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The Commission work programme 2027

What is the Commission work programme?

Every year, the Commission adopts its annual work programme setting out the list of the most important new policy and legislative initiatives it will take in the year ahead. The work programme is a key vehicle to deliver on commitments outlined in the Political Guidelines and the mission letters sent by President von der Leyen to each College Member and the ideas set out in the 2026 State of the Union address.

The Union has been facing acute challenges, from a territorial war of aggression in Europe, to global competition for industrial capacities, extreme weather events, a cost of living crisis, rogue artificial intelligence agents or a battle of narratives to paralyse our democracies. The Commission work programme provides the Commission's answer to these challenges, to continue building a stronger and more independent Europe. This year's work programme builds on our past achievements with focused, strategic, and streamlined policies to strengthen Europe's global role and protect its citizens. In addition to deepening the Single Market, this agenda directly tackles competitiveness by delivering on the 'One Europe, One Market' roadmap to eliminate barriers to growth and reduce administrative burden.

Commission work programme – key figures

23 key initiatives, including **10** simplification initiatives

18 Proposals for withdrawal

24 Pending priority proposals

14 Proposals to repeal

New initiatives in the 2027 Commission work programme:

A comprehensive list of all initiatives is provided below. In the list, initiatives with an important simplification potential are presented with a **blue background**.

A new plan for Europe's sustainable prosperity and competitiveness

1.	**Single Market**	**Preventing market segmentation by suppliers** (legislative or non-legislative, Q3 2027)
2.	**Competitiveness**	**Proposal on permitting acceleration** (legislative or non-legislative, Q3 2027)
3.	**Single Market**	**Single market barriers prevention** (legislative or non-legislative, Q3 2027)
4.	**Completing the Banking Union**	**Bank competitiveness and simplification package** (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 114 TFEU, Q1 2027)
5.	**Diversification on critical raw materials**	**European Corporation on Critical Raw Materials** (legislative or non-legislative)
6.	**Digital**	**Digital transformation package, simplification and copyright** (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Articles 53, 62, 114, 173 (3) TFEU, Q2 2027)
7.	**Simplification of regulatory environment in transport**	**Transport simplification package** (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 91 TFEU, Q1 2027)
8.	**Simplification of regulatory environment in transport**	**RefuelEU Aviation** (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 100 (2) TFEU, Q2 2027)
9.	**Energy**	**Post-2030 framework and simplification package** (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 194 TFEU, Q1 2027)

A new era for European Defence and Security

10.	**Migration**	**Update of visa rules** (legislative, Article 77(2) TFEU, Q1 2027)
11.	**Internal security**	**International data exchange for police cooperation (Prüm international)** (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Articles 87(2)(a), 88(2) TFEU, Q2 2027)

Supporting people, strengthening our societies and our social model

12.	**Housing**	**Housing simplification package** (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Q2 2027)
13.	**Fairness in care**	**European care deal** (non-legislative, Q2 2027)
14.	**Higher education**	European Universities alliances 2.0 • **A legal status for European Universities alliances (amendment of the European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation Regulation)** (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 175 TFEU, Q4 2027) • **European Universities alliances: driving innovation and boosting Europe's competitiveness** (non-legislative, Q4 2027)
15.	**Skills**	**Skills guarantee** (non-legislative, Q3 2027)
16.	**Cohesion**	**Right to stay** (non-legislative, Q1 2027)

Sustaining our quality of life: food security, water and nature

17.	Competitiveness and decarbonisation	**Review of the heavy-duty vehicles CO_2 standards** (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 192(1) TFEU, Q3 2027)
18.	Water	**European water initiative** (legislative or non-legislative, Q2 2027)
19.	Climate adaptation	**European heatwave plan** (non-legislative, Q2 2027)
20.	Nature	**Review of nature protection directives including Birds, Habitats, Natura 2000** (legislative/non-legislative, Q3 2027)

Protecting our democracy, upholding our values

21.	Equality	**Commission Recommendation on banning conversion practices** (non-legislative, Q2 2027)
22.	Safety in politics	**Commission Recommendation on safety in politics** (non-legislative, Q1 2027)
23.	Transparency in politics	**Review of the political advertising Regulation** (legislative or non-legislative)

The Commission work programme structure



Annex I:
New initiatives

This annex lists the flagship initiatives the Commission intends to adopt in 2027 to deliver on its priorities. It also includes omnibus packages and simplification proposals as well as other initiatives that will simplify legislation to streamline permit granting, authorisations and reporting requirements.



Annex II:
List of pending priority proposals



Annex III:
List of withdrawals



Annex IV:
List of envisaged repeals

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