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to the Commission

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Subject: Areas for deregulation within the EU

The Draghi report highlights that the EU has passed 13 000 pieces of legislation since 2019, compared to only 3 000 in the United States¹. At the same time, the gap between the EU and US economies keeps growing: from 15 % in 2002 to 30 % today. The digital sector reflects a similar trend, with the EU hosting only 4 of the world's top 50 largest technology companies².

Given the negative impact of centralistic overregulation, Commission President Ursula von der Leyen has called for a 25 % reduction in reporting obligations for businesses and up to 35 % for small and medium-sized enterprises³.

1. Can the Commission outline, by mentioning specific legislation and examples, in which sectors it sees potential for deregulation to stimulate economic growth and innovation?
2. How does the Commission intend to ensure that deregulation efforts are effectively implemented, considering the institution's historic tendency towards increasing rather than reducing regulation?
3. What is the estimated total cost of EU regulatory and administrative burdens on businesses and how does the Commission quantify these costs in relation to the overall economic performance of the EU?

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¹ https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/ec1409c1-d4b4-4882-8bdd-3519f86bbb92_en?filename=The%20future%20of%20European%20competitiveness_%20In-depth%20analysis%20and%20recommendations_0.pdf p. 318.

² https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/fcbc7ada-213b-4679-83f7-69a4c2127a25_en?filename=Address%20by%20Mario%20Draghi%20at%20the%20Presentation%20of%20the%20report%20on%20the%20future%20of%20European%20competitiveness.pdf p. 2.

³ <https://www.politico.eu/article/eu-red-tape-regulation-ursula-von-der-leyen-commission/>.