Dear President,

Dear Executive Vice-Presidents,

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Dear Commissioners,

Please find below a press release published by BusinessEurope further to the publication of the Commission Work Programme 2023.

With best regards,

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European Commission Work Programme 2023: real offsetting of administrative and financial burden is needed
Reacting to the presentation of the Commission Work Programme for next year, BusinessEurope welcomes the announcement not to do business as usual. The various and parallel crises have put our companies under extreme strain, with many struggling for survival.

BusinessEurope stated:

“It is the very wrong moment for putting further administrative and financial burden on companies. This can be detrimental in these difficult circumstances. We therefore ask law-makers to create breathing space for our companies, be it regarding new, pending or existing legislation. This can be achieved by the Commission carrying out an inventory of proposals which hamper our recovery. The proof of the pudding will as always be in the eating. We will carefully assess relevant new proposals once they are published and hold the Commission accountable to the promise of not doing business as usual.”

Whilst businesses welcome the positive language on removing red tape, in reality we cannot observe sufficient offsetting of administrative and financial burden on companies. The one in, one out approach has not yet shown the desired effects.

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