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Annex I: New initiatives

N°	Title	Type of initiative	Description of scope and objectives
A New Boost for Jobs, Growth and Investment			
1.	New Skills Agenda for Europe	Legislative / Non-legislative	The Agenda aims at promoting skills development, including the mutual recognition of qualifications, supporting vocational training and higher education and reaping the full potential of digital jobs.
2.	New start for working parents	Legislative / Non-legislative	A set of legislative and non-legislative measures to better address the challenges of work-life balance faced by working parents and support the participation of women in the labour market.
3.	Circular Economy Package	Legislative / Non-legislative	The aim is to address economic and environmental concerns by maximizing efficiency in the use of resources, covering the whole value chain (including sustainable consumption, production, waste management) and through innovation, thereby enabling the development of new markets and business models. The package will consist of a broad action plan, including actions on monitoring effective progress, and a waste proposal with long-term targets.
4.	Review of the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) 2014-2020	Legislative / Non-legislative	The mid-term review of the MFF will address how better to target funding on the priorities the EU faces. The review will also look for ways to further orientate the EU budget towards results and simplify the applicable rules (REFIT) e.g. for the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) and the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), and will explore the scope for further simplification under Horizon 2020 funding.
5.	Next steps for a sustainable European future	Non-legislative	This initiative will set out a new approach to ensure Europe's economic growth and social and environmental sustainability beyond the 2020 timeframe, taking into account the Europe 2020 review and the internal and external implementation of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

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A Connected Digital Single Market			
6.	Implementation of the Digital Single Market Strategy	Legislative / Non-legislative	The Digital Single Market Strategy outlined in May 2015 will be taken forward with three sets of actions: 1) a Communication on copyright and legislative proposal on portability, followed by legislative proposals on copyright and the review of the satellite and cable directive (REFIT), legislative proposals on digital contract rights, geo-blocking, and VAT for electronic commerce (REFIT), and the review of the Regulation on consumer protection cooperation (REFIT); 2) reviews of the telecoms regulatory framework (REFIT) and the audiovisual and media services Directive (REFIT), and 3) a legislative proposal on the free flow of data.
A Resilient Energy Union with a Forward-Looking Climate Change Policy			
7.	Energy Union Package	Legislative / Non-legislative	Following up on the Framework Strategy, the Package is composed of: legislative proposals on electricity market design and the regulatory framework, including the review of the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER), and the revision of the Regulation on security of electricity supply; the revision of the Regulation on security of gas supply and the revision of the Decision on inter-governmental agreements; the effort sharing decision and integration of the Land Use, Land-Use Change and Forestry sector (LULUCF) into the 2030 climate framework; a renewable energy package (REFIT), including sustainability criteria for biomass, and an energy efficiency package, including energy efficiency for buildings (REFIT).
A Deeper and Fairer Internal Market with a Strengthened Industrial Base			
8.	Labour Mobility Package	Legislative / Non-legislative	This initiative consists of a Communication on labour mobility, a targeted revision of the Directive on the posting of workers, and the revision of Regulations on social security coordination.

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9.	Follow-up to Single Market Strategy	Legislative / Non-legislative	The Single Market Strategy will be taken forward through guidance on how EU law applies to collaborative economy business models; action to help SMEs and start-ups grow; initiatives on the regulation of professions; a legislative initiative framing a new approach to business failure and insolvency; legislative initiatives to facilitate cross-border provision of services, tackle regulatory barriers in key business services and construction services, and address discrimination based on nationality or place of residence; review of the EU intellectual property enforcement framework (REFIT); action on standardisation including service standards; proposals for market information tools and an improved notification procedure under the Services Directive; and an action plan to increase awareness of the mutual recognition principles in the goods sector.
10.	European Defence Action Plan	Legislative / Non-legislative	The aim is a legal and policy framework to ensure that the European market and industrial and skills base will be able to deliver the military capability priorities that Member States may need to meet future security needs.
11.	Action Plan on VAT	Legislative / Non-legislative	The action plan aims at delivering efficient and fraud-proof VAT regimes and will include initiatives on VAT rates (REFIT) and a proposal on VAT for electronic commerce (REFIT) in the context of the Digital Single Market Strategy, and a Communication setting out the definitive VAT regime (REFIT).
12.	Corporate Tax Package	Legislative / Non-legislative	Following up on the Communication on A fair and efficient corporate tax system in the European Union: 5 key areas for action, the package includes a set of measures to enhance transparency of the corporate tax system and fight tax avoidance, including by implementing international standards on base erosion and profit shifting, and a staged approach starting with a mandatory tax base (REFIT) together with withdrawal of the existing CCCTB proposal.
13.	A Space Strategy for Europe	Non- legislative	The Strategy will coordinate the different strands of EU space activities, including a roadmap for concrete actions enabling targeted sectorial applications and further developing the EU space programmes to benefit the economy, public authorities and society as a whole.
A Deeper and Fairer Economic and Monetary Union			
14.	Pillar of Social Rights	Legislative / Non-legislative	The initiative will address gaps in existing legislation and identify common principles and reference benchmarks with a view to a greater convergence of employment and social performance over time.

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15.	European Bank Deposit Insurance Scheme / Completion of the Banking Union	Legislative / Non-legislative	Following up to the Five Presidents' Report, the proposal will outline steps towards a European Bank Deposit Insurance Scheme based on a reinsurance mechanism. A Communication will set out further measures to complete the Banking Union.
Trade: A Reasonable and Balanced Free Trade Agreement with the U.S.			
16.	Follow-up to the Trade and Investment Strategy	Legislative / Non-legislative	Against the background of the Trade for All strategy for a more effective and transparent trade and investment policy based on values, the Commission will pursue the TTIP negotiations with the US, as well as make progress at WTO, engage strategically with Asia and ensure that EPAs are well implemented.
An Area of Justice and Fundamental Rights Based on Mutual Trust			
17.	Implementation of European Agenda on Security	Legislative / Non-legislative	Actions to implement the European Agenda on Security including a proposal to amend the Framework Decision on terrorism, improved rules on firearms and a proposal on combatting fraud and counterfeiting on non-cash means of payment.
Towards a New Policy on Migration			
18.	Better Migration Management	Legislative / Non-legislative	The initiative has two dimensions: 1) legal migration: a Communication and further legislative measures including extension of the Blue Card approach; 2) asylum and refugees: a proposal for a structured system on resettlement of refugees and revision of the Dublin system on asylum.
19.	Border Management Package	Legislative / Non-legislative	The aim is to progress towards a European Border and Coast Guard building on a reinforced Frontex.
A Stronger Global Actor			
20.	Post-Cotonou Framework	Non-legislative	New policy framework to govern relations with the ACP countries and regions.
21.	Capacity building in the security sector	Legislative / non-legislative	The package covers security sector reform and a possible new dedicated instrument for capacity building in support of security and development in third countries.

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22.	Commission contribution to the Global Strategy	Non-legislative	The Commission will actively contribute to the Global Strategy on Foreign and Security Policy under the responsibility of the High Representative/Vice-President with a view to a better sense of direction to the EU external action.
A Union of Democratic Change			
23.	Proposal for an Inter-Institutional Agreement on a mandatory Transparency Register	Non-legislative	The proposal for an IIA with the European Parliament and the Council aims at enhancing openness and accountability by making the Transparency Register mandatory for all interest representatives seeking to influence policy making in any of the three institutions.