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Digital Omnibus – Preserve Ambition and Deliver Real Simplification

Dear Members of the Council,

The European Council has given the European Commission a clear and ambitious mandate to simplify and streamline EU rules in order to strengthen Europe's competitiveness. The Commission has responded to this call with its Digital Omnibus proposal: The Council must now match the same level of ambition and deliver tangible simplification in the negotiations ahead.

The Digital Omnibus is a crucial opportunity to reduce regulatory burden and restore coherence in its digital rulebook. Over the past years, the EU has built a dense and often overlapping digital rulebook that increasingly challenges companies in its practical application. Delivering tangible simplification, legal clarity and coherence is therefore not only a matter of better regulation – it is central to Europe's competitiveness, innovation capacity and digital resilience.

Against this backdrop, strong and ambitious support from Member States is essential. Only if the Council decisively backs a meaningful simplification agenda the Digital Omnibus can live up to its promise and restore confidence in the EU's regulatory approach. However, from an industry perspective, the **current state of discussions in the Council is a source of serious concern**. The current compromise text under the Cypriot Presidency risks diluting the Commission's proposal to the point where it no longer delivers meaningful relief for European industry. In its current form, it falls short of the political objective of simplification and risks adding further complexity instead.¹

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¹ More detail on the following BusinessEurope open letter: [2026-05-27 BusinessEurope - Open Letter - Digital Omnibus](#)

Most importantly, we want to stress a clear and shared political position of the undersigned industry associations:

The negotiations in the Council must **not be concluded prematurely**. A rushed general approach would come at the expense of quality, legal certainty and practical usability. The experience with recent files such as the Data Act and the AI Act has shown that time pressure leads to unresolved legal questions and significant implementation challenges – ultimately shifting the burden onto companies and national competent authorities alike.

We therefore **strongly call on Member States to actively oppose any attempt to fast-track a political agreement** in the Council that may represent a drawback from the simplification ambitions. Given that the European Parliament is not expected to adopt its negotiating position before early 2027, there is neither urgency nor justification for lowering ambition or accelerating the process.

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