



CONFEDERATION OF INDUSTRY
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Statement on Business Simplification

We, the Confederation of Industry of the Czech Republic, Confederation of Finnish Industries, Confederation of Swedish Enterprise, Federation of Belgian Enterprises, Confederation Lewiatan, and Confederation of Danish Industry strongly support the European Commission's decision to simplify the environment in which European businesses have to operate, particularly in the digital domain. We need an adequate response to the issues identified in Draghi's Report. Therefore, the Digital Omnibus should go beyond symbolic commitments – it must deliver tangible results that significantly reduce administrative and regulatory burden, overcome legislative fragmentation, and decrease implementation complexity. An increasingly difficult global environment is insufficient to improve competitiveness at its margins. It is Europe's economic survival that is in the game. Therefore, we urge the Commission:

1. To **integrate the AI Act into its simplification efforts**, as we are convinced that its administrative burden could be reduced. In order to mitigate the risk of slowing down innovations in the EU, we call for the **inclusion of the AI Act in the Digital Omnibus**.
2. To **subject the Digital Omnibus to structured consultations with Member States, the European Parliament, and the business community** from the earliest stages of drafting. Europe's regulatory power must be matched with responsiveness, technical expertise, and real-world insight.
3. To **postpone the application of the AI Act until key implementation tools – notably harmonised standards created by the European Standard Organisation and the GPAI Code of Practice – are available**. We should proceed with enforcement only when these tools are ready. Only in this manner will we create legal certainty, decrease operational risk, and avoid disproportionately harming SMEs.

We stand ready to contribute constructively to this effort.



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