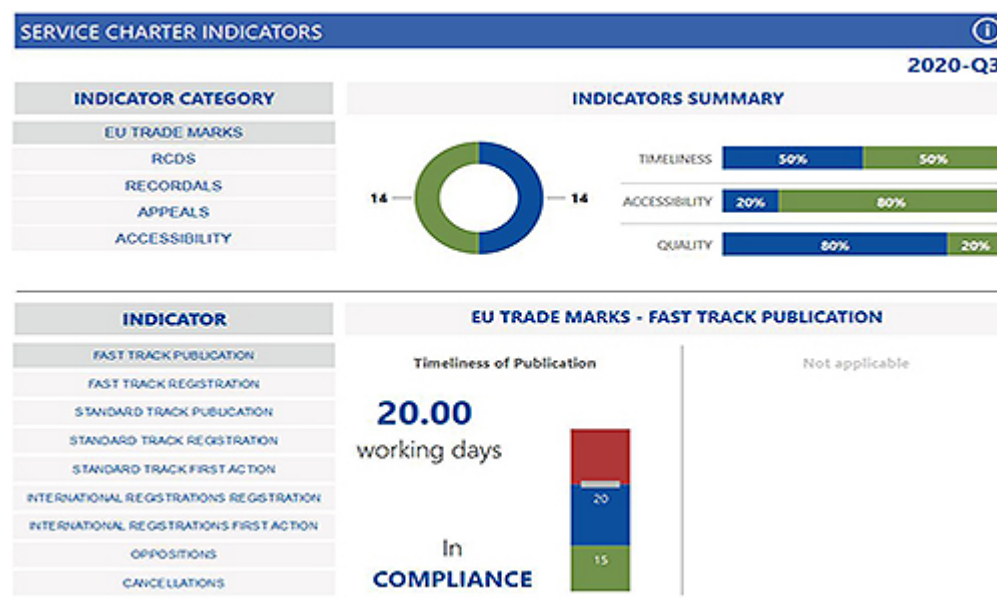


# New interactive interface for EUIPO's Service Charter

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The Service Charter has a more user-friendly design and new interactive features.

In line with the 2025 [Strategic Plan](#)'s objective of improving user experience and evolving with the digital era, the Office has revamped the [Service Charter web page](#). The Service Charter has a new visualisation that features simpler graphics, interactive categories and a quick summary.

## Third quarter results

The results of the third quarter of 2020 continue showing the recovery resulting from the measures taken by the Office to improve the performance of the indicators and help customers cope with the difficult situation due to the COVID-19 pandemic (including the publication of [two time limit extension decisions](#) by the Executive Director).

Currently all the indicators are in the Excellence or Compliance categories. This also includes the Cancellation timeliness indicator which is now back in Compliance after a long period in Action Needed. All in all, 98.9% of the total amount of files processed by the Office were completed without any delay.

See the new [Service Charter page](#)

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# Cohesion Alliance – News Bulletin

## October 2020



□Dear supporter of the #CohesionAlliance,

After a very busy period, the European Week of Regions and Cities (which this year spread over three weeks) has now passed. The presentation of the first EU annual Regional and Local Barometer was given, showing the diverse impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on cities and regions in Europe, as well as the ongoing Trilogue negotiations between the EC, EP and the Council.

Find more details and news below:

- European Week of Regions and Cities 2020:

Due to the developments of the COVID-19 crisis, this year's [#EURegionsWeek](#) had to be done 100% online. The 'Week', with its more than 500 workshops was spread over three weeks; each week following one of the main topics, Green Europe, Cohesion and Cooperation and Empowering Citizens. If you missed it, don't be sad: the REPLAY of all sessions and the HIGHLIGHTS are now available on the EURegionsWeek platform!

Some highlights:

- The European Commission announced ([press release](#)) the first provisional results of the implementation of the Coronavirus Response Investment Initiative (CRII) and Coronavirus Response Investment Initiative Plus (CRII+). Find more information on the [Cohesion Open Data Platform](#) and [Coronavirus dashboard](#).
- Opening session: The official opening session took place in on 12 October in the presence of the CoR President Apostolos Tzitzikostas and Commissioner Elisa Ferreira who said that "*Cohesion policy is not only money, cohesion policy is about values, is, in particular, about the value of solidarity.*" You can re-watch the event on [Twitter](#).
- During the Week, 107 Young Elected Politicians (YEPs) from all over Europe were invited to attend a specifically designed programme. 37 of them selected the topic of Cohesion as their main interest. The Young Elected Politicians Programme (YEPs) is a network of politicians who are no older than 40 and hold a mandate at regional or local level in the EU. You can find out more here.
- #BarometerEURegional: Cities and regions on the frontline of COVID-19

□The first edition of the [EU annual Regional and Local Barometer](#) focuses on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. EU regional and local authorities have been on the frontline in tackling the health crisis and keeping people safe. The report shows how differently they have been impacted and how they are also key to the economic recovery. The barometer also includes a representative opinion poll conducted by Kantar in the first two weeks of September. One of the findings was that Europeans trust local and regional governments more than they trust national governments or the EU, both in general terms and in their response to the pandemic. They would like local and regional governments to have more influence on EU decisions relating to health, to employment and social affairs, and to education, training and culture.

The Barometer was presented by CoR President Apostolos Tzitzikostas ([Tweet](#)) in presence of European Commission President Ursula van der Leyen ([FB Live](#)), who said that *"In these weeks, we have also sent a very clear message to national governments. Regions and cities should be involved in the preparation of national recovery plans from the very outset. You must contribute. Capitals must coordinate with you, because you will be the ones bringing projects to life in your local reality. This gives you a great responsibility"*. ([Tweet](#))

Findings of the Annual Regional and Local Barometer:

#### Social Media

- [Dashboard of results](#): The EU Regional Barometer and the #CohesionAlliance communication campaign have both created a social media momentum. The interactive dashboard summarizes the social media performance for the 12-16 October 2020. The dashboard will be accessible for one month until 22 November 2020.
- Trilogue negotiations

Following the agreement on the MFF at the special meeting of the European Council of 17-21 July, the Trilogue meetings on the cohesion policy legislative proposals restarted at the end of September, with a view to find a political agreement between the Parliament and the Council until the end of the year, so that the new Regulations could be published and enter into force in early 2021. On 15 October, the Chair of the CoR COTER commission, Ms Isabelle Boudineau, had the opportunity to recall the key messages of the CoR and the Cohesion Alliance on the different files that are currently under negotiation at the meeting of the EP REGI committee, where EP rapporteurs reported back from the ongoing Trilogue discussion with the European Commission and the Council. Find the tweet [here](#).

- Recently adopted CoR opinions

The CoR October plenary session saw the adoption of opinions on equivalent living standards, the REACT-EU package and the role of cohesion policy ([press release](#)) as well as the opinions on cross border health ([press release](#)) and the European recovery plan ([press release](#)). In the discussion with the CoR

Members, EIB president Werner Hoyer said: *"The issue today is to use maximum creativity and flexibility to cushion the dramatic impact of the COVID crisis while being more decisive about the shared principles and long-term objectives guiding the recovery. We should do this further strengthening the foundations of Europe's success: peace, social progress, stability and cohesion. Europe cannot play any role globally if its citizens and its territories are divided."* ([press release](#))

□Upcoming events:

- Borders Forum, 9-10 November

On 9 and 10 November 2020, the Mission Opérationnelle Transfrontalière (MOT) is hosting the first edition of the Borders Forum, and the 10th Annual meeting of the EGTC Platform in cooperation with the European Committee of the Regions and the European Commission. The event will gather high-level representatives from the local, regional, national and European level including Commissioner Elisa Ferreira, CoR President Apostolos Tzitzikostas and ministers from France, Germany, Italy, Hungary, Luxembourg and Poland. The objective of the Borders Forum is to create a place for discussion and a far-reaching political sounding board to highlight the needs of cross-border territories. The Forum will also see the signature of the European Cross-border Citizen's Alliance. The event will be fully online. You can find the programme and registration [here](#). □

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## [Results of the ECB Survey of Professional Forecasters in the fourth quarter of 2020](#)



## PRESS RELEASE

30 October 2020

- HICP inflation expectations for 2020 and 2021 revised down slightly, while longer-term inflation expectations broadly unchanged
- Expected profile of real GDP revised up slightly, with slightly milder downturn in 2020 and rebound in 2021
- Unemployment rate expectations revised down across all horizons

Respondents to the European Central Bank (ECB) Survey of Professional Forecasters (SPF) for the fourth quarter of 2020 reported point forecasts for annual HICP inflation averaging 0.3%, 0.9% and 1.3% for 2020, 2021 and 2022 respectively. These results represent downward revisions of 0.1 percentage points for both 2020 and 2021. Average longer-term inflation expectations (which, like all other longer-term expectations in this round of the SPF, refer to 2025) edged up to 1.7% from 1.6% in the previous round.

The expectations of SPF respondents for euro area real GDP growth averaged -7.8%, 5.3% and 2.6% for 2020, 2021 and 2022 respectively. These figures represent revisions from the previous round amounting to +0.5 percentage points for 2020, -0.4 percentage points for 2021 and +0.2 percentage points for 2022. Average longer-term expectations for real GDP growth were unchanged at 1.4%.

Average unemployment rate expectations stood at 8.3%, 9.1% and 8.4% for 2020, 2021 and 2022 respectively. These represent downward revisions of 0.8, 0.2 and 0.1 percentage points. Expectations for the unemployment rate in the longer term were revised down 0.1 percentage points to 7.6%.

### **Table: Results of the ECB Survey of Professional Forecasters for the fourth quarter of 2020**

(annual percentage changes, unless otherwise indicated)

Survey horizon	2020	2021	2022	Longer term (1)
<b>HICP inflation</b>				
Q4 2020 SPF	0.3	0.9	1.3	1.7
<i>Previous SPF (Q3 2020)</i>	0.4	1.0	1.3	1.6
<b>HICP inflation excluding energy, food, alcohol and tobacco</b>				
Q4 2020 SPF	0.7	0.8	1.1	1.5
<i>Previous SPF (Q3 2020)</i>	0.8	0.9	1.1	1.5
<b>Real GDP growth</b>				
Q4 2020 SPF	-7.8	5.3	2.6	1.4
<i>Previous SPF (Q3 2020)</i>	-8.3	5.7	2.4	1.4
<b>Unemployment rate</b> <sup>(2)</sup>				
Q4 2020 SPF	8.3	9.1	8.4	7.6
<i>Previous SPF (Q3 2020)</i>	9.1	9.3	8.5	7.7

1) Longer-term expectations refer to 2025.

2) As a percentage of the labour force.

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## Notes

- The SPF is conducted on a quarterly basis and gathers expectations for the rates of inflation, real GDP growth and unemployment in the euro area for several horizons, together with a quantitative assessment of the uncertainty surrounding them. The participants in the survey are experts affiliated with financial or non-financial institutions based within the European Union. The survey results do not represent the views of the ECB's decision-making bodies or its staff. The next Eurosystem staff macroeconomic projections will be published on 10 December 2020.
- Since 2015 the results of the SPF have been published on the ECB's website. For surveys prior to the first quarter of 2015, see the ECB's Monthly Bulletin (2002-2014: Q1 – February, Q2 – May, Q3 – August, Q4 – November).
- The survey was conducted between 2 and 9 October 2020 with 66 responses received.
- The SPF report and data are available via the [SPF webpage](#) and via the ECB's [Statistical Data Warehouse](#).

## Speaking engagements

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# Joint statement by the Members of European Council



We, European Leaders, are shocked and saddened by the terrorist attacks in France.

We condemn in the strongest possible terms these attacks which represent attacks on our shared values.

We stand united and firm in our solidarity with France, with the French people and the Government of France – in our common and continued fight against terrorism and violent extremism.

We call on Leaders around the world to work towards dialogue and understanding among communities and religions rather than division.

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## Remarks by President Charles Michel following the EU-Canada Leaders' meeting via videoconference



Avant toute chose, je voudrais exprimer l'émotion de l'Union européenne suite à ces nouvelles attaques terroristes qui ont été perpétrées en France.

Je voudrais dire notre solidarité avec la France, avec le peuple français. Je voudrais dire tout notre soutien pour les victimes, pour les familles des victimes. Et je voudrais dire qu'une fois encore, ce sont des attaques perpétrées contre la démocratie, contre les libertés et plus que jamais, nous devons être rassemblés, debout pour défendre ces valeurs qui nous rassemblent de démocratie, d'État de droit et de libertés fondamentales.

Nous avons eu l'occasion, lors de cette vidéoconférence avec la présidente de la Commission, le premier ministre du Canada, de passer en revue le partenariat et même l'alliance étroite, solide, robuste qui lie l'Union européenne et le Canada.

Au delà du partenariat, au delà de l'alliance, il y a des liens d'amitié solides qui nous rassemblent, Union européenne et Canada, parce que fondamentalement, nous constatons que nous partageons des valeurs communes, des valeurs centrales au départ desquelles notre vision du monde est inspirée: État de droit, droits de l'homme, la conviction que nous avons

besoin d'un monde fondé sur des règles, le soutien au multilatéralisme, la conviction que les défis globaux doivent mobiliser des réponses générales et des réponses globales.

Nous avons eu encore une fois l'occasion, dans le détail, dans la substance, d'aborder les différents sujets au départ desquels nous entendons continuer à travailler étroitement ensemble pour resserrer nos liens et pour faire en sorte que ce socle robuste entre le Canada et l'Union européenne puisse avoir une valeur ajoutée utile au service d'un monde plus juste, au service d'un monde meilleur, au service d'un monde plus équitable.

Today we discussed three key areas of EU-Canada cooperation: Covid-19 and Economic Recovery, EU-Canada Relations and SOME international issues.

Today the world is at a crucial juncture – we see the resurgence of Covid-19 everywhere. So it's natural that Covid-19 – and our economic recovery – were at the heart of our agenda. We are determined to fight the pandemic together – as a global community, in line with our values of democracy, human rights and the rule of law.

Our goal is two-fold: first, protect the health of our citizens and second, ensure an innovative, sustainable, and inclusive economic recovery. And there is one way to do this – through solidarity, cooperation and multilateralism. The work of the G7, the G20, and the United Nations are crucial to these efforts.

The EU and Canada also cooperate on Covid vaccines, treatments, and tests to make sure all people have fair and affordable access.

And we discussed strengthening the WHO, global pandemic preparedness and response, and the necessary reforms.

We welcome G20 efforts on debt relief to support the most affected low-income countries, especially in Africa.

This year we celebrate the third anniversary of the provisional entry into force EU-Canada Strategic Partnership Agreement (SPA) and the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA). CETA has been good for both the EU and Canada. Bilateral trade has increased by 24% for goods and 25% for services. And we hope for the swift ratification of CETA by ALL our Member States.

Climate change may not grab the headlines right now. But it's no less urgent today than yesterday. We stressed the urgency to step up global action to tackle climate change. The EU and Canada share the common goal of achieving carbon neutrality by 2050. And our economic recovery offers a unique opportunity for a "Green Reset" of our economies.

We also highlighted our close collaboration on our digital transformation. We work together to ensure that Artificial Intelligence and other digital technologies play a role in our Covid-19 recovery.

We also discussed a range of foreign policy and security issues – including China, Belarus, Nagorno-Karabakh, Eastern Mediterranean, Sahel and Venezuela.



The EU and Canada see eye to eye on these issues.

Specifically on China, we have serious concerns about the human rights situation in China, including the arbitrary detention of EU and Canadian citizens.

Strong transatlantic relations are critical to address today's geopolitical challenges and uphold the rules-based global order that we both cherish.

We also agreed to cooperate in protecting our democratic systems against cyber-attacks and disinformation.

Our EU-Canada relationship is strong, anchored in the values of democracy, human rights, and multilateralism. And we look forward to expanding our cooperation at our next Summit, when conditions allow. Thank you.

[Visit the meeting page](#)