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European Commission

Consultation
on the Proposal for a Legislative Initiative on Cross-Border Activities of Associations

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The DLA welcomes the Commission's proposal on European cross-border associations dated 09/05/2023 (COM (2023) 516 final).

Associations strengthen innovation and job creation. In addition, they promote idealistic purposes and are an important component of a democratic Union. However, the full development of their power across national borders has so far mostly failed due to the many different regulations in 27 member states. These include, for example, very specific tax regulations. The employment of staff from different member states is also only possible by overcoming bureaucratic obstacles. The only solution today is to set up associations in different countries. This is expensive, cumbersome and prevents the benefits of the EU internal market from being exploited.

Against this background, the DLA suggests that the following aspects be resolved by a legislative act on cross-border associations:

- Adoption of a uniform statute for associations along the lines of the European public limited company and cooperative company.
- Standardization of the various legal and administrative regulations in the member states.

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