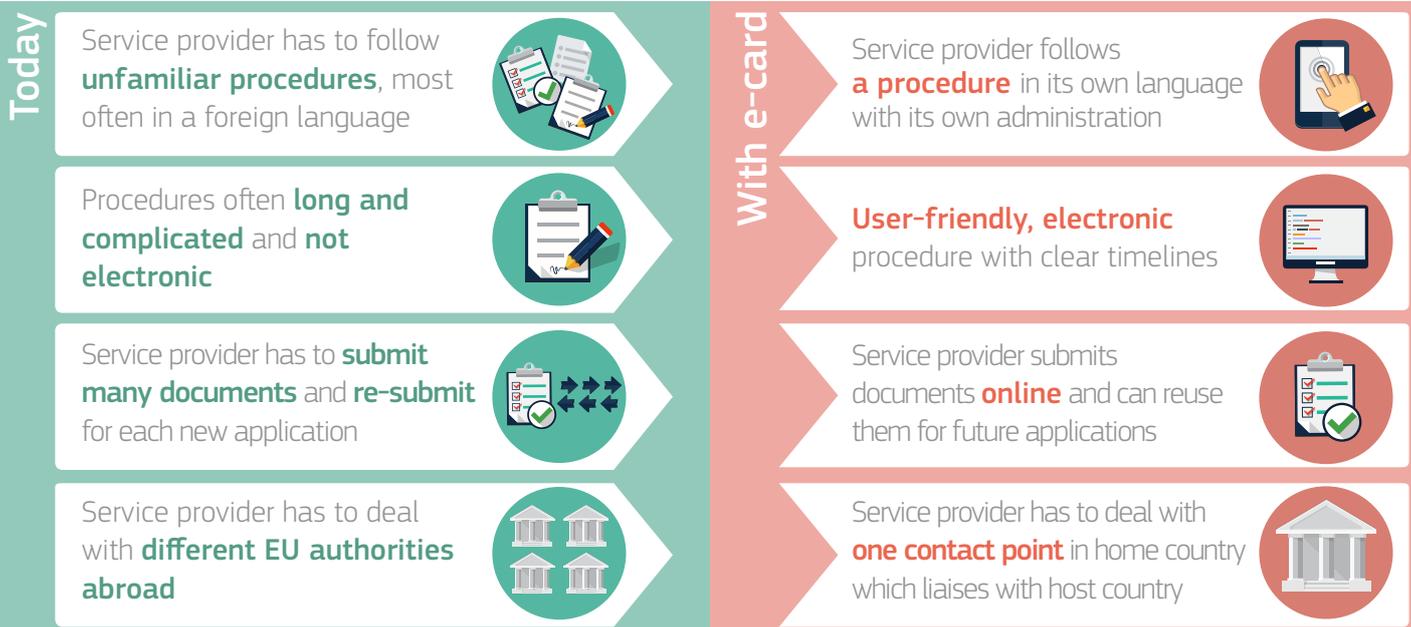


Services e-card

The EU services sector represents **two thirds of the EU economy** and accounts for **90% of job creation**. With “**A services economy that works for Europeans**”, the Commission proposes to boost the services sector to the benefit of **consumers, jobseekers and businesses**. The package of measures includes a proposal for a new European Services e-card.

Today, service providers wishing to do business in another Member State find it hard to navigate complex administrative formalities in different languages and with substantial paperwork. The e-card is a **new, simple and fully electronic procedure** for self-employed people and companies who provide **construction or business services** (such as accounting, tax advice, architecture, engineering, IT).

It will ensure that the service providers **comply with all legal requirements in both the home and host country** and help save time and money (possibly up to 50% of administrative fees, which can be as high as €10 000), responding to the digital needs of today's world and enhancing cooperation between national authorities in the process.



What remains unchanged?

The e-card makes life easier for service providers who want to expand abroad but changes nobody's rights and obligations.

- The e-card will have **no impact on workers' rights and employer obligations**, consumer protection, or health, safety and environmental standards.
- The **host Member State retains the power to decide** whether the applicant is allowed to offer services on its territory and can cancel, revoke or suspend the e-card at any time.