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Proposal to establish a European Business Forum

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"The Danish Parliament calls on national Parliaments of the EU Member States to support a request to the European Commission to table a proposal establishing a "European Business Forum for better regulation" for the period of 2016 to 2019.

The objective of the initiative is to create a Business Forum that should function as an advisory body for the European Commission when it comes to simplifying legislation and removing unnecessary red tape, with the aim of making it simpler to do business in the European Union.

The Business Forum should be composed of high-level representatives from business and stakeholders in the labour market, plus experts in the field of business regulation and simplification.

The Business Forum should ensure that EU action is targeting the areas in which companies experience the largest challenges with regard to regulatory burdens, and that EU action seeks to address the day to day problems of the companies.

The Forum should identify areas within specific sectors or topics, where companies experience the heaviest regulatory burdens, and table proposals for simplification. The objective is to identify solutions, where the concerns behind the rules are still maintained, but in a way, which makes it simpler to do business for companies.

The proposals from the Forum should be presented to the European Commission, which would then be either obliged to implement the proposal for reduction of the burdens in the targeted areas or to explain why it will not carry through the proposals for simplification - in accordance with a 'comply or explain' principle.

Such a Business Forum has already been established in Denmark.

The Business Forum should be established at the European level within the framework of the REFIT Programme as part of a new mandate for a future High-Level Group financed by the COSME Programme."

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