



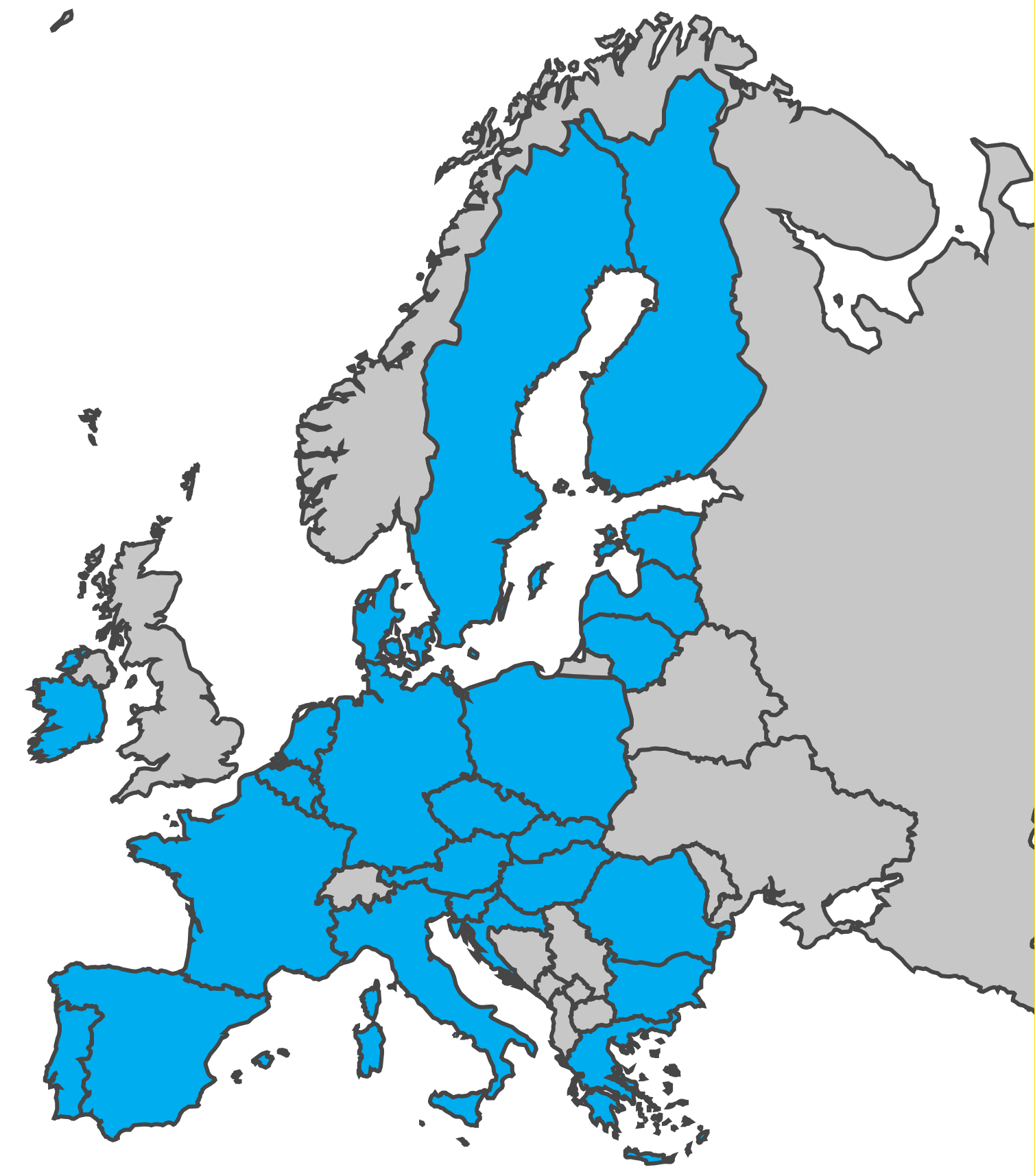
Doing business in the EU: obstacles and solutions

In the October 2018 European Parliament of Enterprises, 69,3% of entrepreneurs stated that the **EU SINGLE MARKET** was **NOT SUFFICIENTLY INTEGRATED**.

In October 2019:

1.107 entrepreneurs from **27** member states

explained the obstacles and identified the solutions



Main **OBSTACLES**



Possible **SOLUTIONS**

	Complex administrative procedures	79.5%		Cutting red tape on excessive reporting and information obligations	91.2%
	Different national service rules	71.6%		Online portal with better information on cross border requirements	86.5%
	Inaccessibility to information on rules and requirements	69.1%		Put as many procedures online as possible	85.0%
	Different national product rules	67%		Improve implementation and enforcement on EU law	83.0%
	Different contractual and legal practices	65.6%		Take greater account of the impact of new regulations on SMEs	82.5%
	Concerns about resolving commercial or administrative disputes	60.5%		Better legal protection before national and European authorities and courts	81.6%
	Different VAT procedures	60.4%		Facilitate proof of eligibility to provide services abroad	78.2%

Policy Recommendations

- Commit to the Single Market in actions and not only in words
- Improve the implementation and enforcement of Single Market law
- Reduce complexity through better information online and digitalisation
- Make the development of the Single Market for services the no° 1 priority
- Provide a better legal framework adapted to the needs of SMEs
- Boost the capacity of problem-solving services like SOLVIT
- Reduce bureaucratic burdens by asking less administrative documents
- Harmonize national regulations, while respecting the country of origin principle

About the EUROCHAMBRES EU Internal Market barriers and solutions survey



The survey is based on responses from 1.107 businesses across the 27 member states (excluding the UK) and provides a unique evidence-based insight into the barriers that business still have to face in today's incomplete European Single Market. The survey includes a ranking of the most useful solutions to these obstacles to trade according to business. With this survey, EUROCHAMBRES aims to contribute and assist the new von der Leyen Commission and the European Parliament on the identification of the key policy priorities for the next 5 years.