

EC statistics: legislative framework for the production of short-term EC statistics

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The Committee considers that the proposal takes sufficient account of the principle of subsidiarity in requiring the Member States to provide the necessary data whilst leaving to them the choice of collection method. The Committee approves the Commission's desire to ensure that the new measure does not increase the administrative workload of small and medium-sized enterprises. Breaking down the data by company size would over time make it easier to identify the effects of the economic cycle on enterprises of different size. The Committee feels that the proposal should be adapted to reflect the requirements of the employment policies of the Member States and the coordinating role which the European Union is required to play in this field by the provisions of the Treaty of Amsterdam.