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EU Regulation on Ecodesign for Sustainable Products, public consultation launched on priority product categories

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The European Commission launched, on 31 January, a twelve-week online public consultation on which product categories and measures would be prioritised for the establishment of specific ecodesign requirements under the future Ecodesign for Sustainable Products (ESPR) framework-regulation (*see EUROPE [B13075A5](#)*).

The EU institution wants to collect as much feedback as possible in order to prepare a communication on this subject, which should be adopted in the first quarter of 2024 (to be confirmed, says the Commission).

The proposed ESPR Regulation, which dates back to the end of March 2022, requires the Commission to adopt and regularly update a work plan (Article 16 on prioritisation and planning). The results of the consultation will contribute to the development of the first work plan, once the regulation is in place.

After this first online consultation, the Commission will organise targeted consultations, scheduled for the second quarter of 2023.

Through its call for contributions, the Commission wishes to gather the opinion of the public and all stakeholders on:

- whether the products and horizontal measures identified as potential priorities under the ESPR are the best;
- the order of priority in which these products should be tackled;
- the most relevant aspect(s), per product/horizontal measure, to tackle under the ESPR;
- the estimated potential for improving the product aspects identified by the ESPR proposal from an environmental point of view, per product/horizontal measure;
- the level of detail for each product/horizontal measure at which requirements should be set;
- the environmental and circularity aspects of the related value chains; how the value chains operate; how to best to ensure that future rules are technically feasible and can be implemented.

The public consultation is open until 25 April 2023 at midnight Brussels time. To access it: <https://aeur.eu/f/55p>