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Nr.	Title	Description of scope of objectives	Committee
2.	New start for working parents	A set of legislative and non-legislative measures to better address the challenges of work-life balance faced by working parents and support the participation of women in the labour market.	Social Affairs and Employment
3.	Circular Economy Package	The aim is to address economic and environmental concerns by maximizing efficiency in the use of resources, covering the whole value chain (including sustainable consumption, production, waste management) and through innovation, thereby enabling the development of new markets and business models. The package will consist of a broad action plan, including actions on monitoring effective progress, and a waste proposal with long-term targets.	Economic Affairs/ Infrastructure & Environment and Spatial planning
4.	Review of the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) 2014-2020	The mid-term review of the MFF will address how better to target funding on the priorities the EU faces. The review will also look for ways to further orientate the EU budget towards results and simplify the applicable rules (REFIT) e.g. for the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) and the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), and will explore the scope for further simplification under Horizon 2020 funding.	Finance
5.	Next steps for a sustainable European future	This initiative will set out a new approach to ensure Europe's economic growth and social and environmental sustainability beyond the 2020 timeframe, taking into account the Europe 2020 review and the internal and external implementation of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.	Economic Affairs
6.	Implementation of the Digital Single Market Strategy	The Digital Single Market Strategy outlined in May 2015 will be taken forward with three sets of actions: 1) a Communication on copyright and legislative proposal on portability, followed by legislative proposals on copyright and the review of the satellite and cable directive (REFIT), legislative proposals on digital contract rights, geo-blocking, and VAT for electronic commerce (REFIT), and the review of the Regulation on consumer protection cooperation (REFIT); 2) reviews of the telecoms regulatory framework (REFIT) and the audiovisual and media services Directive (REFIT), and 3) a legislative proposal on the free flow of data.	Security & Justice
8.	Labour Mobility Package	This initiative consists of a Communication on labour mobility, a targeted revision of the Directive on the posting of workers, and the revision of Regulations on social security coordination.	Social Affairs and Employment
10.	European Defence Action Plan	The aim is a legal and policy framework to ensure that the European market and industrial and skills base will be able to deliver the military capability priorities that Member States may need to meet future security needs.	Foreign Affairs, Defence and Development Cooperation
11.	Action Plan on VAT	The action plan aims at delivering efficient and fraud-proof VAT regimes and will include initiatives on VAT rates (REFIT) and a proposal on VAT for electronic commerce (REFIT) in the context of the Digital Single Market Strategy, and a Communication setting out the definitive VAT regime (REFIT).	Finance
14.	Pillar of Social Rights	The initiative will address gaps in existing legislation and identify common principles and reference benchmarks with a view to a greater convergence of employment and social performance over time.	Social Affairs and Employment
15.	European Bank Deposit Insurance Scheme / Completion of the Banking Union	Following up to the Five Presidents' Report, the proposal will outline steps towards a European Bank Deposit Insurance Scheme based on a reinsurance mechanism. A Communication will set out further measures to complete the Banking Union.	Finance

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17.	Implementation of European Agenda on Security	Actions to implement the European Agenda on Security including a proposal to amend the Framework Decision on terrorism, improved rules on firearms and a proposal on combatting fraud and counterfeiting on non-cash means of payment.	Immigration and Asylum / Justice and Home Affairs (JHA) Council/ Security & Justice
18.	Better Migration Management	The initiative has two dimensions: 1) legal migration: a Communication and further legislative measures including extension of the Blue Card approach; 2) asylum and refugees: a proposal for a structured system on resettlement of refugees and revision of the Dublin system on asylum	Social Affairs and Employment/ Immigration and Asylum / Justice and Home Affairs (JHA) Council
19.	Border Management Package	The aim is to progress towards a European Border and Coast Guard building on a reinforced Frontex.	Immigration and Asylum / Justice and Home Affairs (JHA) Council
21.	Capacity building in the security sector	The package covers security sector reform and a possible new dedicated instrument for capacity building in support of security and development in third countries.	Foreign Affairs, Defence and Development Cooperation
22.	Commission contribution to the Global Strategy	The Commission will actively contribute to the Global Strategy on Foreign and Security Policy under the responsibility of the High Representative/Vice-President with a view to a better sense of direction to the EU external action.	Foreign Affairs, Defence and Development Cooperation