



Commissioner Valdis Dombrovskis

Dear Commissioner Valdis Dombrovskis,

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On behalf of the European Affairs Committee in the Danish Parliament, I would like to address the issue of insufficient use of impact assessments of legislative proposals. Assessing impact is a cornerstone of our shared efforts to ensure better regulation at EU and national level. Basing our legislation on a solid foundation ensures that the options the EU legislators choose are sound, proportionate and meets the principle of subsidiarity.

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When the Danish government negotiates in the Council of the European Union on significant EU legislative proposals, its positions are based on a negotiation mandate from the Danish Folketing. The Government's selection of which proposals require such a mandate is determined by an assessment of their political, legal, and economic implications. Since 1 December 2024 the Committee has given the Danish government negotiation mandates concerning 64 legislative proposals of great importance to Denmark and the EU as a whole.

According to a recent internal study carried out by the Administration of the Folketing, **only 14 out of the 64** proposals from the Commission **were accompanied by an impacts assessment**.

We are deeply concerned about the fact that only 21,9 pct of the most important EU legislative proposals during the last 14 months have been accompanied by the most effective tool to ensure proportionality and subsidiarity. This diminishes the quality of European legislation and undermines effective parliamentary scrutiny. This is clearly unsatisfying, not least when there is a need for better regulation that is fit for purpose and free from unnecessary administrative burdens.



We fully respect that impact assessments might not be the only way to ensure better regulation. However, when major legislation is introduced or revised, we should ensure that impact assessments are generally the basis of our legislative work. Sometimes speed is of the essence, but skipping an impact assessment should be a rare exemption in case of emergencies, rather than a general rule.

Referring to the Commission's recent Communication "A Simpler, Clearer and Better Enforced EU Rulebook" (COM (2026) 380), we are pleased to note that the Commission agrees with this ambition. Knowing your personal commitment to better regulation, we encourage you to follow up on this goal and to ensure that the rest of the Commission shows the same dedication by significantly increasing the use of impact assessments. The use of impact assessments should be strengthened, not weakened.

We have taken the opportunity of sending a copy of this letter to the Danish government, COSAC Chairs as well as the EU Ombudsman.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair of the Committee of European Affairs