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### **SINGLE DIGITAL GATEWAY: ONE STOP SHOP FOR ALL YOUR ONLINE PAPERWORK – TIME SAVER FOR CITIZENS AND COMPANIES**

On 27 September 2018 the Council adopted a regulation setting up a “Single Digital Gateway”. This follows an agreement reached with the European Parliament in June.

The new gateway aims to simplify the most frequently requested administrative procedures, making them available online in all EU Member States. It will provide access to online information and procedures, assistance and problem solving services to individuals and companies. The Single Digital Gateway will therefore be an additional powerful tool available to individuals and businesses which are exercising their freedom of movement and establishment in another EU Member State. This is another example of the benefits of the digital single market.

The web portal will be accessible through a single point of entry in all official EU languages using the existing “[Your Europe](#)” portal. It will integrate a number of networks and services that have been established at national and EU level to provide support for cross-border activities.

According to Elżbieta Bieńkowska, the European commissioner responsible for the internal market, the online system will save people 855,000 hours and businesses €11 billion a year.

The Council and the European Parliament now need to sign the adopted regulation. The signed text will be published in the EU Official Journal and will enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication. However, in order to give national, regional and local administrations more time to adapt, the target date for placing all relevant information and procedures online will be two, four or five years after the entry into force, depending on the issue.

More information can be found [here](#).

We hope this information is useful. You should not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions or require further information.

Kind regards,

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