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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	
<b>A New Boost for Jobs, Growth and Investments</b>																			
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																		
<b>A Connected Digital Single Market</b>																			
6	Implementation of the Digital Single Market Strategy																		
<b>A Resilient Energy Union with a Forward-Looking Climate Change Policy</b>																			
7	Energy Union Package																		
<b>A Deeper and Fairer Internal Market with a Strengthened Industrial Base</b>																			
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																		
<b>A deeper and Fairer Economic and Monetary Union</b>																			
14	Pillar of Social Rights																		
15	European Bank Deposit Insurance Scheme / Completion of the Banking Union																		
<b>Trade: A Reasonable and Balanced Free Trade Agreement with the U.S.</b>																			
16	Follow-up to the Trade and Investment Strategy																		
<b>An Area of Justice and Fundamental Rights Based on Mutual Trust</b>																			
17	Implementation of European Agenda on Security																		
<b>Towards a New Policy on Migration</b>																			
18	Better Migration Management																		
19	Border Management Package																		
<b>A Stronger Global Actor</b>																			
20	Post-Cotonou Framework																		
21	Capacity building in the security sector									x									
22	Commission contribution to the Global Strategy																		
<b>A Union of Democratic Change</b>																			
23	Proposal for an Inter-Institutional Agreement on a mandatory Transparency Register																		

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Cyprus  
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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  
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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
<b>A New Boost for Jobs, Growth and Investment</b>												
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										
<b>A Resilient Energy Union with a Forward-Looking Climate Change Policy</b>												
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										
<b>A Deeper and Fairer Internal Market with a Strengthened Industrial Base</b>												
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										
<b>A Deeper and Fairer Economic and Monetary Union</b>												
26	Statistics Package	Fitness check										
<b>An Area of Justice and Fundamental Rights Based on Mutual Trust</b>												
27	Judgments in matrimonial matters and matters of parental responsibility (Brussels IIa)	Cumulative Cost Assessment										

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