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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
dated:	30 October 2026
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)
Subject:	Attendance of third parties at the Working Party on Competitiveness and Growth (Internal Market) on 13 November 2026 *- Approval*

1. The Presidency would like to invite the representatives the European Economic and Social Committee to the meeting of the Working Party on Competitiveness and Growth (Internal Market) scheduled on 13 November 2026.

2. The purpose of the attendance of the above-mentioned third parties is to present their opinion[1] on "Making civil society a driving force in the understanding and implementation of the Single Market Strategy" and their opinion[2] on "SMEs and simplification: how the simplification agenda can deliver for SMEs". These presentations would feed into further reflections by the Member States on the implementation of the Single Market Strategy and of the simplification agenda.

3. The Presidency considers that this invitation is in the interest of the Council and in line with the framework applicable to the occasional presence of third parties, including interest

[1] Reference INT/1131-EESC-2026, https://www.eesc.europa.eu/en/our-work/opinions-information reports/opinions/making-civil-society-driving-force-understanding-and-implementation-single-market-strategy .
[2] Reference INT/1130-EESC-2026, SMEs & Simplification: How the simplification agenda can deliver for SMEs | EESC

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representatives, at meetings of the Council or of its preparatory bodies consolidated in the Comments on the Council's Rules of Procedure.

4. Considering the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to approve the attendance of the third parties mentioned above at the meeting of the Working Party on Competitiveness and Growth (Internal Market) on 13 November 2026.

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