



# Commission Work Programme 2021

## Annex I: New Policy Objectives

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No.	Policy objective	Initiatives
<b>A European Green Deal</b>		
1	<b>Fit for 55 package</b>	<p><b>Revision of the EU Emissions Trading System (ETS), including maritime, aviation and CORSIA as well as a proposal for ETS as own resource</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Q2 2021)</p> <p><b>Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism and a proposal for (CBAM) as own resource</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Q2 2021)</p> <p><b>Effort Sharing Regulation</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 192(1) TFEU, Q2 2021)</p> <p><b>Amendment to the Renewable Energy Directive to implement the ambition of the new 2030 climate target</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 194 TFEU, Q2 2021)</p> <p><b>Amendment of the Energy Efficiency Directive to implement the ambition of the new 2030 climate target</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 194 TFEU, Q2 2021)</p> <p><b>Revision of the Regulation on the inclusion of greenhouse gas emissions and removals from land use, land use change and forestry</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 192(1) TFEU, Q2 2021)</p> <p><b>Reducing methane emissions in the energy sector</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Articles 192 and 194 TFEU, Q2 2021)</p> <p><b>Revision of the Energy Tax Directive</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Q2 2021)</p> <p><b>Revision of the Directive on deployment of alternative fuels infrastructure</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 91 TFEU, Q2 2021)</p> <p><b>Revision of the Regulation setting CO<sub>2</sub> emission performance standards for new passenger cars and for new light commercial vehicles</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 192(1) TFEU, Q2 2021)</p> <p><b>Revision of the energy performance of Buildings Directive</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 194 TFEU, Q4 2021)</p> <p><b>Revision of the Third Energy Package for gas (Directive 2009/73/EU and Regulation 715/2009/EU) to regulate competitive decarbonised gas markets</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 194 TFEU, Q4 2021)</p>
2	<b>Circular economy package</b>	<p><b>Sustainable products policy initiative, including a revision of the Ecodesign Directive</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 114 TFEU, Q4 2021)</p> <p><b>Circular electronics</b> (non-legislative, Q4 2021)</p>

<sup>(1)</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 next to each initiative, is indicative only and subject to change during the preparatory process, notably in view of the outcome of an impact assessment process.

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3	<b>Biodiversity and toxic-free environment package</b>	<b>Action plan for the development of organic production: on the way to 2030</b> (non-legislative, Q1 2021) <b>Minimising the risk of deforestation and forest degradation associated with products placed on the EU market</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Q2 2021) <b>Zero pollution action plan for water, air and soil</b> (non-legislative, Q2 2021) <b>New legal framework on the restoration of healthy ecosystems</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 192 TFEU, Q4 2021)
4	<b>Sustainable and smart mobility</b>	<b>Revision of the Directive on Intelligent Transport Systems, including a multimodal ticketing initiative</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 91 TFEU, Q3 2021) <b>Revision of the Regulation on the trans-European transport network (TEN-T)</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 172 TFEU, Q3 2021) <b>EU 2021 Rail Corridor Initiative, including the revision of the Rail Freight Corridor Regulation and actions to boost passenger rail</b> (non-legislative and legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 91 TFEU, Q3 2021) <b>Development of post-Euro 6/VI emission standards for cars, vans, lorries and buses</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 114 TFEU, Q4 2021)

## A Europe Fit for the Digital Age

5	<b>Europe's digital decade</b>	<b>Europe's digital decade: 2030 digital targets</b> (non-legislative, Q1 2021)
6	<b>Data package</b>	<b>Data Act</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 114 TFEU, Q3 2021) <b>Review of the Database Directive</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 114 TFEU, Q3 2021)
7	<b>Digital levy</b>	<b>Digital levy and a proposal for digital levy as own resource</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Q2 2021)
8	<b>A trusted and secure European e-ID</b>	<b>A trusted and secure European e-ID</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 114 TFEU, Q1 2021)
9	<b>Platform workers</b>	<b>Improving the working conditions of platform workers</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 153 TFEU, Q1/Q4 2021)
10	<b>Industrial strategy for Europe</b>	<b>Updating the new industrial strategy for Europe</b> (non-legislative, Q2 2021)
11	<b>Foreign subsidies</b>	<b>Follow-up to the White Paper on foreign subsidies:</b> <b>Levelling the playing field</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 207 TFEU, Q2 2021) <b>Public procurement</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 207 TFEU, Q2 2021)
12	<b>Civil, defence and space industries</b>	<b>Action plan on synergies between civil, defence and space industries</b> (non-legislative, Q1 2021)
13	<b>Design requirements and consumer rights for electronics</b>	<b>New design requirements and consumer rights for electronics</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 114 TFEU, Q4 2021)

## An Economy that Works for People

14	<b>Deepening the Capital Markets Union</b>	<b>Investment protection and facilitation framework</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 114 TFEU, Q2 2021) <b>Revision of prudential rules for insurance and reinsurance companies (Solvency II)</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Articles 53(1), 62 and 114 TFEU, Q3 2021) <b>Revision of the Markets in Financial Instruments Directive and Regulation</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 114 TFEU, Q4 2021)
15	<b>Sustainable corporate governance</b>	<b>Sustainable corporate governance</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Articles 50 and, possibly, 114 TFEU, Q2 2021)

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16	<b>EU green bond standard</b>	<b>Establishment of an EU green bond standard</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 114 TFEU, Q2 2021)
17	<b>Anti-money laundering package</b>	<b>Anti-money laundering legislative package</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 114 TFEU, Q1 2021)
18	<b>Fair economy package</b>	<b>Action plan on the European Pillar of Social Rights</b> (non-legislative, Q1 2021) <b>Recommendation for a European child guarantee</b> (non-legislative, Q1 2021) <b>Communication on a new occupational safety and health strategy framework</b> (non-legislative, Q2 2021) <b>Action plan for the social economy</b> (non-legislative, Q4 2021)
19	<b>Generalised scheme of preferences</b>	<b>Towards the future generalised scheme of preferences legal framework granting trade advantages to developing countries</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 207 TFEU, Q2 2021)
20	<b>Detering and counteracting coercive actions by third countries</b>	<b>Instrument to deter and counteract coercive actions by third countries</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 207, Q4 2021)
21	<b>Performance framework 2021-2027</b>	<b>Communication on the performance framework 2021-2027</b> (non-legislative, Q2 2021)
22	<b>Completing the Banking Union</b>	<b>Revision of the bank crisis management and deposit insurance framework</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 114 TFEU, Q4 2021)
23	<b>Excise duties package</b>	<b>Revision of the tobacco taxation Directive</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 113 TFEU, Q3 2021) <b>Amendment of the Directive on general arrangements for excise duties</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 113 TFEU, Q4 2021)

## A Stronger Europe in the World

24	<b>Strengthening the EU's contribution to rules-based multilateralism</b>	<b>Joint communication on strengthening the EU's contribution to rules-based multilateralism</b> (non-legislative, Q2 2021)
25	<b>The Arctic dimension</b>	<b>Joint Communication on the Arctic</b> (non-legislative, Q4 2021)
26	<b>Southern Neighbourhood</b>	<b>Joint Communication on a renewed partnership with the Southern Neighbourhood</b> (non-legislative, Q1 2021)
27	<b>Disarmament, demobilisation and reintegration of ex-combatants</b>	<b>Joint Communication on a strategic approach to support disarmament, demobilisation and reintegration of ex-combatants</b> (non-legislative, Q3 2021)
28	<b>Research, innovation, education and youth</b>	<b>Communication on the global approach to research, innovation, education and youth</b> (non-legislative, Q2 2021)
29	<b>EU's humanitarian aid</b>	<b>Communication on the EU's humanitarian aid in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond</b> (non-legislative, Q1 2021)
30	<b>Consular protection</b>	<b>Consular protection – review of EU rules</b> (legislative, Article 23 TFEU, Q4 2021)

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<b>Promoting our European Way of Life</b>		
31	<b>European biomedical research and development</b>	<b>Proposal to establish a new European biomedical research and development agency</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment Articles 118 and 168 TFEU, Q4 2021)
32	<b>European health data space</b>	<b>European health data space</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Articles 114 and 168 TFEU, Q4 2021)
33	<b>Follow-up initiatives under the new pact on migration and asylum</b>	<b>A new EU action plan against migrant smuggling</b> (non-legislative, Q2 2021) <b>A new strategy on voluntary returns and reintegration</b> (non-legislative, Q2 2021)
34	<b>Schengen package</b>	<b>Strategy on the future of Schengen</b> (non-legislative, Q2 2021) <b>Amendment of the Regulation establishing the Schengen Evaluation Mechanism</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 70 TFEU, Q2 2021) <b>Revision of the Schengen Borders Code</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 77 TFEU, Q2 2021) <b>Digitalisation of visa procedures</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Art. 77 TFEU, Q4 2021)
35	<b>Follow-up to the EU security strategy</b>	<b>Communication on an EU Agenda to tackle organised crime (2021-2025)</b> (non-legislative, Q1 2021) <b>Legislation to effectively tackle child sexual abuse online</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 114 TFEU, Q2 2021) <b>An EU agenda on counter-terrorism: prevent, protect, respond, anticipate</b> (non-legislative, Q3 2021) <b>Revision of the Directive on the freezing and confiscation of the proceeds of crime</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Articles 82 and 83 TFEU, Q4 2021) <b>Proposal to modernise existing intra-EU law enforcement cooperation by creating an EU police cooperation code</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Q4 2021) <b>Proposal for a Directive on Asset Recovery Offices</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 87 TFEU, Q4 2021)
36	<b>Follow-up to the European Education Area and the updated skills agenda</b>	<b>European approach for micro-credentials</b> (non-legislative, Q4 2021) <b>Individual learning accounts</b> (legislative and non-legislative, incl. impact assessment, Q4 2021)
37	<b>EU strategy on combating antisemitism</b>	<b>Communication on the EU strategy on combating antisemitism</b> (non-legislative, Q4 2021)
<b>A New Push for European Democracy</b>		
38	<b>Rights of children</b>	<b>EU strategy on the rights of the child</b> (non-legislative, Q1 2021)
39	<b>Preventing and combating specific forms of gender-based violence</b>	<b>Proposal to prevent and combat specific forms of gender-based violence</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Articles 82(2), 83 and 84 TFEU, Q4 2021)
40	<b>Fighting hate crime and hate speech</b>	<b>Initiative to extend the list of EU crimes to all forms of hate crime and hate speech</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 83 TFEU, Q4 2021)
41	<b>Digital judicial cooperation package</b>	<b>Digital information exchange on cross-border terrorism cases</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment Articles 85 and 88 TFEU, Q4 2021) <b>Joint Investigation Teams collaboration platform</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 82(1)(d) TFEU, Q4 2021) <b>Digitalisation of cross-border judicial cooperation</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Articles 81 and 82 TFEU, Q4 2021)

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42	<b>Transparency and democracy package</b>	<p><b>Revision of the statute and funding of European political parties and European political foundations</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 224 TFEU, Q3 2021)</p> <p><b>Greater transparency in paid political advertising</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Articles 114 and 224 TFEU, Q3 2021)</p> <p><b>Revision of the Council Directive laying down detailed arrangements for the exercise of the right to vote and stand as a candidate in elections to the European Parliament for citizens of the Union residing in a Member State of which they are not nationals</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 22 TFEU, Q4 2021)</p> <p><b>Revision of the Council Directive laying down detailed arrangements for the exercise of the right to vote and to stand as a candidate in municipal elections by citizens of the Union residing in a Member State of which they are not nationals</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 22 TFEU, Q4 2021)</p> <p><b>Initiative against abusive litigation targeting journalists and rights defenders</b> (legislative or non-legislative, Q4 2021)</p>
43	<b>Long-term vision for rural areas</b>	<b>Communication on the long-term vision for rural areas</b> (non-legislative, Q2 2021)
44	<b>EU disability strategy</b>	<b>Strategy on the rights of persons with disabilities</b> (non-legislative, Q1 2021)

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