



Tweede Kamer

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List of prioritized EU proposals 2017

Every year the Dutch House of Representatives (Tweede Kamer) closely examines and discusses the European Commission's Work Programme, which lists the legislative and strategic proposals to be published in the year to come. Subsequently, the Tweede Kamer draws up a list of EU proposals it wants to pay special attention to.

All standing committees select the proposals related to their policy area, which they would like to prioritize. On 20 December 2016, the final list was approved in a plenary session by the Tweede Kamer. In some instances, certain parts of the proposals are prioritized rather than the complete proposal. The prioritized proposals will be scrutinized upon publication by the European Commission.

Subsidiarity check or reasoned opinion

Several of the proposals will be checked against the principle of subsidiarity; these have been marked with an **X** in the column headed 'subsidiarity check'.

Parliamentary scrutiny reserve

If the Tweede Kamer considers a European legislative proposal to be of such importance that it wants to be additionally informed and updated on all steps taken by the government in the negotiation process, it can impose a so-called parliamentary scrutiny reserve. The Tweede Kamer will request the government not to take any irreversible decisions in the Brussels negotiations until after a debate on the proposal has taken place between the minister and the standing committee concerned with that particular proposal. In addition, the Tweede Kamer will request an explanatory memorandum from the government on the EU-proposal within three weeks after publication by the European Commission. The proposals subject to a parliamentary reserve by the Tweede Kamer have been marked with an **X** in the last column.

This list however does not exclude other proposals from being prioritized. During the course of the year new proposals can be prioritized and can become subject to a subsidiarity check and/or a parliamentary scrutiny reserve.

Nr ¹	Proposals from the Commission's 2017 Work Programme prioritized by the House of Representatives (Tweede Kamer)	Subsidiarity check	Parliamentary reserve
Committee on the Interior			
	<i>No EU proposals in the 2017 Work Programme</i>		
Committee on Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation			
12	<p><i>Implementation of the Trade for All Strategy</i></p> <p>e. This initiative includes a further reinforcement of the EU's Trade Defence Instruments with a proposal to amend the EU's antidumping legislation (incl. impact assessment; Q4/2016), in line with the Commission Communication of 18 October 2016.</p>		X
Committee on Foreign Affairs			
17	<p><i>Implementation of the EU Global Strategy</i></p> <p>Including notably efforts to foster state, economic, environmental/climate and societal resilience in third countries, in particular in the EU's neighbours and in wider surrounding regions (non-legislative).</p>		
18	<p><i>EU Strategy for Syria</i></p> <p>The strategy will set out how the EU can help rebuild a peaceful and stable Syrian nation and a pluralistic, tolerant civil society in Syria (non-legislative; Q1/2017).</p>		
Committee on Defence			
16	<p><i>Implementation of the European Defence Action Plan</i></p> <p>Including a proposal for a European Defence Fund and measures to improve the use and effectiveness of public procurement rules (legislative/non-legislative).</p>		
Committee on Economic Affairs			
4	<p><i>Implementation of the Digital Single Market Strategy</i></p> <p>Mid-term review of the implementation of the Digital Single Market Strategy.</p>		
6	<p><i>Implementation of the Single Market Strategy</i></p> <p>g. And empowering national national competition authorities to be more effective enforcers (legislative/non-legislative, incl. impact assessment; Q2/2017).</p>		

		Subsidiarity check	Parliamentary reserve
Committee on European Affairs			
3	<p><i>Financial framework beyond 2020</i></p> <p>A comprehensive proposal for the next Multi-annual Financial Framework , including on own resources (legislative/ non-legislative; Art. 312 TFEU).</p>		X
Committee on Finance			
7	<p><i>Fairer taxation of companies</i></p> <p>a. The initiative includes implementation of the VAT action plan through REFIT proposals for a definitive VAT system and on VAT rates (legislative, Art 113 TFEU; incl. impact assessment; Q3/2017).</p> <p>d. And implementation in EU legislation of the international agreement on Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) (legislative/non-legislative; incl. impact assessment; Q2/2017).</p>		X
9	<p><i>Implementation of the Capital Markets Union Action Plan</i></p> <p>b. New measures will include a framework for an EU personal pension product (legislative/non-legislative; incl. impact assessment; Art. 114 TFEU; Q2/2017).</p>		
10	<p><i>A strong Union built on a strong EMU</i></p> <p>a. The White Paper on the Future of Europe (non-legislative; Q1/2017) setting out steps on how to reform an EU of 27 Member States 60 years after the Treaties of Rome will also include the future of the EMU to prepare stage 2 of EMU deepening in the new political and democratic context (including a stability oriented review of the Stability and Growth Pact and the follow up to Article 16 of the Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance in the EMU (incorporating the substance of this treaty into the EU legal framework).</p>		
Committee on Infrastructure and the Environment			
2	<p><i>Implementation of the Action Plan on Circular Economy</i></p> <p>a. This includes a strategy on plastics use, reuse and recycling (non-legislative; Q2/2017).</p>		

		Subsidiarity check	Parliamentary reserve
5	<p><i>Implementation of the Energy Union Strategy: low-emission travel and mobility</i></p> <p>a. REFIT revisions of several key pieces of legislation highlighted in the low-emission mobility action plan: post-2020 strategies on cars/vans and on lorries, buses and coaches (legislative, incl. impact assessment; Q2/2017).</p> <p>b. The Clean Vehicles Directive (incl. impact assessment; Art 192 FFEU; Q2/2017).</p> <p>c. And the Eurovignette and European Electronic Toll Service (EETS) Directives (incl. impact assessment; Art 91 FFEU; Q2/2017)</p> <p>d. This initiative includes the implementation of the international agreement on emissions from aircraft (ICAO) (incl. impact assessment; Art 192 FFEU; Q1/2017).</p>	X	X X
21	<p><i>A more strategic approach to enforcement of EU law</i></p> <p>c. A REFIT initiative to ensure proper implementation and enforcement of environmental regulation (legislative/non-legislative; Q2/2017).</p>		
4 (II)	<p><i>Combined Transport</i></p> <p>Revision of Directive 92/106/EEC on the establishment of common rules for certain types of combined transport of goods between Member States aimed at improving efficiency and effectiveness and ensuring further promotion of inter-modal transport in EU (incl. impact assessment; Q4/2017). This revision follows-up on an evaluation concluded in 2016.</p>		
11 (II)	<p><i>Enhancement of the social legislation in road transport</i></p> <p>Revision of Regulation (EC) No 561/2006, Directive 2002/15/EC and Directive 2006/22/EC in order to ensure a genuine level playing field for the road transport industry and adequate working conditions (incl. impact assessment; Q2/2017). This revision follows-up on an evaluation concluded in 2016.</p>	X	X
14 (II)	<p><i>Road Infrastructure and tunnels safety</i></p> <p>Revision of Directive 2008/96/EC on road infrastructure safety management and Directive 2004/54/EC on minimum safety requirements for road tunnels in the trans-European road network in order to improve road safety, tunnels infrastructure safety management practices on TEN-T roads, allow for a level playing field in safety management and reduce administrative burdens. Follow-up to two evaluations completed in 2015 (incl. impact assessment; Art 91 TFEU; Q4/2017).</p>		X

Committee on Kingdom Relations

No EU proposals in the 2017 Work Programme

Committee on Education, Culture and Science

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| 1 | <p><i>Youth initiative</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Priority measures to implement the youth aspects of the Skills Agenda, including a quality framework for apprenticeships and a proposal on increased mobility for apprentices (legislative). c. Modernising school and higher education (non-legislative; Q2/2017). d. As well as a proposal for improved tracking of outcomes for graduates but also young people who have followed vocational education and training (non-legislative; Q2/2017). | | |
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Committee on Social Affairs and Employment

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| 11 | <p><i>European Pillar of Social Rights</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Following the public consultation, the initiative will set out its proposal for a Pillar of Social Rights (Q1/2017). b. Will present related initiatives, such as initiatives to address the challenges of work-life balance faced by working families (legislative/non-legislative; incl. impact assessment; Art 153/157 TFEU). c. On access to social protection (legislative/non-legislative; incl. impact assessment; Art 153/292 TFEU). e. As well as 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; Art 153.1(b)/154 TFEU). | | |
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Committee on Security and Justice			
13	Data Protection Package b. A REFIT revision of the ePrivacy Directive (incl. impact assessment; Art 114/16 TFEU). c. As well as a framework for adequacy decisions on exchange of personal data with third countries		
14	Progress towards and effective and genuine Security Union e. This initiative also includes a proposal for a European Travel Information and Authorisation System (ETIAS) (legislative; Art. 77(2)(b) and (d)a TFEU; Q4/2016). f. Follow-up to the work of the High Level Group on information systems and interoperability.		
15	Implementation of the European Agenda on Migration Mid-term review of the implementation of the European Agenda on Migration, consolidating and taking horizontal stock across different workstrands, including the implementation of the new migration partnership framework with third countries.		
Committee on Health, Welfare and Sport			
1	Youth initiative a. The initiative includes a proposal for the creation of a European Solidarity Corps (legislative/non-legislative).	X	X
6	Implementation of the Single Market Strategy c. An initiative on coordinated health technology assessments (legislative/non-legislative, incl. impact assessment; Q4/2017).		
Committee on Housing and the Central Government Sector			
	No EU proposals in the 2017 Work Programme		

¹ The numbers correspond with Annex 1 (new initiatives) of the 2016 Commission Work Programme. Numbers with an added 'II' refer to the numbers in Annex 2 which contains the REFIT initiatives. REFIT is the Commission's Regulatory Fitness and Performance programme to make EU law simpler.

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