

**Response statistics for Public consultation on the initiative "Reforming the internal market for industrial products" from Commission Work Programme 2013**

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There are 144 responses matching your criteria of a total of 144 records in the current set of data.

**Search criteria**

All data requested

**Meta Informations**

**PUBLICATION OF DATA**

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	Number of requested records	% Requested records(144)	% of total number records(144)
I agree	100	69,44%	69,44%
I do not agree	44	30,56%	30,56%

## PROFILE OF THE RESPONDENT

Please indicate in what capacity you are replying to the questionnaire:

	Number of requested records	% Requested records(144)	% of total number records(144)
enterprise / self-employed	69	47,92%	47,92%
business representative organisation	36	25,00%	25,00%
consumer representative organisation	2	1,39%	1,39%
other non-governmental organisation	5	3,47%	3,47%
public authority	21	14,58%	14,58%
citizen	11	7,64%	7,64%

If you are an enterprise please indicate the size of your enterprise:

	Number of requested records	% Requested records(69)	% of total number records(144)
Self-employed	2	2,90%	1,39%
Micro enterprise (1-9 employees)	7	10,14%	4,86%
Small enterprise (10-49 employees)	5	7,25%	3,47%
Medium enterprise (50-249 employees)	9	13,04%	6,25%
250-499 employees	5	7,25%	3,47%
More than 500 employees	41	59,42%	28,47%

If you are a business representative organisation please indicate the size of the enterprises you represent:

	Number of requested records	% Requested records(36)	% of total number records(144)
Self-employed	4	11,11%	2,78%
Micro enterprise (1-9 employees)	16	44,44%	11,11%
Small enterprise (10-49 employees)	21	58,33%	14,58%
Medium enterprise (50-249 employees)	20	55,56%	13,89%
250-499 employees	16	44,44%	11,11%
More than 500 employees	26	72,22%	18,06%

Where are you based?

	Number of requested records	% Requested records(144)	% of total number records(144)
Austria	4	2,78%	2,78%
Belgium	13	9,03%	9,03%
Bulgaria	0	0,00%	0,00%
Cyprus	0	0,00%	0,00%
Czech Republic	3	2,08%	2,08%
Denmark	2	1,39%	1,39%
Estonia	0	0,00%	0,00%
Finland	1	0,69%	0,69%
France	2	1,39%	1,39%
Germany	72	50,00%	50,00%
Greece	0	0,00%	0,00%
Hungary	0	0,00%	0,00%
Ireland	0	0,00%	0,00%
Italy	11	7,64%	7,64%
Latvia	1	0,69%	0,69%
Lithuania	1	0,69%	0,69%
Luxembourg	0	0,00%	0,00%
Malta	0	0,00%	0,00%
Netherlands	4	2,78%	2,78%
Poland	1	0,69%	0,69%
Portugal	0	0,00%	0,00%
Romania	1	0,69%	0,69%
Slovakia	1	0,69%	0,69%
Slovenia	1	0,69%	0,69%
Spain	5	3,47%	3,47%
Sweden	7	4,86%	4,86%
United Kingdom	8	5,56%	5,56%
Outside the EU	6	4,17%	4,17%
Outside Europe	0	0,00%	0,00%

Please select the sector corresponding to your activities or the activities of your organisation:

	Number of requested records	% Requested records(144)	% of total number records(144)
Not applicable	4	2,78%	2,78%
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	2	1,39%	1,39%
Mining and quarrying	1	0,69%	0,69%
Manufacturing	52	36,11%	36,11%
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	5	3,47%	3,47%
Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	2	1,39%	1,39%
Construction	7	4,86%	4,86%
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	6	4,17%	4,17%
Transportation and storage	36	25,00%	25,00%
Accommodation and food service activities	1	0,69%	0,69%
Information and communication	16	11,11%	11,11%
Financial and insurance activities	1	0,69%	0,69%
Real estate activities	1	0,69%	0,69%
Professional, scientific and technical activities	21	14,58%	14,58%
Administrative and support service activities	4	2,78%	2,78%
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	19	13,19%	13,19%
Education	3	2,08%	2,08%
Human health and social work activities	8	5,56%	5,56%
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1	0,69%	0,69%
Other service activities	10	6,94%	6,94%
Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods and services producing activities of households for own use	1	0,69%	0,69%
Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies	2	1,39%	1,39%
Other	13	9,03%	9,03%

**Agriculture, forestry and fishing:**

	Number of requested records	% Requested records(2)	% of total number records(144)
Crop and animal production, hunting and related service activities	1	50,00%	0,69%
Forestry and logging	1	50,00%	0,69%
Fishing and aquaculture	0	0,00%	0,00%

**Mining and quarrying:**

	Number of requested records	% Requested records(1)	% of total number records(144)
Mining of coal and lignite	0	0,00%	0,00%
Extraction of crude petroleum and natural gas	0	0,00%	0,00%
Mining of metal ores	0	0,00%	0,00%
Other mining and quarrying	1	100,00%	0,69%
Mining support service activities	0	0,00%	0,00%

**Manufacturing:**

	Number of requested records	% Requested records(52)	% of total number records(144)
Manufacture of food products	0	0,00%	0,00%
Manufacture of beverages	0	0,00%	0,00%
Manufacture of tobacco products	0	0,00%	0,00%
Manufacture of textiles	0	0,00%	0,00%
Manufacture of wearing apparel	0	0,00%	0,00%
Manufacture of leather and related products	1	1,92%	0,69%
Manufacture of wood and of products of wood and cork, except furniture; manufacture of articles of straw and plaiting materials	1	1,92%	0,69%
Manufacture of paper and paper products	0	0,00%	0,00%
Printing and reproduction of recorded media	0	0,00%	0,00%
Manufacture of coke and refined petroleum products	0	0,00%	0,00%
Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products	0	0,00%	0,00%
Manufacture of basic pharmaceutical products and pharmaceutical preparations	3	5,77%	2,08%
Manufacture of rubber and plastic products	3	5,77%	2,08%
Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products	2	3,85%	1,39%
Manufacture of basic metals	0	0,00%	0,00%
Manufacture of fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	0	0,00%	0,00%
Manufacture of computer, electronic and optical products	4	7,69%	2,78%
Manufacture of electrical equipment	12	23,08%	8,33%
Manufacture of machinery and equipment n.e.c.	16	30,77%	11,11%
Manufacture of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	3	5,77%	2,08%
Manufacture of other transport equipment	2	3,85%	1,39%
Manufacture of furniture	0	0,00%	0,00%
Other manufacturing	5	9,62%	3,47%
Repair and installation of machinery and equipment	0	0,00%	0,00%

**Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities:**

	Number of requested records	% Requested records(2)	% of total number records(144)
Water collection, treatment and supply	1	50,00%	0,69%
Sewerage	0	0,00%	0,00%
Waste collection, treatment and disposal activities; materials recovery	1	50,00%	0,69%
Remediation activities and other waste management services	0	0,00%	0,00%

**Construction:**

	Number of requested records	% Requested records(7)	% of total number records(144)
Construction of buildings	5	71,43%	3,47%
Civil engineering	0	0,00%	0,00%
Specialised construction activities	2	28,57%	1,39%

**Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles:**

	Number of requested records	% Requested records(6)	% of total number records(144)
Wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	0	0,00%	0,00%
Wholesale trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles	1	16,67%	0,69%
Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles	3	50,00%	2,08%

**Transportation and storage:**

	Number of requested records	% Requested records(36)	% of total number records(144)
Land transport and transport via pipelines	33	91,67%	22,92%
Water transport	1	2,78%	0,69%
Air transport	0	0,00%	0,00%
Warehousing and support activities for transportation	0	0,00%	0,00%
Postal and courier activities	0	0,00%	0,00%

Accommodation and food service activities			
	Number of requested records	% Requested records(1)	% of total number records(144)
Accommodation	0	0,00%	0,00%
Food and beverage service activities	1	100,00%	0,69%

Information and communication:			
	Number of requested records	% Requested records(16)	% of total number records(144)
Publishing activities	1	6,25%	0,69%
Motion picture, video and television programme production, sound recording and music publishing activities	0	0,00%	0,00%
Programming and broadcasting activities	0	0,00%	0,00%
Telecommunications	6	37,50%	4,17%
Computer programming, consultancy and related activities	2	12,50%	1,39%
Information service activities	1	6,25%	0,69%

Financial and insurance activities:			
	Number of requested records	% Requested records(1)	% of total number records(144)
Financial service activities, except insurance and pension funding	0	0,00%	0,00%
Insurance, reinsurance and pension funding, except compulsory social security	1	100,00%	0,69%
Activities auxiliary to financial services and insurance activities	0	0,00%	0,00%



Professional, scientific and technical activities:			
	Number of requested records	% Requested records(21)	% of total number records(144)
Legal and accounting activities	2	9,52%	1,39%
Activities of head offices; management consultancy activities	0	0,00%	0,00%
Architectural and engineering activities; technical testing and analysis	4	19,05%	2,78%
Scientific research and development	1	4,76%	0,69%
Advertising and market research	0	0,00%	0,00%
Other professional, scientific and technical activities	9	42,86%	6,25%
Veterinary activities	0	0,00%	0,00%

Administrative and support service activities:			
	Number of requested records	% Requested records(4)	% of total number records(144)
Rental and leasing activities	0	0,00%	0,00%
Employment activities	0	0,00%	0,00%
Travel agency, tour operator and other reservation service and related activities	0	0,00%	0,00%
Security and investigation activities	2	50,00%	1,39%
Services to buildings and landscape activities	0	0,00%	0,00%
Office administrative, office support and other business support activities	1	25,00%	0,69%

Arts, entertainment and recreation:			
	Number of requested records	% Requested records()	% of total number records()
Creative, arts and entertainment activities	0	0,00%	0,00%
Libraries, archives, museums and other cultural activities	0	0,00%	0,00%
Gambling and betting activities	0	0,00%	0,00%
Sports activities and amusement and recreation activities	0	0,00%	0,00%

Other service activities:			
	Number of requested records	% Requested records(10)	% of total number records(144)
Activities of membership organisations	3	30,00%	2,08%
Repair of computers and personal and household goods	0	0,00%	0,00%
Other personal service activities	0	0,00%	0,00%

### Identifying and eliminating the remaining barriers to the Internal market for industrial products

Do you rely on mutual recognition for supplying products to another Member State of the European Union?			
	Number of requested records	% Requested records(144)	% of total number records(144)
Not applicable	63	43,75%	43,75%
Yes	50	34,72%	34,72%
No	23	15,97%	15,97%
Do not know	8	5,56%	5,56%

Are there products not covered by EU industrial products legislation that would benefit from being harmonised in view of facilitating their free movement in the internal market?			
	Number of requested records	% Requested records(144)	% of total number records(144)
Yes	86	59,72%	59,72%
No	15	10,42%	10,42%
Do not know	43	29,86%	29,86%

Is there a need for a special procedure allowing for a faster dispute resolution of cross-border litigation related to the free movement of products within the EU?			
	Number of requested records	% Requested records(144)	% of total number records(144)
Yes	40	27,78%	27,78%
No	57	39,58%	39,58%
Do not know	47	32,64%	32,64%

The value-chain of certain industrial products often includes the provision of a service. Have you come across any impediment to deliver or receive services with respect to industrial products?

	Number of requested records	% Requested records(144)	% of total number records(144)
Yes	33	22,92%	22,92%
No	74	51,39%	51,39%
Do not know	37	25,69%	25,69%

If yes, please specify what type of service barriers do you refer to?

	Number of requested records	% Requested records(33)	% of total number records(144)
Engineering and design	14	42,42%	9,72%
On-site installation	16	48,48%	11,11%
Maintenance, support and after-sales services	16	48,48%	11,11%
Repairs	11	33,33%	7,64%
Other	13	39,39%	9,03%

A KET-based product is defined as a product induced by Key Enabling Technologies and/or produced by advanced manufacturing technologies. Examples are high-efficiency photonic LEDs; advanced batteries combining advanced materials and nanotechnologies for electro-mobility; biochips combining advanced materials, nanoelectronics and photonics to detect diseases; nanocomponents issued from nanoelectronics or mobile phones etc. Do you see specific regulatory barriers impeding the development, commercialisation or market uptake of KET-related applications and products within the EU?

	Number of requested records	% Requested records(144)	% of total number records(144)
Yes, there are existing regulatory barriers	10	6,94%	6,94%
Yes, future regulatory barriers are expected	12	8,33%	8,33%
No	63	43,75%	43,75%
Do not know	59	40,97%	40,97%

Are there barriers to the free movement of KETs-based products within the EU?			
	Number of requested records	% Requested records(144)	% of total number records(144)
Yes	6	4,17%	4,17%
No	64	44,44%	44,44%
Do not know	74	51,39%	51,39%

Are there aspects of 3-D printing that need to be regulated at EU level?			
	Number of requested records	% Requested records(144)	% of total number records(144)
Yes	4	2,78%	2,78%
No	66	45,83%	45,83%
Do not know	74	51,39%	51,39%

Are there actual or potential barriers to the free movement of 3-D printed products within the EU?			
	Number of requested records	% Requested records(144)	% of total number records(144)
Yes	1	0,69%	0,69%
No	57	39,58%	39,58%
Do not know	86	59,72%	59,72%

Are there actual or potential barriers to the free movement of sustainable and environment-friendly products within the EU?			
	Number of requested records	% Requested records(144)	% of total number records(144)
Yes	31	21,53%	21,53%
No	61	42,36%	42,36%
Do not know	52	36,11%	36,11%

## Simplification and alignment of existing rules

### Which type of legal instrument is more suited to the aims of technical harmonisation?

	Number of requested records	% Requested records(144)	% of total number records(144)
Directives	68	47,22%	47,22%
Regulations	62	43,06%	43,06%
Do not know	14	9,72%	9,72%

### Are there overlaps or conflicts between different pieces of Union harmonisation legislation that have an impact on EU industrial products?

	Number of requested records	% Requested records(144)	% of total number records(144)
Yes	59	40,97%	40,97%
No	53	36,81%	36,81%
Do not know	32	22,22%	22,22%

### Are there categories of products that should be increasingly subject to mutual recognition and less to EU harmonised rules?

	Number of requested records	% Requested records(144)	% of total number records(144)
Yes	53	36,81%	36,81%
No	56	38,89%	38,89%
Do not know	35	24,31%	24,31%

### Is there scope to broaden the essential requirements of some pieces of Union harmonisation legislation to cover a wider range of products from related industry sectors?

	Number of requested records	% Requested records(144)	% of total number records(144)
Yes	14	9,72%	9,72%
No	87	60,42%	60,42%
Do not know	43	29,86%	29,86%

Is there scope to merge the essential requirements of different pieces of Union harmonisation legislation?

	Number of requested records	% Requested records(144)	% of total number records(144)
Yes	19	13,19%	13,19%
No	78	54,17%	54,17%
Do not know	47	32,64%	32,64%

Are there provisions in the internal market legislation for industrial products which could be identical and apply across a range of sectors in view of reducing divergence and potential conflicts between different legislative texts?

	Number of requested records	% Requested records(144)	% of total number records(144)
Yes	48	33,33%	33,33%
No	46	31,94%	31,94%
Do not know	50	34,72%	34,72%

If yes, which ones?

	Number of requested records	% Requested records(48)	% of total number records(144)
Rules on free movement	38	79,17%	26,39%
Rules on the obligations for manufacturers	43	89,58%	29,86%
Rules on the obligations for importers	35	72,92%	24,31%
Rules on the obligations for distributors	35	72,92%	24,31%
Rules on the authorised representative	32	66,67%	22,22%
Cases in which the obligations of manufacturers apply to importers and distributors	36	75,00%	25,00%
Rules on the identification of economic operators	32	66,67%	22,22%
Rules on conformity assessment procedures	33	68,75%	22,92%
Rules on the presumption of conformity with standards	41	85,42%	28,47%
Rules on the EU declaration of conformity	41	85,42%	28,47%
Rules on CE marking	44	91,67%	30,56%
Rules on notification, notifying authorities and notifying bodies	25	52,08%	17,36%
Rules on penalties	26	54,17%	18,06%
Rules on the validity of certificates of conformity	30	62,50%	20,83%

In the case of capital goods which are developed and supplied to be used by professionals for the development of other products: do these products require a special treatment in Union harmonisation legislation?

	Number of requested records	% Requested records(144)	% of total number records(144)
Yes, these need to be exempted from the scope of product legislation	49	34,03%	34,03%
Yes, these products need to be subject to lighter requirements, both in terms of substance and labelling, which take into account the difference between a professional user and a consumer.	15	10,42%	10,42%
Yes, they do not need to comply with the usual labelling and requirements for the accompanying documents shaped mainly to protect consumers, but they need to comply with the substantive requirements	19	13,19%	13,19%
No	20	13,89%	13,89%
Do not know	41	28,47%	28,47%

Should CE marking be accompanied by other information, for example, labelling such as:

	Number of requested records	% Requested records(144)	% of total number records(144)
A direct reference to the applicable legislation	18	12,50%	12,50%
A marking(s) referring to the applicable legislation	16	11,11%	11,11%
The notified body number	18	12,50%	12,50%
The conformity assessment procedure	10	6,94%	6,94%
No	94	65,28%	65,28%
Do not know	12	8,33%	8,33%

Should accreditation be made compulsory for the purposes of demonstrating the technical capacity of conformity assessment bodies?

	Number of requested records	% Requested records(144)	% of total number records(144)
Yes	58	40,28%	40,28%
No	73	50,69%	50,69%
Do not know	13	9,03%	9,03%

Should third party conformity assessment be required for all industrial products?

	Number of requested records	% Requested records(144)	% of total number records(144)
Yes	10	6,94%	6,94%
No	116	80,56%	80,56%
Do not know	18	12,50%	12,50%

Would you prefer that the Single Declaration of Conformity be a simple compilation of individual Declarations of conformity?

	Number of requested records	% Requested records(144)	% of total number records(144)
Yes	95	65,97%	65,97%
No	20	13,89%	13,89%
Do not know	29	20,14%	20,14%

Would you prefer that each piece of product legislation provide for a customised Declaration of Conformity?

	Number of requested records	% Requested records(144)	% of total number records(144)
Yes	10	6,94%	6,94%
No, there should be one single template for the Declaration of Conformity	120	83,33%	83,33%
Do not know	14	9,72%	9,72%