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Committee  
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Dear Chair, dear Ms Cavazzini,

**Single Market as enabler of successful recovery and twin green-digital transition**

I take this opportunity to congratulate you on your election as Chair of the European Parliament's Internal Market and Consumer Protection Committee last month.

BusinessEurope, the largest European business organisation and the European Social Partner uniting 40 member organisations from 35 countries, has always been an active and constructive partner in the EU efforts to create the Single Market that benefits its citizens and businesses. Freedoms of movement of capital, goods, services, people as well as data in the Single Market can give huge economic power to the EU, its members individually and as a whole, and enable faster economic and social convergence that is so needed in the EU. The Single Market is an enabler for the success in green and digital transition of the EU, and we stand ready to work together and use all its potential in this regard.

I would like to note with appreciation our fruitful regular cooperation and substantive exchanges with Members of the EP IMCO Committee, including its governing bodies, and we look forward to continuing the dialogue.

Today I would like to take this opportunity to share our cross-cutting positions on [the Single Market governance](#) and [Priorities for the Single Market beyond 2019](#), and make an additional point on better regulation. On the latter, I am also addressing the political groups in my letters of today.

The business community strongly supports the Better Regulation agenda which needs to be continued and deepened. At the start of the new political cycle, Commission President Ursula von der Leyen introduced the so-called "1 in-1 out principle" as additional commitment by the European Commission to address regulatory costs and burdens at EU level, which can help advance the EU's Better Regulation agenda. That being said, it could be a complementary tool *alongside the existing EU better regulation tools*.

Better regulation is about improving the quality of policy and law-making and ensuring that EU-rules are evidence-based. It is also about ensuring that decisions are made transparently, and stakeholders are involved throughout the decision-making process, which can greatly contribute to the legitimacy and accountability in EU governance. Europe's green and digital transition ambitions, to which the business community is committed, will be a success if we work on this basis.



It is important that Better Regulation principles are applied by all actors throughout the whole legislative cycle. With a number of legislative initiatives landing on the table of the co-legislators, BusinessEurope invites the European Parliament members to adhere to the Better Regulation principles and the Interinstitutional Agreement on Better Law-Making, and shares the [Leaflet](#) giving a short overview of the available tools for Members of the European Parliament, which we hope will be useful in daily legislative work.

Yours sincerely,

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