](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:21994A1223(04)); for further information on the WTO Agriculture Agreement: http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/agric_e/agric_e.htm.
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3.4. External dimension of the Single Market: Multilateral and plurilateral agreements

Free movement of goods	Free movement of persons	Free movement of services	Free movement of capital	Public procurement
Information Technology Agreement (ITA) (1996) ¹	General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS) - 3rd Protocol (1996)²	General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS) (1994)³		WTO Government Procurement Agreement (GPA) (1994)⁴
Agreement on Trade-Related Investment Measures (TRIMs) (1994) ⁵		General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS) - Annex 1 Disciplines on Services Domestic Regulation (2021)		
Rules of Origin Agreement (1994) ⁶				
Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures (1994) ⁷				
Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) (1994) ⁸				
Agreement on customs valuation (1994) ⁹				
Pre-shipment inspection Agreement (1994) ¹⁰				
General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) (1994)¹¹				
Agreement on Trade in Civil Aircraft (1979) ¹²				

Notes:

- This chart aims at presenting the main multilateral and plurilateral international agreements between the EU and third countries and regions that cover issues of interest for the IMCO Committee.

Therefore, the presentation excludes:

- internal EU regulations such as the **Regulation on access to international public procurement markets (IPI)**¹³ and the **Strategy for the protection and enforcement of intellectual property rights in 3rd countries**¹⁴;
- International agreements touching upon Internal Market policies but with no direct link to the core issues dealt with by the IMCO Committee (e.g. competition, energy, intellectual property rights, financial services, investment, food, animal and plants products). Such agreements include e.g. the **Agreement on Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS)**¹⁵, the **Fifth Protocol to GATS on financial services**¹⁶, the **WIPO Copyright Treaty (WCT)**¹⁷ and the **WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty (WPPT)**¹⁸, the **WTO Agriculture Agreement**¹⁹, the **WTO Agreement on the Application of the Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS Agreement)**²⁰, the **WTO Anti-dumping Agreement**²¹, the **Agreement on Trade-Related Investment Measures (TRIMs)**²².
- EU-enlargement issues and the Agreement on the European Economic Area (EEA) are also excluded from the chart.
- The basic structure of the WTO agreements is made of the umbrella "**WTO agreement**"²³ (Agreement establishing the WTO); three agreements defining the basic principles in the three areas covered by the WTO (goods, services, intellectual property); dispute settlements and a trade policy review mechanism.

In addition to the sectoral agreements (GATT for goods, GATS for services and TRIPS for intellectual property), further additional agreements and annexes cover specific sectors (except for TRIPS) and lists of commitments made by individual countries. The chart only presents the most important additional agreements and annexes to the extent that the IMCO Committee's competences are concerned.²⁴

The provisions of the GATT 1947 (international treaty predating the WTO Agreement incorporated into the GATT 1994) continue to have legal effect as part of the GATT 1994, itself a component of the WTO Agreement.

- The GATS comes with different annexes dealing with rules for specific sectors, such as the **2nd Protocol to the GATS (financial services)**²⁵; **4th Protocol to the GATS (telecommunications)**²⁶; **5th Protocol to the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS)**²⁷.
- The **Agreement on Trade in Civil Aircraft** and the **WTO Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)** are plurilateral agreements. The revised WTO Government Procurement Agreement (GPA) entered into force on 6 April 2014.
- Negotiations on a Trade in Services Agreement (TiSA) were launched in March 2013. Until November 2016, 21 rounds took place and negotiations were said to have been at an advanced stage, although the ambition to have an agreed text did not materialize and TiSA negotiations were halted. On a separate track, following a joint declaration in

December 2017 Buenos Aires WTO Ministerial Conference, negotiations on domestic services regulation were conducted on a plurilateral basis and successfully concluded in December 2021²⁸.

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- ⁴ Protocol Amending the Agreement on Government Procurement, OJ L 68, 7.3.2014, p. 2–24, http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv:OJ.L_.2014.068.01.0002.01.ENG; the revised WTO Government Procurement Agreement (GPA) entered into force on 6 April 2014 http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/gproc_e/gp_gpa_e.htm.
- ⁵ Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations (1986- 1994) - Annex 1 - Annex 1A - Agreement on Trade-Related Investment Measures (WTO-GATT 1994), OJ L 336, 23.12.1994, p. 100–102, available at: [http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:21994A1223\(08\)](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:21994A1223(08)).
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For further information on this agreement: http://www.wto.org/english/docs_e/legal_e/22-roo_e.htm.
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