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OF THE COUNCIL on the establishment of European Business Wallets  
- General approach  
= *Joint statement by Austria, Estonia, Malta, Poland and Slovenia*

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**Austria, Estonia, Malta, Poland and Slovenia requested that the following joint statement be entered in the Council minutes**

We strongly support the objectives of the European Business Wallet (hereinafter *EBW*), in particular the digitalisation of the Single Market and the reduction of unnecessary administrative burdens for economic operators. At the same time, **we would like to highlight several important concerns that should be duly reflected in the EBW framework:**

- The Regulation should clearly ensure that the EBW does not duplicate existing national and Union digital solutions and does not replace or undermine them. Well-established systems for the exchange of data and documents, including those used between competent authorities and economic operators, should remain fully usable.
- The implementation of EBW functionalities should be guided by a clear demonstration of added value and should apply only where appropriate, taking into account the diversity, complexity and specific requirements of administrative procedures across Member States.
- Existing legal requirements, infrastructures and technical systems, including sector-specific digital solutions already in operation, should continue to be respected and remain fully operational.
- The EBW should not create disproportionate administrative or financial burdens, in particular for SMEs and public administrations. Its use should bring clear benefits and should not lead, in practice, to reliance on intermediary services where efficient public digital services already exist.
- Finally, interoperability, clear technical standards and close cooperation with Member States in the preparation of implementing acts will be essential to ensure the smooth and practical implementation of the EBW.

A balanced and workable solution should deliver tangible benefits for businesses while respecting existing national and European digital ecosystems.