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Informal videoconference of the members of the Working Party on Internal Market

Dear Colleagues,

We are very much looking forward to seeing you all on **Tuesday, 18th of May 2021**. The meeting will be held via videoconference for an afternoon session only, starting at 15:00.

We are pleased to announce that in our fourth meeting we will be discussing the **Annual Single Market Report 2021** that was presented under the Commission Communication “Updating the 2020 New Industrial Strategy: building a stronger Single Market for Europe’s recovery” of 5th May 2021.

We will invite the Commission to present us a general overview of the Communication and a specific presentation on the Annual Single Market Report 2021 (hereafter “The Report 2021”).

The Report 2021 is meant to reply to the request of the Council in its Conclusions of 21st of September 2020 on “Deepened Single Market for a Strong Recovery and a Competitive, Sustainable Europe”, which were endorsed by the European Council of 1st and 2nd of October 2020.

As the Commission Communication claims that the Report will be an annual exercise on a general overview of the Single Market, the Presidency would like to invite the delegations to exchange views on its present and future content and format.

In order to stir the discussions, the Presidency puts forward the following questions:

- 1) Which are the most important matters/areas addressed by the Report? Which are the matters/areas that are missing?
- 2) What should be the structure/format of future Annual Single Market Reports? Should it replace the Single Market Performance Report under the European Semester¹ ?

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52019SC0444&from=EN>

We take this opportunity to inform you that our last meeting will take place in June and it's our intention to discuss the Single Market Emergency Instrument as well as to hear the priorities for the Internal Market of the incoming Slovenian Presidency for the second semester.

The Presidency is really looking forward to meeting you all for a very interesting discussion.

Thank you for your attention and please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

 **The Portuguese Presidency Team**