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Explaining the Commission Work Programme

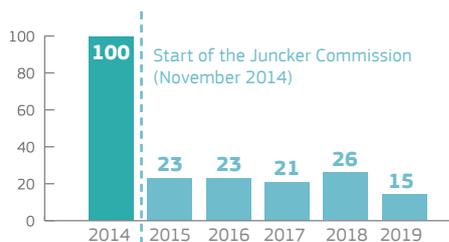
What is the Commission Work Programme?

Every year, the European Commission adopts a Work Programme which sets out its key initiatives for the year ahead. It informs citizens how we will deliver on our political priorities and turn them into concrete action.

The Juncker Commission was elected by the European Parliament on the basis of clear [Political Guidelines](#). The 10 priorities set out in these Guidelines act as the framework for the Commission's annual planning.

Since the start of the Juncker Commission, the annual Work Programmes have been focused on a limited number of key initiatives, where EU added value is clear. With all legislative proposals already tabled to deliver on the ten priorities of the Juncker Commission, the priority for the year ahead will be to turn them into legislation and then to implement them effectively.

PRIORITY INITIATIVES



PROPOSALS FOR WITHDRAWAL



REPEALED LAWS



INITIATIVES FOR REGULATORY SIMPLIFICATION



How is the Work Programme prepared and adopted?



The President of the European Commission delivers his [State of the Union address](#) before the European Parliament, setting out his political priorities for the year ahead.

The President and First Vice-President send a [Letter of Intent](#) to the President of the European Parliament and the Council Presidency, outlining the specific measures the Commission intends to take following the President's speech. The letter kick-starts a dialogue with the Parliament and Council.



The College of Commissioners meets with the Parliament's Conference of Presidents and Conference of Committee Chairs for formal preparatory discussion on the Work Programme. In Council, the Commission participates in the exchange of views on the Letter of Intent that takes place in the General Affairs Council providing input to the Work Programme.

The Commission hears the views of the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions.



The Commission adopts its Work Programme for the year ahead and presents it in the European Parliament and to the other institutional partners.

The Commission Work Programme consists of a political Communication and five annexes



Annex I: New policy and legislative initiatives;



Annex II: REFIT initiatives, to review existing legislation;



Annex III: The priority pending legislative files where we want the co-legislators to take the swiftest action;



Annex IV: intended withdrawals of pending proposals;



Annex V: existing legislation which the Commission intends to repeal.