

Press release – Parliament wants to grant EU consumers a “right to repair”



The resolution on a more sustainable Single Market was adopted with 395 in favour, 94 against and 207 abstentions.

MEPs call on the Commission to grant consumers a “right to repair” by making repairs more appealing, systematic, and cost-efficient, whether by extending guarantees, providing guarantees for replaced parts, or better access to information on repair and maintenance.

They also insist on increasing support for second-hand goods markets, call for measures to tackle practices that shorten the lifetime of a product, and endorse sustainable production. MEPs reiterate their [demand](#) for a common charger system to reduce electronic waste and want products to be labelled according to their durability (e.g. a usage meter and clear information on the estimated lifespan of a product).

Remove obstacles that prevent repair, resale, and reuse

To encourage sustainable business and consumer choices, MEPs push for more sustainable public procurement as well as responsible marketing and advertising. For example, when environmentally friendly claims are made in advertisements, common criteria should be applied to support such a claim – similar to obtaining ecolabel certifications. The resolution also calls for

the role of the EU ecolabel to be boosted so that it is used more by industry and to raise awareness among consumers.

Finally, the adopted text proposes new rules for waste management and the removal of legal obstacles that prevent repair, resale, and reuse. This will also benefit the secondary raw material market.

“The time has come to use the Green Deal objectives as the foundation of a single market that promotes durable products and services by design. To achieve this, we need a comprehensive set of rules that facilitates clear and simple decisions in place of technical amendments that lack political courage and which confuse both consumers and businesses. By adopting this report, the European Parliament sent a clear message: harmonised mandatory labelling indicating durability and tackling premature obsolescence at EU level are the way forward,” said Rapporteur [David Cormand](#) (Greens/EFA, FR).

Background

According to a Eurobarometer survey, [77%](#) of EU citizens would rather repair their devices than replace them; [79%](#) think that manufacturers should be legally obliged to facilitate the repair of digital devices or the replacement of their individual parts.

[Article – Orange the World: NO to violence against women](#)



In his [statement to mark Orange the World](#), Parliament President David Sassoli said that the Covid crisis had worsened gender based violence: “This year the Covid-19 crisis has revealed and intensified this violence, especially domestic violence. Often this happened in a hidden way behind closed doors, with no possibility of escape.”

During a [debate on Wednesday morning](#), Parliament again said violence against women must end. MEPs urged EU countries that have not yet ratified the Istanbul Convention to do so. They also advocate stronger EU action to tackle gender-based violence. Parliament has consistently taken a strong stance on the matter and repeatedly called for EU accession to the Convention.

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25 November

[ESMA sets out its final view on the derivatives trading obligation \(DT0\)](#)

The European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA), the EU’s securities markets regulator, has released a public statement that clarifies the application of the European Union’s (EU) trading obligation for derivatives (DT0) following the end of the UK’s transition from the EU on 31 December

2020.

23 November

[ESAs propose to adapt the EMIR implementation timelines for intragroup transactions, equity options and novations to EU counterparties](#)

The European Banking Authority (EBA), the European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority (EIOPA) and the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA), the European Supervisory Authorities (ESAs), have published a final report with draft regulatory technical standards (RTS) proposing to amend the Commission Delegated Regulation on the risk mitigation techniques for OTC derivatives not cleared by a CCP (bilateral margin requirements) under the European Market Infrastructure Regulation (EMIR).

20 November

[ESMA CONSULTS ON SUPERVISORY FEES FOR DATA REPORTING SERVICES PROVIDERS](#)

The European Securities and Markets Authority, the EU's securities markets regulator, launches a public consultation on supervisory fees for data reporting services providers (DRSPs) to be supervised by ESMA starting in 2022.

20 November

[ESMA CONSULTS ON DEROGATION CRITERIA FOR DATA REPORTING SERVICES PROVIDERS](#)

The European Securities and Markets Authority, the EU's securities markets regulator, launches a public consultation on criteria to identify Authorised Reporting Mechanisms (ARMs) and Approved Publications Arrangements (APAs) subject to authorisation and supervision by a competent authority of a EU Member States from January 2022.

18 November

[ESMA publishes first overview of the size and structure of EU securities markets](#)

The European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA), the EU's securities markets regulator, published its first statistical report on European Union (EU) securities markets. The Report uses new regulatory data sources to give, for the first time, a comprehensive overview of European equity and bond markets in 2019, including the number, characteristics, volumes traded and transparency data on the equity and bond instruments subject to MiFID II. A webinar open to the public will be held on 25 November to present the report.

16 November

[EU derivative clearing showed strong growth in 2019](#)

The European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA), the EU's securities

markets regulator, publishes its third Annual Statistical Report (Report) analysing the European Union's (EU) derivatives markets. It provides a comprehensive market-level view of the EU's derivatives markets in 2019, which had a total size of €681tn gross notional amount outstanding, a decrease of 5% on 2018. The Report is based on data submitted under the European Markets and Infrastructure Regulation (EMIR).

13 November

[ESMA identifies costs and performance and data quality as new Union Strategic Supervisory Priorities](#)

The European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA), the EU's securities markets regulator, using its new convergence powers, has identified costs and performance for retail investment products and market data quality as the Union Strategic Supervisory Priorities for national competent authorities (NCAs).

13 November

[ESMA tells fund managers to improve readiness for future adverse shocks](#)

The European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA), the EU's securities markets regulator, has published a Report on the preparedness of investment funds with significant exposures to corporate debt and real estate assets, for potential future adverse liquidity and valuation shocks. The Report identifies five priority areas for action which would enhance the preparedness of these fund categories.

12 November

[ESMA publishes first report on use of sanctions under the AIFMD](#)

The European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA), the EU securities markets regulator, publishes its first annual report on the use by National Competent Authorities (NCAs) of sanctions under the Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive (AIFMD).

12 November

[ESMA publishes third annual report on use of sanctions for UCITS](#)

The European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA), the EU's securities markets regulator, publishes its 2019 report on the use of supervisory sanctions by National Competent Authorities (NCAs) under the Undertakings for Collective Investments in Transferable Securities (UCITS) Directive

11 November

[ESMA sees potential for sudden reversal in investors' risk assessment](#)

The European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA), the EU securities markets regulator, publishes its second risk dashboard for 2020 which sees a

continued risk of decoupling between asset valuations and economic fundamentals.

11 November

[ESMA publishes translations for Guidelines on securitisation repository data completeness and consistency thresholds](#)

The European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) has issued the official translations of its guidelines on securitisation repository data completeness and consistency thresholds.

10 November

[ESMA releases Report on post trade risk reduction services](#)

The European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA), the EU's securities markets regulator, has released a Report on Post Trade Risk Reduction services (PTRR) under the European Market Infrastructure Regulation (EMIR). The Report analyses whether any trades that directly result from PTTR services should be exempted from the clearing obligation.

10 November

[ESMA updates Brexit statements for the end of UK transition period](#)

The European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA), the EU's securities markets regulator, has updated three statements which address the impact on reporting under EMIR and SFTR and on the operation of ESMA databases and IT systems after 31 December 2020, the end of the UK's transition from the EU.

09 November

[ESMA consults on guidance for funds' marketing communications](#)

The European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA), the EU's securities markets regulator, launches a consultation on guidelines on marketing communications under the Regulation on facilitating cross-border distribution of collective investment undertakings.

09 November

[ESMA ISSUES LATEST DOUBLE VOLUME CAP DATA](#)

The European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA), the EU's securities and markets regulator, has updated its public register with the latest set of double volume cap (DVC) data under the Markets in Financial Instruments Directive (MiFID II).

09 November

[ESMA updates Q&As for prospectus and transparency rules linked to Brexit](#)

The European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA), the EU's securities

markets regulator, has issued Questions and Answers (Q&As) concerning the Prospectus Regulation(PR) and the Transparency Directive(TD) in the context of the Brexit transition period. ESMA has also updated prospectus Q&As as part of an ongoing Q&A revision exercise.

06 November

[ESMA seeks experts in corporate finance to join its industry advisory group](#)

The European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA), the EU's securities markets regulator, has published an open call for candidates for industry experts in corporate finance.

06 November

[ESMA CONSULTS ON MIFID II/ MIFIR OBLIGATIONS ON MARKET DATA](#)

The European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA), the EU's securities markets regulator, has launched a Consultation Paper (CP) seeking input from market participants in relation to its draft guidelines on the MiFID II/MiFIR obligations on market data.

06 November

[Verena Ross speaks about CRA Regulation at ECMI Annual Conference](#)

Today, ESMA Executive Director, Verena Ross, has delivered a speech on the CRA Regulation, and related issues, at ECMI's 2020 Annual Conference which was held online on 5 and 6 November.

06 November

[ESMA publishes new Q&A on product governance](#)

The European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA), the EU's securities markets regulator, has updated its Questions and Answers on the implementation of investor protection topics under the Market in Financial Instruments Directive and Regulation (MiFID II/ MiFIR).

06 November

[ESMA updates Q&A on Benchmarks Regulation](#)

The European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA), the EU's securities markets regulator, has updated its Questions and Answers on the European Benchmarks Regulation (BMR).

05 November

[ESMA publishes translations for Guidelines on performance fees in UCITS and certain types of AIFs](#)

The European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) has issued the official translations of its guidelines on performance fees in UCITS and certain types

of AIFs.

05 November

[ESMA publishes first Q&As on SFTR Reporting](#)

The European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA), the EU's securities markets regulator, has published its first set of Questions and Answers relating to reporting under the Securities Financing Transactions Regulation (SFTR).

05 November

[ESMA specifies obligations on environmentally sustainable activities](#)

The European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA), the EU's securities markets regulator, has published its Consultation Paper containing ESMA's draft advice to the European Commission on Article 8 of the Taxonomy Regulation. This specifies the content, methodology and presentation of the key performance indicators (KPIs) that non-financial undertakings and asset managers are required to disclose.

[Declaration by the High Representative on behalf of the EU on the alignment of certain countries concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Nicaragua](#)



On 12 October 2020, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2020/1467¹

The Council decided that the restrictive measures should be extended for a further period of 12 months, until 15 October 2021.

The Candidate Countries the Republic of North Macedonia, Montenegro and Albania², the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the EFTA countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova and Georgia align themselves with this Council Decision.

They will ensure that their national policies conform to this Council Decision.

The European Union takes note of this commitment and welcomes it.

¹ Published on 13.10.2020 in the Official Journal of the European Union no. L 335, p.18.

² The Republic of North Macedonia, Montenegro and Albania continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.

Press release – EU-Russia relations: MEPs to hold a debate with Alexei Navalny



Mr Navalny is one of Russia's most high-profile opposition politicians, an anti-corruption activist and an outspoken critic of President Vladimir Putin. He collapsed on 20 August whilst aboard a flight from the Siberian city of Tomsk to Moscow. Lab tests carried out in different countries and confirmed by the Organisation for the [Prohibition of Chemical Weapons \(OPCW\)](#) have since concluded that he was poisoned with a nerve agent in the Novichok family.

Following the attack, Mr Navalny was airlifted to Germany for medical treatment and recovered from the assassination attempt. On Friday, he is expected to brief Members on the [Foreign Affairs Committee](#) on the political and socio-economic situation in Russia in view of next year's parliamentary elections.

Participating via videoconference, Mr Navalny will be joined by:

- Vladimir Kara-Murza, Chairman of the Boris Nemtsov Foundation. Vice President of the Free Russia Foundation;
- Vladimir Milov, politician, publicist, economist and energy expert. Former Deputy Minister of Energy of Russia;
- Ilya Yashin, politician. Head of the Krasnoselsky Municipality.

More information

On 17 September, the European Parliament [adopted a resolution](#) that strongly condemned the assassination attempt on Alexei Navalny. The text noted that the poison used, belonging to the “Novichok group”, can only be developed in state-owned military laboratories and not by private individuals, which strongly suggests that Russian authorities were behind the attack. MEPs also called for an international investigation into the case.

Russia’s next legislative election is expected to be held no later than 19 September 2021 to elect the 450 seats for the 8th convocation of the State Duma, the lower house of the Federal Assembly.

The meeting

WHEN: [Friday, 27 November, at 11.00 CET](#).

Follow it live [here](#).