

**Proposal for a Regulation establishing the Programme for single market, competitiveness of enterprises, including small and medium-sized enterprises, and European statistics – COM(2018)441, 2018/0231(COD)**

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**Council**

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<b>Committee responsible</b>	IMCO
<b>Rapporteur</b>	Nicola Danti (S&D)
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## Summary

The objective of this proposal is to provide the financial spending programme and framework for, among other fields, European statistics for the period 2021-2027. One of the general objectives of the Single Market Programme will be to provide high-quality, comparable and reliable statistics on Europe which underpin the design, monitoring and evaluation of all the Union policies and help policy makers, businesses, academia, citizens and media to make informed decisions and actively participate in the democratic process.

The Statistical Programme (ESP), as part of the Single Market Programme (SMP), was dealt with in the Working Party on Competitiveness and Growth (COMPCRO), in close cooperation with the CWPS. At the COMPCRO meeting on 3 July 2018, the Commission delivered a presentation of the Impact Assessment on the ESP.

A written consultation was launched among the Council Working Party on Statistics members on the Single Market Programme text relevant to statistics related recitals, articles and annexes with the deadline of 24 July 2018. The resulting compilation of Member States' comments was taken as the basis for discussions in the Council Working Party on Statistics meeting on 3 September, where all the annexes, articles and recitals connected to statistics were discussed. Based on these discussions, a compromise text was prepared. This text was then sent to the Member States for a brief written consultation following which the results of this written consultation as well as the compromise text itself were forwarded to the COMPCRO working party to serve as basis for discussions for the 1 October meeting where experts could participate as +1. In this COMPCRO meeting, both the horizontal parts which concern statistics and the European Statistical Programme parts were discussed together.

In parallel the Austrian CWPS Presidency team was in close contact with their COMPCRO counterparts, informing CWPS delegates on steps taken in the COMPCRO community (e.g. written procedure on horizontal issues, discussions of horizontal articles, etc.) and asking them to liaise with their own COMPCRO counterparts for any drafting suggestions and comments regarding horizontal issues. The Austrian CWPS Presidency team also made sure that the statistical voice was heard in the COMPCRO community by informing them about the outcome of our written consultation and attending COMPCRO working party meetings in which horizontal articles were discussed.

After the meeting on 1 October some additional COMPCRO meetings (without the participation of statistics experts) took place where a few adaptations on statistics related articles, recitals and Annex II were made.

The SMP/ESP Presidency compromise proposal was approved in Coreper I on 14 November. A partial general approach was approved by the Competitiveness Council on 29 November 2018.