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Working Party on Competitiveness and Growth (Internal Market)

FLASH 17 October 2023

Dear colleagues,

We are happy to welcome you to a new meeting of the Working Party on Competitiveness and Growth (Internal Market).

It will be a 1+1 full day meeting with interpretation on the 17 October, starting at 10:30 in the Europa Building.

Following the adoption of the agenda, we will continue with the discussion about the *proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending and correcting Directive 2005/36/EC as regards the recognition of professional qualifications of nurses responsible for general care trained in Romania*. In order to finalise the examination at working party level, we kindly ask delegations to give their views to the IMCO Committee's draft amendments ([this link](#)).

Afterwards, we will deal with the Ecodesign for Sustainable Products Regulation (ESPR). To begin with, the Presidency will inform Member States about the state of play of the negotiations with the European Parliament and will provide details about the technical meetings held since the last Council Working Party, as well as on the items to be discussed at the second political trilogue.

Then, the Presidency will invite Member States to comment on the different thematic blocks included in the discussion paper circulated for the meeting:

A. Second-hand markets

Delegations are expected to comment on the proposal made by the second-hand sector and to suggest acceptable ways to incorporate in the text references to second-hand products.

B. Disclosure of information on the destruction of unsold goods

Delegations are expected to express their preferred option among the three proposed in the document.

C. Transition period for Ecodesign measures currently under preparation

Delegations will be asked to confirm their support for finding a solution in the text to the problem described and to express their views on whether the way forward suggested by the Commission is the most suitable one.

D. Social aspects

Delegations will be invited to express their views on the EP amendment to Article 69, on evaluation, only with regards to the inclusion of social sustainability and due diligence aspects in the Regulation (part highlighted in yellow).

E. Specific drafting suggestions proposed at the technical meetings

Delegations will be invited to express flexibilities to accept the approaches and drafting suggestions included in the 4th column. A specific round of discussion will be foreseen for the drafting suggestion related to Article 13.

We look forward to seeing you on the 17th!
The Spanish Presidency team



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