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Response to the renewed initiative to end the biannual clock change in the EU

Dear Members of the European Parliament

Thank you for your letter and for bringing renewed attention to the proposal to end the biannual clock change in the European Union.

Estonia supports ending the biannual clock change across the European Union and welcomes renewed efforts to move this long-standing file forward. We therefore support resuming substantive discussions in the Council with a view to finding a coordinated European solution.

At the same time, Estonia has consistently emphasised that the implementation of such a change must be closely coordinated among Member States. For Estonia, it is particularly important to maintain coherence with our closest neighbouring countries and to avoid a fragmented pattern of time zones in Europe. Effective coordination is essential for the smooth functioning of the Single Market and to avoid unnecessary complications for cross-border mobility and businesses.

Estonia also considers that the choice of permanent time should remain a national competence. Such decisions should be taken in close consultation with neighbouring Member States to ensure regional coherence and avoid unnecessary fragmentation.

Estonia is ready to work with other Member States towards a well-coordinated solution.

With best regards,

(signed digitally)
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