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Annex I – Forthcoming initiatives¹

Forthcoming initiatives 2012

* indicates that the Commission commits to deliver this initiative in the course of 2012

Nr	Title	Type of initiative	Description of scope of objectives
1.	Annual Growth Survey 2013*	Non-legislative	The Commission will present an Annual Growth Survey accompanied by a Communication which will be the main input for discussions at the Spring European Council. The survey will include both a review, reporting on progress, and a forward-looking part proposing strategic policy guidance horizontally across Member States. (4th quarter 2012)
Agriculture			
2.	Promotion and information for agricultural products	Legislative	Recast and simplify the legislation on promotion and information to propose measures with higher EU added value and designed to address the needs of the different markets (e.g.: need of more information on internal market or need to facilitate access to external markets). This proposal will be a follow-up to the Communication on promotion and information for agricultural products.
3.	Smooth phasing out the milk quota system	Non-legislative	Article 184(6) of Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 provides for the Commission to present a report before 31 .12.2012 regarding the evolution of the market situation and the consequent conditions for smoothly phasing out the milk quota system.
Climate Action			
4.	CO2 from cars and vans 2020 targets*	Legislative	The Regulations (EC No 443/2009 and EU No 510/2011) need to be reviewed to look at the 2020 targets with the aim of assessing the feasibility of the 2020 target for vans and how to reach the 2020 targets for cars and vans. (4th quarter 2012)

¹ Roadmaps on the individual initiatives can be found at: http://ec.europa.eu/governance/impact/planned_ia/roadmaps_2012_en.htm

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5.	Including maritime transport emissions in the EU's greenhouse gas reduction commitment	Legislative	According to the EU's climate and energy legislation, measures should be taken to include maritime transport emissions in the EU's greenhouse gas reduction commitment if these emissions are not included in an international agreement's reduction targets by 2011.
6.	Fluorinated greenhouse gases reduction	Legislative	The aim is to ensure cost-efficient reductions of greenhouse emissions from fluorinated gases in the context of the overall EU objective to cut emissions by 80-95% by 2050. The proposal is a follow-up to an evaluation report mandated by the Regulation (EC) No 842/2006.
Competition			
7.	Actions for damages for breaches of antitrust law	Legislative	The objective of this legislative initiative would be to ensure effective damages actions before national courts for breaches of EU antitrust rules and to clarify the interrelation of such private actions with public enforcement by the Commission and the national competition authorities, notably as regards the protection of leniency programmes, in order to preserve the central role of public enforcement in the EU. The right of victims of antitrust infringements to such damages has already been established by the Court.
8.	Review of the Reference rate Communication	Non-legislative	Revision following market developments.
9.	Review of the Guarantees Notice	Non-legislative	Revision following market developments.
10.	Review of the State aid guidelines for broadband networks	Non-legislative	The current Guidelines are to be reviewed by 30.09.2012 at the latest.
11.	Council regulation on Strategic initiative in the field of substantive State aid rules	Legislative	Modification of Council Enabling Regulation 994/98 to allow for the enlargement of the scope of the General Block Exemption Regulation (GBER) in 2013.
12.	Review of the State aid rescue and restructuring guidelines	Non-legislative	The current Rescue and Restructuring Guidelines are applicable until October 2012. Although the financial crisis led to a prolongation of the current R&R guidelines, preparatory work for their revision had already started in 2007.
13.	Review of the cinema Communication	Non-legislative	The current Communication is applicable until 31.12.2012 at the latest.
14.	Revision of the Communication on short term export credit insurance	Non-legislative	The current Communication is applicable until 31.12.2012 at the latest.

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15.	Revision of guidelines on national regional aid	Non-legislative	The Current Guidelines are in force until 31.12.2013. The revision will cover rules on demarcation of regions, aid intensities allowed and large investment projects. This project will be coordinated with proposals for the future Multiannual Financial Framework post 2013, specifically proposals for Structural Funds.
Consumer, Industry and Entrepreneurship			
16.	Product safety package: (1) General Product Safety*	Legislative	The revision of the General Product Safety Directive (GPSD, 2011/95/EC) aims to strengthen confidence of consumers and businesses in the internal market of safe products by providing businesses with clearer rules, lower compliance costs, and more generally a genuinely level-playing field for legitimate businesses. It will enable Member States' authorities to better coordinate and prioritize their enforcement actions and provides consumers a more homogeneous internal market of safe goods and better protection of health and safety. (4th quarter 2012)
	(2) New horizontal single legislative instrument for market surveillance	Legislative	The overall objective is to safeguard to a high degree various public interests which may be affected while securing the free movement of goods within the EU. These include ensuring the health and safety of all users of products, protecting the environment and promoting energy efficiency. This requires all necessary mechanisms to be put in place to enable the effective and uniform implementation and enforcement of the EU market surveillance framework.
	(3) Multi-annual action plan for market surveillance	Non -legislative	The aim of the multi-annual plan is to address the current challenges faced by market surveillance in the EU. It will explore appropriate coordination mechanisms, means, actions and ways to enhance the implementation and enforcement of the EU market surveillance framework in order to reduce the number of unsafe and non-compliant products on the market. The goal is to protect citizens, while maintaining the high level of safety required by the sectoral legislation.
Consumer and Justice			
17.	European Consumer Agenda*	Legislative/Non-legislative	This Agenda will set out a strategic vision for consumer policy based on the principle of empowerment through safety, information and education, rights, redress and access to justice, and enforcement, in line with the principles of the social market economy. This Agenda will cover all consumer-related initiatives presented by this Commission. (2nd quarter 2012)

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Development			
18.	Overseas Association Decision	Legislative	Council Decision 2001/822/EC of 27.11.2001 on the association of the Overseas Countries and Territories with the EC expires on 31.12. 2013 and will need to be replaced by a new Decision.
19.	Social Protection in development policy	Non-legislative	The combined effects of the global financial and economic crisis and the persistence of non-inclusive growth have heightened awareness of the need for development policy to include social protection. Social Protection is essential to inclusive growth and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals. This Communication will aim at developing a comprehensive policy framework to support effective social protection systems in partner countries.
20.	Communication on Civil Society and Local Authorities	Non-legislative	The Communication will be built primarily upon the results of the "Structured Dialogue for an effective partnership in development". The consultation was an opportunity for dialogue with a broad variety of traditional and emerging development actors. The objective is to create an updated framework of reference for EU support to Civil Society and Local Authorities in development. The policy Communication will define the nature of the partnership between these development actors and the EU in light of the EU's new strategy.
Digital Agenda			
21.	Pan European framework for electronic identification, authentication and signature*	Legislative	The proposal will present legislation to boost trust and facilitate electronic transactions notably by ensuring the mutual recognition of electronic identification and authentication across the EU, and of Electronic Signatures. (2nd quarter 2012)
22.	Shared use of spectrum	Non-legislative	The Communication will describe the shared spectrum management model and its role in the balance of various models. It will give an overview of the current use of shared use of spectrum, the similarities and differences to other management approaches, the advantages and benefits of the model as well as the challenges which need to be addressed.
23.	European Strategy for Internet Security	Legislative/Non-legislative	The initiative will aim to: describe the main risks and challenges as well as the economic and geopolitical opportunities; compare with "preparedness" or political attention given to the topic in other third countries; describe the major issues at stake or problems to be addressed; assess the ongoing or planned actions where and when they exist, but also highlight the areas where more EU action.

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24.	Spectrum for more efficient energy production and distribution	Non-legislative	Smart energy grids and smart metering systems are potentially an area where an EU wide harmonisation of spectrum use could bring essential benefits to European consumers. The initiative considers an EU wide spectrum harmonisation for smart energy grids and smart metering on the basis of studies to deepen the knowledge in this field to determine what measures should be taken to satisfy the demands, and whether dedicated spectrum would be necessary or if sharing spectrum would be sufficient.
25.	Digital Agenda for Europe – Next steps	Non-legislative	Following the second Digital Agenda Assembly and the 2012 Scoreboard, the mid-term review should look at strategic priorities for the remaining two years of the Digital Agenda for Europe lifecycle.
Economic and Monetary Affairs			
26.	Public Finances in EMU 2012	Non-legislative	The Communication on Public Finances in EMU-2012 distils the policy implications/challenges of the annual Public Finance Report (PFR). The PFR reviews fiscal developments in the EU Member States and discusses topical issues in the field of fiscal policy making and fiscal surveillance in the EU.
Education, Culture and Youth			
27.	Rethinking skills in the context of Europe 2020	Non-legislative	The Communication will provide policy recommendations for Member States in the areas of basic skills, entrepreneurship, digital e-literacy, media literacy and multilingualism to achieve the EU benchmark to increase performance in reading, mathematics and science. It will promote employability, competitiveness and intercultural dialogue in fostering transversal key competences in lifelong learning policies.
Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion			
28.	Employment package: (1) Towards a jobs-rich recovery	Non-legislative	Umbrella communication of the Employment package setting out the Commission contribution to a growth- and job-rich economy, building on the flagship initiatives adopted as part of Europe 2020 (and in particular "An agenda for new skills and jobs" and "Youth on the Move") and linking in with the orientations of the 2012 Annual Growth Survey.
	(2) Specific Flexicurity package	Non-legislative	The Communication will highlight the key role of flexicurity policies in the current economic climate. It will set out concrete proposals to strengthen the different components of flexicurity to address the economic challenges that Europe is facing, with a view to reducing labour market segmentation and supporting labour market transitions.

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	(3) Reforming the European Employment Services EURES and its legal basis	Legislative/Non-legislative	The proposal will aim to: 1) improve access to employment opportunities and facilitate job creation by establishing EURES as matching placement and recruitment tool for labour mobility across Europe; 2) expand EURES to support the new "Your First EURES Job" scheme; 3) reflect the ECJ jurisprudence on placement services which will need to be opened up to private employment services while widening the range of EURES partners. This may involve revision of Regulation 1612/1968.
29.	Green Paper on Restructuring and Economic Adjustment	Non-legislative	The Green Paper will identify successful practices and policies in the field of restructuring and adaptation to change in order to promote employment, growth and competitiveness. It takes into account recent work by the European Commission, the social partners, Member States and many other stakeholders. The goal is to look afresh at this policy debate in the light of the lessons learned from the economic downturn.
30.	Health and safety	Non-legislative	The Communication will build on the current strategy and build on the final evaluation of the current strategy, in particular in terms of a) enhancing occupational health and safety (OSH) governance at EU level, in particular as regards the establishment of national OSH strategies and the coordination of Member States' policies b) improving implementation of the EU legal framework c) promoting health and safety at the workplace, by supporting the Member States' efforts through European campaigns and awareness raising initiatives.
31.	Include seafaring workers of vessels in the scope of several labour law EU Directives	Legislative	The proposal aims to provide seafarers with the same or equivalent level of employment rights as on-shore workers. Several Directives in the field of labour law currently exclude seafarers from their scope. The amendments, which cover several Directives, will aim at ensuring an equivalent level of protection while taking into account the particular circumstances and the economic environment of this sector.
32.	Protection of supplementary pension rights of people who change jobs	Legislative	The aim is to conclude the negotiations on the 2005 Commission proposal modified in 2007. In particular, the proposal would aim to address the issue of vesting periods (duration of employment before pension rights are irrevocably granted).
33.	Setting up the Tripartite Social Summit	Legislative	This initiative aims at revising the Council Decision 2003/174/EC in the light of the Lisbon Treaty and the Europe 2020 Strategy.

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34.	Freedom of movement for workers within the Union	Legislative/Non-legislative	This initiative is aimed at improving the enforceability of Council Regulation 1612/1968 (as codified by Regulation 492/2011) on freedom of movement for workers within the Union. It will remove existing barriers to mobility of EU workers by enhancing the enforcement of rights conferred by EU law and providing information and legal support to migrants facing discrimination based on nationality.
35.	Child poverty (<i>soft law</i>)	Legislative	A Recommendation will support the EU and Member States' efforts to tackle child poverty. It will set out common principles for effective policy intervention in the following key areas: support to families (access to labour market for parents, income support), services (childcare, education, healthcare, housing, social services), participation in society.
Energy			
36.	Nuclear safety*	Legislative	As requested by the European Council and following a thorough review of existing rules with all stakeholders, proposal will be made in order to improve the regulatory framework on nuclear safety. (3rd quarter 2012)
37.	Renewable energy strategy (RES)	Non-legislative	This initiative will build on the Energy Roadmap 2050 and present policy measures to accelerate the development of renewable energy. It would be integrated with electricity market design discussion and ongoing infrastructure policy, including external policy aspects.
38.	Internal energy market	Non-legislative	This initiative will consider the state of play of the process towards the completion of the internal energy market by 2014 and encourage Member States to step up efforts by underlining benefits of the IEM for the citizens and business, identifying a possible need for further action in order to ensure that this objective is realised.
39.	Carbon capture and storage (CCS)	Non-legislative	Analysis of the current status shows that the CCS demonstration program has been delayed despite considerable efforts. The policy document will analyse possible pathways to phase out unabated fossil fuel plants.
Enlargement, Development and Neighbourhood Policies			
40.	Annual Enlargement Package 2012	Non-legislative	The Commission has been invited by the Council to regularly report on the candidate countries and potential candidates. The Commission Strategy Paper allows the European Council to define main strategic orientations on enlargement at the end of each year. The Enlargement Package will also include monitoring of Croatia in advance of its accession.

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41.	Supporting sustainable change in transition societies	<i>Non-legislative</i>	Building on experience gained in the enlargement process, this Communication will look at how the EU can help to create the conditions for sustainable stability in societies that have undergone major economical, social and political reforms. The focus will be on neighbourhood countries and other relevant developing countries and in particular on issues linked to the development of an inclusive political process, a vibrant civil society and strengthening of all political actors, as well as economic policies needed for sustainable growth including employment.
42.	European Neighbourhood Policy Package and the Eastern Partnership	Non- legislative	The High Representative and the Commission have been invited by the Council to report in 2012 on the implementation of the proposals set out in the European Neighbourhood Policy review communication of 25.05.2011. The ENP package will include: a Communication setting out the main developments and the strategic orientations for the following year; a separate Communication setting out a Roadmap for the Eastern Partnership; and a number of annexes, including country reports on those partners that have agreed an ENP Action Plan.
Environment			
43.	Safeguarding Europe's Water Resources*	Legislative/Non-legislative	To assess the implementation and achievements of current freshwater policy, to identify gaps and shortcomings, and to ensure that water policy makes a good contribution to achieving the objectives of the Roadmap to a Resource Efficient Europe. (4th quarter 2012)
44.	Nagoya Protocol on Biodiversity: (international regime on access to genetic resources and benefit-sharing - ABS): Implementing the ABS protocol	Legislative/Non-legislative	These initiatives are part of the preparatory process leading to the signature and ratification by the EU of an international Treaty on access to genetic resources and benefit-sharing. Signature and ratification of the ABS Protocol will be accompanied by a Communication on how the Commission would seek to implement the ABS Protocol within the Union through legislative and other measures.
45.	Review of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Directive	Legislative	The global objective of the review is to improve environmental protection at national level by ensuring a more consistent and effective application of the principles of environmental assessment and ensure consistency with the relevant international obligations.
46.	Invasive alien species (IAS)	Legislative	The new dedicated legislative instrument should address the policy gap on invasive alien species and ensure that there is a comprehensive EU framework to effectively tackle the problem. The main objective is to minimise the negative impact of IAS on EU biodiversity.
47.	7th Environmental Action Programme	Legislative/Non-legislative	This initiative aims to set priorities within the context of the EU 2020 Strategy in the face of the increasingly systemic nature of the environmental challenge, and to address the continuing environmental degradation as set out in the European Environment Agency 2010 and the SOER (European environment – state and outlook) reports.

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48.	Strategy on endocrine disruptors	Non-legislative	To provide an adequate policy framework to ensure that within the EU humans and the environment can enjoy a satisfactorily high level of protection from the risks associated with endocrine disruptors (exogenous substances or mixture that alters function(s) of the endocrine system and consequently causes adverse health effects).
Environment and Industry			
49.	Review of REACH	Non-legislative	The review will reach conclusions a) on the Member States' experience, information on the operation of the REACH Regulation, the status of implementation and use of non-animal test methods and testing strategies, and funding for the development and evaluation of alternative test methods, b) the lessons learnt with a special attention to the costs and administrative burden and other impacts on innovation. It will include a review of the scope and potential overlaps with other EU legislation on chemicals as well as a review of the European Chemicals Agency.
European Statistics			
50.	European statistics on demography	Legislative	The purpose of this proposal for a Regulation is to establish a common framework for the development, production and dissemination of European statistics on population, vital events and net migration.
Foreign Policy Instruments			
51.	Regulating trade in certain goods which could be used for capital punishment, torture or certain cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment	Legislative	This initiative proposes to amend Regulation 1236/2005 further to a review in response to Member States', the EP's and NGOs' requests.
Health and Consumer			
52.	Revision of the Tobacco Products Directive concerning the manufacture, presentation and sale	Legislative	Recent developments in tobacco products will be addressed by an update of the Directive (2001/37/EC), to cover Internal Market issues and look at new products and labelling.

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53.	Package on innovation in health: (1) Promotion of innovation in medical devices for the benefit of patients, consumers and healthcare professionals	Non-legislative	The Communication explains the need for further improving the regulatory environment to foster innovation in medical devices in the light of new developments (such as ageing, ICT etc.). It would also respond to relevant recent Council conclusions.
	(2) Medical devices	Legislative	The aim of the proposal is to ensure that the regulatory framework continues to promote innovation in the sector while guaranteeing patient safety. The regulatory framework will be adapted to technical and scientific progress, include clearer and simpler rules and provide for the necessary instruments for management at EU level. This has become a necessity due to the increasing demand in the market for drug-device combination products. The objectives are to enhance the level of health protection for all European patients and users, reinforce Europe's position in the forefront of innovation in the field and to achieve a smoother functioning of the internal market and international trade.
	(3) In vitro diagnostic medical devices	Legislative	See above.
54.	Clinical trials to foster clinical research and innovation in the pharmaceutical sector	Legislative	The objective of the proposal for a revision on the Directive on clinical trials (2001/20/EC) is to strengthen knowledge and innovation in clinical research. Issues likely to be addressed are: reduction of administrative delays, overcoming divergent decisions throughout the EU and streamlining of reporting procedures.
55.	Animal and plant health package: (1) Reinforcing the food chain – a modernized and simpler legal framework	Non-legislative	The Communication highlights the main elements of the new package of legislation on animal health, plant health and plant reproductive material and controls related to these sectors, intended to modernise, simplify and streamline rules to better achieve the objectives of the legislation and reinforce innovation and competitiveness of the relevant economic sectors.
	(2) Animal Health Law	Legislative	The proposal aims to provide a more risk-based approach to animal health requirements and removal of administrative burdens in animal movements, a simpler and more flexible regulatory structure for animal health in the EU, and better safety with more focus on disease prevention resulting in fewer economic losses due to disease outbreaks.

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	(3) Official controls along the food chain	Legislative	The aim of the proposal for a revision of Regulation 882/2004 is to simplify and streamline the existing legal framework, in order to improve the efficiency of official controls performed by the Member States along the food chain while minimizing burden for operators. A more efficient use of control resources will contribute to preventing crisis, whilst limiting the costs thereof for compliant economic operators and ensuring a level-playing field. Directives 96/23/EC, 97/78/EC and 91/496/EEC are also concerned.
	(4) EU Plant Health Law	Legislative	The proposal aims at simplifying, streamlining and increasing transparency and cost effectiveness. The plant passports for internal movements of plants will be simplified, creating a more transparent and stable system for the growers. Better import control will reinforce the protection against the entry of new pests and diseases from third countries, which resulted in the past in additional burden for pest control by EU growers or damage to the natural environment.
	(5) Marketing of seed and propagating materials to foster innovation in seeds	Legislative	The initiative aims to foster innovation and seeks to reduce overall administrative burden and introduce flexibility within the regulatory framework with a view to globalisation, specialisation and development of new uses of agricultural commodities, together with changes in the societal expectations on the interplay of agriculture and the natural environment. It will modernise and simplify the legislation by replacing 12 Directives on seed and plant propagating material with one single act.
56.	Fees and efficiency of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)	Legislative	The Regulation 178/2002 will be revised in order to improve EFSA's efficiency and efficacy. This may include the possibility to establish fees for processing authorisation dossiers submitted by industry (for services not considered as of public interest).
Home Affairs			
57.	Next Generation of Border Checks: (1) Entry/Exit System (EES)*	Legislative	To define the purpose, the functionalities and responsibilities of the EES, and to establish the conditions and procedures for the register, storage and consultation of entry/exit data of third country nationals crossing the EU external borders. (2nd quarter 2012)
	(2) Registered Traveller Programme (RTP)*	Legislative	To define the purpose, the functionalities and responsibilities of the RTP and a Registered Traveller System (RTS), to give to the Commission and the Agency for the management of large-scale IT systems the mandate to set up and maintain the RTP and the RTS and to establish the procedures and conditions for examining a RTP application and the exchange of data between Member States on Registered Travellers. (2nd quarter 2012)

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	(3) Amendment to the Schengen Borders Code*	Legislative	To amend the Schengen Border Code to be aligned with the Registered Traveller Programme Regulation and the Entry/Exit System Regulation. (2nd quarter 2012)
58.	Development of a policy on a European Training Scheme for law enforcement officials	Non-legislative	The purpose of furthering EU police training is to foster a genuine European law enforcement culture by means of offering European Training Schemes to all involved.
59.	Framework of administrative measures such as the freezing of funds of persons suspected of terrorist activities inside the EU (art.75)	Legislative	To establish a framework for administrative measures with regard to capital movements and payments, such as for the freezing of funds, financial assets or economic gains belonging to, or owned or held by, natural or legal persons, groups and non-State entities related to terrorist activities inside the EU. This framework would serve as a basis on which the Council could take decisions, upon proposal by the Commission.
60.	Fighting European Cybercrime	Non-legislative	This initiative aims to increase EU capacity to fight against cybercrime. It will update Union citizens, Member States and the European Parliament on the prerequisites needed to ensure an effective response to cybercrime.
61.	EU Strategy against trafficking in human beings	Non-legislative	The overarching objective of this initiative is to formulate a comprehensive policy framework, through which the main goals of significantly preventing and reducing the phenomenon trafficking in human beings, of prosecuting criminals and of better protecting victims will be pursued.
62.	Legal and technical framework for a European Terrorist Finance Tracking System (TFTS)	Legislative	The initiative will provide for a novel European approach to combat terrorism and its financing through centralised collection and analysis of financial messaging data, and to create the possibility to provide more targeted data to US authorities under the EU-US TFTP Agreement.
63.	Revising the EU framework for data retention	Legislative	This review is a result of the evaluation of the Data Retention Directive. It will ensure that appropriate authorities have swift access to the telecommunications information which is strictly necessary for combating crime; will provide appropriate limitations on data retention and safeguards against unnecessary infringements of right to privacy and the protection of personal data, will remove unnecessary obstacles to the smooth functioning of the internal market and ensure consistent reimbursement of the telecommunications industry across the EU of the costs of applying data retention.
64.	Establishing the European Police Office – EUROPOL	Legislative	Article 88 of the TFEU provides for a new legal basis for Europol.

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65.	EU critical infrastructures package: (1) Review of the European Programme on Critical Infrastructure (EPCIP), and proposal to establish an updated Programme	Legislative/Non-legislative	The EPCIP was first proposed by the Commission in its communication on this topic of 2006. The EPCIP is subject to an ongoing review, which will lead to the presentation of an updated EPCIP.
	(2) Identification and designation of European critical infrastructures	Legislative	Amendment of Directive 2008/114 on the identification and designation of European critical infrastructures and the assessment of the need to improve their protection.
66.	Draft negotiating Directives for visa facilitation and readmission agreements with some South Mediterranean Countries, in the framework of the dialogue for migration, mobility and security to be established with those countries	Legislative	This initiative will support and encourage reforms that the partner countries may engage in, giving their citizens a possibility of enhanced mobility towards the EU Member States, whilst addressing the root causes of migratory flows.
67.	Admission of third country nationals for the purposes of scientific research, studies, pupil exchange, unremunerated training or voluntary service	Legislative	This initiative aims to increase the attractiveness of the EU as a whole as a centre for research, studies, pupil exchanges, training and voluntary service. It will aim at further facilitating scientific, educational, training and cultural exchanges with third-country nationals and making the conditions of their entry, residence and intra-EU mobility more transparent and effective. This initiative will amend Council Directives 2004/114/EC and 2005/71/EC.
Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Response			
68.	Setting-up of the European Voluntary Humanitarian Aid Corps (EVHAC)	Legislative	The objective is to establish a framework for joint contributions from young Europeans to the humanitarian aid operations of the Union. Preparatory actions from 2011 onwards will help identify possible options.
Industry and Entrepreneurship			
69.	Registration of motor vehicles previously registered in another Member State	Legislative	The main policy objective is to improve the functioning of the internal market through the elimination of barriers to the free movement of goods, services and workers, caused by the different administrative formalities and requirements for the registration of motor vehicles previously registered in another Member State.

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70.	Industrial Policy for the security industry	Non-legislative	Establishing a strong internal market for security by: overcoming the market fragmentation, strengthening of the industrial basis, enhancing the competitiveness of the EU security industry in the world. These divergent approaches in Member States have led to the creation of different security markets.
71.	Conclusions of the CARS 21 High Level Group	Non-legislative	To assess the policy recommendations made by the CARS 21 High Level Group in their Final Report and announce how the Commission intends to react on these.
72.	Update and review of progress on the integrated industrial policy for the globalization era	Non-legislative	The Commission will review the implementation of the Europe 2020 flagship on industrial policy and update key initiatives to ensure a timely transition to a more sustainable, inclusive and resource-efficient economy and a vibrant industrial base. The mid-term update will take account of the economic recovery, emerging challenges and the MFF.
73.	Industrial policy for the space industry	Non-legislative	Considering the strategic importance of the space industry, its dependence on public funding (both for R&D and sales) and the increasing global competition on the commercial market, the Communication sets out actions to improve the framework conditions for Europe's space industry with a view to strengthening the industry's competitiveness and contribute to a balanced involvement of capacities in Europe.
74.	Key Enabling Technologies(KET)	Non-legislative	In response to the recommendation of the High Level Group, this initiative will propose a coordinated framework for KETs to ensure continuity across Research & Development & Innovation, including technology transfer for deployment and fostering globally competitive eco-systems.
75.	European label in tourism sector	Legislative	A European label would seek to enhance the competitiveness and sustainability of European tourism by bringing transparency and consistency into the quality evaluation of tourism services, to gain consumer confidence and recognise high-quality tourism.
Institutional Affairs			
76.	Political parties at European level and the rules regarding their funding	Legislative	The objective of the revision of Regulation 2004/2003 is to create a European legal status for political parties at European level.

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77.	Towards a proposal on the Solidarity Clause	Non-legislative	This initiative will follow up on the provision for a "Solidarity Clause" (Article 222(3)) establishing that the Union and its Member States shall act jointly in a spirit of solidarity if a Member State is the object of a terrorist attack or the victim of a natural or man-made disaster. The TFEU provides for a joint proposal by the Commission and the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy.
Internal Market and Services			
78.	Protection of investors: Amendment of the UCITS Directive as regards rules on UCITS depository functions, on manager remuneration policy, and on administrative sanctions.*	Legislative	The aim is to amend the UCITS Directive (Undertakings in collective investments in transferable securities – 'UCITS V' 2009/65/EC) to (i) create a regulatory regime with robust investor protection, (ii) further strengthen the EU internal market efficiency in the investment fund sector and (iii) ensure that the UCITS legislative framework does not impair financial stability on the market. More concretely, on the operational level, it will aim at providing appropriate solutions for UCITS depositories as well as for UCITS remuneration policy. (2nd quarter 2012)
79.	Shadow banking	Non-legislative	A communication will be adopted in the second half of the year to complement and implement the G20 workstream.
80.	Protection of investors: PRIPs (pre-contractual disclosures of complex investment products)*	Legislative	The purpose of this instrument is to ensure a high and consistent level of investor protection embodied in Community law, with a level playing field for the originators and distributors of retail investment products and increased efficiency in cross-border business. (1st quarter 2012)
81.	Follow-up to the Performance Check for services: Deepening the single market for services*	Non -legislative	Following the carrying out of "performance checks" and other various strands of work (i.e. the assessment on reserved activities, requirement as regards capital ownership and legal form and insurance obligations), this initiative aims at identifying and proposing the measures/actions that are necessary to remove remaining obstacles to the functioning of the Single Market for Services. (2nd quarter 2012)
82.	Collective rights management: Music rights – music online*	Legislative	The proposed instrument will have a double focus: first, a general level of governance and transparency to apply to all collecting societies; and second, specific rules aimed at licensing of online music in order to foster the digital single market and provide more cross-border services to customers across the EU. (1st quarter 2012)
83.	Single market and pension funds: Institutions for Occupational Retirement Provision (IORP)*	Legislative	The aim of the review of the Directive concerning Institutions for Occupational Retirement Provision (IORP) is to maintain a level playing field with Solvency II and promote more cross-border activity in this field. This will help address the challenges of demographic ageing and public debt. (3rd quarter 2012)

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84.	Revision of the Insurance Mediation Directive (IMD)	Legislative	The aim of the revision is to improve harmonisation, legal certainty, and precision in definitions and at the same time avoidance of existing difficulties in the application of the current IMD at national level.
85.	Revision of the Community Trade Mark Regulation and of the Directive approximating national trade mark laws	Legislative	The aim is to upgrade, streamline and modernise both the EU Regulation and Directive, where appropriate, and to establish an enhanced cooperation between the Office for Harmonization for the Internal Market (OHIM) and National Trade Mark Offices with the purpose of making the trade mark system in Europe, as a whole, more effective, efficient and consistent.
86.	Initiative on disclosure of non-financial information by companies	Legislative/Non-legislative	The proposal aims at improving transparency of non-financial information by companies, while avoiding unduly increasing the administrative burden.
87.	On-line gambling in the Internal Market	Non-legislative	The Communication is a follow-up to the Green paper on on-line gambling, providing a substantial evaluation of the responses to the consultation, and subsequently identifying 1) key challenges for the co-existence of national regulatory models within the Internal Market and 2) initiatives to be taken at national and EU level.
88.	Enforcement of intellectual property rights	Legislative	The main objective would be to adapt the Directive (2004/48/EC) to today's challenges in order to make sure that intellectual property rights can be protected effectively and uniformly in the EU, in particular in a digital environment. Several provisions of the Directive should be clarified in order to achieve consistent interpretation and enforcement.
89.	Securities Law Directive	Legislative	The main objective of the measure is to reduce the divergence between national substantive laws on book-entry securities and therefore to make a substantive contribution to the simplification of financial markets operations and to their legal safety.
90.	Close-out netting	Legislative	Close-out netting is an important risk mitigation tool to reduce counterparty credit risk because it gives priority over unsecured creditors to the non-defaulting counterparty in case of insolvency. The objective is to increase legal certainty and safety of bi- and multilateral netting agreements, but also, as part of an EU framework for crisis management in the financial sector (see COM (2010) 579), to empower national authorities to impose a temporary stay on the rights to close-out netting.
91.	Initiative on notice and takedown procedures		The main policy objectives are: contribute to a good functioning of Digital Single Market, contribute to combating illegality on the internet, ensure the transparency, effectiveness, proportionality and compliance with fundamental rights of notice and takedown procedures, ensure a balanced and workable approach towards NTD procedures, with focus on fundamental rights and the impact for innovation, growth.

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92.	Insurance Guarantee Schemes	Legislative	The aim is to ensure that IGS exist in all Member States and that they comply with a minimum set of design features.
93.	Third Anti Money Laundering Directive	Legislative	Revision of international standards is underway and scheduled for completion by February 2012. COM's own review has also begun and a report is planned in early 2012. It will be necessary to rapidly implement international standards once adopted into EU legislation.
94.	Amending the Financial Conglomerates Directive (FICOD II) (2002/87/EC)	Legislative	Following the Financial Stability Board's (G20) decision of January 2010 to explore regulating the parent entities of financial conglomerates, the Commission commits to agreements and recommendations at the G20 level to enforce supervisors' grip on the parents of complex financial groups, today mostly non-regulated holding companies. The effectiveness of CRD and Solvency 2, as well as related regulations in the financial sector such as those for UCITS and AIFM, and most importantly the crisis management framework, could be much stronger if the parent entity would explicitly be held responsible and accountable for meeting all requirements in a consistent manner at a conglomerate wide level and across the mass of regulated entities in the group.
Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship			
95.	Advancing Roma integration – First report of the European Commission	Non-legislative	The first annual report will assess the national Roma integration strategies that Member States must submit to the Commission by 31.12.2011.
96.	Special Safeguards in criminal procedures for Suspected or Accused Persons who are vulnerable	Legislative	This initiative aims at ensuring that special attention is shown in criminal procedures throughout the EU to suspected or accused persons who cannot understand or follow the content or the meaning of the proceedings, owing, for example, to their age, mental or physical condition.
97.	Minimum provisions on the constituent elements of criminal acts and penalties in the field of illicit drug trafficking	Legislative	To enable Member States to tackle illicit drug trafficking more efficiently and foster a common EU approach to drug trafficking through approximation of offences and sanctions, addressing shortcomings identified during the assessment carried out in 2009 of Framework Decision 2004/757/JHA, and replacing this instrument.
98.	Information exchange, risk-assessment and control of new psychoactive substances	Legislative	The objective of the proposal to amend Council Decision 2005/387/JHA of 10 May 2005 is to improve the assessment process and some of the procedural steps, taking into account the experiences gathered and limitations encountered with this legislative instrument in the past three years.

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99.	European Accessibility Act: improving accessibility of goods and services in the Internal Market	Legislative	Proposal for a Directive to improve the market of goods and services that are accessible for persons with disabilities and elderly persons, based on a “design for all” approach. This business friendly initiative will include binding measures to promote procurement and harmonisation of accessibility standards.
100.	Improving the gender balance in the boards of companies listed on stock exchanges (<i>soft law</i>)	Legislative	Following the gender equality strategy, a Recommendation would aim to improve gender balance in company boards. As well as being a fundamental right, gender equality is crucial for the EU’s growth and competitiveness.
101.	Package Travel, Package Holidays and Package Tours	Legislative	The aim of the proposal is to revise the Council Directive 90/314/EEC and modernise the current rules for the protection of consumers buying package travel, notably over internet, and facilitate the purchase of package travel from other Member States.
102.	Reforming Eurojust's structure	Legislative	This initiative aims at developing and reinforcing Eurojust's functioning and determining arrangements for involving the European Parliament and national Parliaments in the evaluation of Eurojust's activities.
103.	Compensation of crime victims	Legislative	The Commission's proposal for the revision of Directive 2004/80 will ensure that victims of crime receive fair and appropriate compensation in all Member States, thereby helping to promote mutual trust between Member States. The proposal will be based on a comprehensive study on all aspects of compensation to identify existing obstacles, their origin, and possible solutions.
104.	Limitation and prescription periods for cross-border road traffic accidents	Legislative/Non-legislative	This initiative aims at creating more legal certainty for citizens on limitation periods in the context of cross-border road traffic accidents.
105.	E-Justice	Legislative	This initiative will strengthen the e-Justice project as a tool to promote growth and legal certainty in the internal market. The e-justice project aims to underpin justice policy by using information and communications technology to improve and streamline information on justice in the EU, facilitate access to justice throughout all MS and facilitate judicial cooperation and procedures.
106.	Alternative Dispute Resolution instrument for Business to Business (B2B) disputes	Legislative	This measure will complement the Commission’s legislative proposal on Alternative Dispute Resolution for consumers with a mechanism adapted to business-to-business disputes. Promoting ADR will improve confidence among SMEs to engage in cross-border trade and will enhance the functioning of the Internal Market.

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107.	Insolvency proceedings	Legislative	Revision of the Insolvency Regulation ((EC) 1346/2000), including the question of insolvency of groups and enterprises, in order to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of cross-border insolvency proceedings.
108.	Mutual recognition of civil documents: (1) Mutual recognition of the effects of certain civil status documents	Legislative	The proposal should cover mutual recognition of effects of certain civil status documents (e.g. relating to birth, affiliation, adoption, name, death).
109.	(2) Dispensing with the formalities for the legalisation of documents between Member States	Legislative	Follow-up to Green Paper on the free circulation of documents, civil status documents, authentic acts and the simplification of legislation. The proposal should cover the dispensing with the formalities of legalisation of documents between Member States.
Justice, Consumer Affairs and Competition Policy			
110.	An EU framework for collective redress	To be determined	This initiative would follow up on the full range of previous Commission work on collective redress at the EU level
Maritime Affairs and Fisheries			
111.	Setting a framework for Maritime Spatial Planning	Legislative	Ensure that Member States provide a stable, reliable and future-oriented integrated planning framework to optimize the use of marine space to benefit economic development and the marine environment and that in doing so they apply a common approach in order to facilitate cross-border maritime spatial planning. The type of this initiative - possibly a Directive - remains to be confirmed.
112.	Blue Growth: sustainable growth from the oceans, seas and coasts.	Non-legislative	The Communication will build on the findings of an on-going study exploring sustainable growth and employment in established, emerging and prospective maritime sectors based on the innovative use of marine and coastal resources as drivers for innovation and competitiveness.
Protection of the Financial Interests of the EU			
113.	Protection of the financial interest of the European Union, including by criminal law (PFI)*	Legislative	This initiative is the legislative follow-up on the Communication on the protection of financial interests of the European Union, including by substantive criminal law, under art 325, § 4 TFEU. (3rd quarter 2012)
114.	Reinforcing the protection of the euro against counterfeiting with criminal law sanctions	Legislative	The initiative could build on and replace the Framework Decision 2000/383JAI. It will aim to increase protection of the euro by providing more efficient criminal legislation and procedures; and to a stronger monitoring of the EU rules in Member States. The citizens should be sufficiently protected against euro-fraud and counterfeiting by means of criminal sanctions.

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115.	Mutual assistance between the administrative authorities of the Member States and cooperation between the latter and the Commission to ensure the correct application of the law on customs and agricultural matters	Legislative	Simplify and clarify the legislation, improving accessibility and achieving budget savings, as Regulation 515/97 and Council Decision 2009/917/JHA of 30 November 2009 on the use of information technology for customs purposes partially deal with the same issues.
Regional Policy			
116.	Future strategy for the Outermost Regions	Non-legislative	Communication on the future strategy for the Outermost Regions (OR) following the joint Memoranda of regions and the Member States "The OR at the horizon 2020" and their other contributions.
Research and Innovation			
117.	Framework for the European Research Area (ERA)	Legislative/Non-legislative	The ERA framework will be the basis for achieving strategic policy coherence and coordination between EU and Member States, with the aim to increase the efficiency of the European research system through better exploiting the potential for cross-border synergies and complementarities (e.g. researcher mobility and careers, cross-border operations of research performing and funding organizations, research infrastructures, knowledge circulation and cooperation with third countries).
118.	State of the Innovation Union 2012 – accelerating change	Non-legislative	This Communication will mark the next steps to drive growth and jobs through innovation. It will include the following policy proposals: detailed definition of the new indicator on fast-growing, innovative companies with a comparative assessment of the innovation performance of Member States, follow-up actions on Innovation Union commitments where no progress has been made, a proposal to mainstream innovation to EU policies.
119.	Enhancing and focusing international cooperation in Research and Innovation	Non-legislative	Europe needs to engage more strategically in science, technology and innovation cooperation with its main partners, in order to: enhance excellence and promote industrial competitiveness; address global societal challenges; and support external policies. The Communication will set out detailed objectives, criteria and operational principles for implementing, enhancing and focusing EU international cooperation actions under the CSF for Research and Innovation.

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Taxation and Customs Union			
120.	Good governance in relation to tax havens*	Non-legislative	This initiative will develop a reinforced strategy to protect the EU against the challenges of uncooperative jurisdictions outside the EU (including tax havens and aggressive tax planning). (4th quarter 2012)
121.	Drug precursors	Legislative	The Commission Report (COM (2009) 709) highlighted the risk of diversion of medicinal products containing drug precursors. The Council in May 2010 invited the Commission to propose legislative amendments. The initiative will amend regulation (EC) 273/2004
122.	Eliminating double taxation on cross-border dividend payments to portfolio investors	Legislative/Non-legislative	Solutions to the double taxation problems raised by the levying of withholding taxes on cross-border dividends paid to portfolio investors.
123.	The state of the Customs Union	Non-legislative	Overall assessment of the functioning of the Customs Union, its challenges and opportunities in safeguarding the Single Market and protecting its citizens. In response to gaps and needs identified in this analysis, the assessment will point to future customs initiatives with the aim of further increasing the value- the that the Customs Union adds to the Single Market.
124.	Car taxation	Non-legislative	To address double taxation and other tax obstacles in cross border situations
125.	A Quick Reaction Mechanism against VAT fraud	Legislative	Recent experience has demonstrated that the Union's capacity to react is not quick enough when confronted with sudden and massive VAT fraud phenomena in certain Member States. Until now, derogations have been granted to individual Member States to stop this type of fraud in the affected sectors, but the procedure for granting derogations is not flexible enough to ensure a prompt and suitable reaction. The proposed new mechanism for adopting derogatory measures - quick reaction mechanism - would considerably increase the speed to deal with these problems. Its ultimate objective is to counter massive fraud schemes before they start having a considerable impact on national budgets.
Trade			
126.	Trade and Investment Barriers Report	Non-legislative	Report for the European Council to identify important market access barriers for European exporters and investors in third countries and to set out strategies to remove the barriers

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Transport			
127.	Rail package: (1) Rail market access*	Legislative	Further market opening in the rail sector (for domestic passenger market) implies adaptation of the existing acquis on rail market access (1st railway package and its subsequent amendments) and appropriate changes to the Regulation on public service contracts in the rail sector (EC 1370/2007), including mandatory award of public service contracts under competitive tendering. This initiative will also ensure non-discriminatory access to rail infrastructure, including rail-related services, in particular through structural separation between infrastructure management and service provision (unbundling). It will be accompanied by a Communication on Review rail market organisation and assess non-discriminatory access to rail infrastructure.
	(2) European Railway Agency (ERA)*	Legislative	This initiative will enhance the role of ERA in the field of rail safety, in particular its supervision of national safety measures taken by national safety authorities and their progressive harmonisation. It will also aim at achieving a single vehicle type authorisation and a single railway undertaking safety certification. Safety and interoperability directives (2004/49 and 2008/57) might be adjusted as necessary. (4th quarter 2012)
128.	Clean power for transport: An alternative fuel strategy	Legislative/Non-legislative	The White Paper on transport emphasises the need to break the transport system's dependency on oil. This initiative intends to accelerate the EU market uptake of alternative transport including necessary standards for equipment and storage systems. It will identify possible EU actions to stimulate the use of EU alternative fuels and provide the industry, public sector and consumers with a clear and coherent vision on the market developments of alternative fuel transport systems.
129.	Air Passenger Rights: Denied boarding, long delays and cancellations of flights	Legislative	The revision of Regulation (EC) 261/2004 will protect air passengers' rights by ensuring that passengers are adequately informed, assisted and, if necessary, compensated for all types of flight disruptions and loss/damage of luggage. It will enhance legal certainty and ensure a fair and proportionate economic burden in particular situations for which the air carriers bear no responsibility (force majeure), also via a better sharing of the financial costs. It will be accompanied by the initiative "Air carrier liability in respect of the carriage of passengers and their baggage by air".

Forthcoming initiatives 2013

Title	Type	Description of scope of objectives
Agriculture		
Organic farming	Legislative	Review the organic basic act after the discussion with the European Parliament and the Member States that will take place on the basis of the report presented in 2011 (Report to the Council on the application of Council Regulation 834/2007/EC on organic production and labelling of organic products and repealing Regulation 2092/91/EEC.)
New EU Forestry Strategy	Non- legislative	The current EU forestry strategy was adopted as a Council resolution in 1998 (1999/C 56/01). The purpose of the initiative is to assess to what extent the strategy still corresponds to the current needs and policy context, and propose a new strategy which takes into account challenges that have emerged since the adoption of the current strategy, in particular climate change and EU policy on renewable energy.
Climate Action		
EU Adaptation Strategy	Non-legislative	Member States are being affected by the adverse effects of climate change leading to significant economic and environmental impacts. The strategy will brace the EU for dealing with future impacts of climate change. It will focus on actions with an added EU value. Its main objectives are to strengthen the knowledge base on adaptation to climate change and to develop an appropriate EU adaptation policy framework.
Strategy for reducing Heavy Duty Vehicles' CO2 emission	Legislative/Non-legislative	The initiative will address the problem of the growing CO2 emissions from heavy duty vehicles. The general objective is to reduce these emissions in a cost-effective way. This will follow up on the European Strategy on Clean and Efficient Vehicles and the Transport White Paper COM (2011)144.
Competition		
Initiative in the field of substantive State aid rules: Review of the State aid general block exemption regulation	Legislative	As the current General Block Exemption Regulation (GBER) expires at the end of 2013, a revision will have to be carried out. Moreover, the review process of several State aid Guidelines linked to EU 2020 (R&D&I, Risk Capital, Environment) will be aligned to the GBER revision. After 2013, further consolidation of guidelines could be envisaged (General State Aid Guidelines). Possibly, on the basis of a modified Council Enabling Regulation 994/98 (see 2012) the scope of the GBER could be enlarged.

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Review of the State aid de minimis Regulation	Legislative	De minimis support constitutes a flexible instrument to grant very limited amounts of aid. The De minimis Commission Regulation covers small amounts of subsidies which do not constitute State aid in the sense of Art. 107(1) TFEU because they do not affect trade and competition, and which are therefore not subject to the notification requirement. The current text expires in December 2013.
Review of the State aid R&D&I framework	Non-legislative	The revised Research, Development and Innovation ("RDI") framework entered into force in 2007. The framework helps Member States wishing to use State aid as a complementary instrument to boost research, development and innovation. The framework will have to be revised by 2013.
Digital Agenda		
Towards an EU Cloud Computing Strategy	Non-legislative	The Communication will address several aspects of the current regulatory framework, which was conceived considering less demanding applications. In particular, cloud computing is raising specific issues related to data protection and data retention, applicable law and liability, as well as consumer protection. The aspects of interoperability, standardisation and portability of data and applications will also be addressed.
Education, Culture and Youth		
Internationalisation of Higher Education	Non-legislative	A growing number of higher education institutions enroll students from non-EU countries, exchange students, staff and knowledge, and engage in international academic and research cooperation. The Communication will deal with the internationalisation strategy of the EU higher education sector. In an increasingly interdependent world, a strategic way of addressing global challenges for the EU is through higher education partnerships which can generate research and teaching capacity, and empower universities as agents of knowledge transfer.
Youth on the Move Card (<i>soft law</i>)	Legislative	An action of the Youth on the Move flagship initiative should facilitate both the mobility and participation for all young people aged between 13 and 30 years old residing in Europe. It would build on existing cards which already provide young people with benefits in various fields (travel, culture, goods, accommodation, etc). Existing cards which meet the EU quality criteria could be granted a YoM label.
Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion		
Protection of workers against the risks associated to the exposure to Carcinogens and Mutagens at work	Legislative	The purpose is to review the current legal framework (Directive 2004/37) in order to set acceptable cancer risk levels, improve risk management, and assess the extension of the scope of the Directive to cover new risk factors and substances which are toxic for reproduction.
Coordination of social security systems	Legislative	First revision of Regulations 883/2004 and 987/2010 since its entry into force May 2010, in order to complement or adapt the rules on the basis of the first years of implementation

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Communication on long-term care	Non-legislative	Following the Commission staff working document in 2011 and discussions in the Social Protection Committee, the Communication will present policy orientations to respond to increasing need for long-term care provision.
Energy		
Energy Technologies in a future European Energy Policy	Non-legislative	The Communication will identify the options for the role of energy technologies for achieving decarbonisation, develop a fully comprehensive approach to foster energy technologies development according to the energy 2050 vision and strengthen the synergies between Member States and the European Commission in energy policy making by promoting convergence and cooperation between national and EU innovation programmes.
Energy efficiency	Non-legislative	Follow-up to proposal of June 2011, building on current work on the Energy Roadmap 2050, and preparing a general orientation on Energy Efficiency to 2020 and beyond.
Enlargement and Neighbourhood Policies		
Annual Enlargement Package 2013	Non-legislative	The Commission has been invited by the Council to regularly report on the candidate countries and potential candidates. The Commission Strategy Paper allows the European Council to define main strategic orientations on enlargement at the end of each year.
Environment		
Review of air quality policies	Legislative/Non-legislative	To assess the implementation and achievements of current air pollution and air quality policies, revised legislative proposals for Air Quality and National Emissions Ceilings (NEC) EC Directives.
Health and Consumer		
Use of cloning technique for food production	Legislative	This initiative would follow up on the Commission's report on cloning of animals for food production of 2010 and respond to requests to clarify the law on cloning of animals in the internal market
Expenditure in the veterinary field	Legislative	The objective of the revision of Council Decision 90/424/EC is to develop an EU harmonised cost and responsibility sharing scheme, under the framework of the new EU Animal Health Law that is currently being drafted.
Home Affairs		
EU Immigration Code	Legislative	Consolidation of all legislation in the area of immigration, starting with legal migration, and where necessary extending the existing provisions foreseen by the Stockholm Programme.

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Communication on return policy + Report on the implementation of the return directive	Non-legislative	The Communication will be a stocktaking exercise, assessing progress made to date with the development of a common EU policy on return, and setting out some concrete ideas about how the policy might be further promoted and developed.
Industry and Entrepreneurship		
Enhancing the implementation of the internal market for motor vehicles	Legislative	The overall policy objective is to safeguard and strengthen the internal market for motor vehicles by ensuring that all necessary mechanisms are in place for an effective and uniform implementation and enforcement of the framework legislation on the type-approval of automotive products.
Internal Market and Services		
Fair compensation in respect of reproductions of protected works by natural persons for private use	Legislative	To provide that schemes for fair compensation under the Directive operate in a way which provides the revenue due to right holders while not hampering the functioning of the internal market for electronic media and equipment.
Payment services in the internal market	Legislative	The purpose of the review of Directive 2007/64/EC is to create an integrated, competitive, efficient and user-friendly payments market in Europe.
Cross-border payments in the EU	Legislative	The review of the Regulation (EC) No. 924/2009 will concentrate on issues identified by Article 15. However, the ongoing integration of the EU payments market, changes to the Directive on Payment Services (PSD), which is under simultaneous review by the Commission, and the adoption of the Single Euro Payments Area (SEPA) migration Regulation may also result in important modifications to the text of Regulation 924/2009. The aim is to create an integrated, competitive, efficient and user-friendly payments market in Europe.
Follow up to Green Paper: Towards an integrated European market for card, internet and mobile payments	Legislative/Non-legislative	The integration of the European market for electronic retail payments is one of the priorities defined in the Digital Agenda, more specifically of the Digital Single Market. The follow up to the Green Paper will aim to help creating a more competitive, efficient, innovative and secure payments market in Europe.
Possible framework for crisis management and resolution for financial institutions other than banks	Legislative/Non-legislative	Following a report examining the need for a crisis management regime for financial institutions other than banks (Central Counter Parties (CCPs), insurance companies, hedge funds, etc.) that should be published by the end of 2011, legislation might be proposed to give powers and tools to authorities to deal with the failure of financial institutions other than banks.
Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship		
Regulation on EU hotlines for missing children	Legislative	This initiative is a follow-up of the Communication on the 116 children hotline of 2010 and aims at ensuring appropriate functioning of the 116 hotline in all Member States.

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European contract law instrument in the area of insurance services	Legislative	Facilitating the cross-border trade in certain financial products (in particular insurance) by developing European contract law rules in the area of financial services.
Mutual recognition of disqualifications	Legislative	This initiative aims at ensuring mutual recognition to disqualifications imposed by a judicial decision in criminal proceedings in order to execute such measures in a Member State other than the one that imposed it.
Legal aid in criminal proceedings	Legislative	This initiative will define common minimum rules to ensure that suspects and accused persons in criminal proceedings are entitled to legal aid between the charge and the end of the trial, or appeal proceedings.
Consultation of the European social partners on the review of the Directive on equal pay	Non-legislative	In view of the persistent high gender pay gap in Europe (around 18%), the Commission will consult the European social partners on an update of the EU legislation implementing the principle of equal pay.
Second stage consultation of the European Social Partners on reconciliation between work, family and private life	Non-legislative	Depending on the outcome of the consultation, the Commission may propose measures with the double aim of increasing female employment rates (as women bear the main responsibilities for caring for children and other dependants) and tackling the demographic challenge.
European Criminal Records Information System regarding convicted third country nationals (ECRIS-TCN).	Legislative	This initiative aims at setting up a register of third-country nationals who have been convicted by the courts of the Member States.
Jurisdiction, recognition and enforcement of judgments in matrimonial matters and the matters of parental responsibility	Legislative	Following an assessment on the application of Regulation (EC) No 2201/2003, amend this legal instrument and establish common minimum standards in relation to the recognition of decisions on parental responsibility with a view to abolishing exequatur proceedings for these decisions.
Green paper on possible extension of minimum procedural rights	Non-legislative	Green Paper on whether minimum procedural rights for accused and suspected persons other than those covered by the previous legislative proposals (in the procedural rights' roadmap) need to be addressed.
Service in the Member States of judicial and extrajudicial documents in civil or commercial matters (service of documents)	Legislative	The revision of Regulation (EC) 1393/2007 will pay special attention to the effectiveness of the transmitting and receiving agencies and focus on the practical application of the execution of a request for forwarding a request for service. It could include the establishment of common minimum standards. This initiative will also repeal Council Regulation (EC)1348/2000

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Green Paper on the minimum standards for civil procedures and necessary follow-up	Non-legislative	Observance of certain standards and procedural guarantees is a precondition for trans-border co-operation in civil justice matters. Existing European legal instruments addressing these issues are neither complete nor coherent. The Green Paper should launch a discussion on introducing common minimum standards for civil procedures in the EU.
EU Citizenship Report 2013: Progress towards eliminating obstacles to EU citizens' rights	Non-legislative	This report aims at assessing progress towards ensuring the effective exercise of EU citizens' rights through the implementation of the actions announced in the 2010 EU Citizenship report, and at identifying further measures towards completing the removal of remaining obstacles to the enjoyment of EU citizens' rights.
Report on the right of citizens of the Union and their family members to move and reside freely within the territory of the Member States	Non-legislative	This report will aim at presenting a comprehensive overview of how Directive 2004/38/EC is transposed into national law and implemented in all Member States. It will draw an overall assessment of the impact of the Directive's provisions and will indicate possible areas for improvement.
Maritime Affairs and Fisheries		
Conservation of fishery resources through technical measures for the protection of marine organisms.	Legislative	This proposal aims to develop anew technical measures framework for the Atlantic and the North Sea following the reform of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) to ensure the protection of marine biological resources and the reduction of the impact of fishing activities on fish stocks and on marine eco-systems. It aims to simplify and bring together but also, where appropriate, improve the effectiveness of existing technical measures, in particular those laid down in Council Regulation (EC) No 850/98 and its different amendments, as well as other technical measures included in Council Regulation (EC) No 1288/2009 and recovery plans currently in place.
White paper on maritime surveillance	Non-legislative	This Communication will take stock of progress made and propose further actions. This includes an identification of the financial implications of creating a Common Information Sharing Environment.
Integration of maritime surveillance: the implementation of the Common Information Sharing Environment including its financial aspects.	Non-legislative	This Communication will take stock of progress made and propose further actions. This includes an identification of the financial implications of creating a Common Information Sharing Environment.
Establishing or revising long term plans for certain stocks and the fisheries exploiting those stocks (multi-species plans).	Legislative	These multi-species plans will cover several fish stocks caught by the same fisheries and in the same area. They will be based on the provisions of the reformed Common Fisheries Policy.

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Protection of the Financial Interests of the EU		
Protection of the financial interests of the European Union by strengthening administrative and criminal law procedures, including mutual assistance	Legislative	Rules on exchange of information, mutual assistance and collection of evidence in as much as not already covered under the 2012 initiative on the protection of the financial interests; article 325(4) TFEU.
Establishment of a European Public Prosecutor's office (EPPO) to protect the financial interests of the Union	Legislative	This initiative intends to set out the framework and conditions for establishing the European Public Prosecutor's office to focus on the protection of the financial interests of the Union.
Regional policy; Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion; Agriculture and Rural Development; Maritime Affairs and Fisheries		
Partnership contracts with Member States	Legislative	The partnership contracts between the Commission and each Member State will set out the commitments of partners at national and regional level, as well as those of the Commission. They will be linked to the objectives of Europe 2020 strategy and the national reform programmes. They will establish an integrated approach for territorial development, supported by the funds under cohesion policy, rural development, and the maritime and fisheries policy, and will include objectives, strategic investments and a number of conditionalities.
Taxation and Customs Union		
Initiative on arbitration in cross-border tax disputes	Legislative	Despite the existing instruments (arbitration convention and double tax conventions between EU MS), too many lengthy double taxation disputes remain unresolved within the EU
Customs penalties	Legislative	This initiative has the dual objective of: strengthening customs compliance by approximating the definition and qualification of offences and the level of corresponding customs penalties and ensuring an equal treatment to the economic operators with regard to customs penalties.
Trade		
Up-date EU trade defence instruments	Legislative	Amendment of basic anti-dumping and anti-subsidy regulations.
Transport		
E-freight	Legislative/Non-legislative	The aim of the initiative is to create the appropriate framework to streamline the electronic flow of information associated with the physical flow of goods, in support of planning, execution, monitoring and reporting on multimodal freight transport, to ensure liability for intermodal transport and to promote safe, secure and clean freight transport.

Title	Type	Description of scope of objectives
Framework for future EU ports' policy including legislative proposals	Legislative/Non-legislative	This initiative will better enable ports to efficiently handle the increasing freight volumes to enable seamless logistics chains; review the restrictions on provision for port services and enhance the transparency on ports' financing, clarifying the destination of public funding to the different ports activities with a view to avoid any distortion of competition; and establish a mutually recognisable framework on the training of port workers in different fields of port activities.
Internal Road Market Package: (1) Report on the road freight market situation	Non-legislative	The report analyses the road freight market situation and evaluates the effectiveness of controls and the evolution of employment conditions in the profession. It will also assess the extent to which harmonisation of the rules in the fields, inter alia, of enforcement and road user charges, as well as social and safety legislation, has progressed and what remains to be done. It will determine how and with which calendar the further opening of cabotage can be pursued.
(2) Access to the road haulage market and access to the occupation of road transport operator	Legislative	The package will further open the cabotage market. Such an opening could achieve important efficiency improvements by reducing unnecessary empty running of the vehicles. It may include rules on the mobile workers engaged in cabotage in order to ensure fair competition. It may also extend the existing rules on the admission to the occupation (e.g. extension to freight forwarders) and further harmonise them (e.g. on establishment and financial capacity). The proposal will modify Regulation 1072/2009 on the access to the market and Regulation 1071/2009 on the admission to the occupation.
(3) Minimal rules on sanctions and their enforcement in commercial road transport	Legislative	The Directive will establish common minimal rules with regard to the definition of offences and sanctions, including criminal offences, in the field of commercial road transport. Such a harmonisation will contribute to reduce distortions of competition and the unequal treatments when committing infringements.
(4) Charging systems for road vehicles	Legislative	The initiative will promote a more systematic use of distance related road charging reflecting infrastructure and external costs based on the polluter-pays and user-pays principles. It will explore phasing in a harmonised charging system for lorries which could replace across the EU existing time-based charges (Eurovignette and national vignettes) and possibly other charges (such as vehicle taxes). The initiative may include a legal framework on charging passenger. It may also include provisions on electronic tolls if their full interoperability has not been achieved on time under Directive 2004/52/EC.

Forthcoming initiatives 2014

Title	Type	Description of scope of objectives
Enlargement and Neighbourhood Policies		
Annual Enlargement Package 2014	Non-legislative	The Commission has been invited by the Council to regularly report on the candidate countries and potential candidates. The Commission Strategy Paper allows the European Council to define main strategic orientations on enlargement at the end of each year. The Enlargement Package will also include monitoring of Croatia in advance of its accession.
Environment		
Targets of the waste acquis	Legislative	To propose revision of the targets of the waste acquis (Waste Framework Directive and waste stream directives) to make the EU more resource efficient.
Diversion targets of the Landfill Directive	Legislative	To revise existing landfill diversion targets and to propose new diversion targets for other waste streams in order to gradually move towards zero land filling in 2050.
Environmental liability	Legislative/Non-legislative	To assess the implementation of the Directive on environmental liability and revise it if necessary.
Biodiversity Strategy	Non-legislative	The follow-up will include the mid-term review of 2020 Biodiversity Strategy.
Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship		
Green Paper on private international law	Non-legislative	Green paper on the jurisdiction, applicable law and issues of recognition relating to the registration and movement of companies, associations and other legal persons including: aspects, law, relating to companies, associations and other legal persons.
Improving the consistency of existing Union legislation in the field of civil procedural law	Legislative	To ensure that European civil procedures are coherent and to set common minimum procedural standards for civil proceedings.
Taxation and Customs Union		
Laying down the definitive system of taxation of intra-EU trade	Legislative	The proposal will define the new VAT definitive system of taxation at destination of intra-EU trade and put an end to the transitional nature of the current arrangements. The proposal is linked to the reform of the EU VAT system leading to a more efficient and robust tax system in the Single Market.

Title	Type	Description of scope of objectives
Transport		
Smart ticketing, multimodal scheduling, information, on-line reservation	Legislative/Non legislative	This legislative proposal may be comprised of rules on access to information, data exchange, and liability.
Limiting nitrogen oxide (NOx) from aviation	Legislative/Non legislative	The Commission will address the nitrogen oxide emissions from aviation after a thorough scientific assessment.

Annex II: Simplification and Administrative Burden Reduction initiatives

Nr	Title	Type of initiative	Simplification and administrative burden reduction aspects of the initiative	Stakeholder benefitting from the simplification or administrative reduction	Adoption date
Agriculture					
1.	Implementation rules for CAP payments which are subject to cross compliance	Legislative	According to the current legislation, Regulations (EC) No 1122/2009 and No 65/2011, Member States may decide not to apply sanctions under cross compliance where the non-compliance committed by a farmer is considered as minor or where the amount of cross compliance sanctions does not exceed 100 EUR. In both cases, the administration must check subsequently in 100 % of cases if the situation of non-compliance has been remedied. Adaptation to the Lisbon Treaty and simplification by abandoning the obligation to perform follow-up checks for minor infringements and to reduce the rate of follow-up checks to 20% on the basis of a risk analysis for farms where the amount of cross compliance sanction does not exceed 100 EUR.	Member State authorities and farmers	2012
Digital Agenda					
2.	PanEuropean framework for electronic identification, authentication and signature	Legislative	Increase the usability of eSignatures and to ensure the possibility of true cross-border interoperability through mutual recognition and acceptance of national eIDs. eSignature should become as easy to use as hand written signature, to facilitate better electronic transactions between citizens, businesses and administrations. The mutual recognition and acceptance of national eIDs throughout the EU would enable all citizens and businesses to use their national eIDs in all Member States to access online services of national public administrations and public authorities and speed up procedures significantly.	Businesses, citizens and public authorities	2012

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Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion					
3.	Supplementing the Statute for a European company with regard to the involvement of employees	Legislative	Identify possible improvements of the Council Directive 2001/86/EC of 8 October 2001 and thereby simplify the arrangements for the involvement of employees in the SE (Societas Europea). Subject to the results of the consultation of the Social Partners, possible changes will simplify i.a. employee involvement in case of changes after registration of the SE, the relationship between the national and transnational level of involvement and participation at group level.	Businesses and workers.	2013
4.	Supplementing the Statute for a European Cooperative Society with regard to the involvement of employees	Legislative	Identify possibilities for simplification of Council Directive 2003/72/EC. Subject to the results of the consultation of the European Social Partners, possible changes include, i.a., reliance on standard rules at the moment where the European Cooperative Society is established, improved mechanisms to adapt employee involvement in case of changes in the SCE, establishment of a minimum threshold of number of employees in each Member State for the right to participate in the Special Negotiating Body and/or shorten the period of negotiations and better link between European and national levels of employee involvement.	Businesses and workers.	2013
Energy					
5.	Reporting of intra-Community transfers of nuclear items	Legislative	Ensure that the European nuclear sector can fully benefit from the single market. The current prior authorisation system for intra-community transfers of non-sensitive nuclear items is a disproportionate means of gathering the necessary information for fulfilling Member States' obligations towards the IAEA under the Additional Protocol (AP). Some of the possible options would replace an authorisation procedure by a reporting procedure. The chosen approach should reduce administrative burden for the Member State administrations and business.	Member State authorities and business	2012

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European Statistics					
6.	Quarterly non-financial accounts for general government	Legislative	Decrease the reporting burden on Member State authorities as quarterly non-financial accounts (Regulation 1221/2002) for general government will only be collected in one table and not 2 different reporting tables as is currently the case	Member State authorities	2012
7.	Farm structure surveys (post 2013)	Legislative	Reduction of burden in Regulation 1166/2008 on respondents through: (a) design of the surveys; (b) possibility to use existing appropriate sources and farm registers.	Farmers and Member State authorities	2012
Health and Consumer					
8.	Official controls along the food chain	Legislative	The aim of the proposal for a revision of Regulation 882/2004 is to simplify and streamline the existing legal framework, in order to improve the efficiency of official controls performed by the Member States along the food chain while minimizing burden for operators. A more efficient use of control resources will contribute to preventing crisis, whilst limiting the costs thereof for compliant economic operators and ensuring a level-playing field. Directives 96/23/EC, 97/78/EC and 91/496/EEC are also concerned.	Member State authorities, operators and exporting third countries	2012
9.	Marketing of seed and propagating materials to foster innovation in seeds	Legislative	The initiative aims to foster innovation and seeks to reduce overall administrative burden and introduce flexibility within the regulatory framework with a view to globalisation, specialisation and development of new uses of agricultural commodities, together with changes in the societal expectations on the interplay of agriculture and the natural environment. It will modernise and simplify the legislation by replacing 12 Directives on seed and plant propagating material with one single act.	Breeders of varieties, suppliers of seed and plant propagating material (S&PM), farmers and other users of S&PM, processors of agricultural raw products, final consumers, Member State authorities and the Community Plant Variety Office	2012
10.	Clinical trials to foster clinical research and innovation in the pharmaceutical sector	Legislative	The objective of the proposal for a revision of the directive on clinical trials (2001/20/EC) is to strengthen knowledge and innovation in clinical research. Issues likely to be addressed are: reduction of administrative delays, overcoming divergent decisions throughout the EU and streamlining of reporting procedures.	Businesses (manufacturers) and Member State authorities	2012

Nr	Title	Type of initiative	Simplification and administrative burden reduction aspects of the initiative	Stakeholder benefitting from the simplification or administrative reduction	Adoption date
11.	<p><u>Package containing:</u></p> <p>(1) Veterinary pharmaceutical legislation</p>	Legislative	<p>Increase the availability of medicines on the market, in particular to treat diseases of minor animal species or those occurring rarely. Decrease the burden on enterprises by streamlining the authorisation processes of veterinary medicines while respecting public health, animal health as well as the environment.</p>	Farmers, manufacturers of VMPs, distributors, Member State authorities	2012
12.	(2) Medicated feed legislation	Legislative	<p>The revision of the medicated feed legislation(90/167/EEC) aims to clarify the scope with respect to other parts of the feed law and with the legislation on veterinary medicinal products, to address the relationship between administration via medicines and via medicated feed, and to address the different methods of administering veterinary medicines in terms of cost, safety and efficacy. The initiative seeks to establish a level playing field in the EU that ensures safe and efficient use of medicated feed.</p>	Farmers, manufacturers of MF, distributors, Member State authorities	2012
13.	Composite products and meat inspection. (Hygiene Package)	Legislative	<p><u>Composite products</u></p> <p>Align the current animal health rules on import of composite products with the rules for public health and improves competition between third countries and Member States. Introducing one certificate for both public health and animal health certification and for all types of food of animal origin (simplification of administrative burden).</p> <p><u>Meat inspection</u></p> <p>Review meat inspection to adapt to epidemiological trends of certain zoonoses. New emerging risks should be better covered while attention to limited risks may be reduced in a more risk-based approach, thereby simplifying the process and reducing the burden on administration. The initiative will be developed in consultation with major trade partners in third countries, to facilitate export.</p>	Business operators, internal traders, importers, consumers, Member State authorities, the Commission	2012

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Home Affairs					
14.	EU Immigration Code Directive 2009/50/EC, Directive 2005/71/EC, Directive 2004/114/EC, Directive 2003/019/EC and Directive 2003/86/EC	Legislative	Consolidation of all legislation in the area of immigration, starting with the 5 existing Directives on legal migration. Improved coherence between the instruments, increased transparency and identification of any gaps. Account will be taken of the results of the forthcoming application reports on the Directives.	Member State authorities, third country nationals who have already migrated to the EU, and those who are considering doing so, employers, research institutions.	2013
15.	Revision of the Schengen Borders Code (81/2009)	Legislative	Compilation of several amendments into one legal text, including that on the use of the Visa Information System and the 2011 amendments.	Member State authorities	2013
Industry and Entrepreneurship					
16.	Personal protective equipment	Legislative	Review and align Directive 89/686/EC with the new legal framework for the marketing of products. Clarification of the scope of the Directive to facilitate its application by manufacturers, market surveillance authorities as well as Notified Bodies. Simplification of health and safety requirements and conformity assessment procedures.	Businesses (manufacturers)	2012
17.	Cableway installations designed to carry persons	Legislative	Review and align Directive 2000/9/EC with the new legal framework for the marketing of products. Simplifying the text of the Directive clarifying major concepts, definitions and scope to make the text more coherent and facilitate its application by manufacturers, national authorities and all stakeholders.	Businesses (manufacturers)	2012
18.	Fertilizers	Legislative	Simplify the procedures for allowing the marketing of fertilizers, including new fertilizers types, growing media and soil improvers, and reduce administrative burdens on companies and authorities repealing Regulation EC 2003/2003. This will also facilitate trade with third countries.	Businesses (manufacturers)	2012

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19.	Non-road mobile machinery engines	Non-legislative	As from 1 January 2014 a new exhaust emission standard Stage IV becomes mandatory for engines used in non-road machinery; one year before type approvals can only be granted for Stage IV compliant engines. New specifications for testing these engines to be introduced in Directive 97/68/EC through this initiative.	Member State authorities (technical services) and businesses (manufacturers)	2012
Internal Market and Services					
20.	Statute for a European Company (SE)	Legislative	Simplification of the Statute for a European Company (SE) Regulation 2001/2157/EC, in the broader context of a possible legislative review. Reduction of the information obligations associated with reporting, publication of information, use of independent experts and requirements for meetings.	EU companies intending to set up an SE and companies with the legal form of an SE.	2013
Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship					
21.	EP elections	Legislative	Reduction of administrative burden (Directive 93/109/EC) on citizens and on national administrations in the electoral process and improving efficiency of the current mechanism for enforcing the prohibition of voting in two Member States in the same European elections.	Citizens and Member State authorities	2012
22.	Package Travel, Package Holidays and Package Tours	Legislative	Revision of Council Directive 90/314/EEC to modernise the current rules for the protection of consumers buying package travel, notably over internet and facilitate the purchase of package travel from other Member States. Application of the full regime to small and micro travel agents organising packages in a single member state can be simplified and lightened.	Citizens and consumers	2012

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23.	Service in the Member States of judicial and extrajudicial documents in civil or commercial matters	Legislative	The revision of Regulation (EC) No 1393/2007 on the service of documents in civil and commercial matters, focussing on the effectiveness of the transmitting and receiving agencies and the practical application of the execution of a request for service. Possible establishment of common minimum standards. Simplification from the introduction of the electronic mode (faster processes, less paperwork) and of unified modes of service for various instruments.	Citizens and Member State authorities	2013
24.	Improving the consistency of existing Union legislation in the field of civil procedural law	Legislative	To ensure that European civil procedures are coherent and to set common minimum procedural standards for civil proceedings.	Citizens and Member State authorities	2014
Maritime Affairs and Fisheries					
25.	Long term plans for certain stocks and the fisheries exploiting those stocks (multi-species plans).	Legislative	Reduced number of legal texts for multi-species plans. Simplification and clarity for fishermen improved. Control and enforcement of the plans by the administration facilitated.	Fishermen and Member State administrations.	2013
26.	Conservation of fishery resources through technical measures for the protection of marine organisms.	Legislative	Simplification achieved through the elimination of elements of the current technical measures regime which are unnecessary or unenforceable and the introduction of a target based approach into elements of the new framework where the burden of proof will rest with the stakeholders.	Fishing industry (fishermen), national administrations, control agencies and scientific research institutes.	2013

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Transport					
27.	Revising passenger ship safety	Legislative	Improve safety and avoid distortion of competition for several passenger ship types engaged in international/domestic voyages. Simplification and clarification of the current legislative framework by removing excessive provisions currently applicable to small ships and small transport companies.	All actors in the maritime chain: vessels, crews, shipping companies, freight operators, ports' communities, a broad range of Member State authorities (regulators, defence, search and rescue services, anti-pollution services, etc), coastal regions, fishing vessels, marine environment at large, citizens. The Commission and EU Agencies.	2012
28.	Single European Sky	Legislative	Better align the two regulatory frameworks on the Single European Sky (SES) (Regulations (EC) No 549-552/2004) and the regulation establishing the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) (Regulation (EC) No 216/2008). The 2009 SES2 package did not revise the older SES regulations sufficiently, which caused a lack of clarity on the regulatory approach with regard to technical issues.	All actors in aviation sector	2014

Draft Annex III: List of withdrawals of pending proposals²

Nr	COM/SEC/ Inter-institutional reference	Title	Justification for withdrawal	Reference of the Commission proposal in OJ
Enlargement and Neighbourhood Policy				
1.	COM(2007) 0743-part 1 2007/0255/APP 2007/0255 (AVC)	Proposal for a Council Decision on the signing of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Serbia, of the other part	Technical withdrawal. The signing took place on 29 April 2008. This proposal was presented jointly with the proposal COM(2007) 0743-2 concerning the conclusion of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and its Member States, of the one part and the Republic of Serbia, of the part, which remains valid as the ratification procedure by MS is still ongoing.	Reference to adoption by EC in OJ C 55, 28.02.2008, p. 5
Environment				
2.	COM(2004) 532 2004/0183/COD	Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council introducing humane trapping standards for certain animal species	Rejected by the European Parliament. The Commission will consider other alternatives.	Reference to adoption by EC in OJ C 13, 19.01.2005, p. 6
Home Affairs				
3.	COM(2009) 90 2009/0025/COD	Proposal for a Council Regulation amending the Convention Implementing the Schengen Agreement as regards long stay visa and alerts in the Schengen Information System	Technical withdrawal. Following a change of the legal basis and procedure in December 2009, it was incorporated in procedure COM(2009) 91. The new proposal was adopted as Regulation (EU) No 265/2010 of 25 March 2010 amending the Convention Implementing the Schengen Agreement and Regulation (EC) No 562/2006 as regards movement of persons with a long-stay visa.	Reference to adoption by EC in OJ C 076, 25.03.2010, p. 20

² The withdrawals will take effect on the date of the publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.

Nr	COM/SEC/ Inter-institutional reference	Title	Justification for withdrawal	Reference of the Commission proposal in OJ
4.	COM(2009) 554	Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on minimum standards on procedures in Member States for granting and withdrawing international protection (Recast)	Obsolete. Replaced by recast proposal COM(2011) 319.	Reference to adoption by EC in OJ C 26, 28.01.2011, p.16
5.	COM(2009) 618	Proposal for a Council Decision establishing the position to be adopted on behalf of the Community concerning a mechanism for the review of implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption, to be adopted in the 3rd session of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption (Doha / Qatar, 9 – 13 November 2009)	Obsolete. At its third session, held in Doha from 9 to 13 November 2009, the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption adopted resolution 3/1, entitled "Review mechanism".	Reference to adoption by EC in OJ C 26, 28.01.2011, p. 14
6.	COM(2008) 676	Proposal for a Council Decision on a Critical Infrastructure Warning Information Network (CIWIN)	The CIWIN system has now been defined as a non-compulsory system, which will not process personal data or classified information. Under those conditions a legal basis is not necessary to operate the system and therefore the proposal must be withdrawn.	
Internal Market and Services				
7.	COM(2000) 0412 final - 2000/0177/CNS	Proposal for a Council Regulation on the Community patent	Replaced by more recent proposals: COM(2011) 0215 Proposal for a Regulation implementing enhanced cooperation in the area of unitary patent protection and COM(2011) 0216 Proposal for a Regulation implementing enhanced cooperation in the area of unitary patent protection (translation arrangements).	OJ C 337E, 28.11.2000, p. 278–290

Nr	COM/SEC/ Inter-institutional reference	Title	Justification for withdrawal	Reference of the Commission proposal in OJ
8.	COM(2003) 827 2003/0326/CNS	Proposal for a Council Decision conferring jurisdiction on the Court of Justice in disputes relating to the Community patent	Outdated by more recent proposals - COM(2011) 0215 Proposal for a Regulation implementing enhanced cooperation in the area of unitary patent protection and COM(2011) 0216 Proposal for a Regulation implementing enhanced cooperation in the area of unitary patent protection (translation arrangements).	Reference to adoption by EC in OJ C 96, 21.04.2004, p.36
9.	COM(2003) 828 2003/0324/COD	Proposal for a Council Decision establishing the Community Patent Court and concerning appeals before the Court of First Instance	Outdated by more recent proposals - COM(2011) 0215 Proposal for a Regulation implementing enhanced cooperation in the area of unitary patent protection and COM(2011) 0216 Proposal for a Regulation implementing enhanced cooperation in the area of unitary patent protection (translation arrangements).	Reference to adoption by EC in OJ C 96, 21.04.2004 p. 36
10.	COM(2008) 194 2008/0083/COD	Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directives 68/151/EEC and 89/666/EEC as regards publication and translation obligations of certain types of companies	No agreement reached on the proposal and absence of reasonable expectations for ever having a qualified majority on this proposal.	Reference to adoption by EC in OJ C 76, 25.03.2010, p.1
Legal Issues				
11.	COM(2007) 587 2007/0206/CNS	Proposal for a Council Directive on the structure and rates of excise duty applied to manufactured tobacco (Codified version)	Replaced by amended proposal COM(2010) 641, on the basis of which Council Directive 2011/64/EU of 21 June 2011 was adopted.	Reference to adoption by EC in OJ C 4, 09.01.2009, p. 9
12.	COM(2008) 691 2008/0206/CNS	Proposal for a Council Directive on the common system of taxation applicable in the case of parent companies and subsidiaries of different Member States (Codified version)	Replaced by recast proposal COM(2010) 784.	
13.	COM(2009) 323 2009/0083/CNS	Proposal for a Council Regulation (EC) on the introduction of the euro	The legal basis has been repealed by the Lisbon Treaty; a codified version of the act can therefore not be adopted.	Reference to adoption by EC in OJ C 296, 30.10.2010, p. 11

Nr	COM/SEC/ Inter-institutional reference	Title	Justification for withdrawal	Reference of the Commission proposal in OJ
14.	COM(2009) 530 2009/0149/COD	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on statistical returns in respect of the carriage of goods by road (Codified version)	Replaced by recast proposal COM(2010) 505.	Reference to adoption by EC in OJ C 26, 28.01.2011, p. 13
Maritime Affairs and Fisheries				
15.	COM(2009) 120 2009/0038/CNS	Proposal for a Council Regulation on the conclusion of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Guinea	Following the violent suppression by Guinean government forces of citizens' protests on 28 September 2009 the Council adopted a decision to terminate the Protocol's provisional application and to withdraw its intention of concluding the Agreement. Therefore the proposal for the conclusion of the Agreement must be withdrawn.	Reference to adoption by EC in OJ C 296, 30.10.2010, p. 2
Regional Policy				
16.	COM(2005) 108 final 2005/0033/COD	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the European Union Solidarity Fund	The proposal remains blocked in the Council since 2006 as MS continue to have reservations about any major changes to the principles and functioning of the Solidarity Fund and no progress can be expected in the future. The Commission announced its intention to withdraw the proposal and explore other possibilities in the Communication adopted on 6 October 2011 on The Future of the European Union Solidarity Fund (COM(2011) 613, point 6).	Reference to adoption by EC OJ C 49, 28.02.2006, p. 38
Taxation and Customs Union				
17.	COM(2007) 52 final 2007/0023/CNS	Proposal for a Council Directive amending Directive 2003/96/EC as regards the adjustment of special tax arrangements for gas oil used as motor fuel for commercial purposes and the coordination of taxation of unleaded petrol and gas oil used as motor fuel	The proposal has become redundant with the adoption of the energy taxation proposal COM(2011) 169.	Reference to adoption by EC in OJ C 181, 03.08.2007, p. 5