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Key actions	Date
A SUSTAINABLE PRODUCT POLICY FRAMEWORK	
Legislative proposal for a sustainable product policy initiative	2021
Legislative proposal empowering consumers in the green transition	2020
Legislative and non-legislative measures establishing a new “ right to repair ”	2021
Legislative proposal on substantiating green claims	2020
Mandatory Green Public Procurement (GPP) criteria and targets in sectoral legislation and phasing-in mandatory reporting on GPP	as of 2021
Review of the Industrial Emissions Directive , including the integration of circular economy practices in upcoming Best Available Techniques reference documents	as of 2021
Launch of an industry-led industrial symbiosis reporting and certification system	2022
KEY PRODUCT VALUE CHAINS	
Circular Electronics Initiative, common charger solution, and reward systems to return old devices	2020/2021
Review of the Directive on the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment and guidance to clarify its links with REACH and Ecodesign requirements	2021
Proposal for a new regulatory framework for batteries	2020
Review of the rules on end-of-life vehicles	2021
Review of the rules on proper treatment of waste oils	2022
Review to reinforce the essential requirements for packaging and reduce (over)packaging and packaging waste	2021
Mandatory requirements on recycled plastic content and plastic waste reduction measures for key products such as packaging, construction materials and vehicles	2021/2022
Restriction of intentionally added microplastics and measures on unintentional release of microplastics	2021

Policy framework for bio-based plastics and biodegradable or compostable plastics	2021
EU Strategy for Textiles	2021
Strategy for a Sustainable Built Environment	2021
Initiative to substitute single-use packaging, tableware and cutlery by reusable products in food services	2021
LESS WASTE, MORE VALUE	
Waste reduction targets for specific streams and other measures on waste prevention	2022
EU-wide harmonised model for separate collection of waste and labelling to facilitate separate collection	2022
Methodologies to track and minimise the presence of substances of concern in recycled materials and articles made thereof	2021
Harmonised information systems for the presence of substances of concern	2021
Scoping the development of further EU-wide end-of-waste and by-product criteria	2021
Revision of the rules on waste shipments	2021
MAKING THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY WORK FOR PEOPLE, REGIONS AND CITIES	
Supporting the circular economy transition through the Skills Agenda , the forthcoming Action Plan for Social Economy , the Pact for Skills and the European Social Fund Plus .	as of 2020
Supporting the circular economy transition through Cohesion policy funds , the Just Transition Mechanism and urban initiatives	as of 2020
CROSSCUTTING ACTIONS	
Improving measurement, modelling and policy tools to capture synergies between the circular economy and climate change mitigation and adaptation at EU and national level	as of 2020
Regulatory framework for the certification of carbon removals	2023
Reflecting circular economy objectives in the revision of the guidelines on state aid in the field of environment and energy	2021

Mainstreaming circular economy objectives in the context of the rules on non-financial reporting , and initiatives on sustainable corporate governance and on environmental accounting	2020/2021
LEADING EFFORTS AT GLOBAL LEVEL	
Leading efforts towards reaching a global agreement on plastics	as of 2020
Proposing a Global Circular Economy Alliance and initiating discussions on an international agreement on the management of natural resources	as of 2021
Mainstreaming circular economy objectives in free trade agreements , in other bilateral, regional and multilateral processes and agreements, and in EU external policy funding instruments	as of 2020
MONITORING THE PROGRESS	
Updating the Circular Economy Monitoring Framework to reflect new policy priorities and develop further indicators on resource use , including consumption and material footprints	2021