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Public consultation – Consumer Agenda 2025-2030 and action plan on consumers in the Single Market

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Introduction

On 13 November 2020, the European Commission adopted the <u>New Consumer Agenda</u>, an overall strategic framework for EU consumer policy. The New Consumer Agenda set out a shared long-term vision up to 2025, introducing specific actions to protect consumers and empower them to play an active role in the green and digital transitions. The Agenda also aimed to address consumers' immediate needs following the COVID-19 pandemic.

With all its main actions completed, this Agenda has had a positive impact on empowering consumers and promoting a fairer, greener and more transparent marketplace. By the end of 2025, the Commission is planning to adopt a new Consumer Agenda 2025-2030, which, building on previous achievements, will set out a shared vision and common framework for consumer policy until 2030.

By strengthening consumer protection, supporting consumers' well-being and promoting a level playing field for businesses, the Consumer Agenda 2025-2030 will help achieve key EU objectives: promoting a fair transition to a green and digital economy, strengthening the Single Market and boosting competitiveness and economic growth with social cohesion.

The Agenda will identify the main priorities for consumer policy for the next five years and put forward a list of initiatives and actions, with a specific timeline. An action plan on consumers in the Single Market will also be an integral part of the Agenda. This action plan will aim to ensure that European consumers can fully benefit from what the Single Market has to offer, do not face unfair discrimination, keep benefits when crossing borders and are protected when buying goods or services.

This consultation is a crucial step in developing the Consumer Agenda 2025-2030 and action plan on consumers in the Single Market. Your insights into and feedback on the key issues and challenges to be addressed will ensure that the Agenda takes due account of the needs and concerns of those it will affect and is tailored to meet the challenges ahead. The estimated time required to complete this questionnaire is around 15 minutes maximum.

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1. Priority areas

The Consumer Agenda 2025-2030 will put forward a common vision of EU consumer policy priorities to strengthen consumer protection, support consumers' well-being and promote a level playing field for businesses.

1.1. How would you rate the following proposed priorities?

	Not important	Somewhat important	Important	Very important	Don't know / Prefer not to say
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Protecting vulnerable consumers, especially children and young people	0	0	•	0	0
Promoting sustainable consumption	0	0	•	0	0
Promoting active governance and stakeholder cooperation in the EU and internationally	0	0	•	0	0
Improving enforcement of consumer- protection and product-safety rules	©	©	0	•	0
Strengthening consumer protection in the online environment	©	0	0	•	0
Reducing administrative burden for businesses	0	0	0	•	0
Ensuring consumers can fully enjoy all benefits of the Single Market, for example by removing remaining barriers preventing consumers from buying goods and services across borders	•	•	•	•	•

1.2. Are there other priority areas that you think are missing in the above? If yes, please specify:

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2. Completing the Single Market for consumers

The EU Single Market ensures the free movement of goods, services, capital and people within the EU. It is already delivering great benefits to consumers: greater choice, better prices, common standards, etc. Also, its 450 million consumers offer opportunities for companies to scale up, innovate, be competitive and drive growth. However, there are still obstacles and gaps that prevent consumers from enjoying all that the Single Market has to offer.

2.1. Which obstacles do you think most prevent consumers from enjoying all benefits of the Single Market?

Maximum 5 selection(s)

Limited availability of cross-border consumer services, such as financial services

- Differences in consumer-protection rules across Member States
 Geo-blocking practices and restrictions on cross-border online services
 Insufficient information on and awareness of consumers' rights
 Lack of confidence in consumer rights being upheld when buying from another Member State or from outside the EU
 Lack of confidence in the safety of consumer products sold in the Single Market
 Business-to-business practices that restrict territorial distribution and sale of goods, limiting consumer choice and contributing to price differences between Member States [1]
 Insufficient access to cross-border redress mechanisms if something goes wrong
 Other
- [1] Territorial supply constraints, for example, when a manufacturer forces a retailer to source its products from a specific EU country.

3. Enforcement of consumer-protection rules and e-commerce

The EU's legal framework for consumer protection and product safety can only achieve its full potential if it is effectively enforced and if consumers have adequate means of redress when their rights are infringed. Consumer enforcement authorities across the EU are facing numerous challenges [1]. On the one hand, illegal practices spread extremely fast through the digital environment, including digital markets; on the other, there is a growing inflow of unsafe products into the Single Market from e-commerce platforms and traders established outside the EU who may evade enforcement [2]. Robust enforcement of consumer-protection and product-safety rules is essential to protect consumers and ensure a level playing field for businesses.

3.1. What do you think are the most important issues to tackle at EU level over the next five years to strengthen the enforcement of consumer-protection rules?

Maximum 5 selection(s)

- Lack of compliance with consumer-protection and product-safety rules, especially in the e-commerce sector and with regard to traders and products coming from outside the EU
- Limited awareness among consumers of their legal rights

	Limited awareness among businesses of their legal obligations
V	Complex coordination among relevant enforcement authorities to tackle
	infringements, sometimes leading to slow and insufficiently deterrent
	enforcement action against non-compliant traders
	Limited access to effective out-of-court dispute resolution mechanisms for
	consumers
	Limited powers and resources of public enforcement bodies, at both EU and
	Member State level
	Limited capacity and resources of private enforcement organisations supporting
	consumers
V	Other

3.2. Other issues, please specify:

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[1] Consumer reports show the need for strengthened enforcement at EU level - European Commission

[2] E-commerce communication: A comprehensive EU toolbox for safe and sustainable e-commerce - European Commission

4. Consumer protection in the online environment

The digital economy has brought many benefits to consumers, but new technologies also bring new risks and can be used to undermine consumer autonomy and freedom of choice. The General Product Safety Regulation, the Digital Services Act, the Digital Markets Act and the Artificial Intelligence Act have strengthened the EU's legal framework, with clear benefits for consumers and businesses to be experienced as these new pieces of legislation are starting to be implemented. For example, the Digital Services Act addresses several harmful practices by online platforms. However, it does not cover practices by online retailers, online games, or other non-intermediated content that may still pose risks to consumers. Related to this, the Digital Fairness Fitness Check identified significant shortcomings and problematic practices requiring action at EU level to fill gaps in consumer protection, reduce legal uncertainty for businesses, avoid overlaps and regulatory fragmentation, and facilitate enforcement.

4.1. In addition to improving enforcement of consumer-protection and product-safety rules, e.g. to address unfair commercial practices and online sales of unsafe products, what do you think are the most important issues to tackle at EU level in the next five years to strengthen online consumer protection?

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1	Protecting children and young people as online consumers
	Dark patterns (deceptive design) in online interfaces (e.g. misleading
	presentation of choice buttons)
	Influencer marketing (e.g. lack of disclosure of commercial content)
	Addictive design features of digital services (e.g. 'infinite scroll')
	Unfair personalisation practices (e.g. online advertising targeting consumer
	vulnerabilities)
	Digital subscription management (e.g. difficult cancellation process of online
	contracts, unwanted automatic contract extension or conversion of free trials into
	paid contracts)
1	Problematic practices with in-app (in-game) purchases (e.g. obscuring their
	value using virtual currencies or offering gambling-simulating features - 'loot
	boxes')
	Misleading pricing practices, e.g. 'drip' pricing (the full price including
	unavoidable charges is not displayed up front), 'dynamic' pricing (instant
	adjustment of the price in line with market demand), misleading price
	comparisons
1	Safety risks in new technology products (e.g. impact of digitally connected
	products on mental health due to addiction, increased stress and anxiety)
V	Online fraud and scams, such as fake online shops
1	Other

4.2. Other issues, please specify:

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5. Sustainable consumption

In recent years, much has been done at EU level to empower and protect consumers in the green transition and to boost sustainable production and consumption. For example, the EU adopted new rules to promote the repair of goods and improve information for consumers on the durability and repairability of products, better protecting consumers from greenwashing and premature obsolescence. However, sustainable, safe and affordable choices are still not always readily available for consumers.

5.1. What do you think are the most important issues to tackle at EU level over the next five years to promote more sustainable consumption?

Maximum 5 selection(s)
Limited access to affordable sustainable goods and services
Environmental impact of e-commerce (default delivery options, option of renting
vs buying, etc.)
Surge in e-commerce imports from non-EU countries
Unsustainable business models that encourage overconsumption (e.g. ultra-fast
fashion, single parcel shipping)
Complex or misleading sustainability information, labels and green claims
Difficulty in designing and sustaining circular business models
Lack of consumer trust in circular business models (e.g. due to concerns about
the safety of used or refurbished products, or the level of consumer protection)
Availability and affordability of repair services
Other

5.2. Other issues, please specify:

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6. Protecting vulnerable consumers

Vulnerable consumers face increased and specific challenges in accessing and

affording essential products and services, as well as adapting to new technologies. While the concept of vulnerability is changing, especially in the digital environment, children and youngsters, older people and people with disabilities are particularly exposed, e.g. to marketing, scams, inappropriate content, and safety and mental-health risks.

6.1. What do you think are the most important issues to tackle at EU level over the next five years regarding the protection of vulnerable consumers?

Maximum 5 selection(s)

	Accessibility and affordability of basic consumer goods and services, including
	offline access to essential services
	Unfair commercial practices that target consumer vulnerabilities
V	Aggressive marketing practices targeting children and young people
	Complexity of information provided to consumers (including on bills, such as
	energy or telecoms) and of redress mechanisms
	Limited digital literacy and access to digital services and information
	Limited financial literacy and access to financial services
	Difficulties in safely using consumer products, for example new technology
	products
	Insufficient availability of consumer advice and support networks
V	Other

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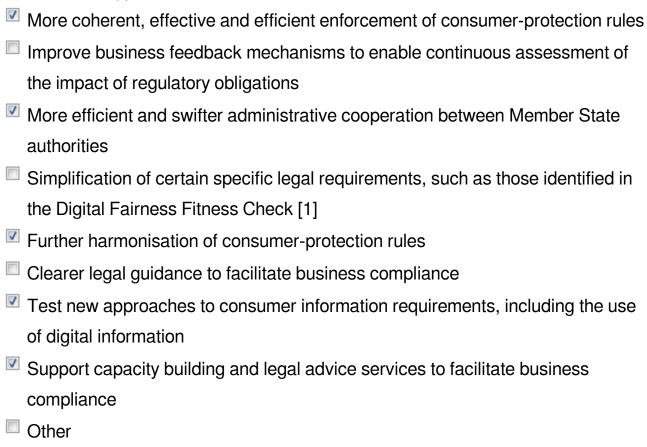
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7. Administrative burden and simplification

In line with the EU's competitiveness objectives, the Commission is exploring possible measures to simplify rules and reduce the administrative burden on businesses in the area of consumer policy, while maintaining a high level of consumer protection.

7.1. What do you think are the most important measures to take at EU level in the area of consumer policy over the next five years to reduce the administrative burden on businesses?

Maximum 5 selection(s)



[1] Commission Staff Working Document SWD(2024) 230 - Fitness Check on EU consumer law on digital fairness.

8. Supporting documents and general comments

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Please see the attached documents as integral part of EuroCommerce contribution to this public consultation: 1. EuroCommerce position paper for public consultation on Consumer Agenda 2025-2030, 2. EuroCommerce position paper on consumer policy 2024, 3. European E-Commerce Report 2024, 4. Joint statement of BusinessEurope, BEUC, EuroCommerce calling for revision of CPC Regulation, June 2025.

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