

EU Consultations... Help shape the law

You can help shape EU policy by taking part in public consultations on a range of topics relevant to SMEs.

Consultations give companies and other interested parties a chance to examine and comment on policy initiatives before they become law as well as shape existing legislation.

Your input will help the European Commission ensure that its proposals are relevant, viable and practical and that EU law is as effective as possible.

You can reply in your own name, or as a representative of an organisation or company, it's up to you.

Check out the consultations through the 'Your Voice in Europe' portal at <http://ec.europa.eu/yourvoice>. Consultations cover all policy areas of interest to businesses, including taxation, enterprise policy and the internal market.

Be pro-active and not reactive! Contact your local Enterprise Europe Network office for more information on joining the debate.

Contact us

Get in touch with your local Enterprise Europe Network branch to find out how to get involved. Check out the map at www.enterprise-europe-network.ec.europa.eu/index_en.htm to find your local branch.

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Europe listens to business

Enterprise Europe Network feedback activities



Business Support on Your Doorstep



Speaking up for business



Help make Europe more business-friendly by getting your voice heard!

The European Commission values input from small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) when developing EU legislation or programmes with a direct impact on their operations. That way, it can ensure that laws and regulations affecting business are simple and of high quality.

Working with the Enterprise Europe Network, companies can get their message to policy-makers in three ways:

1. SME Feedback
2. Business Panels
3. Consultations



"Listening to SMEs' opinions is important to the European Commission. The Enterprise Europe Network and its feedback services provide an excellent way for SMEs to let their voice be heard and get involved in EU policy-making." Antonio Tajani, European Commission Vice-President responsible for Industry and Entrepreneurship

"Through feedback activities, the Network helps not only client companies that come to us for help with specific problems, but indirectly all SMEs burdened by unclear regulations or outdated legislation."
Margherita Lella, Enterprise Europe Network, Florence, Italy

SME Feedback... Help cut the red tape



The Enterprise Europe Network flags your concerns to policy-makers and helps break down the regulatory barriers facing business.

- Are EU rules causing you problems in your day-to-day work?
- Is European legislation (or the lack of it) making it harder for your business to operate across Europe?
- Has administration and unnecessary paperwork slowed down your business in the Single Market?
- Has your business been shut out of new European markets?

Contact your nearest Network branch – they can give you practical advice and make sure your first-hand experience gets back to those who decide policy in the EU, helping improve the Single Market.

Business Panels... Your opinions in depth



Are you worried about how a new EU law will affect your company? Do you have ideas or opinions about how to improve business in a particular sector? Maybe you just want to get your message across to policy-makers ... If so, speak your mind in a Business Panel organised by the Enterprise Europe Network.

Panels are a quick and easy way to share your views on the impact of current and pending legislation on businesses.

The Network, with its extensive geographic reach, is ideally suited to organising frank and open discussions with SMEs throughout Europe. Discussions centre around key European policy areas, from taxation to innovation.

The opinions and ideas gathered are fed back to the European Commission, ensuring that business has a direct say in policy-making.

Find out from the Enterprise Europe Network how to get involved.