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Subject: Simplification, Implementation and Enforcement
a) 2025 Annual Progress Reports
b) 2025 Annual Overview Report
- Presentation by the Commission
- Exchange of views

1. On 21 October 2025, the Commission published the 2025 Annual Progress reports on Simplification, Implementation and Enforcement of Commissioners Valdis Dombrovskis (ST 14495/REV1/25) and María Luís Albuquerque (ST 14496/REV1/25). Both reports highlight key measures that have been taken from January to July 2025 to pursue simplification efforts in the Commissioners' respective policy areas.
2. On the same day, the Commission also published the 2025 Overview Report on Simplification, Implementation and Enforcement (ST 14498/REV1/25) that Commissioner Valdis Dombrovskis prepared in his capacity as Commissioner for Implementation and Simplification. This report covers the six packages of omnibus initiatives and other proposals that aim at reducing burdens and simplifying legislation proposed by the Commission in the first months of 2025.
3. On 23 October 2025, the European Council in its conclusions reaffirmed “the urgent need to advance an ambitious and horizontally-driven simplification and better regulation agenda at all levels – EU, national and regional – and in all areas in order to ensure Europe’s competitiveness”, urged “the Commission and the co-legislators to accelerate their work, as a matter of utmost priority, on all files with a simplification or competitiveness dimension” and called for further concrete action “to avoid over-regulation and the introduction of new administrative burdens”.
4. The Council is now called upon to hold an exchange of views on simplification, implementation and enforcement, in light of the above-mentioned reports (under points 1 and 2) to be presented by the European Commission at the ECOFIN Council meeting on 13 November.