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Annex I: New initiatives

N ^o	Title	Description ¹
A New Boost for Jobs, Growth and Investment		
1.	Youth initiative	The initiative includes a proposal for the creation of a European Solidarity Corps (legislative/ non-legislative) and priority measures to implement the youth aspects of the Skills Agenda, including a quality framework for apprenticeships and a proposal on increased mobility for apprentices (legislative); modernising school and higher education (non-legislative; Q2/2017); as well as a proposal for improved tracking of outcomes for graduates but also young people who have followed vocational education and training (non-legislative; Q2/2017).
2.	Implementation of the Action Plan on Circular Economy	This includes a strategy on plastics use, reuse and recycling (non-legislative; Q4/2017); measures on water: a proposal for a Regulation on minimum quality requirements for reused water (incl. impact assessment; Art. 192 TFEU; Q2/2017); a REFIT revision of the Drinking Water Directive (incl. impact assessment; Art. 192(1) TFEU; Q4/2017); an initiative to address legal, technical or practical bottlenecks at the interface of chemical, product and waste legislation (non-legislative; Q4/2017); and a monitoring framework for the circular economy (non-legislative; Q3/2017).
3.	Financial framework beyond 2020	A comprehensive proposal for the next Multi-annual Financial Framework , including on own resources (legislative/ non-legislative; Art. 312 TFEU).
A Connected Digital Single Market		
4.	Implementation of the Digital Single Market Strategy	Mid-term review of the implementation of the Digital Single Market Strategy.

¹ In this annex the Commission provides further information, as far as available, on the initiatives included in its Work Programme, in line with the Interinstitutional Agreement on Better Law-making. This information, which is provided in brackets under the description of each initiative, is indicative only and subject to change during the preparatory process, notably in view of the outcome of an impact assessment process.

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A Resilient Energy Union with a Forward-Looking Climate Change Policy		
5.	Implementation of the Energy Union Strategy: low-emission travel and mobility	REFIT revisions of several key pieces of legislation highlighted in the low-emission mobility action plan: post-2020 strategies on cars/vans and on lorries, buses and coaches (legislative, incl. impact assessment; Q2/2017); the Clean Vehicles Directive (incl. impact assessment; Art. 192 TFEU; Q2/2017); and the Eurovignette and European Electronic Toll Service (EETS) Directives (incl. impact assessment; Art. 91 TFEU; Q2/2017). This initiative includes the implementation of the international agreement on emissions from aircraft (ICAO) (legislative, incl. impact assessment; Art. 192 TFEU; Q1/2017).
A Deeper and Fairer Internal Market with a Strengthened Industrial Base		
6.	Implementation of the Single Market Strategy	Deliverables will include a REFIT revision of the legislation on goods (legislative/ non-legislative, incl. impact assessment; Art. 43/114/207 TFEU; Q2/2017), a company law initiative to facilitate the use of digital technologies throughout a company's lifecycle and cross-border mergers and divisions (legislative, incl. impact assessment; Q3-4/2017), an initiative on coordinated health technology assessments (legislative/ non-legislative, incl. impact assessment; Q4/2017), and measures for better enforcement of single market rules within a wider enforcement package, including proposals for a Single Digital Gateway (legislative/ non-legislative, incl. impact assessment; Art. 114 TFEU; Q1/2017) and for a Single Market Information Tool (legislative, incl. impact assessment; Q1/2017), upgrade of SOLVIT (non-legislative; Q1/2017) and empowering national competition authorities to be more effective enforcers (legislative/ non-legislative, incl. impact assessment; Q2/2017).
7.	Fairer taxation of companies	The initiative includes implementation of the VAT action plan through REFIT proposals for a definitive VAT system and on VAT rates (legislative, incl. impact assessment; Art. 113 TFEU; Q3/2017), better administrative cooperation and a simplification package to reduce burden for businesses and tax administrations (legislative, incl. impact assessment; Art. 113 TFEU; Q4/2017); a proposal for an EU list of third country jurisdictions that do not respect tax good governance standards (non-legislative; Q3/2017); and implementation in EU legislation of the international agreement on Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) (legislative/ non-legislative, incl. impact assessment; Q2/2017).
8.	Implementation of the Space Strategy for Europe	Legislative proposals on governmental satellite communication services (incl. impact assessment; Art. 189 TFEU; Q4/2017) and measures to facilitate market uptake of space services and data (legislative/non-legislative).

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9.	Implementation of the Capital Markets Union Action Plan	A mid-term review (non-legislative; Q2/2017) will take stock of progress on the implementation of the Capital Markets Union and identify potential additional measures required to improve the financing of the economy. New measures will include a framework for an EU personal pension product (legislative/ non-legislative, incl. impact assessment; Art. 114 TFEU; Q2/2017); a REFIT revision of the European Market Infrastructure Regulation (EMIR) (incl. impact assessment; Art. 114 TFEU; Q1/2017); an Action Plan on retail financial services (non-legislative; Q1/2017); and additional delegated legislation to facilitate funding of infrastructure corporates by institutional investors (incl. impact assessment; Q4/2016).
A Deeper and Fairer Economic and Monetary Union		
10.	A strong Union built on a strong EMU	The White Paper on the Future of Europe (non-legislative; Q1/2017) setting out steps on how to reform an EU of 27 Member States 60 years after the Treaties of Rome will also include the future of the EMU to prepare stage 2 of EMU deepening in the new political and democratic context (including a stability oriented review of the Stability and Growth Pact and the follow up to Article 16 of the Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance in the EMU (incorporating the substance of this treaty into the EU legal framework). The initiative will also include a review of the European System of Financial Supervision (ESFS) to strengthen the effectiveness and efficiency of oversight at both macro- and micro- prudential levels.
11.	European Pillar of Social Rights	Following the public consultation, the initiative will set out its proposal for a Pillar of Social Rights (Q1/2017) and will present related initiatives, such as initiatives to address the challenges of work-life balance faced by working families (legislative/non-legislative, incl. impact assessment; Art. 153/ 157 TFEU), on access to social protection (legislative/non-legislative, incl. impact assessment; Art. 153/ 292), and the implementation of the Working Time Directive (non-legislative), as well as a REFIT revision of the Written Statement Directive establishing the employer's obligation to inform employees of the conditions applicable to the contract or employment relationship (legislative, incl. impact assessment; Art 153.1(b)/154 TFEU).

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Trade: A Reasonable and Balanced Free Trade Agreement with the U.S.		
12.	Implementation of the Trade for All Strategy	In parallel to pursuing and completing bilateral negotiations (e.g. with Japan) and to opening new negotiations with Australia (incl. impact assessment; Q1/2017), Chile (incl. impact assessment; Q2/2017) and New Zealand (incl. impact assessment; Q1/2017) for free trade agreements, this initiative includes a further reinforcement of the EU's Trade Defence Instruments with a proposal to amend the EU's antidumping legislation (incl. impact assessment; Q4/2016), in line with the Commission Communication of 18 October 2016.
An Area of Justice and Fundamental Rights Based on Mutual Trust		
13.	Data Protection Package	The package (Q1/2017) will include an alignment of rules on the protection of personal data when processed by EU Institutions to the new general data protection rules (legislative; Art. 16 TFEU), a REFIT revision of the ePrivacy Directive (incl. impact assessment; Art. 114/16 TFEU) as well as a framework for adequacy decisions on exchange of personal data with third countries.
14.	Progress towards and effective and genuine Security Union	Implementation of the Security Union agenda and the Action Plan on terrorist financing, with proposals to harmonise money laundering offences and sanctions (legislative; Art. 83 TFEU; Q4/2016), to strengthen mutual recognition of criminal asset freezing and confiscation orders (legislative, incl. impact assessment; Art. 82 TFEU; Q4/2016) and to tackle illicit cash movements (legislative, incl. impact assessment; Art. 33/114 TFEU; Q4/2016) and illicit trade in cultural goods (legislative, incl. impact assessment; Art. 207 TFEU; Q4/2016). This initiative also includes a proposal for a European Travel Information and Authorisation System (ETIAS) (legislative; Art. 77(2)(b) and (d)a TFEU; Q4/2016) as well as follow-up to the work of the High Level Group on information systems and interoperability.
Towards a New Policy on Migration		
15.	Implementation of the European Agenda on Migration	Mid-term review of the implementation of the European Agenda on Migration, consolidating and taking horizontal stock across different workstrands, including the implementation of the new migration partnership framework with third countries.

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A Stronger Global Actor		
16.	Implementation of the European Defence Action Plan	Including a proposal for a European Defence Fund and measures to improve the use and effectiveness of public procurement rules (legislative/ non-legislative).
17.	Implementation of the EU Global Strategy	Including notably efforts to foster state, economic, environmental/climate and societal resilience in third countries, in particular in the EU's neighbours and in wider surrounding regions (non-legislative).
18.	EU Strategy for Syria	The strategy will set out how the EU can help rebuild a peaceful and stable Syrian nation and a pluralistic, tolerant civil society in Syria (non-legislative; Q1/2017).
19.	Africa – EU Partnership: renewed impetus	The initiative will define the EU's strategic objectives and priorities in its relations with Africa (non-legislative; Q2/2017).
A Union of Democratic Change		
20.	Modernisation of Comitology procedures	Proposals to align the rules for secondary legislation to the updated Treaty rules (legislative; Q1/2017); and assessment of the democratic legitimacy of existing procedures for the adoption of delegated and implementing acts (non-legislative; Q1/2017).
21.	A more strategic approach to enforcement of EU law	Measures to step up efforts on the application, implementation and enforcement of EU law (non-legislative; Q4/2016), in line with the Commission's priorities; concrete proposals to ensure better enforcement of single market rules (see under point 6 above) as well as REFIT initiatives to ensure proper implementation and enforcement of environmental regulation, including environmental compliance assurance (non-legislative; Q3/2017), access to justice (non-legislative; Q1/2017) and monitoring, transparency and reporting (legislative/ non-legislative; Q2/2017).