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**European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)**

Council Regulation (EC) No [168/2007](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/AUTO/?uri=celex:32007R0168) establishing a European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights

**legislative act**

Council Regulation (EC) No [168/2007](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/AUTO/?uri=celex:32007R0168) of 15 February 2007 establishing a European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights

**summary**

The [Fundamental Rights Agency](http://fra.europa.eu/de) is at the disposal of the EU institutions and the governments of EU countries in the implementation of EU law with regard to [fundamental rights.](http://ec.europa.eu/justice/fundamental-rights/charter/index_de.htm)

**WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS REGULATION?**

The Regulation establishes a specific body for fundamental rights at EU level - the Agency - and defines its main tasks and objectives, as well as its functioning and internal governance structures.

**IMPORTANT KEY POINTS**

The Agency shall carry out the following activities:

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| — | It provides **THE EU institutions and countries** with expertise on fundamental rights to ensure that any measure or legislation adopted is in line with fundamental rights; |

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| — | it **provides opinions** for the EU institutions and EU countries. This is done either on its or on their request (for example, on whether measures or legislative proposals are compatible with fundamental rights); |

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| — | collects, analyses and **disseminates reliable and comparable information** on the concrete impact of EU action on fundamental rights; |

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| — | it carries out scientific **research and surveys** on fundamental rights; |

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| — | it publishes publications **on specific topics** or on the implementation of human rights by the EU institutions and countries; |

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| — | it shall publish an **annual report** on the issues falling within its remit and highlight examples of good **practice;** |

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| — | **it develops communication strategies or campaigns** and promotes dialogue with civil society in order to raise **public** **awareness**of fundamental rights issues; |

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| — | he proposes procedures for the enforcement of fundamental rights. |

However, the Agency does not deal with individual complaints.

**5-year work plan**

The agency's thematic areas of activity will be defined in a multiannual framework adopted by the Council. This framework covers a period of five years and is in line with the EU's overarching priorities.

The Agency's activities must include **racism, xenophobia** and related intolerance.

**Cooperation with other institutions**

The Agency must cooperate closely with the following bodies:

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| — | the [EU institutions](http://europa.eu/about-eu/institutions-bodies/index_de.htm); |

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| — | EU governments and civil society groups, such as the [Platform for Fundamental Rights](http://fra.europa.eu/en/cooperation/civil-society/about-frp); |

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| — | Equality bodies (e.B.dem [European Institute for Gender Equality](http://eige.europa.eu/) or the Coordination Committee for National Human Rights Institutions of the [United Nations](http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Countries/NHRI/Pages/NHRIMain.aspx)); |

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| — | international organisations[(Council of Europe,](http://www.coe.int/de/web/portal/home) [United Nations,](http://www.un.org/en/index.html) Organisation for Security and Cooperation [in Europe);](http://www.osce.org/) |

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| — | [candidate countries](http://ec.europa.eu/enlargement/countries/check-current-status/index_en.htm) for accession to the EU. |

**WHEN DOES THE REGULATION ENTER INTO FORCE?**

This Regulation entered into force on 23 February 2007.

**background**

The Agency replaces the [European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/AUTO/?uri=uriserv:c10411) in Vienna and takes over its activities.

For more information:

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| — | [Strategic Plan 2013-2017 of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights](http://fra.europa.eu/sites/default/files/fra_strategic_plan_en.pdf); |

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| — | [Website of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights](http://europa.eu/about-eu/agencies/regulatory_agencies_bodies/policy_agencies/fra/index_de.htm). |

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| Regulation (EC) No [168/2007](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/AUTO/?uri=celex:32007R0168) | 23.2.2007 | - | [OJ No. L 53 of 22.2.2007, p. 1-14](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/AUTO/?uri=uriserv:OJ.L_.2007.053.01.0001.01.DEU) |

**RELATED ACTS**

Council Decision [252/2013/EU](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/AUTO/?uri=celex:32013D0252) of 11 March 2013 establishing a multiannual framework (2013-2017) for the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (OJ[No. L 79 of 21.3.2013, p. 1-3](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/AUTO/?uri=uriserv:OJ.L_.2013.079.01.0001.01.DEU))

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**The new EU Digital Single Market Strategy**

A digital single market would allow consumers and entrepreneurs to make full use of the benefits of the Internet and digital technologies.

**legislative act**

Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: Digital Single Market Strategy for Europe ([COM(2015) 192 final](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/AUTO/?uri=celex:52015DC0192) of 6.5.2015)

**summary**

A digital single market would allow consumers and entrepreneurs to make full use of the benefits of the Internet and digital technologies.

**WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS COMMUNICATION?**

This Communication sets out the Digital Single Market Strategy, which is one of the [10 policy priorities](http://ec.europa.eu/priorities/docs/pg_de.pdf" \l "page=6) of the European Commission's Agenda [for Jobs, Growth, Fairness and Democratic Change.](http://www.eesc.europa.eu/resources/docs/jean-claude-juncker---political-guidelines.pdf)

**IMPORTANT KEY POINTS**

The strategy defines **16 targeted actions**based on three **pillars:**

* 1.

**Better access for consumers to digital goods and services across Europe**. In this context, the Commission will propose:

* + rules to facilitate cross-border [e-commerce;](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/AUTO/?uri=uriserv:l24204)
  + a review of [the Consumer Protection Cooperation Regulation in](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/AUTO/?uri=uriserv:l32047)order to speed up and more coherent enforcement of consumerlaw;
  + more efficient and affordable cross-border parcel delivery services;
  + preventing unjustified geo-blocking\*, thereby increasing choice and access for European online consumers;
  + Identifying potential competition problems in European e-commerce markets;
  + a modern, more European [copyright law](http://ec.europa.eu/internal_market/copyright/index_de.htm);
  + a review of the [Satellite and Cable Directive](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/AUTO/?uri=uriserv:l26031)to determine whether its scope should be extended to include online broadcasting bybroadcasters;
  + Reducing the administrative burden on businesses resulting from different VAT regimes.
* 2.

**Creating the right conditions and equal conditions for thriving digital networks and innovative**services. The Commission proposes:

* + a reform of [EU telecoms rules](http://ec.europa.eu/digital-agenda/en/telecoms-rules);
  + the review of the legal framework for [audiovisual media](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/summary/glossary/audiovisual.html)in order to modernise it forthe 21st century;
  + an analysis of the role of online platforms, such as search engines, social media, etc., in the Digital Single Market and an analysis of how to combat illegal content on the Internet;
  + Strengthening trust and security in digital services, in particular when dealing with [personal data](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/AUTO/?uri=uriserv:l14042). This will also include a review of the [e-Privacy Directive](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/AUTO/?uri=uriserv:l24120);
  + a partnership with the [cybersecurity](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/AUTO/?uri=uriserv:si0010) industry in terms of technologies and solutions for online network security.
* 3.

**Making the most of the growth potential of the digital economy**. The Commission will:

* + propose a 'free data flow initiative' in the EU to promote free data traffic in the EU and an initiative for a ['European cloud';](https://ec.europa.eu/digital-agenda/node/609" \l "Article)
  + priorities for the standardisation and interoperability of devices, applications, data stores, services and networks that are central to the Digital Single Market;
  + promote an inclusive digital society in which citizens have the necessary skills to exploit the opportunities offered by the Internet and increase their own opportunities in the labour market.

The Commission will implement these measures by the end of 2016.

More information is available on [the European Commission's Digital Single Market](http://ec.europa.eu/priorities/digital-single-market/index_de.htm) website.

**Keywords**

**\* Geoblocking:** Practice to block access to a website for the online consumer due to his/her location or to redirect to a site corresponding to the location at different prices.

**RELATED ACTS**

Commission staff working paper: Digital Single Market Strategy for Europe - Analysis and facts - Accompanying document to the Commission's communication to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: Digital Single Market Strategy for Europe ([SWD(2015) 100 final](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/AUTO/?uri=celex:52015SC0100) of 6.5.2015)

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**Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union**

**SUMMARY OF THE DOCUMENT:**

[Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/AUTO/?uri=celex:12016ME/TXT)

**introduction**

The Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU), the result of the Treaty of Lisbon, dates back to the Treaty establishing the **European Community** (TEC or EC Treaty), as provided for by the Maastricht [Treaty.](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/TXT/?uri=legissum:xy0026) The EC Treaty itself was based on the Treaty establishing the European Economic **[Community](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/TXT/?uri=legissum:xy0023)** (EEC), which was signed in Rome on 25 March 1957. The creation of the European Union by the Maastricht Treaty (7 February 1992) was a further step towards the political unification of Europe.

However, the European Union did not supersede the European Communities, but placed them in a "three-pillar" overarching structure:

* **The first pillar** consisted of the European Communities (the EC, the [European Coal and Steel Community](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/TXT/?uri=legissum:xy0022) (ECSC) (until 2002) and [Euratom).](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/TXT/?uri=legissum:4301853)
* **The second pillar** consisted of cooperation between EU countries under the Common Foreign and Security [Policy](http://europa.eu/european-union/topics/foreign-security-policy_de).
* **The third pillar** included cooperation between EU countries in the field of [justice](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/summary/glossary/justice.html) and home affairs.

Each new contract is co-numbered. The [Treaty of Lisbon,](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/TXT/?uri=LEGISSUM:ai0033)signed on 13.12.2007,which entered into force on 1.12.2009, again led to the renaming of the TEC in the TFEU, which brought together the three pillars into a reformed EU, and to a renumbering.

The TFEU is one of the EU's two priority treaties, in addition to the [Treaty on European Union](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/TXT/?uri=LEGISSUM:4301855) (TEU). It provides the detailed basis of EU law and sets out the EU's principles and objectives and the possibilities for action in its policies. It also sets out details of the organisation and functioning of the EU institutions.

**WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE TREATY?**

As stated in the preamble at the time, the aim of the TEC was to 'lay the foundations for an ever closer union of the peoples of Europe'. This formulation is still included in both the preamble to the current TFEU and the TEU. Indeed, these treaties extended European integration to include a more political and democratic dimension, which went beyond the original economic objective (of a common market).

**KEY CORNERSTONES OF THE CONSOLIDATED TREATY**

* The First Part - **Principles:**
  + describes the scope of the Treaty and its relationship with the TEU (Article 1);
  + outlines the EU's competences according to the powers of each EU area (Articles 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6);
  + sets out general principles for EU activities (Articles 7 to 17).
* Part Two - **Non-discrimination and EU citizenship:**
  + prohibits discrimination on grounds of nationality (Article 18);
  + states that the EU will fight 'discrimination on grounds of sex, race, ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation' (Article 19);
  + introduces and defines EU citizenship and related rights (Articles 20 to 24).
* The third part, the most comprehensive of which is (Articles 26 to 197), sets out the legal basis for **the EU's internal policies and actions** in the following areas:
  + [Internal Market](http://ec.europa.eu/growth/single-market_de) (Title I);
  + [free movement of goods](http://ec.europa.eu/growth/single-market/goods/free-movement-sectors_de) (Title II), including the [Customs Union](http://europa.eu/european-union/topics/customs_de);
  + [Common agricultural policy](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/summary/glossary/agricultural_policy.html) and [common fisheries policy](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/summary/glossary/fisheries.html) (Title III);
  + free movement of workers (and [people](http://europa.eu/youreurope/citizens/residence/residence-rights/index_de.htm) in general), [freedom of movement of services](http://ec.europa.eu/growth/single-market/services_de) and [capital](http://ec.europa.eu/info/business-economy-euro/banking-and-finance/financial-markets/capital-movements_de) (Title IV);
  + [area of freedom, security and justice](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/summary/glossary/freedom_and_security.html) (Title V), including [police and judicial cooperation;](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/summary/glossary/police_judicial_cooperation.html)
  + [Transport](http://europa.eu/european-union/topics/transport_de) (Title VI);
  + [Competition,](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/summary/glossary/competition.html) [taxation and](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/summary/glossary/taxation.html) approximation [of legislation](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/archives/guide/part1.htm) (Title VII);
  + [Economic and monetary policy](http://europa.eu/european-union/topics/economic-monetary-affairs_de) (Title VIII), which includes articles on the euro;
  + [Employment policy](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/summary/glossary/employment.html) (Title IX);
  + [Social policy](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/summary/glossary/social_policy.html) (Title X), referring to the [European Social Charter](http://www.coe.int/en/web/turin-european-social-charter) (1961) and the Community Charter of the Fundamental Social Rights of [Workers](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/TXT/?uri=LEGISSUM:c10107) (1989) - Title XI establishes the European Social [Fund;](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/summary/glossary/european_social_fund.html)
  + [education, training,](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/summary/glossary/training.html) [youth](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/summary/glossary/youth.html) and [sport](http://europa.eu/european-union/topics/sport_de) (Title XII);
  + [Culture](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/summary/glossary/culture.html) (Title XIII);
  + [Health](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/summary/glossary/public_health.html) care (Title XIV);
  + [Consumer protection](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/summary/glossary/consumer_protection.html) (Title XV);
  + [trans-European networks](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/summary/glossary/ten.html) (Title XVI);
  + [Industry](http://europa.eu/european-union/topics/enterprise_de) (Title XVII);
  + [economic, social and territorial](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/summary/glossary/economic_social_cohesion.html) cohesion, i.e. reducing disparities in levels of development (Title XVIII);
  + [Research and development](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/summary/glossary/research_and_development.html) and [space (Title](http://europa.eu/european-union/topics/space_de) XIX);
  + [Environmental policy](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/summary/glossary/environment.html) (Title XX);
  + [Energy policy](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/summary/glossary/energy.html) (Title XXI);
  + [Tourism](http://ec.europa.eu/growth/sectors/tourism_de) (Title XXII);
  + [Civil protection](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/summary/glossary/civil_protection.html) (Title XXIII);
  + [Administrative cooperation](http://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/business/tax-cooperation-control/administrative-cooperation_de) (Title XXIV).
* Part Four, **Association of** Overseas Countries and **[Territories](http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/regions/octs_en)** (Articles 198 to 204), describes the special relationship between the EU and the overseas territories of some EU countries which, unlike the outermost regions, are not part of the EU.
* Part Five - **EU External Action** - (Articles 205 to 222) describes:
  + common commercial policy[(external trade policy);](http://europa.eu/european-union/topics/trade_de)
  + [development cooperation and humanitarian aid](http://europa.eu/european-union/topics/development-cooperation_de) for non-EU countries;
  + relations with non-EU countries (international treaties, [sanctions](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/TXT/?uri=LEGISSUM:25_1) and [solidarity](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/summary/glossary/solidarity_clause.html) between EU countries) and international for a;
  + the creation of EU delegations;
  + that external action must be consistent with the principles set out in Chapter 1 of Title V of the TEU on the Common Foreign and Security Policy (Article 205).
* Part Six, **Institutional And Financial Rules,** details:
  + the [EU institutions](http://europa.eu/european-union/about-eu/institutions-bodies_de) (Articles 223 to 227);
  + EU consultative bodies (Articles 300 to 307);
  + the European Investment Bank (Articles 308 and 309);
  + [acts](http://europa.eu/european-union/eu-law/legal-acts_de) (regulations, directives, etc.) and EU [procedures](http://europa.eu/european-union/eu-law/decision-making/procedures_de) (Articles 288 to 299);
  + the EU [budget](http://europa.eu/european-union/about-eu/money_de) (Articles 310 to 325);
  + [enhanced cooperation](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/summary/glossary/enhanced_cooperation.html) between EU countries (Articles 326 to 334).
* Part Seven, **General and Final Provisions** (Articles 335 to 358), deals with specific legal aspects such as the EU's legal capacity, the territorial and temporal scope, the seat of the institutions, exemptions and the effect on contracts signed before 1958 or before the date of accession.

**WHEN DOES THE TREATY ENTER INTO FORCE?**

The TFEU, signed on 13 December 2007 by 27 EU countries (Croatia only joined in 2013), entered into force on 1 December 2009.

**background**

For more information:

* [The Founding Treaties](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/factsheets/de/sheet/1/the-first-treaties) (*European Parliament*)
* [Historical demolition of the EU](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/de/history/) (*Council of the EU*)
* [EU Treaties](http://europa.eu/european-union/law/treaties_de) (*European Commission*)
* [Overview of the contracts](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/collection/eu-law/treaties/treaties-overview.html?locale=de) (*EUR-Lex*).

**HAUPTDOKUMENT**

[Treaty](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/AUTO/?uri=celex:12016ME/TXT) on the Functioning of the European Union of 13 December 2007 - Consolidated version (OJ No. C 202 of 7.6.2016, p. 47-360)

**RELATED DOCUMENTS**

[Treaty](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/AUTO/?uri=celex:11957E/TXT) establishing the European Economic Community (not published in the Official Journal)

Subsequent amendments to the Contract have been inserted into the original text. This [consolidated version](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/AUTO/?uri=celex:02016ME/TXT-20160901) is documentary in its exclusive capacity.

[Maastricht Treaty of](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/TXT/?uri=OJ:JOC_1992_191_R_0001_01) 7 February 1992 (OJ No. C 191 of 29.7.1992, p. 1-112)

[Treaty of Lisbon](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/AUTO/?uri=celex:12007L%2FTXT) of 13 December 2007 (OJ No. C 306 of 17.12.2007, p. 1-271)

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**A vision for the single market for industrial products**

The European Commission has prepared a strategy paper setting out its vision for the future of the European single market for industrial products.

**legislative act**

Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council and the European Economic and Social Committee: A vision for the internal market for industrial products ([COM(2014) 25 final](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/AUTO/?uri=celex:52014DC0025) of 22 January 2014 - not published in the Official Journal).

**summary**

EU rules on industrial products lay down the essential safety, health and other public interest requirements that companies must meet when placing products on the Union market, including the affixing of the CE marking. These rules define the necessary steps to be taken to demonstrate that the product complies with EU law before it is allowed to bear the CE mark.

The general result of an online public consultation and assessment in this area is that internal market law is instrumental in achieving the EU's objectives in relation to the need for technical harmonisation measures with a high level of protection for health and safety, as well as consumers and the environment. This is therefore an essential factor not only in terms of the competitiveness of European industry, but also in terms of consumer and environmental protection.

However, the strategy paper, known as the Communication, also identified a number of aspects that need to be improved. While the Commission is striving to keep pace with the pace of technological challenges in the 21st century, it also wants to take into account the explicit desire of European industry for longer periods of regulatory stability without major regulatory revision.

The strategy paper sets out the following priorities:

**Effective enforcement mechanisms**

This means strengthening the Commission's efforts to ensure that existing law is enforced, because it serves to safeguard important public interests such as health and safety, but also environmental and consumer protection. The Commission will prepare a legislative proposal to optimise and harmonise administrative or civil economic sanctions to punish infringements of current law.

**Cross-industry product regulations**

The Commission will examine the need for cross-sectional legislation (i.e. cross-industry rules) with common elements for all sectors.

**Innovation and the digital future**

When preparing new legislative proposals for industrial products, the Commission will take into account developments in the fields of technology and innovation. It will also launch an initiative on e-compliance. This will enable companies to demonstrate compliance with Union rules electronically.

**Blurred boundaries between products and related services**

In addition to their traditional products, manufacturing companies are increasingly offering services such as maintenance and training. The Commission will examine how to better manage these blurred boundaries between products and services.

**More regulations, fewer directives**

Subject to an examination of each individual case, the Commission will from now on use preferential regulations rather than directives as the main source of UNION law. Regulations are directly applicable in the Member States and thus lead to greater security for businesses.

**A business-friendly approach to product regulations**

At present, companies are faced with a large number of legal acts that apply to the same products/manufacturers, and the boundaries between many of these acts are sometimes not clear. As soon as a periodic review of an inter-sector act is due, the Commission will consider whether it is possible to summarise other legal acts that apply to the same product category.

**The global market**

The EU should continue to promote international convergence of legislation and technical standards for industrial products, while ensuring a high level of protection in relation to public interests. The Commission should ensure that the impact of EU legislation on the international competitiveness of EU businesses is given greater prominence.

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**Surveillance programme for the EU border-free area**

This legislation provides a framework for a separate monitoring mechanism to review the application of the so-called Schengen acquis of the European Union. The aim is to ensure that the Member States of the European Union (EU) apply uniformly high standards in transposition practice within the Schengen area. Of the 26 Schengen states, there are 22 EU Member States and four non-EU countries. In the Schengen area, no internal border checks are carried out.

**legislative act**

Council Regulation (EU) No [1053/2013](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/AUTO/?uri=celex:32013R1053) of 7 October 2013 establishing an evaluation and monitoring mechanism for reviewing the application of the Schengen acquis and repealing the Decision of the Executive Committee of 16 September 1998 on the establishment of the Standing Committee on Schengen Implementation Conventions

**summary**

The main objective of the evaluation and monitoring mechanism is to ensure a high level of **mutual trust between the Member States** of the "Schengen area" with regard to their proper implementation of all relevant eu legislation on the Schengen [area](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/TXT/HTML/schengen_agreement) ("Schengen acquis").

**SCOPE OF THE MECHANISM**

The evaluation mechanism covers all aspects of legislation in this area. As far as borders are concerned, the mechanism is intended to cover both the efficiency of border controls at external borders and the lack of border controls at internal borders.

It is up to the EU Member States and the Commission to implement the overall mechanism together, while the Commission has a general coordinating role.

**ANNOUNCED AND UNANNOUNCED INSPECTIONS**

In order to implement the evaluation mechanism, a multiannual (over 5-year) and an annual inspection programme will be set up under the auspices of the Commission. This evaluation takes place regularly in the form of **announced and unannounced inspections** in the respective territory of the Schengen States.

**ACTION PLAN FOR THE ELIMINATION OF DEFICIENCIES**

On-the-ground visits must be carried out by specially trained experts, identified and selected in a neutral manner by the Member States, and shall take into account the **risk analysis** carried out by the [Frontex](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/AUTO/?uri=uriserv:l33216) Agency (in relation to the external borders) and the support provided by [Europol,](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/AUTO/?uri=uriserv:jl0025) [Eurojust](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/AUTO/?uri=uriserv:l33188) and other relevant Union bodies in the areas covered by its mandate.

After this analysis and on the basis of the results of the site visits, the experts shall draw up a report under the coordination of the Commission. It contains various recommendations for the eu countries evaluated. If the Member State finds that the implementation of the legislation is deficient or that it is seriously neglecting its obligations, it must submit an **action plan** to remedy those shortcomings.

**MONITORING AND FOLLOW-UP MEASURES**

The evaluated Member State must report to the Commission and the other Member States every six months on the implementation of this Action Plan in order to confirm that it has taken the **necessary measures and steps** to address the identified weaknesses. Further reports may follow to monitor the implementation of the measures. If necessary, the Commission may make further site visits.

**reference**

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| **legislative act** | **Date of entry into force** | **Date for implementation in the Member States** | **Official Journal of the European Union** |
| Regulation (EU) No [1053/2013](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/AUTO/?uri=celex:32013R1053) | 26.11.2013. | - | [OJ No. L 295 of 6.11.2013, p. 27](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/AUTO/?uri=uriserv:OJ.L_.2013.295.01.0027.01.DEU) |

**RELATED ACTS**

Regulation (EU) No [1051/2013](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/AUTO/?uri=celex:32013R1051) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 October 2013 amending Regulation (EC) No 562/2006 laying down a common regime for the temporary reintroduction of internal border controls in exceptional circumstances (OJ No. L 295 of 6.11.2013, p. 1)

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**EU control measures for the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Organisation (SPRFMO)**

**SUMMARY OF THE DOCUMENT:**

[Regulation (EU) 2018/975 — Management, conservation and control measures for the Convention Area of the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Organisation (SPRFMO)](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/AUTO/?uri=celex:32018R0975)

**WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS REGULATION?**

* The Aim of the Regulation is to ensure that management, conservation and control rules for the Convention Area of [the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Organisation (SPRFMO)](http://www.sprfmo.int/) are fully integrated into EU law.
* The Regulation works in conjunction with the [EU fisheries control regime](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/TXT/?uri=LEGISSUM:pe0012) for the control, inspection and enforcement of the rules of the common fisheries [policy](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/TXT/?uri=LEGISSUM:02020101_1) by national authorities.

**IMPORTANT KEY POINTS**

**SPRFMO**

* SPRFMO is an intergovernmental organisation committed to the long-term conservation and sustainable use of fishery resources in the South Pacific.
* The EU is a party.

**Scope and application**

* This Regulation applies to:
  + EU fishing vessels fishing in the SPRFMO convention area;
  + EU fishing vessels transhipping fishery products caught in the SPRFMO convention area[\*](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/TXT/HTML/?uri=LEGISSUM:4353955&from=EN" \l "keyterm_E0001);
  + Non-EU fishing vessels wishing to call at an EU port or are subject to inspection in such a port and carrying on board fishery products caught in the SPRFMO Convention area.
* Without prejudice to:
  + Regulation (EC) No [1005/2008](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/TXT/?uri=celex:32008R1005) (see [summary](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/TXT/?uri=LEGISSUM:pe0005));
  + Regulation (EC) No [1224/2009](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/TXT/?uri=celex:32009R1224) (see [summary](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/ALL/?uri=LEGISSUM:pe0012));
  + Regulation (EU) [2017/2403](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/TXT/?uri=celex:32017R2403) (see [summary](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/TXT/?uri=LEGISSUM:4326429)).

**regulations**

* EU countries must ensure that at least 10% of chilean bastard mackerel fishing is scientific observers and that fishing is stopped when 100% of its fishing limit is reached.
* EU fishing vessels must comply with the rules on the protection of **seabirds,** including the use of scarecrow.
* In order to protect sensitive marine ecosystems[\*,](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/TXT/HTML/?uri=LEGISSUM:4353955&from=EN" \l "keyterm_E0002) EU fishing vessels are prohibited from fishing at bottom[\*](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/TXT/HTML/?uri=LEGISSUM:4353955&from=EN" \l "keyterm_E0003) or experimental fishing[\*](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/TXT/HTML/?uri=LEGISSUM:4353955&from=EN" \l "keyterm_E0004) without the approval of SPRFMO and on the basis of an assessment of bottom fishing carried out by the SPRFMO Science Committee.
* At least 10 % of longline fishing operations by demersal species shall be carried out by scientific observers and the demersal fishing activities within five nautical miles of the area where the finding of sensitive marine ecosystems exceed the specified thresholds shall be discontinued.
* Prohibition of the use of large pelagic driftnets (gillnets or combinations of nets of more than 2.5 kilometres in length) and of all deep-sea gillnets[\*](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/TXT/HTML/?uri=LEGISSUM:4353955&from=EN" \l "keyterm_E0005) throughout the SPRFMO convention area.
* The need to notify the transhipment of Chilean bastard mackerel and deer fish species and their monitoring when an observer is on board.
* EU vessels wishing to cross the SPRFMO Convention area and carrying **gillnets** on board must notify the secretariat of the SPRFMO at least 36 hours before the ship enters the area and ensure that the vessels operate under their flag a ship monitoring [system](http://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/cfp/control/technologies/vms_de) that sends a signal every two hours during their stay in the SPRFMO convention area.
* By 15 November each year, EU countries must submit to the Commission a list of vessels authorised to fish in the SPRFMO Convention area under their flag for the following year, including the information contained in Annex V. The Commission shall submit the list to the secretariat of the SPRFMO.
* EU countries fishing in the SPRFMO Convention area must set up monitoring programmes to collect data on captive fish, which will be submitted to the Commission.

**WHEN DOES THE REGULATION ENTER INTO FORCE?**

It entered into force on 19 July 2018

**background**

* [Regional Fisheries Organisation for the South Pacific](http://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/fisheries-south-pacific-regional-fisheries-management-organisation-sprfmo-new-organisation_de) (European*Commission).*

**Keywords**

**Transhipment:** the transhipment of a catch from a smaller fishing vessel to a larger fishing vessel, which then takes it to a larger delivery.

**Sensitive marine ecosystem:** a marine ecosystem whose integrity (i.e. its structure and function) is endangered to the best scientific knowledge and taking into account the precautionary principle by significant adverse effects resulting from the physical impact of basic fishing gear used in normal fishing activities; these systems include, inter alia, reefs, seamounts, cold-water corals or deep-sea sponge reefs.

**Bottom fishing: fishing activities of any fishing vessel using any fishing gear likely to** come into contact with the seabed or benthic organisms (i.e. those found in the ecological region in the soil area of the sea) in the normal course of activities.

**Experimental fishing:** a fishery in which no fishing or fishing has been carried out with a particular fishing gear or technique in the last ten years.

**Deep-sea gillnets:** consist of simple or less often double or triple nets, which are joined on frame ropes. Several types of nets can be combined in one gear. These networks can be set up either alone or more frequently in large numbers ("fleets"). The fishing gear may be placed on the ground or float freely or connected to the fishing vessel.

**HAUPTDOKUMENT**

Regulation (EU) [2018/975](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/AUTO/?uri=celex:32018R0975) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2018 laying down management, conservation and control measures for the Convention Area of the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Organisation (SPRFMO) (OJ No. L 179 of 16.7.2018, p. 30-75)

**RELATED DOCUMENTS**

Regulation (EU) [2017/2403](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/AUTO/?uri=celex:32017R2403) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2017 on the Sustainable Management of External Fleets and the repeal of Council Regulation (EC) No 1006/2008 (OJ No. L 347 of 28.12.2017, p. 81-104)

Regulation (EU) No [1380/2013](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/AUTO/?uri=celex:32013R1380) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2013. December 2013 on the Common Fisheries Policy and amendments to Regulations (EC) No 1954/2003 and (EC) No 1224/2009 of the Council and the repeal of Regulations (EC) No 2371/2002 and (EC) No 639/2004 of the Council and Council Decision 2004/585/EC (OJ No). L 354 of 28.12.2013, p. 22-61)

Subsequent amendments to Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 have been incorporated into the original text. This [consolidated version](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/AUTO/?uri=celex:02013R1380-20190814) is documentary in its exclusive capacity.

Council Regulation (EC) No [1224/2009](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/TXT/?uri=celex:32009R1224) of 20 November 2009 establishing a Community control system to ensure compliance with the rules of the common fisheries policy and amending Regulations (EC) No. 847/96, (EC) No 2371/2002, (EC) No 811/2004, (EC) No 768/2005, (EC) No 2115/2005, (EC) No 2166/2005, (EC) No 388/2006, (EC) No 509/2007, (EC) No 676/2007, (EC) No 1098/2007, (EC) No 1300/2008, (EC) No 1342/2008 and the repeal of Regulations (EEC) No 2847/93, (EC) No 1627/94 and (EC) No 1966/2006 (OJ No. L 343 of 22.12.2009, p. 1-50)

See [consolidated version](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/AUTO/?uri=celex:02009R1224-20190814).

Council Regulation (EC) No [1005/2008](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/AUTO/?uri=celex:32008R1005) of 29 September 2008 on a Community system for the prevention of, Combating and stopping illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, amending Regulations (EEC) No 2847/93, (EC) No 1936/2001 and (EC) No 601/2004 and repealing Regulations (EC) No 1093/94 and (EC) No 1447/1999 (OJ No 1447/1999). L 286 of 29.10.2008, p. 1-32)

See [consolidated version](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/AUTO/?uri=celex:02008R1005-20110309).

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**Ensuring the sustainability of European health systems**

On 4 April 2014, the European Commission made recommendations to help national health systems meet the challenges and pressures they face so that they can provide the highest quality healthcare.

**legislative act**

Commission Communication on effective, accessible and resilient health systems ([COM(2014) 215 final](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/AUTO/?uri=celex:52014DC0215) of 4.4.2014.

**summary**

On 4 April 2014, the European Commission made recommendations to help national health systems meet the challenges and pressures they face so that they can provide the highest quality healthcare.

**WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS COMMUNICATION?**

It identifies factors that can contribute to the overall sustainability of health systems. They must bear the consequences of the financial and economic crisis and cope with the growing demand for their resources. The recommendations are addressed to EU countries that have primary responsibility for healthcare.

**IMPORTANT KEY POINTS**

The Communication recommends:

* **Strengthen the effectiveness of services** through performance control results and thus develop a holistic approach so that treatments do not only take place in-patient and patient safety and quality of care are ensured.
* **Improve accessibility so that health care is open to**the entire population. This can be achieved through better planning for the use of human resources and the more effective use of medicines. Similarly, EU legislation on patient mobility can make it possible to be treated in a country other than one's own.
* **Improve resilience**so that health systems can adapt to a changing environment, identify innovative solutions, and benefit from information and other technologies that are larger and more effective.

**background**

The recommendations were agreed after extensive research into accessibility and effectiveness of health systems and hospital reforms. These investigations confirmed:

* that **health measures are complex** and can only be adequately assessed over a longer period of time;
* that **early detection** of colorectal, cervical and breast cancer through public prevention [programmes](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/AUTO/?uri=uriserv:c11505d) can improve health **outcomes;**
* that **the way in which health systems are organised and managed**can have a decisive impact on the accessibility ofhealthcare.

More information can be found on the website of the European [Commission's Directorate-General for Health and Food](http://ec.europa.eu/health/systems_performance_assessment/health_systems_organisation/index_de.htm) Safety.

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**Benefiting from European research and innovation**

This European Commission Communication on research and innovation as a precondition for future growth sets out ways to increase the impact of research and innovation (R&I), which is crucial to strengthening future growth in Europe. The focus is on how EU countries can improve the quality of investment in this area. It also highlights europe's growth opportunities from the development of new products and services, and that Europe is well positioned to take advantage of these opportunities.

**legislative act**

Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: Research and innovation: conditions for future growth ([COM(2014) 339 final](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/AUTO/?uri=celex:52014DC0339) of 10.6.2014 - not published in the Official Journal).

**summary**

With regard to the [Europe 2020 strategy](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/AUTO/?uri=uriserv:em0028) and the latest [Jahreswachstumsberichte](http://ec.europa.eu/europe2020/making-it-happen/annual-growth-surveys/index_de.htm) the Communication recommends that governments should spend on growth, such as Went, should be given priority - even if they are seeking to reduce their government deficits and debt (fiscal consolidation).

These investments must therefore be **Reforms of the WentSystems** to improve the quality, efficiency and impact of Wentexpenditure. The Communication emphasises the need to increase the leverage effect of public Wentexpenditure on business investment. For example, Wentreforms for each EU country.

EU countries should focus on the following three key reform paths:

* 1.

**Improving the quality of strategy development and policy-making:** for example, developing an overarching R&I strategy with a strategic orientation at the highest political level, while concentrating on a few key strengths and opportunities (smart specialisation);

* 2.

**Improving programme quality, pooling of resources and support mechanisms:** for example, the stronger orientation of national Went-programmes to address societal challenges and solutions to citizens' concerns; the allocation of funds from a competitive point of view; Wentmake them relevant and accessible to businesses;

* 3.

**Quality optimisation of public research and innovation institutions:** for example, institutions that receive public R&I funding encourage them to act more entrepreneurially and look for new opportunities and partnerships, including outside Europe, and attract the best possible researchers.

In order to help EU countries to successfully implement the Wentreforms, the Commission draws on the experience of the flagship initiative [Innovationsunion](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/AUTO/?uri=uriserv:em0041) and the [European Research Area](http://ec.europa.eu/research/era/index_en.htm) and uses the [Horizon 2020](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/AUTO/?uri=uriserv:2701_4) resources made available.

According to the Communication, successful innovation depends not only on the quality of public policies, but also on innovation-friendly framework conditions. In the field of Went While some successes have been achieved, such as the launch of the Innovation Union, further efforts are needed, such as deepening the internal market, strengthening public sector innovation capacity, facilitating access to finance, increasing staff skills and promoting 'pioneering research' (i.e. research in new and emerging interdisciplinary research areas linked to unconventional approaches).

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**Driving entrepreneurship of SMEs in Europe - COSME programme**

**SUMMARY OF THE DOCUMENT:**

[Regulation (EU) No 1287/2013 - Establishment of a Programme for the Competitiveness of Enterprises and Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (COSME) (2014-20)](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/AUTO/?uri=celex:32013R1287)

**WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS REGULATION?**

The Regulation establishes a European Union (EU) programme to strengthen support for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) by improving the conditions under which entrepreneurship can thrive.

**IMPORTANT KEY POINTS**

* SMEs are the **key to growth and employment** in the EU. The Programme for the Competitiveness of Enterprises and Small and Medium-sized Enterprises[(COSME)](http://ec.europa.eu/growth/smes/cosme_de)makes it easier forSMEs to remain competitive through access to finance and markets, simplification of legislation and promotion of entrepreneurship.
* COSME provides a **direct communication channel** between European SMEs and the European [Commission.](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/summary/glossary/european_commission.html)

**Better economic conditions**

* COSME supports measures to **improve SMEs' access to finance,**both in the start-up and growth phases. Financial instruments include equality and the credit guarantee facility. In some cases, these can be used for research and innovation, together with national financial instruments for regional policy and the Horizon [2020 programme.](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/summary/glossary/horizon_2020.html)
* The programme also provides **better access to markets inside and outside the EU.** The programme provides information on the following topics:
  + existing business opportunities,
  + barriers to entry in areas outside the EU,
  + Advice on legal practice and customs procedures.
* Support services in the field **of intellectual property rights** will also be provided, including support for cross-border partnerships in the areas of business cooperation, technology, research and development, transfer and innovation.

**Promoting competition**

* In order to maintain the competitiveness and sustainability of enterprises, the programme provides for the improvement of the **design and implementation** of existing directives with regard to SMEs. It also aims to strengthen **cross-border cooperation** and promote the development **of products, services and technologies.**
* SMEs are also encouraged to act **in an environmentally sustainable** way and to show corporate **social responsibility.**

**An entrepreneurial culture**

* The programme also focuses on promoting entrepreneurship. The aim is to create an entrepreneurial culture in the EU **by removing barriers** that make it difficult for small businesses to grow and to reduce the existing regulatory burden for SMEs.
* Particular attention will be paid to **young women entrepreneurs** and other special target groups, such as the **elderly and entrepreneurs from socially disadvantaged** groups.

**financing**

The programme has a financial framework of €2.3 billion over seven years and runs from 2014 to 2020. The administration lies with the [Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises](https://ec.europa.eu/easme/).

**WHEN DOES THE REGULATION ENTER INTO FORCE?**

It entered into force on 23 December 2013.

**background**

For more information:

* [COSME programme](http://ec.europa.eu/growth/smes/cosme_de) (*European Commission*).

**HAUPTDOKUMENT**

Regulation (EU) No [1287/2013](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/AUTO/?uri=celex:32013R1287) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on a programme for the competitiveness of enterprises and small and medium-sized enterprises (COSME) (2014-2020) and the repeal of Decision No 1639/2006/EC (OJ No. L 347 of 20.12.2013, p. 33-49)

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**Taxation of interest and royalties payments between affiliated companies**

**SUMMARY OF THE DOCUMENT:**

[Directive 2003/49/EC - common tax regime for interest and royalty payments between affiliated companies in different EU countries](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/AUTO/?uri=celex:32003L0049)

**WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS DIRECTIVE?**

The purpose is to ensure fair taxation of payments between related companies[\*](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/TXT/HTML/?uri=LEGISSUM:l31039&from=EN#keyterm_E0003) in different EU countries, while avoiding double taxation between EU countries. It applies to:

* Interest[\*](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/TXT/HTML/?uri=LEGISSUM:l31039&from=EN#keyterm_E0001);
* Royalties[\*](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/TXT/HTML/?uri=LEGISSUM:l31039&from=EN#keyterm_E0002)

**IMPORTANT KEY POINTS**

The purpose of this Directive is to eliminate taxes levied in the EU source country and at the same time in the EU recipient country.

The main objective is therefore to ensure that payments are taxed exclusively in one country (double taxation).

Income accrued in an EU country in the form of interest or royalties will be exempt from all taxes that can be collected in that country, provided that the beneficiary[\*](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/TXT/HTML/?uri=LEGISSUM:l31039&from=EN#keyterm_E0004) of interest or royalties:

* a company from another EU country[\*](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/TXT/HTML/?uri=LEGISSUM:l31039&from=EN#keyterm_E0005)
* or a permanent establishment located in another EU country[\*.](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/TXT/HTML/?uri=LEGISSUM:l31039&from=EN#keyterm_E0006)

The **Annex** to the Directive contains a list of types of **companies**to which thisDirective applies. The Directive has been amended to take into account the types of business in the countries that joined the EU in 2004, 2007 and 2013.

If an affiliated company or permanent establishment pays too much tax on interest and royalties in an EU country other than its, it must apply for a **refund.** The country must reimburse the over-deductible tax within one year of the proper receipt of the application and the justifiable information it may reasonably require of the company or permanent establishment. If the refund of the withheld tax is not made within this period, the company or permanent establishment shall be entitled to an interest on the tax (after the end of this year). Interest shall be calculated on the basis of the national interest rate applicable in comparable cases under the national law of the country concerned.

This Directive does not preclude the application of national rules or the provisions of double taxation agreements necessary to **prevent fraud and abuse.** EU countries may withdraw the legal advantage of this Directive or refuse to apply this Directive in the case of transactions where the main motive or one of the main motives is tax evasion, avoidance or abuse.

Certain countries benefited for a time from **transitional arrangements**under which the application of this Directivewas postponed.

The [International Tax Documentation Bureau](http://www.ibfd.org/) carried out a [study](http://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/sites/taxation/files/resources/documents/common/publications/studies/survey_ir_dir.pdf) on the implementation of the Directive on behalf of the [European Commission](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/summary/glossary/european_commission.html) in 2006 and the Commission published its own [report](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/AUTO/?uri=celex:52009DC0179) on the functioning in 2009. In 2011, the Commission adopted a [proposal](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/AUTO/?uri=celex:52011PC0714) for a [recast](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/summary/glossary/legislation_recasting.html) of the Directive with the aim of broadening its scope and avoiding situations where tax relief is granted but the corresponding income is not effectively taxed (double non-taxation).

**WHEN DOES THE DIRECTIVE ENTER INTO FORCE?**

The Directive entered into force on 26 June 2003 and had to be transposed into national law by EU countries by 1 January 2004 at the latest.

**background**

For more information:

* [Taxation of cross-border payments of interest and royalties in the EU](http://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/business/company-tax/taxation-crossborder-interest-royalty-payments-eu-union_de) (*European Commission*).

**Keywords**

**Interest:** Income from claims of any kind, even if the claims are secured by liens on immovable property or are endowed with a share in the debtor's profit. This includes income from government bonds and bonds (long-term bonds that bring in a fixed interest rate, are subscribed by a company and secured with assets), and related borrowings and profits from lot bonds. Late payment surcharges are not considered interest.

**Royalties:** remuneration of any kind paid for the use or right to use copyright in literary, artistic or scientific works, including:

* cinematographic films and software,
* of patents,
* Marches
* patterns or models,
* Plans
* secret formulae or procedures or for the communication of commercial, commercial or scientific experience.

Payments for the use or right to use commercial, commercial or scientific equipment shall be deemed to be royalties.

**Affiliates:** 2 companies are considered to be affiliated companies:

* where an undertaking has an immediate shareholding of at least 25% of the capital of the other undertaking, or
* where a third undertaking has a direct shareholding of at least 25% of the capital of each of the two undertakings.

**Eligible:** An entity that receives payments for its own benefit and not only as an intermediarietor, for example as a representative, trustee or agent for another person.

Permanent establishments are treated as beneficiaries if the payments are in a concrete relationship with the permanent establishment.

**Companies from another EU country:** this company must meet the following 3 criteria:

* it was established in accordance with the law of an EU country (i.e. its registered office, head office or head office are located in the EU and its activities are genuinely and permanently linked to the economy of that country);
* it is established in this EU country;
* it is subject to corporation tax.

**'permanent establishment' means** a permanent establishment in a Member State through which an undertaking in another Member State is wholly or partly economically active.

**HAUPTDOKUMENT**

[Council Directive 2003/49/EC](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/AUTO/?uri=celex:32003L0049) of 3 June 2003 on a common tax regime for interest and royalty payments between affiliated companies in different Member States (OJ No. L 157 of 26.6.2003, p. 49-54)

The subsequent amendments and corrections to Directive 2003/49/EC have been inserted into the basic text. This [consolidated version](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/AUTO/?uri=celex:02003L0049-20130701) is merely informative.

**RELATED DOCUMENTS**

Proposal for Council Directive on a common tax regime for payments of interest and royalties between related companies in different Member States ([COM(2011) 714 final.](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/AUTO/?uri=celex:52011PC0714) , 11/11/2011)

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**Air traffic management: order and use of airspace in the Single European Sky**

**SUMMARY OF THE DOCUMENT:**

[Regulation (EC) No 551/2004 - Order and use of airspace in the Single European Sky ("Airspace Regulation")](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/AUTO/?uri=celex:32004R0551)

**WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE REGULATION?**

* The Regulation is part of a package of air traffic management legislation designed to create a Single European Sky in accordance with Regulation (EC) No [549/2004](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/TXT/?uri=celex:32004R0549) (see [summary](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/TXT/?uri=LEGISSUM:l24020)) in order to ensure optimal use of Europeanairspace, which would have a positive impact in terms of flight delays and increased air traffic.
* The Regulation has been amended by Regulation (EC) No [1070/2009](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/AUTO/?uri=celex:32009R1070) with a view to the plan to supplement the competences of the European Aviation Safety [Agency](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/TXT/?uri=LEGISSUM:4359400) with the safety of air traffic management. This amendment allows the [European Commission](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/summary/glossary/european_commission.html) to update the measures on the basis of technical or operational developments and to define basic criteria and procedures for the exercise of certain functions of network management.

**IMPORTANT KEY POINTS**

**Creation of the Single European Sky**

The objectives are:

* providing instruments to control fluctuations in air traffic capacity;
* Improving safety: ensuring that a uniform level of safety is maintained in air traffic control systems and procedures in all EU countries;
* Reducing fragmentation in the provision of air traffic services: different national approaches to air traffic management and its organisation lead to inconsistencies and shortcomings that have a negative impact on the internal market in air transport;
* Better integration of the military sector into the organisation of air traffic control.
* Promoting the introduction of new technologies.

**Network management and design**

In order to support initiatives at national level and at the level of functional airspace blocks, the functions of the air traffic management network allow optimum use of airspace and ensure that airspace users can carry out air traffic on the preferred routes, while providing the greatest possible access to airspace and air navigation services.

**Flexible Luftraumnutzung**

Coordination between civil and military bodies will be improved, in particular with regard to the allocation and efficient use of airspace for military purposes, including the principles and criteria applicable thereto, in particular the opening of military airspace to civilian flights.

**WHEN DOES THE REGULATION ENTER INTO FORCE?**

The Regulation entered into force on 20 April 2004.

**background**

see also:

* [Single European Sky](http://ec.europa.eu/transport/modes/air/ses_en) (European*Commission).*

**HAUPTDOKUMENT**

Regulation (EC) No [551/2004](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/AUTO/?uri=celex:32004R0551) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 10 March 2004 on the order and use of airspace in the Single European Sky (Ap. L 96 of 31.3.2004, p. 20-25)

Subsequent amendments to Regulation (EC) No 551/2004 have been incorporated into the original text. This [consolidated version](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/AUTO/?uri=celex:02004R0551-20091204) is documentary in its exclusive capacity.

**RELATED DOCUMENTS**

Regulation (EU) [2018/1139](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/TXT/?uri=celex:32018R1139) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2018 laying down common rules for civil aviation and establishing a European Union aviation safety agency and amending Regulations (EC) No 2111/2005, (EC) No 1008/2008, (EU) No 996/2010, (EU) No 376/2014 and Directives 2014/30/EU and 2014/53/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council, and repeal of Regulations (EC) No 552/2004 and (EC) No 216/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Regulation (EEC) No 3922/91 of the Council (OJ NO). L 212 of 22.8.2018, p. 1-122)

See [consolidated version](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/AUTO/?uri=celex:32018R1139R%2801%29).

Regulation (EC) No [549/2004](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/TXT/?uri=celex:32004R0549) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 10 March 2004 laying down the framework for the creation of a Single European Sky (Framework Regulation) (OJ No. L 96 of 31.3.2004, p. 1-9)

See [consolidated version](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/AUTO/?uri=celex:02004R0549-20091204). Last updated: 05/08/2020