

# Public consultation on summertime arrangements

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## Introduction

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Following a number of requests from citizens, from the European Parliament, and from certain EU Member States, the Commission has decided to investigate the functioning of the current EU summertime arrangements and to assess whether or not they should be changed.

In this context, the Commission is interested in gathering the views of European citizens, stakeholders and Member States on the current EU summertime arrangements and on any potential change to those arrangements.

More background information on the summertime arrangements can be found [on the consultation webpage](#).

## About you

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\*Your first name

\*Your last name

\*Your email address

\*Your country of residence

- Austria
- Belgium
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- Cyprus
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland
- France

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- Hungary
- Ireland
- Italy
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
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- Netherlands
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Sweden
- United Kingdom
- Other

\* If "other", please specify:

\* Your contribution can be published in whole or in part. By submitting your feedback, you declare that nothing within your response is unlawful or would infringe the rights of any third party in a manner that would prevent the publication.

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- I consent to the publication of my first name and my last name. If I am replying on behalf of an organisation, I also consent to the publication of my organisation's name. Contact details, including the email address, will not be published.
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\* You are replying

- as an individual in your personal capacity / as a citizen
- on behalf of a Member State or public authority
- on behalf of a stakeholder or business, including SME's and consumer organisations

## Your opinion

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\* Name of the organisation / authority on which behalf you are replying

*100 character(s) maximum*

Question for Member states / authorities / stakeholders / businesses only

**\* The size of your organisation (number of employees)**

*100 character(s) maximum*

Question for stakeholders / businesses only

**Department in charge of summertime implementation**

*100 character(s) maximum*

Question for Member states / authorities only

**Contact person for the department in charge of summertime implementation**

*100 character(s) maximum*

Question for Member states / authorities only

**Email address of the contact person**

Question for Member states / authorities only

**\* Is your organisation included in the Transparency Register?**

Question for stakeholders /businesses only.

If your organisation is not registered, we invite you to register [here](#), although it is not compulsory to be registered to reply to this consultation. [Why a transparency register?](#)

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable

**\* If so, please indicate your Register ID number.**

**Did you recently conduct a survey on the issue of summertime?**

Question for Member states / authorities only

- Yes
- No

If yes, what was the outcome? Please explain what conclusions you drew from this survey.

*4000 character(s) maximum*

If yes, how many people participated?

*100 character(s) maximum*

If yes, were all important stakeholder groups surveyed?

*100 character(s) maximum*

If yes, please provide the reference to your survey and where it can be accessed (with possible web-link).

*200 character(s) maximum*

\* What is your overall experience with the switching from wintertime to summertime on the last Sunday of March and from summertime back to wintertime on the last Sunday of October?

- Very positive
- Positive
- No opinion
- Negative
- Very negative

\* Evidence suggests that common EU rules in this area are very important to ensure the proper functioning of the internal market. In order to ensure such common rules also for the future, which of the following alternatives would you favour:

- Keeping the current EU arrangements switching between summer and wintertime for all EU Member States
- Abolishing the switching for all EU Member States?

\* For what reason?

- energy saving / lack of energy saving
- human health
- leisure activities in the evening
- road safety
- functioning of the internal market (cross border trade, transport organisation, communications, ...)
- other (please specify)

Please specify 'Other'

100 character(s) maximum

\* If you would prefer to keep/abolish the switching, how important is it for you to see that happening? *Please rate from 0 – 10 (0 = not an important issue; 10 = very important issue)*

Please answer this question in relation to your previous choice: either to maintain or abolish the summertime arrangements with biannual time switches

- 0
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10

\* If the switching were to be abolished, what option would you prefer? To abolish the switching and stick with:

- permanent summertime (clocks are advanced one hour compared to wintertime)
- permanent wintertime
- no opinion / I don't know

## Final remarks

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Please provide any additional information or evidence you may have on the impact of the current summertime system and on the available alternative (i.e. harmonised abolition of the bi-annual clock changes for all EU Member States with Member States choosing their time zone as hitherto, and choosing whether "wintertime" or "summertime" should apply throughout the year).

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Please provide any additional information or remarks you may have on this matter.

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