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EU NEWS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF “ACQUIS COMMUNAUTAIRE”

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Company law

SPE – European Private Company Statute

(“Societas Privata Europaea”)

The European Commission has presented a proposal for a **Statute on a European Private Company ('SPE')**. This new company form will enable small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to do business throughout the EU, with the aim of cutting costs and encouraging growth in this area.

The SPE has been designed to address the current onerous obligations on SMEs operating across borders, who need to set up subsidiaries in different company forms in every Member State in which they want to do business. In practical terms, the SPE would mean that SMEs can set up their company in the same form, no matter if they do business in their own Member State or in another. Opting for the SPE will save entrepreneurs time and money on legal advice, management and administration.






The proposal will now be submitted to the European Parliament and Council.

More information

Article with practical description of the SPE

http://ec.europa.eu/internal_market/smn/smn51/docs/company_statute_en.pdf

Proposal for a European Private Company Statute (25.06.2008)

- [Press Release](#)
- Proposal  [de](#) [en](#) [fr](#)
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- Impact Assessment  [en](#)
- Executive summary of the Impact Assessment  [de](#) [en](#) [fr](#) Annex  [en](#)
- Citizens' summary  [de](#) [en](#) [fr](#)

Consultations and the conference on the European Private Company Statute

10.03.2008 - [Conference on the European Private Company](#)

3.10 - 5.11.2007 - European Business Test Panel (EBTP)


- [Aggregate results and Report](#)

20.07 - 31.10.2007 - Public Consultation

- Summary of comments received  [en](#)
- [Comments of respondents](#)
- [Press release](#)
- Questionnaire  [en](#)

Background documents

Parliamentary Report

- European Parliament - Report with recommendations to the Commission on the European private company statute (2006/2013(INI))  [en](#)

Feasibility Study

- The feasibility study on a European statute for small and medium-sized enterprises [en](#)

The proposal was already discussed at the informal Council on Competitiveness from 16 till 18 July 2008 and will be formally put on the agenda of the Council on Competitiveness on 1 and 2 December 2008.

More info: http://ec.europa.eu/internal_market/company/epc/index_en.htm