The aim of the research is to compare a particular aspect of long term consumer contracts, which so far has found little attention in the literature, and which has also been left aside in the Draft Common Frame of Reference and other European projects. The area of law under discussion is what in English is often called automatically renewable contracts. The research highlights that there is a significant trade-off in countries where the supplier has to contact the consumer in order to renew the contract in that the supplier can unilaterally change the terms of the contract or may extend the contract for a longer period of time.

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