The past 12 months have been challenging for European citizens. Hard work and political leadership were required from the EU Institutions and from the Member States.

To keep the European project on course, President Juncker’s State of the Union Address of 14 September 2016 presented a positive agenda for a **Europe that Protects, Empowers and Defends**. This message was welcomed by the European Parliament as well as the EU27 leaders at the Bratislava Summit.

The work on the positive agenda for the EU27 continued with the Commission’s **White Paper on the Future of Europe** in March this year, offering five scenarios for what Europe could look like by 2025. Three weeks later, EU27 leaders came together to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Treaties of Rome and renewed their vows in the **Rome Declaration**, affirming that ‘Europe’s future lies in our own hands’ and agreeing to ‘make the European Union stronger and more resilient, through even greater unity’.

We now have a window of opportunity to engage on a broader reform of our Union. To steer this reform and to stimulate discussion, President Juncker has proposed in his State of the Union Address of 13 September 2017 a **Roadmap for a More United, Stronger and More Democratic Union**.
6/12 Economic and Monetary Union package of proposals by the Commission

- Transformation of the European Stability Mechanism into a European Monetary Fund
- 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 non-euro area Member States
- Integration of the substance of the Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance in the Economic and Monetary Union into EU law
- Creation of a double-hatted European Minister of Economy and Finance

14-15/12 European Council / Meeting of EU27

Euro Summit

Strategy of the Commission for a successful EU accession of Serbia and Montenegro as frontrunner candidates in the Western Balkans

Convergence Reports by the Commission and the European Central Bank on the progress made by the Member States in meeting the conditions for adopting the single currency of the European Union

Possible informal meeting of EU27 in Sofia, Bulgaria back to back with a Western Balkans Summit

Commission proposal for the Future Multiannual Financial Framework beyond 2020

28-29/06 European Council / Meeting of EU27

Commission Communication on the future of EU Energy and Climate Policy, including on the future of the Euratom Treaty

Commission Communication on the enhancement of the use of qualified majority voting in Common Foreign Policy

Commission Communication on the enhancement of the use of qualified majority voting and of the ordinary legislative procedure in internal market matters, including social and taxation matters

Commission Communication on a possible extension of the tasks of the European Public Prosecutor’s Office to include the fight against terrorism

Report by the Task Force chaired by Commission First Vice-President Timmermans on the ways to enhance subsidiarity, proportionality and better regulation in the daily operation of the European Union

Commission Communication on enhancing the efficiency at the helm of the European Union

2018 State of the Union Address by President Juncker

Possible informal meeting of EU27 in Vienna, Austria

18-19/10 European Council / Meeting of EU27

Initiative by the Commission to strengthen the enforcement of the Rule of Law in the European Union

13-14/12 European Council / Meeting of EU27

30/03 Possible Extraordinary European Council to take first decisions by unanimity on the future of Europe, Sibiu, Romania

European Parliament elections