

List of EU priorities 2023

| Nr. | Priority | Expected publication | Expected publication | | | | Parl. reservation | Subsidiarity check | Rapporteur |
|---|---|------------------------------------|----------------------|----|----|----|-------------------|--------------------|------------|
| | | | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | | | |
| INTERIOR AFFAIRS | | | | | | | | | |
| 41. | Defence of democracy package, including an initiative on the protection of the EU democratic sphere from covert foreign influence | legislative and non-legislative | | | | | ● | ● | ● |
| DEFENCE | | | | | | | | | |
| # | Proposal for a Regulation on a European Defense Investment Programme | legislative | | | | | | | |
| DIGITAL AFFAIRS | | | | | | | | | |
| 12. | Initiative on virtual worlds, such as metaverse | non-legislative | | | | | | | |
| 38. | Cybersecurity Skills Academy | non-legislative | | | | | | | |
| ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND CLIMATE POLICY | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. | Revision of EU's internal electricity market rules | legislative | | | | | | | |
| 2. | EU Hydrogen Bank | legislative or non-legislative | | | | | | | |
| 10. | European critical raw materials act | legislative and non-legislative | | | | | | | |
| EUROPEAN AFFAIRS | | | | | | | | | |
| 20. | Review of the functioning of the Multiannual Financial Framework, which may include a revision | legislative and/or non-legislative | | | | | | | |
| FINANCE | | | | | | | | | |
| 21. | Economic governance review | non-legislative or legislative | | | | | | | |
| 22. | Second set of new own resources | legislative | | | | | ● | | |
| 23. | Business in Europe: framework for income taxation (BEFIT) | legislative | | | | | ● | | |
| 25a. | Digital euro | legislative | | | | | | | |
| INFRASTRUCTURE AND WATER MANAGEMENT | | | | | | | | | |
| 3. | Revision of food waste and textiles aspects of the EU waste framework Directive | legislative | | | | | | | |
| 7. | Initiative on protecting, sustainably managing and restoring EU soils | legislative | | | | | | | |
| 29. | Revision of the airport slot Regulation | legislative | | | | | | | |
| 1*. | Revision of the Regulation on the Registration, Evaluation and Authorization of Chemicals (REACH) | legislative | | | | | | | |
| JUSTICE AND SECURITY | | | | | | | | | |
| 37. | Revision of the combating child sexual abuse Directive | legislative | | | | | | | |
| 42. | Update of the anti-corruption legislative framework | legislative | | | | | | | |
| AGRICULTURE, NATURE AND FOOD QUALITY | | | | | | | | | |
| 4. | Legislation for plants produced by certain new genomic techniques | legislative | | | | | | | |
| 5. | Animal welfare – revision of EU legislation | legislative | | | | | ● | | |
| 6. | Legislative framework for sustainable food systems | legislative | | | | | ● | | |
| HEALTH, WELFARE AND SPORT | | | | | | | | | |
| 34. | A comprehensive approach to mental health | non-legislative | | | | | | | |
| 40b. | Council recommendation on vaccine preventable cancers | non-legislative | | | | | | | |
| 43. | European disability card | legislative | | | | | ● | | |
| 7*. | Revision of the variation framework for medicines | non-legislative | | | | | | | |

The Numbers of the EU proposals correspond with Annex I (new initiatives) and Annex II (REFIT) of the the European Commissions' work programme 2023.

* Refit Initiative

Not a CWP Initiative

No proposals for other committees

The priorities can be divided into three categories:

General priority

General priority refers to proposals formulated in the European Commission Work Programme 2023 that receive extra attention from the Netherlands House of Representatives. These EU initiatives can either be legislative or non-legislative in nature. Upon publication of a prioritized proposal, the sectoral parliamentary committee dealing with the proposal will decide whether to hold hearings, technical briefings, debates or other activities in order to assess the Commission's proposal.

Parliamentary scrutiny reservation

A parliamentary scrutiny reservation on a legislative proposal may be placed when the House of

Representatives wants to influence the position of the Netherlands at an early stage and stay closely informed on the Government's course of actions taken throughout the negotiations. If the House foresees that it wishes to place a parliamentary reservation on the basis of the Commission Work Programme, it is so indicated on the priorities list. Once such a legislative proposal is presented by the Commission, the House will take a final decision whether to place the reservation.

The House's decision is followed by a debate with the government within four weeks. In this debate, the proposal's political importance and the objectives of the Netherlands in the negotiations are discussed, with the purpose of coming to a written agreement with the Government on the provision of information to

parliament during the negotiation process. The government is expected to present its provisional position to parliament within a (shortened) period of three weeks after the publication of the proposal.

Subsidiarity review (reasoned opinion)

A subsidiarity review may be conducted on legislative proposals in order to determine whether the matter at hand should be dealt with at EU level or national level. If the House foresees a subsidiarity concern on the basis of the Commission Work Programme, it is so indicated on the priorities list.

Once a proposal is published, the House will take a final decision on whether to perform a subsidiarity review. Based on this review, the House renders a judgement on whether the European Commission's

subsidiarity arguments are conclusive. A subsidiarity judgement can turn out to be either negative or positive. In case of a negative subsidiarity judgement, the House issues a reasoned opinion in which the House declares that the desired objective can be more effectively achieved at a national level. This reasoned opinion is sent to the European Commission. If at least one third of all national parliaments issue a negative judgement, the European Commission must reconsider the proposal (yellow-card procedure).

If a subsidiarity review is foreseen, the government will present its initial assessment of the proposal to the House within a (shortened) period of three weeks of the publication of the proposal.

