



Meeting with Eurocommerce

Meeting date and place

Meeting held on 24/01/2019 10:00

Participating organisation(s) & representative(s)

- - EuroCommerce (TRN: 84973761187-60) **Participant. Requester.**
- - EuroCommerce (TRN: 84973761187-60) **Participant.**

Main issues discussed

Eurocommerce represents European retail companies. Many retail companies have expanded and invested in distribution networks in other Member States. The Eurocommerce representatives related to the COM services some of the issues perceived by a number of European retailers active cross-border in particular in Central and Eastern European Member States. The reported concerns related for example to sudden changes of the legislative framework, including measures indirectly discriminating foreign retailers. Furthermore, vague or unclear legislation sometimes resulted in unpredictable and/or possibly disproportionate administrative decisions. Eurocommerce also pointed out some shortcomings in the law enforcement systems of some Member States as well as a lack of transparency of the decision making process in certain national administrations. There is a worry that the climate might further deteriorate after the termination of intra-EU BITs. Promoting and developing dialogue with national authorities, consulting stakeholders during the legislative process and preventing problems at an early stage would be beneficial for all sides. The Commission services took note of this practical feedback.

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