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Dear Mr. Timmermans,

On behalf of the Poslanecká Snemovna and Senát of the Czech Republic, the Hrvatski Sabor of Croatia, the Országgyűlés of Hungary, the Saeima of Latvia, the Seimas of Lithuania, the Senato della Repubblica of Italy, the Tweede Kamer and Eerste Kamer of The Netherlands, the Senat of Poland, the Assembleia de República of Portugal, the Camera Deputatilor and Senat of Romania, the Národná rada of the Slovak Republic and the House of Commons and House of Lords of the United Kingdom, I am pleased to provide you with an overview of our priorities based on the Commission Work Programme 2016.

All but one of the parliamentary chambers mentioned above consider the Energy Union Package and Better Migration Management as a priority. Additionally, the Circular Economy Package, review of the Multiannual Financial Framework 2014-2020, implementation of the Digital Single Market Strategy, Labour Mobility Package, European Bank Deposit Insurance Scheme / Completion of the Banking Union, and Border Management Package are prioritized by almost all chambers. Some chambers also set priorities involving REFIT initiatives, but no common thread can be identified.

The intensified contacts of the European Commission with national Parliaments are very much appreciated. Although national Parliaments can set priorities at any time and choose their own way to get in touch with the Commission, I am convinced that this overview will further contribute to closer cooperation between Parliaments.



I look forward welcoming you during the COSAC meeting in The Hague on 12-14 June, and discuss the issue of closer cooperation between the Commission and national Parliaments.

On behalf of my colleague chairs of EU affairs committees in the above mentioned Parliaments, yours sincerely,

Mr. Malik Azmani
Chair Committee on European Affairs, Dutch House of Representatives

Annex: Overview priorities national Parliaments 2016

New initiatives

| N° of the Commission's initiative | Name of the Commission's initiative | Czech Republic Poslanecká sněmovna | Czech Republic Senát | Croatia Hrvatski Sabor | Denmark Folketinget | Hungary Országgyűlés | Italy Senato della Repubblica | Latvia Saeima | Lithuania Seimas | Netherlands Tweede Kamer | Netherlands Eerste Kamer | Poland Senat | Portugal Assembleia de República | Romania Camera Deputatilor | Romania Senat | Slovak Republic Národná rada | United Kingdom House of Lords | United Kingdom House of Commons | |
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| A New Boost for Jobs, Growth and Investments | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | New Skills Agenda for Europe | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | New start for working parents | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | Circular Economy Package | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | Review of the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) 2014-2020 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | Next steps for a sustainable European future | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A Connected Digital Single Market | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | Implementation of the Digital Single Market Strategy | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A Resilient Energy Union with a Forward-Looking Climate Change Policy | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | Energy Union Package | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A Deeper and Fairer Internal Market with a Strengthened Industrial Base | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8 | Labour Mobility Package | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | Follow-up to Single Market Strategy | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10 | European Defence Action Plan | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11 | Action Plan on VAT | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 12 | Corporate Tax Package | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 13 | A Space Strategy for Europe | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A deeper and fairer Economic and Monetary Union | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 14 | Pillar of Social Rights | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 15 | European Bank Deposit Insurance Scheme / Completion of the Banking Union | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Trade: A Reasonable and Balanced Free Trade Agreement with the U.S. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 16 | Follow-up to the Trade and Investment Strategy | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| An Area of Justice and Fundamental Rights Based on Mutual Trust | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 17 | Implementation of European Agenda on Security | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Towards a New Policy on Migration | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 18 | Better Migration Management | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 19 | Border Management Package | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A Stronger Global Actor | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 20 | Post-Cotonou Framework | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 21 | Capacity building in the security sector | | | | | | | | | x | | | | | | | | | |
| 22 | Commission contribution to the Global Strategy | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A Union of Democratic Change | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 23 | Proposal for an Inter-Institutional Agreement on a mandatory Transparency Register | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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Cyprus
Vouli ton Antiprosopon

The House Standing Committee on Foreign and European Affairs examined the European Commission Work Programme in December 2015 and has sent it to the sectoral committees of the House for consideration. Due to the May parliamentary elections this did not prove possible.

Ireland
Tithe an Dairechtais

Following parliamentary elections in February 2016 and protracted talks to form a Government, the Parliamentary Committees have not yet been re-established so it has not been possible to examine the Commission Work Programme for 2016.

Priorities National Parliaments Commission Work Programme 2016

REFIT actions

| N° of REFIT | Name of REFIT | Type of REFIT | Croatia Hrvatski Sabor | Denmark Folketinget | Hungary Országgyűlés | Italy Senato della Repubblica | Lithuania Seimas | Netherlands Tweede Kamer | Netherlands Eerste Kamer | Portugal Assembleia de República | United Kingdom House of Lords | United Kingdom House of Commons |
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| A New Boost for Jobs, Growth and Investment | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | REACH | Legislative / Evaluation | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Standard Procurement Document and Standard Forms for Public Procurement | Legislative | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | Lifts (Directive 95/16/EC) | Evaluation | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | State Aid: Commission Notice on a Simplified Procedure for the treatment of certain types of State Aid ('Simplified procedure Notice') (2009/C136/03) | Evaluation | | | | | | | | | | |
| A Resilient Energy Union with a Forward-Looking Climate Change Policy | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | Targeted review of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 639/2014 (Ecological Focus Areas) | Legislative | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | EU Nature Legislation | Evaluation follow up | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | European Pollutant Release and Transfer Register (E-PRTR) Regulation | Evaluation follow up | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8 | Fuel Quality Directive | Evaluation follow up | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | Environmental Reporting Initiative | Evaluation | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10 | Energy Union Reporting initiative | Evaluation | | | | | | | | | | |
| A Deeper and Fairer Internal Market with a Strengthened Industrial Base | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11 | Prospectus Directive Review | Legislative | | | | | | | | | | |
| 12 | Review of the European Venture Capital (EuVECA) and European Social Entrepreneurship Fund (EuSEF) regulations | Legislative | | | | | | | | | | |
| 13 | Tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff (Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 of 23 July 1987) - Recast | Legislative | | | | | | | | | | |
| 14 | Tobacco excise duty (Council Directive No 2011/64/EU) - revision | Legislative | | | | | | | | | | |
| 15 | Port reception facilities (Directive 2000/59/EC) – revision | Legislative | | | | | | | | | | |
| 16 | Occupational Health and Safety Legislation | Evaluation follow up / Legislative | | | | | | | | | | |
| 17 | Food Legislation | Evaluation follow up | | | | | | | | | | |
| 18 | Follow-up to the 'Report of the Financial Legislation Review' | Follow up | | | | | | | | | | |
| 19 | Financial Conglomerates Directive | Evaluation | | | | | | | | | | |
| 20 | Nutrition and Health Claims made on Food | Evaluation / Legislative | | | | | | | | | | |
| 21 | Maritime Legislation Fitness Check | Evaluation | | | | | | | | | | |
| 22 | Seafarers (Directive 2008/106/EC and Directive 2005/45/EC) | Evaluation | | | | | | | | | | |
| 23 | Written Statement Directive 91/533/EC | Evaluation | | | | | | | | | | |
| 24 | Pesticides: legislation covering Maximum Residue limit setting and placing on the market of plant protection products | Evaluation | | | | | | | | | | |
| 25 | Motor Insurance Directive | Evaluation | | | | | | | | | | |
| A Deeper and Fairer Economic and Monetary Union | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 26 | Statistics Package | Fitness check | | | | | | | | | | |
| An Area of Justice and Fundamental Rights Based on Mutual Trust | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 27 | Judgments in matrimonial matters and matters of parental responsibility (Brussels IIa) | Cumulative Cost Assessment | | | | | | | | | | |

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