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COMMISSION INITIATIVES END 2017/2018

Informal Dinner of Heads of State or Government ahead
of the Tallinn Summit

COMMISSION INITIATIVES ALREADY ADOPTED SINCE THE STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS OF 13 SEPTEMBER 2017

Trade package (presented by the Commission on **13 September 2017**):

two Communications; a **proposal for a Regulation** concerning the screening of direct foreign investment; two draft mandates for negotiations (with Australia and with New Zealand); a **draft mandate** for negotiations to create a multilateral investment court; a **Decision** setting up the Group of Experts on EU Trade Agreements. *The Commission proposed, together with the new mandates for new Trade agreements, a European framework for screening foreign direct investment into the European Union and a coordination group with Member States to help identify joint strategic concerns and solutions in the area of foreign direct investment.*

Industrial policy package (presented by the Commission on **13 September 2017**):

two Communications: one on Industrial Policy and one containing the 2017 list of Critical Raw Materials for the EU. *The new Industrial Policy Strategy will help European industries to become stronger and more competitive, and to stay or become the world leader in innovation, digitisation and decarbonisation.*

Digital Single Market:

- **Cyber security** package (presented by the Commission on **13 September 2017**): **two Communications**; a **proposal for a Regulation** for a European Cybersecurity Agency (ENISA) ; a **Recommendation** on Coordinated Response to Large Scale Cybersecurity Incidents and Crises; a **proposal for a Directive** on combating fraud and counterfeiting of non-cash means of payment. *These proposals will equip the EU with the instruments to defend us against such cyber-attacks.*
- **Data package** (presented by the Commission on **13 September 2017**): **proposal for a Regulation** on free flow of non-personal data. *A new set of rules are proposed to govern the free flow of non-personal data in the EU.*
- Communication on a fair and **efficient tax system in the European Union for the Digital Single Market** (presented by the Commission on **21 September 2017**). *The initiative calls for a strong and ambitious EU position on the way to tax digital economy.*
- Communication on **enhanced responsibility of online platforms** (presented by the Commission on **28 September 2017**). *The initiative sets out guidelines for online platforms to prevent, detect, remove and disable access to illegal content, within the existing legal framework.*

Migration package (presented by the Commission on **27 September 2017**):

including a **Communication** on the delivery of the European Agenda of Migration, a **Recommendation** on enhancing legal pathways for persons in need of international protection and a **Recommendation** on a

common revised “Return Handbook”. *The proposals include targeted measures to promote a more effective approach to returns, the further promotion of legal pathways through the encouragement of new resettlement commitments.*

Schengen package (presented by the Commission on **27 September 2017**):

including a **Communication** on preserving Schengen, a **Recommendation** for temporary internal border control in exceptional circumstance putting the overall functioning of the Schengen area at risk and a **proposal for a Regulation** amending the previous Regulation as regards the temporary reintroduction of border controls at internal borders. *The proposals aim at preserving and strengthening the Schengen system by adapting the rules to the new reality and channelling Member States prolongations of border controls.*

Democracy package (presented by the Commission on **13 September 2017**):

proposals to modify the Regulations on Political Parties and Foundations and on the European Citizens’ Initiative. *The new Code will strengthen the integrity requirements for Commissioners during and after their mandates. The two legislative proposals will increase the democratic legitimacy in the EU through better rules for the financing of political parties and stronger citizen participation.*

Capital Markets Union package (presented by the Commission on **20 September 2017**):

a **Communication**; a **proposal for a Regulation** (European Supervisory Authorities); **proposal for a Regulation** (European Systemic Risk Board); **proposal for a Directive** (Solvency II). *These proposals will reform the EU’s supervisory architecture.*

COMMISSION INITIATIVES TO BE ADOPTED UNTIL THE END OF 2017

Fair Taxation package I (to be presented by the Commission on **3 October 2017**):

creation of a single EU value added tax area (VAT), including proposals to modify the VAT Directive regarding the definitive VAT system for cross-border trade within the Single Market, a proposal for a Council Regulation on combating fraud in the field of value added tax within the Single Market, a proposal for a Council Directive on the common system of value added tax as regards small enterprises, and a proposal for a Council Directive on the rules governing the setting of VAT rates.

Public Procurement package (to be presented by the Commission on **27 September 2017**):

a Communication on a voluntary ex ante assessment of the procurement aspects of the Procurement Package projects, a Communication “making procurement work in and for European Commission, and a Recommendation on professionalisation of the Procurement Package.

Proposal for a Council Recommendation on a quality **Framework for Apprenticeships** (to be presented by the Commission on **27 September 2017**).

Banking Union package (to be presented by the Commission on **11 October 2017**):

completing all aspects of the Banking Union, including: the finalisation of the backstop to the Single Resolution Fund; further measures to reduce the level of non-performing loans; and an enabling framework for the development of sovereign bond-backed securities to support further portfolio diversification in the banking sector.

Anti-Terrorism package (to be presented by the Commission on **18 October 2017**):

including measures on countering radicalisation, measures to ensure the swift and proactive detection and removal of illegal content inciting hatred, violence and terrorism, actions to cut off access to the means used by

terrorists to prepare and carry out attacks, such as dangerous substances or terrorist financing, guidance and support to Member States in protecting public areas, and guidance on data retention.

Energy Union – Mobility package *(to be presented by the Commission on 8 November 2017):*

Energy Union/Climate/Mobility Package, including a review of the Directive on the promotion of clean and energy-efficient road transport vehicles, a proposal for amending the Council Directive on common rules for certain types of combined transport of goods between Member States and a revision of the cars and vans regulation.

European Semester package *(to be presented by the Commission on 22 November 2017):*

including Annual Growth Survey 2018.

EU Company Law package *(to be presented by the Commission on 29 November 2017):*

including making the best of digital solutions and providing efficient rules for cross-border operations and a regulation on the law applicable to companies.

Fair Taxation package II *(to be presented by the Commission on 29 November 2017):*

including a Proposal for a Council Regulation on combating fraud in the field of value added tax within the single market, a Proposal for a Council Directive on the common system of value added tax as regards small enterprises, and a Proposal for a Council Directive on the rules governing the setting of VAT rates.

Economic and Monetary Union package *(to be presented by the Commission on 6 December 2017):*

including a Communication on the possible creation of a permanent European Minister of Economy and Finance (Article 2 of Protocol No 14) and its institutional implications, and exploratory work for the possible development of a euro area safe asset.

Capital Markets Union *(to be presented by the Commission on 6 December 2017):*

revised framework for Investment Firms.

Recommendation for a Council decision (draft negotiating directives) on a **post-Cotonou agreement** *(to be presented by the Commission on 12 December 2017):*

towards a new partnership between the EU and the African, Caribbean and Pacific countries after 2020.

Security Union package *(to be presented by the Commission on 12 December 2017):*

including legislative proposals to allow interoperability between EU information systems for security, border and migration management.

Proposal for a **revision of the Written Statement Directive** *(to be presented by the Commission on 20 December 2017):*

to improve the transparency and legal predictability of employment contracts.

Digital Single Market *(to be presented by the Commission on 20 December 2017):*

Initiative on online platforms to safeguard a fair, predictable, sustainable and trusted business environment in the online economy.

Goods package *(to be presented by the Commission on 20 December 2017):*

aiming to strengthen the market surveillance mechanism to detect and remove unsafe and non-compliant products and to improve the application of the mutual recognition principles.