

Press Release

## **Commission Communication on a safe and sustainable e-commerce: small steps forward, but key issues still to be resolved**

**Brussels, 05/02/2025** - The European Commission has adopted a Communication for safe and sustainable e-commerce which addresses key issues but leaves some important questions unanswered. While LightingEurope welcomes many of the Commission's proposals, it stresses the need for further action to address the liability of online marketplaces for non-compliant products.

LightingEurope welcomes the proposals to strengthen and improve customs and their inspection controls. LightingEurope also welcomes the creation of a Priority Control Area to support customs checks and as a mean to improve European companies competitiveness. LightingEurope also welcomes the increased use of interconnected systems and digital tools to support the verification of relevant compliance information for products entering the internal market.

Elena Scaroni, Secretary General of LightingEurope, highlights a critical gap in EU legislation: "A major challenge remains in the EU regulatory framework - the lack of a clear legal liability structure for online marketplaces selling non-compliant products without an EU representative".

Scaroni expresses hope that the forthcoming Digital Fairness Act and possible updates to the Consumer Protection Regulation could strengthen the existing legal framework established by the Digital Services Act and the Market Surveillance Regulation.

She stresses the need for action by the European Commission: "It is vital that the Commission protects consumers from non-compliant and potentially dangerous products and European industry from unfair competition via online marketplaces. Every product sold online should have a legally responsible party, mirroring the liability structure for products sold in physical stores. The current framework is not sufficient to ensure this essential accountability".

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### **About LightingEurope**

LightingEurope is the voice of the lighting industry, based in Brussels and representing 32 companies and national associations. Together these members account for over 1,000 European companies, the majority of which are small or medium-sized. They represent a total European workforce of over 80,000 people and an annual turnover exceeding 15 billion euro. LightingEurope is committed to promoting efficient lighting that benefits human comfort, safety and well-being, and the environment. LightingEurope advocates a positive business and regulatory environment to foster fair competition and growth for the European lighting industry. More information is available at [www.lightingeurope.org](http://www.lightingeurope.org).