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Informal videoconference of the members of the Working Party on Consumer Protection and Information

Dear Colleagues,

On Friday, 28 May 2021, starting at 10:00 am (morning only), the members of the Working Party on Consumer Protection and Information will meet via video conference, in a connection format 1+1.

We are approaching the end of our presidency and at our penultimate meeting on 28 May, we will address the subject of consumers and the green transition, under the broader scope of sustainability. Spring is the best season to approach the green.

We will start the meeting with a general policy presentation on the incoming legislative proposal "Empowering the consumer for the green transition". Nils Behrndt, Acting Deputy Director-General (DG JUST), will give us a policy overview of the file.

There will also be a colleague from COM DG ENVI, Emmanuelle Maire, Head of Unit of Unit B.1- Sustainable Production, Products and Consumption, to whom we can address questions about the place of consumers on the product sustainability policy and circular economy.

Then, we will address the topic of the right to repair.

The right to repair will have, for the green transition, the same importance as the right to withdrawal for B2C contracts, and will represent a cornerstone of the new legislation.

Dirk Staudenmayer, Head of Unit of Unit A2 - Contract Law (DG JUST), will address the rationale behind this right in a general policy way.

To close our meeting, we invited BEUC's Director General Monique Goyens who will speak about the role of consumers in the green transition. She will also refer to the consequences of the green transition in the sphere of consumers.

After each intervention, delegations will have the opportunity to exchange views with COM and BEUC.

We encourage Member States to seize the opportunity to have COM and BEUC at our meeting to exchange views on consumer policy. We are convinced that discussions are the best way to share information and knowledge and the most dynamic way to produce new ideas.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any further questions.

Looking forward to see you all next Friday!



The Portuguese Presidency Team