

Discussion paper

We note with growing concern that, despite the commitment to simplify and to ease the regulatory burden, numerous additional legislative acts are being prepared or have already been proposed by the European Commission. To foster investment in Europe, we need a clear legislative framework, with simpler rules. Regulatory needs relating to a certain issue should be addressed in a single legislative instrument. The fact that many topics are addressed concurrently in different existing and upcoming legislative acts entails many challenges for economic actors, and also for public administrations and implementing bodies. We have reached a point where even the legislators seem unable to grasp all the different rules in the various legislative acts. The consequence is a high level of bureaucracy for companies and authorities which have to monitor compliance with all these rules, some of which are actually contradictory. European industry needs the opposite: true acceleration of approval procedures through substantive simplification.

We would like to discuss:

What measures do we need at European level to achieve real legislative self-restraint?

How could a permitting Omnibus be of true value for companies?

How can the Industrial Acceleration Act (IAA) provide a stimulus for competitive and innovative industry without creating significant cost increases for the economy?