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Following an invitation by EuroCommerce, I attended their internal market committee meeting for an agenda item on services notifications earlier today (13 November).

I briefly presented the current state of play of the existing services notification procedure established under the Services Directive and informed EuroCommerce that the Commission during the summer had decided to publish information on all incoming notifications on its webpage. Stakeholders are invited to provide comments to the Commission if they wish to do so (as is the case already for notifications in the area of goods for a long time).

A representative of the Danish Chamber of Commerce (DanskErhverv) welcomed the publication of information on notifications, enquired if the Commission would withdraw its proposal on a revised notification procedure and asked for a clearer and more proactive enforcement strategy by the Commission as regards the Services Directive, notably on retail-related issues.

A representative of the Spanish Association of Retailers (ANGED) welcomed the Commission notification procedure as a tool to address disproportionate and unjustified requirements that are being introduced in Member States, including in Spain at the level of the regions, but feared that the Commission needed to take stronger legal action to address some of the barriers that MS are introducing (legal action).

A representative of EuroCommerce enquired about the state of the services notification proposal and the chances for its adoption, which I explained depended on the co-legislator, who, however, had made public statements underlining the willingness to adopt the proposal.

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