

## COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE COUNCIL, THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS

Commission Work Programme 2018

An agenda for a more united, stronger and more democratic Europe

### I. A MORE UNITED, STRONGER AND MORE DEMOCRATIC UNION

Europe is visibly regaining its strength. The European Union is now in its fifth year of an economic recovery that reaches every single Member State. With growth now above 2% for the EU as a whole – and 2.2% for the euro area – Europe's economy has grown faster than that of the United States over the last two years. Almost 8 million jobs have been created during this mandate, thanks in part to the work of the EU Institutions, the contribution of the European Fund for Strategic Investments, the Youth Guarantee, the European Structural and Investment Funds, and the monetary policy of the European Central Bank. Confidence and trust in the European Union is returning. Leaders in Rome in March declared their will to make the European Union stronger and more resilient, through even greater unity and solidarity and the respect of common rules.

Europe now has a window of opportunity – but one that will not stay open forever. To make the most of the current momentum, the Commission is tabling its work programme for the next 14 months to the end of 2018. This builds on the Roadmap for a More United, Stronger and More Democratic Union, which President Juncker presented alongside his State of the Union address on 13 September 2017. It will help keep Europe on track by continuing to deliver on its positive agenda, and it will ensure that Europe's focus remains firmly on the big things, where European action has a clear and demonstrable added value.

This Commission has already delivered over 80% of the proposals that are the essential for completing the Digital Single Market, the Energy Union, the Capital Markets Union, the Banking Union, the Security Union and a comprehensive European migration policy<sup>1</sup>. The priority must now be on turning proposals into legislation, and legislation into implementation. The sooner the European Parliament and the Council complete the legislative process, the sooner citizens and business will feel the benefits of our joint work. The Commission will redouble its efforts to support the co-legislators every step of the way.

The focus of the work programme for 2018 is two-fold. First, the work programme sets out a limited number of targeted legislative actions to complete our work in priority policy areas over the next months. The Commission will table all legislative proposals no later than May 2018. This will allow the European Parliament and Council the time and space to complete the legislative work before Europeans give their democratic verdict in the European elections of June 2019 on what we have achieved together.

Secondly, the work programme also presents a number of initiatives that have a more forward-looking perspective, as the new Union of 27 shapes its own future for 2025. These initiatives reflect the debate kick-started by the Commission's White Paper on the Future of Europe and the State of the Union address. They can all be achieved by making full use of the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 'The European Commission at mid-term: State of play of President Juncker's ten priorities', Report by the European Parliament, 11 July 2017

untapped potential of the Lisbon Treaty.<sup>2</sup> We will deliver all of these initiatives by the end of the mandate.

As in previous years, the work programme also proposes a number of proposals that follow on from regulatory fitness and performance (REFIT) reviews of current laws, taking into account the opinions of the REFIT platform. To allow the co-legislators to focus on delivering the proposals that really matter, this work programme contains a significant number of pending proposals that we suggest to withdraw given that there is no foreseeable agreement in the European Parliament and the Council or they no longer serve their purpose or are technically outdated. This work programme also continues the process of repealing pieces of legislation that have become obsolete.<sup>3</sup> In parallel, we are publishing an overview of the Commission's better regulation agenda and its results<sup>4</sup> together with the REFIT Scoreboard, which sets out in detail how we are following-up on REFIT platform opinions and on-going efforts to evaluate and review existing laws.

#### COMPLETING AND DELIVERING THE 10 PRIORITIES OF THE JUNCKER COMMISSION<sup>5</sup> II.

A new boost for jobs, growth and investment

The pickup in confidence and investment across Europe has been central to the improving economic outlook. It has created jobs and growth across Europe, and has supported new infrastructure - both physical and digital - and helped Europe speed up its transition to clean energy. We must now continue our efforts to strengthen investment. The Investment Plan for Europe is playing an important role in getting projects off the ground, supporting Small and Medium-sized Enterprises and creating jobs. To build on this, we now need to deliver quickly on the 'EFSI 2.0' proposal and on the Omnibus proposal<sup>6</sup> to make it easier to combine European Structural and Investment Funds with the European Fund for Strategic Investments. The boost in investment will not be durable without accompanying structural reforms. We will carry out an analysis of such reforms targeted at delivering investment. The Commission will continue to use the European Semester to coordinate economic policies and promote a growth strategy that delivers on investment, sound public finances and structural reforms.

Europe's economy depends on its industrial competitiveness and building on the views of stakeholders, the European Commission presented a renewed Industrial Policy Strategy for Europe<sup>7</sup>. We will aim to support innovation, jobs and growth through our Circular Economy

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Annex 1 (New Initiatives) and Annex 3 (Priority Pending Proposals) present detailed lists of these proposals

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Annex 4 contains the detailed list of proposed withdrawals, and Annex 5 the list of repeals

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> COM(2017)651 Communication on Completing the Better Regulation Agenda: Better solutions for better

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The Commission will focus its communication work in 2018 on the priorities of the Commission, on the basis of the corporate communication action in 2017-18 under the Multiannual Financial Framework 2014-2020 (C(2016)6838 of 25.10.2016), with a specific emphasis on the Roadmap to Sibiu

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> COM(2016)597 EFSI 2.0; COM(2016)605 Omnibus proposal

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> COM(2017)479 Communication on Investing in a smart, innovative and sustainable Industry – A renewed EU Industrial Policy Strategy

strategy<sup>8</sup> that can bring huge benefits to our economy, our competitiveness and our environment. We will propose a limited number of proposals to reinforce our work in this area. These will notably focus on how we produce and use plastics, working towards all plastic packaging being recyclable by 2030, and on how we reuse water and manage drinking water. We will also propose a framework to monitor progress in developing the circular economy. As part of our sectoral approach to improving regulation, we will tackle the legal, technical and practical bottlenecks where chemical, product and waste legislation meet. We will continue to evaluate the bio-economy strategy of 2012<sup>9</sup> and we will examine how best to take it forward, including by broadening the scope.

While the overall economic context is improving significantly, the European Union still needs to deal with the legacy of the crisis and translate higher growth into new jobs, fairness and new opportunities for all. This Commission has laid the groundwork for dealing with this challenge, for example with the European Skills Agenda<sup>10</sup>. We now need to move this agenda forward at Member States' and regional level with the support of the European Social Fund, paying particular attention to basic skills and to digital skills.

### A connected Digital Single Market

With 360 million Europeans using the internet every day to work, study, shop or stay connected, Europe needs a truly Digital Single Market. The Commission has already tabled 24 legislative proposals to this end since May 2015. To date, only six of those proposals have been adopted by the co-legislators. The priority must now be for the European Parliament and Council to deliver on the pending proposals as swiftly as possible, notably on the Electronic Communications Code, the proposed copyright reform, and the Digital Content Directive. Europe needs reinforced cooperation on spectrum management with the aim of achieving world-class, very high-speed fixed and mobile networks (5G), and also increased coordinated availability of spectrum by 2020 under consistent regulatory and economic conditions. To complete the Digital Single Market we will also present a proposal on fairness in platform-to-business relations, an initiative on countering fake news and revised guidelines on significant market power in the electronic communications sector.

The success of the Digital Single Market ultimately depends on the confidence of Europeans. Cyber-attacks are on the rise and Europeans now face new and varied threats online. To respond to these, the Commission has made already on 13 September a number of proposals to protect our citizens better from threats that may arise from new technologies <sup>11</sup>. We will complete this package and protect the stability of our economies and our democracies from cyber-threats by setting up a network of cyber-security competence centres. At the same time, the Commission will also remain focused on making the most of the opportunities presented by new technologies such as high performance computing and autonomous cars. We will also

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> COM(2017)33 Report on the implementation of the Circular Economy Action Plan

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> COM(2012)60 Communication on Innovation for sustainable growth – a bio-economy for Europe

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> COM(2016)381 Communication on A New Skills Agenda for Europe

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> JOIN(2017)450 Communication on Resilience, Deterrence and Defence: Building strong cybersecurity for the EU

look to make the most of artificial intelligence that will increasingly play a role in our economies and societies.

A resilient Energy Union with a forward-looking climate change policy

We have made significant progress in delivering the Energy Union. Adopting the Clean Energy Package for all Europeans<sup>12</sup> presented in December 2016 and the proposals to update our policies on climate change is now the priority. The Commission will continue to work to improve the security of energy supplies and the functioning of the internal market. We will propose common rules for gas pipelines entering the European internal gas market. We will negotiate with Russia the key principles for operating the Nord Stream 2 gas pipeline project once the Council has adopted the strong mandate we recommended. In the field of transport, the Commission will focus its efforts on new CO2 standards for cars, vans and heavy duty vehicles. We will take forward our work on batteries and on alternative fuel infrastructure, recognising their strategic role in the transition to clean mobility and clean energy.

A deeper and fairer Internal Market with a strengthened industrial base

A well-functioning Single Market is at the heart of the European project. It enables people, services, goods and capital to move more freely. It provides opportunities for European businesses and offers greater choice and lower prices for consumers. The Commission will focus its efforts in the next year on revising EU company law to support businesses with clear, modern and efficient rules. We will continue our efforts to protect national budgets against harmful tax practices. This includes modernised rules for setting VAT rates, new rules on administrative cooperation between Member States in the field of VAT, a proposal to simplify the VAT system for SMEs and rules for taxing the profits that multinationals generate in the digital economy. In addition, the Commission will propose measures to improve the functioning of the food supply chain to help farmers to strengthen their position in the market place and help protect them from future shocks.

To complete the Capital Markets Union<sup>13</sup>, we will make proposals to tackle the interaction between finance and technology and we will propose rules on crowd and peer-to-peer funding. We will facilitate the use of covered bonds and reduce barriers to cross-border distribution of investment funds, and we will present an initiative on sustainable finance. We will propose new rules on cross-border payments covering the non-Euro currencies. This will help ensure that all Europeans pay reduced fees when transferring money abroad or taking money out of cash machines during their holidays.

There is still work to do if we are to ensure that social fairness and labour rights are hallmarks of the single market. The Commission will address labour mobility and social security coordination challenges by proposing a European Labour Authority and a multi-purpose European social security number that will simplify citizen's interactions with administrations

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> COM(2016) 860 Clean Energy for all Europeans

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> The measures foreseen for the completion of the Capital Markets Union were announced in the Mid-Term Review of June 2017 – see COM(2017) 292

in a range of areas. We will propose to modernise social security systems, taking into account new forms of work to close the gaps so that everyone who works, irrespective of employment status, can contribute and have access to social protection coverage. To further safeguard and protect workers in the single market the Commission will propose reinforced obligations to make sure employees are informed in writing about their working conditions.

We also need to protect our citizens better and to help do so we will present a Joint Action Plan on national vaccination policies. This will support Member States in implementing vaccination programmes, reducing vaccine hesitancy, and strengthening the supply of vaccines.

### A deeper and fairer Economic and Monetary Union

To maintain the momentum of the recovery, the Commission will recommend a broadly neutral fiscal stance for the euro area with a continued focus on strengthening economic and social convergence and resilience. We will also continue our work to create a deeper and fairer economic and monetary union and to enhance its democratic accountability. The economic and monetary union is our best tool to make Europe more prosperous and to protect Europeans from future economic shocks. The Commission will propose a substantial package of measures before the end of 2017 to take this work forward.

As part of this package, we will propose to bring the European Stability Mechanism into the European Union legal framework to make it more democratically accountable, and, at the same time, strengthen its role and decision-making. Our aim must be to have a true European Monetary Fund able to respond to crises, working alongside established day-to-day economic policy coordination and surveillance tools. We will also propose to create a dedicated euro area budget line within the EU budget in order to provide for four functions: structural reform assistance; a stabilisation function; a backstop for the Banking Union; and a convergence instrument to give pre-accession assistance to Member States on their way to euro membership. We will also propose to integrate the substance of the Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance in the Economic and Monetary Union into the framework of EU law as was agreed in 2012, while taking into account the appropriate flexibility built into the Stability and Growth Pact and identified by the Commission since January 2015. Our Economic and Monetary Union will only become stronger if solidarity and responsibility go hand in hand.

Completing the Banking Union that achieves both risk reduction and risk sharing in our banking sector is another key pillar of this work. The Commission has recently set out an ambitious but realistic path to ensuring agreement on all outstanding elements of the Banking Union – notably on the European Deposit Insurance Scheme –, based on existing commitments by Council<sup>14</sup> and we will present further proposals to address non-performing loans and on the development of EU sovereign bond-backed securities. A complete Banking Union, together with the Capital Markets Union, will help build the stable and integrated financial system that citizens and businesses need.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> COM(2017)592 Communication on Completing the Banking Union

The European Pillar of Social Rights<sup>15</sup> will give renewed momentum to the process of convergence towards better working and living conditions among Member States. It will drive the EU's social agenda at all levels and will help us move towards a common understanding of what is socially fair in our single market – towards a 'Social Standards Union', as called for by President Juncker in his State of the Union address 2017. We look forward to the proclamation of the European Pillar of Social Rights at the Gothenburg Social Summit in November. We will integrate the new Social Scoreboard that accompanies the European Pillar of Social Rights into the European Semester process so that we can monitor progress on these issues appropriately.

#### A balanced and progressive trade policy to harness globalisation

As the largest trading power in the world, Europe depends on open and fair trade with partners from around the world. We aim to deliver a progressive and ambitious trade agenda, striking a balance between openness and reciprocity and enforcement of social and environmental standards. EU trade deals create jobs and growth, and we will pursue negotiations with Mercosur and Mexico and work with the European Parliament and Member States to make sure that agreements, including with Japan, Singapore and Vietnam, are reached and properly implemented so that these benefits are delivered. We also want to advance trade negotiations with Australia and New Zealand once the Council will have approved the mandates recommended by the Commission. However, we are not naïve free traders. This year, we will continue our efforts to preserve and promote Europe's high standards with third countries, and to ensure a global level playing field for European businesses and workers. It is essential in this context that the European Parliament and Council adopt rapidly the pending proposals on the Modernisation of Trade Defence Instruments and the Screening of Foreign Direct Investment into the EU. 16

#### An area of Justice and Fundamental Rights based on mutual trust

The success of the internal market ultimately depends on trust. This trust can easily be lost if consumers feel that remedies are not available in cases of harm. The Commission will therefore present a New Deal for Consumers to enhance judicial enforcement and out-of-court redress of consumer rights and facilitate coordination and effective action by national consumer authorities. We will also continue our work on the protection of whistle-blowers.

The Union aims to promote the well-being of citizens, which means contributing to their security. It has played a key role in protecting citizens against natural disasters in the past year, and must continue to do so. The European Union Civil Protection Mechanism is evidence of European solidarity both inside and outside the Union borders. We will propose to strengthen the mechanism and to endow it with its own operational capacities in order to ensure that the Union can provide better crisis and emergency support to our citizens with maximum efficiency and minimum bureaucracy.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> COM(2017)250 Communication on Establishing a European Pillar of Social Rights

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> See Annex 3 on Priority Pending Proposals

Completing the Security Union is a priority. While we have made real progress in fighting terrorism, we will present proposals to improve cross-border access by law enforcement authorities to electronic evidence and to financial data and further strengthen the rules against explosives precursors that terrorists use for homemade weapons. We will continue to promote cooperation with social media companies to detect and remove terrorist and other illegal content online, and if necessary we will propose legislation on removing terrorist content. The Commission will continue to support Member States on countering radicalisation and in implementing the action plan on protecting public spaces<sup>17</sup>, and is working on further measures to improve passenger railway security. We will reinforce our efforts to make the European Union a safer society, in full compliance with fundamental rights, with a proposal on the interoperability of information systems.

The exchange of information and data is an essential feature of our societies and increasingly a cross-border phenomenon. The Commission will finalise its guidance on the way forward on data retention. In early 2018, the Commission also aims to adopt a decision on data adequacy for Japan to ensure the free flow of personal data between the EU and Japan as an integral part of our strengthened economic partnership.

The Commission reiterates its commitment to the Schengen system, and expresses the intention to get 'back to Schengen' as soon as possible, while taking proportionate security requests of Member States fully into account. For this, the swift adoption by the European Parliament and the Council of the Commission proposal on the revision of the Schengen Border Code is of the essence.

### Towards a new policy on migration

We are on track in implementing the European Agenda on Migration. The European Parliament and Council need to prioritise the proposals already on the table. In particular, the Dublin reform<sup>18</sup> is the key to a Common European Asylum System, which is based on solidarity and ensures that responsibility is shared. We are supporting the efforts by the European Parliament and the Council to conclude the work on the reform of the Common European Asylum System by June 2018.

The Migration Partnership Framework will be essential to delivering results on the external component of our migration policies. More effective EU action on returning people who do not have the right to be in the EU requires determined efforts by Member States together with third countries. We have delivered an External Investment Plan<sup>19</sup> which will support a new generation of investments in our neighbourhood and the African continent, and we will move swiftly now to implement it to support sustainable local projects.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> COM(2017)612 Action Plan on protecting public spaces

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> COM(2016)270 Proposal for a Regulation establishing the criteria and mechanisms for determining the Member State responsible for examining an application for international protection lodged in one of the Member States by a third-country national or a stateless person

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> COM(2016)581 Communication on Strengthening European Investments for jobs and growth: Towards a second phase of the European Fund for Strategic Investments and a new European External Investment Plan

Europe needs effective legal pathways as alternatives for those who risk their lives and are exploited by smuggling networks. Stepping up resettlement will provide a credible EU response to those in need of protection. As an ageing continent, Europe also needs legal migration to bridge demographic and skills gaps. This is an area where the EU, acting jointly, is stronger than its Member States acting alone. The proposal on entry and residence of third-country nationals for highly skilled employment ('Blue Card proposal'<sup>20</sup>) should be agreed swiftly. The Commission will furthermore make the necessary proposals in 2018 to revise the Visa Code and upgrade the Visa Information System and in that context will withdraw its proposals for a Visa Code and the Touring Visa<sup>21</sup>.

### A stronger global actor

Europe continues to be a beacon of peace and stability but we should never take our own security for granted. We must cooperate more on defence by mobilising all the tools at our disposal, including the EU budget. There is a strong business and security case for the European defence industry to innovate and cooperate more. The European Defence Fund must play a key role in this work. The Commission will prioritise the rapid implementation of the Fund, as well as the proposal for a European Defence Industry Development Programme<sup>22</sup>.

We will pursue and strengthen our relations with key partners such as India and Latin America. To enhance links with Asia across the board we will propose a strategy to strengthen connectivity between our continents. Our longstanding partnership with countries from Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific is of great value. We will work towards the renewal of this partnership in 2020, adapting it to the rapidly evolving global context and transforming it into a strong and modern political alliance. We will work together for our common interests and for a strengthened rule-based global order. The historic nuclear deal with Iran has opened the way for a renewal of broader relations between the EU and Iran. We will also take forward our relations with Iraq.

### A Union of Democratic Change

Delivering a Union of democratic change has been a central commitment of this Commission. The Commission has significantly reinforced its efforts to engage with citizens through 312 citizens' dialogues, by consulting all stakeholders more extensively as part of our better regulation agenda, and by proposing a revision of the European Citizens Initiative<sup>23</sup> to make it more accessible and easier to use. We launched the European Solidarity Corps<sup>24</sup> less than a year ago and it is already offering thousands of young people new opportunities across the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> COM(2016)378 Proposal for a Directive on the conditions of entry and residence of third-country nationals for the purposes of highly skilled employment

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> COM(2014)164 Proposal for a Regulation on the Union Code on Visas (Visa Code); COM(2014)163 Proposal for a Regulation establishing a touring visa and amending the Convention implementing the Schengen Agreement and Regulations (EC) No 562/2006 and (EC) No 767/2008

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> COM(2017)294 Proposal for a REGULATION establishing the European Defence Industrial Development Programme aiming at supporting the competitiveness and innovative capacity of the EU defence industry

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> COM(2017)482 Proposal for a Regulation on the European Citizens' Initiative

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> COM(2017)262 Proposal for a Regulation laying down the legal framework of the European Solidarity Corps

European Union. This helps our young people to engage with the society around them and to develop their knowledge and skills at the start of their careers. It now needs to be placed on a firm legal footing by the end of the year.

Transparency and accountability are also central to democratic legitimacy. The Commission leads by example in its relations with interest representatives and encourages the European Parliament and Council to agree rapidly on the Inter-Institutional Agreement for a mandatory Transparency Register<sup>25</sup> for all three institutions. We will engage constructively with the European Parliament and Council to reach agreement on the proposed amendments to the Comitology Regulation<sup>26</sup>, and on the statute and funding of European political parties and foundations<sup>27</sup>.

## III. DELIVERING BY 2025: A MORE UNITED, STRONGER AND MORE DEMOCRATIC UNION

While completing our agenda of today we need to prepare the Union of tomorrow. While this work programme outlines what we need to do together over the next fourteen months, it also proposes a number of initiatives that look further forward, towards 2025 and beyond.

A new Europe of 27 will emerge on 30 March 2019. We have an opportunity to shape this new Europe. Just a few weeks later, in June 2019, Europeans will go to the polls. Our work between now and then must ensure that as they vote, this new Europe meets their expectations and delivers on the things that matter the most to them. This is the objective that the Commission has set out in the Roadmap to Sibiu for a More United, Stronger and More Democratic Union<sup>28</sup>, reflected now in the Leaders' Agenda agreed at the European Council on 19 October, which is meant to lead to concrete results at a special summit in Romania on 9 May 2019. The Commission's political contribution to this roadmap is what we are delivering under this work programme. There is a need to act now, and this is why all of these forward-looking initiatives will be put forward within this mandate while using the still untapped potential of the current Treaties which allows us to move forward with ambition and speed.

We will work together with the European Parliament and the Council as well as with national Parliaments to discuss and develop this Roadmap and to work on these initiatives jointly. Throughout the process, we will continue to build on the democratic and inclusive debate launched by the White Paper on the Future of Europe<sup>29</sup>, and the subsequent Reflection Papers

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> COM(2016)627 Proposal for a Interinstitutional Agreement on a mandatory Transparency Register

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> COM(2017)085 Proposal for a Regulation laying down rules and general principles concerning mechanisms for control by Member States of the Commission's exercise of implementing powers

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> COM(2017)481 Proposal for a Regulation amending Regulation on the statute and funding of European political parties and European political foundations

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Presented with the Letter of Intent on 13 September 2017

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> COM(2017)2025 White Paper on the Future of Europe

that set out options in key areas.<sup>30</sup> Every citizen has the opportunity to contribute to the Future of Europe and to provide direct feedback on how we should collectively move forward.

#### A More United Union

In the course of the mandate of this Commission, we will take all steps necessary to expand the Schengen area of free movement to Bulgaria and Romania to open up the same opportunities that others enjoy. We should also allow Croatia to become a full Schengen member once it meets all the criteria. Similarly, the euro is meant to be the single currency of the European Union as a whole. It must unite rather than divide our continent. It must be more than a currency of a select group of countries. Member States that want to join the euro must be able to do so, and we will therefore propose a new Euro-accession instrument that will offer both technical and financial assistance.

While it is clear that there will be no further enlargement of the EU during the mandate of this Commission and this Parliament, as no candidate is ready yet, we must ensure a credible European perspective for all countries of the Western Balkans. The prospect of EU membership is a real driver of reforms and stability in the region. Within this context, the Commission will present a strategy for the EU accession of Serbia and Montenegro as frontrunner candidates in the Western Balkans.

### A Stronger Union

A stronger Union needs to be equipped with appropriate financial means to continue to deliver its policies. The Union has changed fundamentally in recent years, as have the challenges it faces. Our Union needs a budget that can help us achieve our ambitions. The Multiannual Financial Framework for the period after 2020 must reflect this. Beyond the immediate challenge of the departure of the UK, the Union must be equipped to harness the benefits of new and emerging technologies, to move towards a fully-fledged defence union, and to continue to tackle security issues and migration. Following political orientation debates in the College (January 2018) and among EU leaders (February 2018), we will make a comprehensive proposal for the next multi-annual EU budget in May next year, including on own resources, taking account of the recommendations made in the Monti report. Our objective is to complete negotiations on the new Multiannual Financial Framework in the mandate of this Commission. The new budget will help us to meet citizens' expectations of an EU that delivers on the things that matter most and that contribute to the long-term sustainability of the EU.

To be stronger, Europe also has to be more efficient. It must be able to act more quickly and decisively in a range of policy areas so that citizens and businesses benefit more immediately from EU law. The Commission will therefore outline how the EU could make use of the so-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> COM(2017)206 Reflection paper on the Social Dimension of Europe, COM(2017)240 Reflection paper on Harnessing Globalisation, COM(2017)291 Reflection paper on the Deepening of the Economic and Monetary Union, COM(2017)315 Reflection paper on the Future of European Defence, COM(2017)358 Reflection paper on the Future of EU Finances

called 'passerelle clauses' in the current Treaties which allow us to move from unanimity to qualified majority voting in certain areas if all Heads of State or Government agree to do so. We will do this for internal market matters, as well as for certain foreign policy decisions to ensure the Union is a strong global actor with real weight in the world, while paying particular attention to the consistency and efficiency of these decisions.

Finally, a stronger Europe must also protect its citizens and ensure that terrorists are brought to justice. We will therefore propose the extension of the tasks of the new European Public Prosecutor's Office to include the fight against terrorism ahead of a specific Leaders' summit in Vienna in September 2018 dedicated to security matters.

#### A More Democratic Union

We need to make a democratic leap forward to respond to the concerns and expectations of our citizens. As a first step, we must make sure that the European Parliament elections become more than the sum of national campaigns and elections in individual Member States. The Commission's proposal, mentioned above, to help European political parties to be more effective, is an important step in this direction and reflects the innovation of 'Spitzenkandidaten' which led to the current Commission and its leadership. In the medium term perspective, we need to continue our reflections on the idea of transnational lists as a way to make European elections even more European and more democratic. Similarly, when we reflect on institutional reforms that can make the Union both more democratic and more efficient, we should continue to explore the idea of a single President of the European Council and of the Commission. The European Union is a Union of States as well as a Union of Citizens. A single President would reflect this dual legitimacy of our Union.

The Commission will also set out its views on the possible creation of a permanent European Minister of Economy and Finance. This position would increase the efficiency of policy making by having the same person co-ordinating economic policy-making and key budgetary instruments at EU and euro-area level, and it would increase democratic accountability if combined with the position of a Vice-President of the Commission. We will, at the same time, present exploratory work for the possible development of a euro area safe asset.

A Union with a stronger focus on things that matter needs to have the right tools to act democratically and efficiently when and where it is needed. Building on the work that this Commission has already done, we should continue to be big on the big things. This means not regulating every aspect of citizens' daily lives. We must reflect seriously on doing less more efficiently and giving back competences to Member States where it makes sense to do so. Building on the work of the Task Force headed by First Vice-President Timmermans announced in the State of the Union address, the Commission will present its ideas on further enhancing subsidiarity, proportionality and better regulation to make sure we are only acting where the EU adds value.

The future of Europe relies on the ability to uphold the common values that bind us together: democracy, rule of law and fundamental rights. Respect for the rule of law implies an

independent judiciary that is free from political control and is a prerequisite for a society in which peace, freedom, tolerance, solidarity and justice prevail. It is also indispensable for sustainable and fair growth, as well as for trust in Europe. To this end, we will present an initiative to strengthen the enforcement of the Rule of Law in the European Union.

### IV. DELIVERING BEITER ON THE GROUND – BEITER REGULATION, IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT

Today, more than ever, there is a need for sound preparations, evaluations and evidence-based policy-making. Any decision, any proposal must take into account all available facts and evidence in a structured and comprehensive way. The stakes are too high, the challenges too complex to take any other approach. This is why Better Regulation underpins all the Commission's work and continues to ensure that our proposals are based on the best available information. Over the last year we have significantly reinforced our efforts to engage actively with civil society to improve both the legitimacy and the quality of our work. We continue to act only where we need to and where it adds value.

At the same time, even the best proposals will have no impact unless Member States translate them into national rules and implement them correctly and efficiently on the ground. The Commission has a central role, as guardian of the Treaties, in ensuring that this is done. At the end of 2016, the Commission put forward a more strategic approach to infringement policy to ensure better compliance with EU law<sup>31</sup>. This policy allows us to focus on systemic problems where enforcement action can make a real difference to ensure swifter compliance where it matters. The effective enforcement of existing EU law is just as important as the work devoted to developing new legislation. Member States must live up to their responsibility to respect and enforce the rules they themselves have jointly put in place. We are committed to the full implementation of the Interinstitutional Agreement on Better Law-making<sup>32</sup> agreed with the European Parliament and the Council last year.

As part of its infringement policy, the Commission will continue to support and work in partnership with Member States to ensure that EU rules are applied effectively and consistently. The Commission will continue to encourage the modernisation of enforcement authorities through the European Semester and, when necessary, through specific legislation. The Commission will also continue to help Member States improve the effectiveness of their national justice systems and to fight corruption through the European Semester, and to support justice reforms and judicial training with EU funds, including with the EU Justice Scoreboard. The Structural Reform Support Service will continue to provide tailor-made support to help Member States build more effective institutions, stronger governance frameworks and efficient public administrations, while broadening its activities to more sectors and to more Member States.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> C(2016)8600 Communication on EU Law: Better Results through Better Application

The Commission will pay particular attention to independent administrative authorities or inspectorates that EU legislation requires to be sufficiently and adequately equipped and have the necessary independence to perform their tasks. These include national competition authorities, national regulatory authorities in electronic communications services and the energy sector, as well as rail regulatory bodies, national financial supervisory authorities and national data protection authorities.

We will also continue to work in partnership with national authorities through a range of networks. These include the Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications that assists and advises the Commission and national regulatory authorities in implementing the EU regulatory framework for electronic communications. Similarly, we will work with the European Competition Network that contributes to the effective and coherent implementation of competition rules. We will also take the same approach with the European Union Network for the Implementation and Enforcement of Environmental Law that plays a key in facilitating the exchange of best practice in enforcing the environmental acquis and respect for the minimum requirements for inspections. The recent compliance and assistance package, in particular the Single Digital Gateway, will help citizens and business to make full use of the opportunities the Single Market offers.

The new EU data protection framework will establish strong common standards for data protection that are fit for the digital age. Citizens and businesses will benefit from rules that both provide strong protection and create opportunities for innovation in the Digital Single Market. The Commission will provide guidance to help prepare citizens, businesses and public administrations before it comes into force in May 2018. In doing this, we will work closely together with the new European Data Protection Board, the joint body of national data protection authorities that will assume its functions as of 25 May 2018.

We will continue to strengthen our cooperation with the European Network of Ombudsmen, which the European Ombudsman coordinates. This brings together national and regional Ombudsmen to promote good administration in the application of EU law at national level.

#### V. CONCLUSIONS

Over the next 16 months, Europe has a window of opportunity to act and to make a difference. The Commission Work Programme 2018 builds on the current momentum and sets out a targeted agenda to complete the ten priorities and the strategies that underpin them. 2018 will be a decisive year for Europe. It must be about delivering concrete results for our citizens. This is what our agenda focuses on. We will make sure that what we deliver is simple, easy to understand and adds value so that citizens can feel the difference in their daily lives.

The Joint Declaration on the EU's legislative priorities, signed by the Presidents of the three institutions last December, has proved valuable to promote quick progress on the most important and urgent legislative files. We look forward to agreeing a new Joint Declaration

with the three Presidents to ensure that the European Parliament, Member States and the Commission are all on the same track.

The Commission will work intensively with the European Parliament and the Council to ensure that by the time citizens go to the polls in 2019 the Union will have delivered on what it set out to do. Europe will be judged not on the number of directives and regulations we adopt, but on the tangible results our policies deliver to our citizens. This work programme provides the basis for this common European effort.



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### **Annex I: New initiatives**

Nº	Title	Description <sup>1</sup>		
A Ne	A New Boost for Jobs, Growth and Investment			
Action Plan <sup>2</sup> minimum quality requirements for reused water (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Art. 192  REFIT revision of the Drinking Water Directive (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Art. 192  initiative to address legal, technical or practical bottlenecks at the interface of chemical, legislation (non-legislative, Q4 2017); and a monitoring framework for the circular economy		This includes a strategy on plastics use, reuse and recycling (non-legislative, Q4 2017); a proposal for a Regulation on minimum quality requirements for reused water (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Art. 192 TFEU, Q4 2017); a REFIT revision of the Drinking Water Directive (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Art. 192 TFEU, Q4 2017); an initiative to address legal, technical or practical bottlenecks at the interface of chemical, product and waste legislation (non-legislative, Q4 2017); and a monitoring framework for the circular economy (non-legislative, Q4 2017)		
		Comprehensive proposal for the future Multi-annual Financial Framework beyond 2020 (Q2 2018) followed by proposals for the next generation of programmes and new own resources (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Art. 311 TFEU plus sectoral bases, Q2 2018)		
3.	A sustainable European future (initiative to be launched with a 2025 perspective)	Reflection Paper "Towards a Sustainable Europe by 2030, on the follow-up to the UN Sustainable Development Goals, including on the Paris Agreement on Climate Change" (non-legislative, Q2 2018)		

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Circular Economy package was already included in Annex I to the Commission Work Programme 2017

Nº	Title	Description <sup>1</sup>			
A Co	A Connected Digital Single Market				
4.	Completing the Digital Single Market	Proposal on fairness in platform-to-business relations (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Art. 114 TFEU, Q1 2018); an initiative addressing online platform challenges as regards the spreading of fake information (non-legislative, Q1 2018); and a revision of the Commission guidelines on market analysis and assessment of significant market power in the electronic communications sector (non legislative, Q2 2018)			
A Re	esilient Energy Union with a Forward-Look	xing Climate Change Policy			
5.	Completing the Energy Union	Follow-up to the solidarity aspect of the Energy Union, including a proposal on common rules for gas pipelines entering the European internal gas market (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Art. 194 TFEU, Q4 2017)			
6.	Future of EU energy and climate policy (initiative to be launched with a 2025 perspective)	Communication on the future of EU energy and climate policy, including the future of the Euratom Treaty (taking account of Declaration No 54 of five Member States added to the Final Act of the Lisbon Treaty) and on the possible use of Article 192(2), second subparagraph TFEU (non legislative, Q2 2018)			
A De	eper and Fairer Internal Market with a S	trengthened Industrial Base			
7.	Fair taxation in the digital economy	Proposal establishing rules at EU level allowing taxation of profits generated by multinationals through the digital economy (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Art. 113, 115 TFEU, Q1 2018)			
8.	Social fairness package	Proposal to establish a European Labour Authority (legislative; Q2 2018); an initiative on access to social protection for atypical self-employed workers (legislative/non-legislative, Art. 153-155, 352 TFEU, Q2 2018); an initiative on a European Social Security Number that could be used across policy areas where appropriate (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Q2 2018); a REFIT revision of the Written Statement Directive establishing the employer's obligation to inform employees of the conditions applicable to the contract or employment relationship (legislative, incl. impact assessment/non-legislative, Art 153, 154 TFEU, Q4 2017)			
9.	EU food supply chain	Proposal to improve the EU food supply chain (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Art. 42 and 43 TFEU, Q1 2018)			

Nº	Title	Description <sup>1</sup>
10.	Completing the Capital Markets Union	A revised framework for investment firms (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Art. 114 TFEU, Q4/2017); an Action Plan on sustainable finance with regulatory measures (legislative, incl. impact assessment/non legislative, Q1 2018); an initative on Financial Technology (FinTech) (non legislative, Q1 2018); a proposal for an EU framework on crowd and peer to peer finance (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Art. 114 TFEU, Q1 2018); a European enabling framework for covered bonds (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Art. 114 TFEU, Q1 2018); and a REFIT initiative on reducing barriers to cross-border distribution of alternative investment funds and UCITS (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Art. 114 TFEU, Q1 2018)
11.	More efficient Single Market law- making (initiative to be launched with a 2025 perspective)	Communication on the possibility of further enhancing the use of qualified majority voting and of the ordinary legislative procedure in internal market matters on the basis of Article 48(7) TEU (non-legislative, Q3 2018)
A De	eper and Fairer Economic and Monetary	Union
Monetary Union  law (legislative, Q4 2017); the creation of a dedicated euro area budget line within the EU bud functions: (1) structural reform assistance, (2) a stabilisation function, (3) a backstop for the E a convergence instrument to give pre-accession assistance to Member States on their way to e legislative, Q4 2017); and the integration of the substance of the Treaty on Stability, Coordin		Proposals for the transformation of the European Stability Mechanism into a European Monetary Fund within EU law (legislative, Q4 2017); the creation of a dedicated euro area budget line within the EU budget providing for four functions: (1) structural reform assistance, (2) a stabilisation function, (3) a backstop for the Banking Union, and (4) a convergence instrument to give pre-accession assistance to Member States on their way to euro membership (non-legislative, Q4 2017); and the integration of the substance of the Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance in the Economic and Monetary Union into EU law, taking into account the flexibility built into the Stability and Growth Pact and identified by the Commission since January 2015 (legislative, Q4 2017)
13.	Completing the Banking Union	Proposals on the development of secondary markets for non-performing loans (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Art. 114 TFEU, Q1 2018); protection of secured creditors from business borrowers' default (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Art. 114 TFEU, Q1 2018); and an enabling framework for the development of EU Sovereign Bondbacked Securities (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Art. 114 TFEU, Q1 2018)
14.	Creation of a permanent and accountable European Minister of Economy and Finance (initiative to be launched with a 2025 perspective)	Communication on the possible creation of a permanent European Minister of Economy and Finance who is democratically accountable (non-legislative, Q4 2017)

Nº	Title	Description <sup>1</sup>		
Trad	Trade: A balanced and progressive trade policy to harness globalisation			
15.	Delivering on the Trade for All Strategy	Finalising agreements with Japan, Singapore and Vietnam, pursuing negotiations with Mexico and Mercosur and advancing negotiations with Australia and New Zealand once the Council will have approved the mandates recommended by the Commission		
An A	area of Justice and Fundamental Rights B	ased on Mutual Trust		
16.	Implementation of the Security Union agenda and advancing the fight against terrorism: proposals to a interoperability between EU information systems for security, border and migration management (legislative, impact assessment; Art. 74, 77, 79, 85, 87, 88; Q4 2017); a proposal to improve cross-border access of law enforcer authorities to electronic evidence (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Art. 82 TFEU, Q1 2018); REFIT revision of Regulation on marketing and use of explosive precursors (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Art. 114 TFEU 2018); initiatives to facilitate cross-border access to and use of financial data by law enforcement author (legislative, incl. impact assessment/non-legislative, Q2 2018)			
17.	EU Civil Protection Mechanism	Proposal for a Decision of the EP and of the Council on the revision of Decision No. 1313/2013/EU for a fully-fledged European Union Civil Protection Mechanism with own operational capacities (legislative, Art. 196 TFEU, Q4 2017)		
18.	Extension of the tasks of the new European Public Prosecutor's Office (initiative to be launched with a 2025 perspective)	Communication on a possible extension of the tasks of the new European Public Prosecutor's Office to include the fight against terrorism on the basis of Article 86(4)TFEU (non-legislative, Q3 2018)		
19.	Rule of law (initiative to be launched with a 2025 perspective)	Initiative to strengthen the enforcement of the Rule of Law in the European Union (non-legislative, Q4 2018)		
Towa	owards a New Policy on Migration			

Nº	Title	Description <sup>1</sup>
20.	Delivering on the EU Agenda on Migration	Revision of the common visa code (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Art. 77 TFEU, Q1 2018); REFIT revision of the Visa Information System (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Art. 77 and 87 TFEU, Q2 2018); revision of the Immigration Liaison Officers Regulation (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Q2 2018)
A St	ronger Global Actor	
21.	Delivering on the Global Strategy	Including an EU strategy on connecting Europe and Asia; a renewed partnership with Latin America and the Caribbean; and new frameworks for engagement with India, Iran and Iraq (non-legislative, Q1 and Q2 2018)
22.	A credible enlargement perspective (initiative to be launched with a 2025 perspective)	Strategy for a successful EU accession of Serbia and Montenegro as frontrunner candidates in the Western Balkans, with a particular emphasis on the rule of law, fundamental rights, the fight against corruption and organised crime and on the overall stability of the region (non-legislative, Q1 2018)
		Communication on the possibility of further enhancing the use of qualified majority woting in Common Foreign Policy, on the basis of Article 31(3)TEU, as well as on enhancing the consistency of the Common Foreign Policy (non-legislative, Q3 2018)
A Un	ion of Democratic Change	
24.	Communicating Europe	Communication on how to make the Union more united, stronger and more democratic in communication terms (non-legislative, Q2 2018)
25.	Doing less more efficiently (initiative to be launched with a 2025 perspective)	Communication on further enhancing subsidiarity, proportionality and better regulation in the daily operation of the European Union (non-legislative, Q3 2018)
26.	A more efficient and democratic Europe (initiative to be launched with a 2025 perspective)	Communication on options for enhancing efficiency at the helm of the European Union (non-legislative, Q3 2018)



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### **Annex II: REFIT initiatives**<sup>1</sup>

Nº	Title	Description <sup>2</sup>		
A N	A New Boost for Jobs, Growth and Investment			
1.	Follow up to Environmental Monitoring & Reporting Fitness Check	Initiative to streamline requirements in follow-up to a Fitness Check on Environmental Monitoring & Reporting (Art. 95, 175, 192 TFEU, Q1 2018)		
<b>A</b> (	Connected Digital Single Market			
2.	Public Sector Information	Review of Directive 2013/37/EU on the re-use of public sector information will create opportunities to open up government data for the benefit of society, reduce regulatory costs and simplify the existing legislation (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Art. 114 TFEU, Q2 2018)		
A I	Resilient Energy Union with a Forward-Looking (	Climate Change Policy		
3.	Review of the Fisheries Control System	Based on the results of the evaluation SWD(2017)134 final, the initiative aims at simplifying the current legislative framework (Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009, Council Regulation (EC) No 768/2005, Council Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008) and making it more effective by e.g. streamlining the rules, harmonising the catalogue of serious infringements, reducing administrative burdens and promoting the use of harmonised IT tools. This initiative responds to an opinion of the REFIT Platform (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Art. 43 TFEU, Q2 2018)		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This annex lists legislative initiatives under REFIT foreseen for adoption in 2018. It complements the items listed with new initiatives in Annex I

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> In this annex the Commission provides further information, as far as available, on the initiatives included in its Work Programme, in line with the Interinstitutional Agreement on Better Law-making. This information, which is provided in brackets under the description of each initiative, is indicative only and subject to change during the preparatory process, notably in view of the outcome of an impact assessment process

Nº	Title	Description <sup>2</sup>		
A I	Deeper and Fairer Internal Market with a Strengthened Industrial Base			
4.	4. Recognition of electronic transport documents for freight carriage by public authorities and/or commercial partners  The initiative will aim at leveraging the potential of digitalisation in the transport sector through fost recognition of freight transport documents in an electronic form by authorities and /or commercial and their wider use by transport operators (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Art. 91 TFEU, Q2 2018)			
5.	Single Maritime Window Initiative	Revision of Directive 2010/65/EU on Reporting Formalities for ships arriving in and/or departing from ports of the Member States (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Art. 100(2) TFEU, Q2 2018)		
6.	TEN-T investments	Regulation on streamlining measures for swifter implementation of the projects of common interest on the Trans-European Transport Network (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Art. 171-172 TFEU, Q1 2018)		
7.	General arrangements for excise duty <sup>3</sup>	Revision of Directive 2008/118/EC to align and ensure coherence between customs and excise legislation, improve legal certainty and ensure the uniform application of EU legislation (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Art 113 TFEU, Q1/2018).		
An	Area of Justice and Fundamental Rights Based of	n Mutual Trust		
8.	A new Deal for Consumers  Targeted revision of the EU consumer directives following on the Fitness Check of EU consumer marketing laws finalised on 23 May 2017. Initiative to facilitate coordination and effective action for national consumer authorities at EU level and reinforcing public enforcement action and better protection consumer rights (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Art 114 TFEU, Q1 2018)			
9.	ID cards and Residence Documents	Legislative Initiative to improve the security of ID cards and residence documents of EU citizens and of their non-EU family members. This initiative responds to an opinion of the REFIT Platform. (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Art. 21 and/or 77(3) TFEU, Q2 2018)		

 $<sup>^3</sup>$  General arrangements for excise duty was already included in Annex II to the Commission Work Programme 2017  $^3$ 

Nº	Title	Description <sup>2</sup>	
10.	Revision of the Regulation on service of documents	Revision of Regulation (EC) No 1393/2007 on the service in the Member States of judicial and extrajudicial documents in civil or commercial matters (service of documents) (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Art. 81(2) TFEU, Q2 2018).	
11.	Revision of the Regulation on taking of evidence	Revision of the Regulation 1206/2001 on taking of evidence (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Art. 81(2) TFEU, Q2 2018)	
12.	<b>Emergency Travel Documents</b>	Review of the Proposal for a Council Directive to replace the Decision on the establishment of an emergency travel document (legislative, incl. impact assessmen, Art. 23 TFEU, Q2 2018)	



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### **Annex III: Priority pending proposals**

Nº	Item	Full Title	Reference
AN	New Boost for Jobs, Growth and a		
1.	EFSI 2.0*	Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulations (EU) No 1316/2013 and (EU) 2015/1017 as regards the extension of the duration of the European Fund for Strategic Investments as well as the introduction of technical enhancements for that Fund and the European Investment Advisory Hub	2016/0276 (COD)
2.	Financial Regulation/Omnibus*	Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and amending Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002, Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, EU No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1305/2013, (EU) No 1306/2013, (EU) No 1307/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, (EU) No 652/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Decision No 541/2014/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council	2016/0282(COD)
3.	Circular Economy package*	Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Directives 2000/53/EC on end-of-life vehicles, 2006/66/EC on batteries and accumulators and waste batteries and accumulators, and 2012/19/EU on waste electrical and electronic equipment	COM(2015)593 final 2015/0272(COD) 02.12.2015
		Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Directive 2008/98/EC on waste	COM(2015)595 final 2015/0275(COD) 02.12.2015
		Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Directive 1999/31/EC on the landfill of waste	COM(2015)594 final 2015/0274(COD) 02.12.2015
		Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Directive 94/62/EC on packaging and packaging waste	COM(2015)596 final 2015/0276(COD) 02.12.2015

<sup>\* =</sup> proposal mentioned in the Joint Declaration on the EU' legislative priorities for 2017, signed by the Presidents of the European Parliament, of the Council and of the Commission

Nº	Item	Full Title	Reference
	Accesibility requirements for products and services*	Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States as regards the accessibility requirements for products and services	COM(2015)615 final 2015/02785COD) 02.12.2015
<b>A</b> (	Connected Digital Single Market		
4.	Cross-border parcel delivery services	Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on cross-border parcel delivery services	COM/2016/0285 final 2016/0149 (COD) 25.05.2016
5.	Digital Contracts	Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on certain aspects concerning contracts for the supply of digital content	COM/2015/0634 final 2015/0287 (COD) 09.12.2015
		Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on certain aspects concerning contracts for the online and other distance sales of goods	COM/2015/0635 final 2015/0288 (COD) 09.12.2015
6.	Telecoms Reform*	Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL establishing the European Electronic Communications Code (Recast)	COM(2016)590 final 2016/0288 (COD) 14.09.2016
		Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL establishing the Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications'	COM(2016)591 final 2016/0286(COD) 14.09.2016
7.	Copyright in the Digital Single Market*	Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on copyright in the Digital Single Market	COM(2016)593 final 2016/0280 (COD) 14.09.2016
8.	Copyright and related rights in broadcasting*	Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL laying down rules on the exercise of copyright and related rights applicable to certain online transmissions of broadcasting organisations and retransmissions of television and radio programmes	COM(2016)594 final 2016/0284 (COD) 14.9.2016

<sup>\* =</sup> proposal mentioned in the Joint Declaration on the EU' legislative priorities for 2017, signed by the Presidents of the European Parliament, of the Council and of the Commission

Nº	Item	Full Title	Reference
9.	Modernised audiovisual framework*	Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Directive 2010/13/EU on the coordination of certain provisions laid down by law, regulation or administrative action in Member States concerning the provision of audio-visual media services in view of changing market realities	COM/2016/0287 final 2016/0151 (COD) 25.05.2016
10.	Proposal to prevent unjustified geo-blocking*	Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on addressing geo-blocking and other forms of discrimination based on customers' nationality, place of residence or place of establishment within the internal market and amending Regulation (EC) No 2006/2004 and Directive 2009/22/EC	COM/2016/0289 final 2016/0152 (COD) 25.05.2016
11.	e-Privacy Directive*	Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL concerning the respect for private life and the protection of personal data in electronic communications and repealing Directive 2002/58/EC (Regulation on Privacy and Electronic Communications)	COM(2017)10 final 2017/0003(COD) 10.01.2017
12.	EU internal data protection rules  – alignment to General Data Protection Legislation*	Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/EC	COM(2017)8 final 2017/0002(COD) 10.01.2017
13.	Free flow of non-personal data	Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on a framework for the free flow of non-personal data in the European Union	COM(2017)495 final 2017/0228 (COD) 13.09.2017
14.	EU Cybersecurity Agency	Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on ENISA, the "EU Cybersecurity Agency", and repealing Regulation (EU) 526/2013, and on Information and Communication Technology cybersecurity certification ("Cybersecurity Act")	COM(2017)477 final 2017/0225 (COD) 13.09.2017
A F	Resilient Energy Union with a For	ward-Looking Climate Change Policy	
15.	Clean Energy for all Europeans package*	Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Directive 2012/27/EU on energy efficiency	COM(2016)761 final 2016/0376(COD) 30.11.2016
		Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Directive 2010/31/EU on the energy performance of buildings	COM(2016)765 final 2016/0381(COD) 30.11.2016

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Nº	Item	Full Title	Reference
		Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources (recast)	COM(2016)767 final 2016/0381(COD) 30.11.2016
		Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on common rules for the internal market in electricity (recast)  Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on the internal market for electricity (recast)  Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL establishing a European Union Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (recast)  Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on risk-preparedness in the electricity sector and repealing Directive 2005/89/EC	COM(2016)864 final 2016/0380(COD) COM(2016)861 final 2016/0379(COD) COM(2016)863 final 2016/0378(COD) COM(2016)862 final 2016/0377(COD) All adopted on 30.11.2016
		Proposal for aREGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on the Governance of the Energy Union, amending Directive 94/22/EC, Directive 98/70/EC, Directive 2009/31/EC, Regulation (EC) No 663/2009, Regulation (EC) No 715/2009, Directive 2009/73/EC, Council Directive 2009/119/EC, Directive 2010/31/EU, Directive 2012/27/EU, Directive 2013/30/EU and Council Directive (EU) 2015/652 and repealing Regulation (EU) No 525/2013	COM(2016)759 final 2016/375 (COD) 30.11.2016
16.	Climate Package*	Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Directive 2003/87/EC to enhance cost-effective emission reductions and low-carbon investments	COM(2015)337 final 2015/0148 COD 15.07.2015
		Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on the inclusion of greenhouse gas emissions and removals from land use, land use change and forestry into the 2030 climate and energy framework and amending Regulation No 525/2013 of the European Parliament and the Council on a mechanism for monitoring and reporting greenhouse gas emissions and other information relevant to climate change	COM(2016)479 final 2016/0230 COD 20.07.2016
		Proposal for aREGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on binding annual greenhouse gas emission reductions by Member States from 2021 to 2030 for a resilient Energy Union and to meet commitments under the Paris Agreement and amending Regulation No 525/2013 of the European Parliament and the Council on a mechanism for monitoring and reporting greenhouse gas emissions and other information relevant to climate change	COM(2016)482 final 2016/0231 COD 20.07.2016

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Nº	Item	Full Title	Reference
17.	Europe on the Move Package	Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Directive 1999/62/EC on the charging of heavy goods vehicles for the use of certain infrastructures	COM/2017/ 275 final 2017/0114 (COD) 31.05.2017
		Proposal for a COUNCIL DIRECTIVE amending Directive 1999/62/EC on the charging of heavy goods vehicles for the use of certain infrastructures, as regards certain provisions on vehicle taxation	COM/2017/ 276 final 2017/0115 (CNS) 31.05.2017
		Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on the interoperability of electronic road toll systems and facilitating cross-border exchange of information on the failure to pay road fees in the Union (recast)	COM/2017/ 280 final 2017/0128 (COD) 31.05.2017
		Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation (EC) No 1071/2009 and Regulation (EC) No 1072/2009 with a view to adapting them to developments in the sector	COM/2017/ 281 final 2017/0123 (COD) 31.05.2017
		Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Directive 2006/1/EC on the use of vehicles hired without drivers for the carriage of goods by road	COM/2017/ 282 final 2017/0113 (COD) 31.05.2017
		Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation (EC) No 561/2006 as regards on minimum requirements on maximum daily and weekly driving times, minimum breaks and daily and weekly rest periods and Regulation (EU) 165/2014 as regards positioning by means of tachographs	COM/2017/ 277 final 2017/0122 (COD) 31.05.2017
			Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on the monitoring and reporting of CO2 emissions from and fuel consumption of new heavy-duty vehicles
		Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Directive 2006/22/EC as regards enforcement requirements and laying down specific rules with respect to Directive 96/71/EC and Directive 2014/67/EU for posting drivers in the road transport sector	COM/2017/ 278 final 2017/0121 (COD) 31.05.2017

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Nº	Item	Full Title	Reference		
AΙ	Deeper and Fairer Internal Market with a Strengthened Industrial Base				
18.	Compliance package	Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on establishing a single digital gateway to provide information, procedures, assistance and problem solving services and amending Regulation (EU) No 1024/2012	COM(2017)256 final 2017/0086 (COD) 02.05.2017		
		Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL setting out the conditions and procedure by which the Commission may request undertakings and associations of undertakings to provide information in relation to the internal market and related areas	COM(2017)257 final 2017/0087(COD) 02.05.2017		
		Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL to empower the competition authorities of the Member States to be more effective enforcers and to ensure the proper functioning of the internal market (ECN+)	COM (2017) 142 final 2017/0063 (COD) 22.03.2017		
19.	Services package	Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on the enforcement of the Directive 2006/123/EC on services in the internal market, laying down a notification procedure for authorisation schemes and requirements related to services, and amending Directive 2006/123/EC and Regulation (EU) No 1024/2012 on administrative cooperation through the Internal Market Information System	COM(2016)821 final 2016/0398 (COD) 10.01.2017		
		Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on a proportionality test before adoption of new regulation of professions	COM(2016) 822 final 2016/0404 (COD 10.01.2017		
		Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL introducing a European services e-card and related administrative facilities	COM(2016) 824 final 2016/0403 (COD) 10.01.2017		
20.	Market surveillance of motor vehicles	Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on the approval and market surveillance of motor vehicles and their trailers, and of systems, components and separate technical units intended for such vehicles	COM/2016/031 final 2016/014 (COD) 27.01.2016		
21.	Insolvency Directive	Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on preventive restructuring frameworks, second chance and measures to increase the efficiency of restructuring, insolvency and discharge procedures and amending Directive 2012/30/EU	COM(2016)723 final 2016/0359 (COD) 22.11.2016		

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Nº	Item	Full Title	Reference
22.	Pan-European Personal Pension Product (PEPP)	Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on a pan-European Personal Pension Product (PEPP)	COM(2017)343 final 2017/0143(COD) 29.06.2017
23.	Amendments to the European Market Infrastructure Regulation Market Infrastructure Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 as regards the clearing obligation, the suspension of the clearing obligation, the reporting requirements, the risk-mitigation techniques for OTC derivatives contracts not cleared by a central counterparty, the registration and supervision of trade repositories and the requirements for trade repositories		COM(2017)208 final 2017/0090(COD) 04.05.2017
		Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation (EU) No 1095/2010 establishing a European Supervisory Authority (European Securities and Markets Authority) and amending Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 as regards the procedures and authorities involved for the authorisation of CCPs and requirements for the recognition of third-country CCPs	COM(2017)331 final 2017/0136(COD) 13.06.2017
24.	Common Consolidated Corporate Tax Base (CCCTB)	Proposal for a COUNCIL DIRECTIVE on a Common Corporate Tax Base  COM(2016)66 2016/0337 (C 25.10.2016 Proposal for a COUNCIL DIRECTIVE on a Common Consolidated Corporate Tax Base (CCCTB)  COM(2016)66 2016/0336 (C 25.10.2016	
25.	Administrative cooperation and combating fraud in the field of VAT	Proposal for a COUNCIL REGULATION amending Regulation (EU) No 904/2010 on administrative cooperation and combating fraud in the field of value added tax	COM(2016)755 final 2016/0371(CNS) 01.12.2016
26.	Rates of value added tax applied to books, newspapers and periodicals	Proposal for a COUNCIL DIRECTIVE amending Directive 2006/112/EC, as regards rates of value added tax applied to books, newspapers and periodicals	COM(2016)758 final 2016/0374 (CNS) 01.12.2016
27.	Disclosure of income tax information	Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Directive 2013/34/EU as regards disclosure of income tax information by certain undertakings and branches  COM(2016)198 final 2016/0107(COD) 12.04.2016	

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Nº	Item	Full Title	Reference		
28.	Automatic exchange of information in the field of taxation	Proposal for a COUNCIL DIRECTIVE amending Directive 2011/16/EU as regards mandatory automatic exchange of information in the field of taxation in relation to reportable cross-border arrangements	COM(2017)335 final 2017/0138 (CNS) 21.06.2017		
29.	Posting of workers	Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Directive 96/71/EC of The European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 1996 concerning the posting of workers in the framework of the provision of services	COM(2016)128 final 2016/0070 (COD) 08.03.2016		
30.	Coordination of social security systems*	Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 on the coordination of social security systems and regulation (EC) No 987/2009 laying down the procedure for implementing Regulation (EC) No 883/2004	COM(2016)815 final 2016/0397 (COD) 13.12.2016		
31.	Work-life balance for parents and carers	Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on work-life balance for parents and carers and repealing Council Directive 2010/18/EU	COM(2017)253 final 2017/0085 (COD) 26.04.2017		
A D	A Deeper and Fairer Economic and Monetary Union				
32.	Statute of the European System of Central Banks and of the ECB	Recommendation for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Article 22 of the Statute of the European System of Central Banks and of the ECB	ECB/2017/18 23.06.2017		
33.	Unified representation of the euro area in the International Monetary Fund				
34.	Capital requirements regulation reform*	Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation (EU) No 575/2013 as regards the leverage ratio, the net stable funding ratio, requirements for own funds and eligible liabilities, counterparty credit risk, market risk, exposures to central counterparties, exposures to collective investment undertakings, large exposures, reporting and disclosure requirements and amending Regulation (EU) No 648/2012  COM(2016)850 final 2016/0360 (COD) 23.11.2016			
35.	Loss-absorbing and Recapitalisation Capacity*	Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation (EU) No 806/2014 as regards loss-absorbing and Recapitalisation Capacity for credit institutions and investment firms  COM(2016)851 final 2016/0361 (COD) 21.11.2016			
36.	Loss-absorbing and recapitalisation capacity of credit	Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Directive 2014/59/EU on loss-absorbing and recapitalisation capacity of credit institutions	COM(2016)852 final 2016/0362 (COD)		

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Nº	Item	Full Title	Reference
	institutions and investment firms	and investment firms and amending Directive 98/26/EC, Directive 2002/47/EC, Directive 2012/30/EU, Directive 2011/35/EU, Directive 2005/56/EC, Directive 2004/25/EC and Directive 2007/36/EC	23.11.2016
37.	Ranking of unsecured debt instruments in insolvency hierarchy*	Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on amending Directive 2014/59/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the ranking of unsecured debt instruments in insolvency hierarchy	COM/2016/853 final 2016/0363 (COD) 23.11.2016
38.	Exempted entities, financial holding companies, mixed financial holding companies, remuneration, supervisory measures and powers and capital conservation measures*	Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Directive 2013/36/EU as regards exempted entities, financial holding companies, mixed financial holding companies, remuneration, supervisory measures and powers and capital conservation measures	COM(2016)854 final 2016/0364 (COD) 23.11.2016
39.	Recovery and Resolution of central counterparties*	Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on a framework for the recovery and resolution of central counterparties and amending Regulations (EU) No 1095/2010, (EU) No 648/2012, and (EU) 2015/2365	COM(2016)856 final 2016/0365 (COD) 28.11.2016
40.	European Deposit Insurance Scheme*	Proposal for aREGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation (EU) 806/2014 in order to establish a European Deposit Insurance Scheme	COM(2015)586 final 2015/0270(COD) 24.11.2015
An	Area of Justice and Fundamental	Rights based on Mutual Trust	
41.	Money landering and terrorist financing*	Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Directive (EU) 2015/849 on the prevention of the use of the financial system for the purposes of money laundering or terrorist financing and amending Directive 2009/101/EC	COM(2016)450 final 2016/0208(COD) 05.07.2016
42.	Europea Travel and Authorisation System*	Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL establishing a European Travel Information and Authorisation System (ETIAS) and amending Regulations (EU) Nos 515/2014, (EU) 2016/399, (EU) 2016/794 and (EU) 2016/1624	COM(2016)731 final 2016/0357(COD) 16.11.2016
43.	European Criminal Records Information System (ECRIS)*	Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL establishing a centralised system for the identification of Member States holding conviction information on third country nationals and stateless persons (TCN) to supplement and support the European Criminal Records Information System (ECRIS-TCN system) and amending Regulation (EU) No 1077/2011	COM(2017)344 final 2017/0144(COD) 26.06.2017

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Nº	Item	Full Title	Reference		
44.	EU-Lisa	Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on the European Agency for the operational management of large-scale IT systems in the area of freedom, security and justice, and amending Regulation (EC) 1987/2006 and Council Decision 2007/533/JHA and repealing Regulation (EU) 1077/2011	COM(2017)352 final 2017/0145 (COD) 29.06.2017		
45.	Mutual recognition of freezing and confiscation orders	Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on the mutual recognition of freezing and confiscation orders	COM(2016)819 final 2016/0412(COD) 21.12.2016		
46.	Schengen Border Code	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) 2016/399 as regards the rules applicable to the temporary reintroduction of border control at internal borders	COM(2017)571 final 2017/0245(COD) 28.09.2017		
47.	Schengen Information System (SIS)	Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on the use of the Schengen Information System for the return of illegally staying third-country nationals	COM(2016)881 final 2016/0408(COD) 21.12.2016		
		Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on the establishment, operation and use of the Schengen Information System (SIS) in the field of border checks, amending Regulation (EU) No 515/2014 and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1987/2006	COM(2016)882 final 2016/0407(COD) 21.12.2016		
		Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on the establishment, operation and use of the Schengen Information System (SIS) in the field of police cooperation and judicial cooperation in criminal matters, amending Regulation (EU) No 515/2014 and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1986/2006, Council Decision 2007/533/JHA and Commission Decision 2010/261/EU	COM(2016)883 final 2016/0409(COD) 21.12.2016		
Tra	Trade: A balanced and progressive trade policy to harness globalisation				
48.	Modernisation of Trade Defence Instruments*	Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1225/2009 on protection against dumped imports from countries not members of the European Community and Council Regulation (EC) No 597/2009 on protection against subsidised imports from countries not members of the European Community	COM(2013)192 final 2013/0103 (COD) 10.04.2013		

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Nº	Item	Full Title	Reference
49.	International Procurement Instrument	Amended proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on the access of third-country goods and services to the Union's internal market in public procurement and procedures supporting negotiations on access of Union goods and services to the public procurement markets of third countries	COM(2016)34 final 2012/0060(COD) 29.01.2016
50.	Screening of FDI into the EU	Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL establishing a framework for screening of foreign direct investments into the European Union	COM(2017)487 final 2017/0224(COD) 13.09.2017
51.	Multilateral Investment Court	Recommendation for a COUNCIL DECISION authorising the opening of negotiations for a Convention establishing a multilateral court for the settlement of investment disputes	COM(2017)493 final 13.09.2017
Tov	wards a New Policy on Migration		
52.	Reform of the Dublin system*	Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL establishing the criteria and mechanisms for determining the Member State responsible for examining an application for international protection lodged in one of the Member States by a third-country national or a stateless person (recast)	COM(2016)270 final 2016/0133(COD) 04.05.2016
53.	Asylum agency/EASO*	Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on the European Union Agency for Asylum and repealing Regulation (EU) No 439/2010	COM(2016)271 final 2016/0131 (COD) 04.05.2016
54.			COM(2016)272 final 2016/0132 (COD) 04.05.2016
55.	Reception Conditions*	Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL laying down standards for the reception of applicants for international protection (recast)	COM(2016)465 final 2016/0222(COD) 13.07.2016

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Nº	Item	Full Title	Reference
56.	Asylum Qualification*	Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on standards for the qualification of third-country nationals or stateless persons as beneficiaries of international protection, for a uniform status for refugees or for persons eligible for subsidiary protection and for the content of the protection granted and amending Council Directive 2003/109/EC of 25 November 2003 concerning the status of third-country nationals who are long-term residents	COM(2016)466 final 2016/0223(COD) 13.07.2016
57.	Asylum procedure*	Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL establishing a common procedure for international protection in the Union and repealing Directive 2013/32/EU	COM(2016)467 final 2016/0224(COD) 13.07.2016
58.	Union Resettlement Framework*	Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL establishing a Union Resettlement Framework and amending Regulation (EU) No 516/2014 of the European Parliament and the Council	COM(2016)468 final 2016/0225(COD) 13.07.2016
59.	Entry and residence of third- country-nationals for the purpose of highly skilled employment ("Blue Card proposal")*	Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCILon the conditions of entry and residence of third-country nationals for the purposes of highly skilled employment	COM(2016) 378 final 2016/0176 (COD) 07.06.2016
A S	tronger Global Actor		
60.	European Investment Bank external lending mandate*	Proposal for a DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Decision No 466/2014/EU granting an EU guarantee to the European Investment Bank against losses under financing operations supporting investment projects outside the Union	COM(2016)583final 2016/0275(COD) 14.09.2016
61.	European Investment Bank: Guarantee fund for external actions*	Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 480/2009 establishing a Guarantee Fund for external actions	COM(2016)582 2016/0274(COD) 14.09.2016
62.	European Defence Industrial Development Programme	Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL establishing the European Defence Industrial Development Programme aiming at supporting the competitiveness and innovative capacity of the EU defence industry	COM(2017) 294 final 2017/0125 (COD)

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Nº	Item	Full Title	Reference		
ΑU	A Union of Democratic Change				
63.	European Solidarity Corps*	Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL laying down the legal framework of the European Solidarity Corps and amending Regulations (EU) No 288/2013, (EU) No 1293/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1305/2013, (EU) No 1306/2013 and Decision No 1313/2013/EU	COM(2017)262 final 2017/0102(COD) 30.05.2017		
64.	Comitology Regulation	Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 laying down the rules and general principles concerning mechanisms for control by Member States of the Commission's exercise of implementing powers	COM/2017/085 final 2017/035 (COD) 14.02.2017		
65.	European political parties and European political foundations	Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation (EU, Euratom) No. 1141/2014 of the European Parliament and the Council of 22 October 2014 on the statute and funding of European political parties and European political foundations	COM(2017)481final 2017/0219(COD) 13.09.2017		
66.	European Citizens Initiative	Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on the European citizens' initiative	COM(2017)482 final 2017/0220(COD) 13.09.2017		

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ANNEX 4

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### Annex IV: Withdrawals<sup>1</sup>

Nº	COM/ Inter-institutional reference	Title	Reasons for withdrawal
Agric	culture and rural developmen	ut	
1.	COM/2017/0150 final 2017/068/COD	Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL fixing the adjustment rate provided for in Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 for direct payments in respect of the calendar year 2017	Obsolete: the matter was dealt with in Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/1236 of 7 July 2017.
Econ	omic & Financial Affairs, Ta	xation & Customs	
2.	COM/2011/737 final 2011/333/CNS	Proposal for a COUNCIL REGULATION on the methods and procedure for making available the own resource based on the value added tax	The Commission will present new proposals on own resources in the comprehensive proposal for the future multi-annual financial programming beyond 2020. Thus this proposal will become obsolete as it will be replaced by new proposals in that context.
3.	COM/2014/43 final 2014/0020/COD	Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on structural measures improving the resilience of EU credit institutions	No foreseeable agreement. The file has not progressed since 2015In addition, the main financial stability rationale of the proposal has in the meantime been addressed by other regulatory measures in the banking sector and most notably the entry into force of the Banking Union's supervisory and resolution arms.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This list includes pending legislative proposals, which the Commission intends to withdraw within six months (by April 2018)

N°	COM/ Inter-institutional reference	Title	Reasons for withdrawal
Fore	ign Affairs & Security Policy		
4.	COM/2003/695 final CNS 2003/0268	Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the conclusion of a Political Dialogue and Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Andean Community and its member countries, the Republics of Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, of the other part	Obsolete: no longer in force as replaced by Joint proposal JOIN/2016/04 final of 3 February 2016.
5.	COM/2014/360 final 2014/0182/NLE	Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the Union position with the Cooperation Council established by the European Union –Georgia Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and Georgia, of the other part with regard to the adoption of a Recommendation on the implementation of the EU-Georgia Association Agenda	Obsolete: the Association Agenda was adopted by the FAC on 23 June 2014 (Georgia ST 10978/14) and OJ L 261 of 30.8.2014.
6.	COM/2014/359 final 2014/0181/NLE	Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the Union's position in the Cooperation Council established by the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and its Member States on the one hand and the Republic of Moldova on the other, with regard to adopting a Recommendation on implementing the EU-Moldova Association Agenda	Obsolete: the Association Agenda was adopted by the FAC on 23 June 2014 (Moldova ST 9621/14 (I/A item note)).
7.	COM/2013/014 final 2013/0149/NLE	Joint Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the Union position within the Association Council established by the Euro-Mediterranean agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Lebanon, of the other part with regard to the adoption of a Recommendation on the implementation of the second EU-Lebanon ENP Action Plan	DECISION No 1/2016 OF THE EU-LEBANON ASSOCIATION COUNCIL of 11 November 2016 agreeing on EU-Lebanon Partnership Priorities explicitly states that rather than renewing the ENP Action Plan, the parties adopt the Partnership Priorities and Compact. The Joint Proposal COM(2013)014 is therefore obsolete.

N <sup>o</sup>	COM/ Inter-institutional reference	Title	Reasons for withdrawal
Inter	nal Market, Industry, Entrep	oreneurship and SMEs	
8.	COM/2012/164 final 2012/82/COD	Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL simplifying the transfer of motor vehicles registered in another Member State within the Single Market	No foreseeable agreement. The file has not progressed since 2012. The Commission will reassess the issue, including by launching work to update the impact assessment.
Inter	rnational Cooperation & Deve	elopment	
9.	COM/2011/0861 final 2011/0420/NLE	Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on EU accession to the International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC)	Obsolete: a Council Decision was adopted on 18 May 2017 based on an updated Commission proposal (COM/2016/0712 final - 2016/0349 (NLE)).
Justi	ce, Consumers & Gender Equ	ıality	
10.	COM/2014/0212 final 2014/0120/COD	Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on single-member private limited liability companies	Possible withdrawal was mentioned in the written replies to questions of the PANA Committee. The Commission will table new proposals on company law in Q4 2017 and this proposal will be subsequently withdrawn.
Mari	itime Affairs & Fisheries		
11.	COM/2011/0760 final 2011/0345/COD	Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1300/2008 of 18 December 2008 establishing a multi-annual plan for the stock of herring distributed to the west of Scotland and the fisheries	Will become obsolete with the proposed repeal (see Annex V) of the Council Regulation (EC) No 1300/2008 of 18 December 2008 establishing a multi-annual plan for the stock of herring distributed to the west of Scotland.
12.	COM/2013/09 final 2013/0007/COD	Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 establishing a Community control system for ensuring compliance with the rules of the Common Fisheries Policy	The Commission intends to present a new proposal on the substantial revision of the Fisheries Control System, foreseen for Q2/2018.

N°	COM/ Inter-institutional reference	Title	Reasons for withdrawal			
Migr	Migration, Home Affairs & Citizenship					
13.	COM/2014/163 final 2014/0095/COD	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a touring visa and amending the Convention implementing the Schengen Agreement and Regulations (EC) No 562/2006 and (EC) No 767/2008	Proposal to be withdrawn in the context of the proposal for a revised Visa Code foreseen for Q1/2018.			
14.	COM/2014/164 final 2014/0094/COD	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Union Code on Visas (Visa Code)	Proposal to be withdrawn in the context of the proposal for a revised Visa Code foreseen for Q1/2018.			
Transport						
15.	COM/2013/409 final 2013/0187/COD	Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 in the field of aerodromes, air traffic management and air navigation services	The substance was subsumed into the new proposal establishing EASA (COM(2015) 613 final) now in the inter-interinstitutional process. Thus this proposal will become obsolete.			



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### **Annex V: List of envisaged repeals**

Nº	Policy Area	Title	Reasons for repeal
1.	Maritime Affairs and Fisheries	Council Regulation (EC) No 1300/2008 of 18 December 2008 establishing a multi-annual plan for the stock of herring distributed to the west of Scotland and the fisheries exploiting that stock	This Herring plan has become outdated in its reference points and is no longer applied. It can therefore be repealed.
2.	Taxation and Customs	Commission Directive 79/802/EEC of 6 September 1979 on goods entered for inward processing which, if imported for release into free circulation, would benefit from a favourable tariff arrangement by reason of their end-use	The directive is superfluous as goods within the end-use procedure are within the scope of the Common Tariff Regulation, 2658/87 (Annex I) and, in addition, both inward processing and end-use procedures are now regulated by the Union Customs Code (UCC).
3.	Justice and Home Affairs	Joint Action 98/699/JHA on money laundering, the identification, tracing, freezing, seizing and confiscation of instrumentalities and the proceeds from crime	This instrument was replaced in full by Directive 2014/42/EU on the freezing and confiscation of instrumentalities and proceeds of crime for all Member States participating in the Directive (all except Denmark and the UK). Most of its provisions were already replaced by Framework Decision 2001/500/JHA (on money laundering, the identification, tracing, freezing, seizing and confiscation of instrumentalities and the proceeds of crime), which applies also to Denmark and the UK. The remaining provisions are general recommendations with no binding value which now apply only to Denmark and the UK.