

Workshop on Internal Market at the Ministry of Economy and Construction of the Slovak Republic on 28/9/2010 during the visit of the Commissioner for Internal Market and Services Michel Barnier

Date and time: 28 September 2010 at 9:00 h. (registration from 8:30 h.)
Venue: Ministry of Economy and Construction of the SR, Mierová 19, 827 15
Bratislava, Slovakia, conference room No. 20

Goal of the workshop

To discuss the application of the internal market law and rules in Slovakia, possibilities of its improvement, existing problems and how the European Commission (EC) can help Slovakia to eliminate them. Serious problems occurring in this area in Slovakia should be mentioned, their reasons should be identified and action that addresses the problems should be proposed in the discussion. Concrete action that addresses the problems that could be evaluated at political and expert levels in the future should be agreed at the workshop.

Agenda of the workshop

8:30 – 9:00 Registration of participants

9:00 – 10:00 Political part (cca 60 minutes)
(in Slovak and French with interpreting to the other language)

9:00 – 9:15 Speech of the Minister of Economy and Construction of the SR (10 – 15 min.)

9:15 – 9:40 Speech of the Commissioner for Internal Market and Services (20 – 25 min.)

9:40 – 10:00 Discussion of the participants with the Commissioner (20 – 25 min.)

Topics: various issues dealing with the internal market

10:00 The Commissioner and the Minister leaving for the press conference

10:30 – 13:00 Technical part
(in Slovak and English with interpreting to the other language)

Introduction

Topic 1: Application of Single Market rules in Slovakia

- Presentation of the Ministry of Economy and Construction of the SR on the implementation of the EU single market law and on the system of coordination, monitoring and control of the application of single market rules in practice
- Comments/reaction from the EC
- Discussion

Topic 2: Problems and disputes solving connected with application of the single market rules

- Presentation of the SOLVIT Centre Slovakia on its activities
- Comments/reaction from the EC
- Discussion

Topic 3: Free movement of services in the EU and the Services Directive

- Presentation of the Ministry of the Interior of the SR on the functioning of Points of Single Contacts for entrepreneurs
- Comments/reaction from the EC on the Directive (2006/123) on Services in the Internal Market and its implementation in EU member states
- Discussion

Topic 4: Public procurement

- Presentation of the Office for Public Procurement of the SR on the application of EU public procurement rules in Slovakia
- Comments/reaction from the EC
- Discussion

Conclusion

Target group of the workshop:

- state administration responsible for application/enforcement of single market rules
- state administration involved in the implementation of the Services Directive
- state administration involved in the implementation of the Internal Market Information System (IMI)
- staff of SOLVIT Centre Slovakia
- judges responsible for application/enforcement of single market rules
- members of the national parliament (will not participate as they have a separate meeting with the Commissioner in the Parliament)