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*EUROPEAN COMMERCE WELCOMES VOTE OF THE  
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT ON SERVICES DIRECTIVE –  
A GOOD DECISION FOR BUSINESS AND COMPETITIVENESS*

*The second reading of the draft proposal for Directive on Services has taken place today in Strasbourg.*

EuroCommerce is relieved that after years of intensive work, discussions and political disagreements, the EU as a whole has put an end to this legislative process. Contrary to what some idealists may have announced, this text remains an acceptable compromise, if not the only compromise possible. EuroCommerce would like to underline that, in the end, the big winners are companies, in particular SMEs, consumers and more generally, the European Union, its economy and the Internal Market.

Xavier R. Durieu, Secretary General reminded however that; *"the adoption of this text is a good, if not last step in the right direction, for business and competitiveness as a whole. The focus must now come back to the Member States and their sense of responsibility in transposing fairly and evenly this text."*

EuroCommerce will pay particular attention to this process and wishes to reassure the European institutions that it will continue to provide them with the constructive information they need to achieve the objective set.

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