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Dear Mr. Timmermans,

On behalf of the Vouli ton Antiprosopon of Cyprus, the Poslanecká Snemovna and Senát of the Czech Republic, the Hrvatski Sabor of Croatia, the Országgyűlés of Hungary, 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 of Romania, the Národná rada of the Slovak Republic and the 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 2015.

All parliamentary chambers mentioned above consider the Digital Single Market Package as a priority. Additionally, the Strategic Framework for the Energy Union, Labour Mobility Package, Trade and Investment Strategy for Jobs and Growth and the European Agenda for Migration are prioritized by almost all chambers. Some chambers set also priorities involving REFIT initiatives, but no common thread can be identified.

As you mentioned during the COSAC meeting in Riga, intensified contacts with national Parliaments are needed. This is very much appreciated. Although national parliaments can set priorities at any time and choose their own way to get in touch with the European Commission, I am convinced that this overview will contribute to closer cooperation.

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 2015

# Priorities National Parliaments Commission Work Programme 2015

## New initiatives

N°/Name of the Commission's initiative	Cyprus Vouli ton Anitprosopon	Czech Republic Poslanecká snemovna	Czech Republic Senát	Croatia Hrvatski Sabor	Hungary Országgyűlés	Italy Senato della Repubblica	Lithuania Seimas	Netherlands Tweede Kamer	Netherlands Eerste Kamer	Poland Senat	Portugal Assembleia de República	Romania Camera Deputaţilor	Slovak Republic Národná rada	United Kingdom House of Lords
<b>A New Boost for Jobs, Growth and Investments</b>														
1 The Investment Plan for Europe							*					*		
2 Promoting integration and employability in the labour market							*					*		
3 Mid-term review of the Europe 2020 strategy							*					*		
<b>A Connected Digital Single Market</b>														
4 Digital Single Market (DSM) Package							*					*		
<b>A Reliant Energy Union with a Forward-Looking Climate Change Policy</b>														
5 Strategic Framework for the Energy Union												*		
6 Communication on the Road to Paris - multilateral response to climate change												*		
<b>A Deeper and Fairer Internal Market with a Strengthened Industrial Base</b>														
7 Internal Market Strategy for goods and services							*					*		
8 Labour Mobility Package							*					*		
9 Capital Markets Union							*					*		
10 Framework for resolution of financial institutions other than banks												*		
11 Aviation Package												*		
<b>A deeper and Fairer Economic and Monetary Union</b>														
12 Deepening Economic and Monetary Union Package							*					*		
13 Proposal for a Directive with a view to providing for compulsory exchange of information in respect of crossborder rulings							*					*		
14 Action Plan on efforts to combat tax evasion and tax fraud, including a Communication on a renewed approach for corporate taxation in the Single Market in the light of global developments							*					*		
<b>Trade: A Reasonable and Balanced Free Trade Agreement with the U.S.</b>														
15 Trade and Investment Strategy for Jobs and Growth												*		
<b>An Area of Justice and Fundamental Rights Based on Mutual Trust</b>														
16 Proposals to complete EU accession to the ECHR							*					*		
17 European Agenda on Security							*					*		
<b>Towards a New Policy on Migration</b>														
18 European Agenda on Migration							*					*		
<b>A Stronger Global Actor</b>														
19 Communication on European Neighbourhood Policy												*		
20 Communication on the post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals												*		
<b>A Union of Democratic Change</b>														
21 Proposal for an inter-institutional agreement on better law-making												*		
22 Proposal for an inter-institutional agreement on a mandatory Transparency Register												*		
23 Review of the GMD decision-making process												*		

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• Subsidiarity check

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**REFIT actions**

N°/Name of REFIT	Type of REFIT	Croatia Hrvatski Sabor	Hungary Országgyűlés	Italy Senato della Repubblica	Lithuania Seimas	Netherlands Tweede Kamer	Netherlands Eerste Kamer	Portugal Assembleia de República	United Kingdom House of Lords
<b>Digital Economy &amp; Society</b>									
14	Study on rules on audiovisual commercial communication for alcoholic beverages								
16	E-Privacy Directive								
18	Telecoms Package								
<b>Employment, Social Affairs, Skills &amp; Labour Mobility</b>									
21	Information and consultation of workers								
23	Integrating Social Statistics								
24	Occupational Health and Safety								
25	Part-Time Work and Fixed Term Work								
<b>Environment, Maritime Affairs &amp; Fisheries</b>									
27	Fishing Authorisation Regulation								
28	Simplification of technical measures for the protection of marine organisms								
30	Common Fisheries Policy								
34	Natura 2000 (Birds and Habitats Directives)								
<b>Health &amp; Food Safety</b>									
43	Food Law								
<b>Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs</b>									
55	Forest-based industries								
57	Late Payment Directive								
<b>Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality</b>									
60	Equal treatment in social security								
62	Legislative framework related to consumer rights and advertising								
<b>Migration, Home Affairs &amp; Citizenship</b>									
63	Council Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing external borders and those whose nationals are exempt from this requirement								
66	Unauthorised entry, transit and residence								
67	FRONTEX including Rapid Border Intervention Teams								
68	Fight against organised crime								
69	Legal migration								
71	Trade diversion of certain key medicines								

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