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New initiatives

No.	Policy area	Initiative	Description	Commissioner in charge	Timeline
Europe Prosperity and competitiveness CLEAN INDUSTRIAL DEAL					
1.	New Competitiveness Act	Comprehensive strategy EU competitiveness based on Draghi report	1) Communication on the overarching objectives 2) Legislative act following the model of the Climate law		Q4 2024 100 DAYS
2.	ETS	Revision ETS	Legislative Revision of the ETS directive 2023/959 to add negative emissions and allow for more flexibility for CCU/CCS		Q1 2025
3.	IED	Revision of the Industrial Emission Directive	Revision of the directive 2024/1785 to split it into two distinctive parts (industry and agriculture)		Q1 2025
4.	2040 climate target	Revision of Climate law (NEGATIVE PRIORITY)	Revision of the regulation 2021/1119 that must take into consideration the impact on businesses, economy, social and in dialogue with all stakeholders		
5.	Hydrogen strategy	Definition low carbon hydrogen	Delegated act Establish a simple, technology-neutral and pragmatic definition for low-carbon hydrogen in the upcoming delegated act pursuant to Art.8 of the Gas Directive. Proposing a new E-Fuel/Biofuel/Low carbon		Q2 2025

			fuel Strategy, with targeted incentives and funding, to accompany the EU Hydrogen Strategy		
6.	Technological neutrality	Revise the combustion engine ban to allow for a technological neutral approach and a role for e- and alternative/renewable fuels	Legislative Revising Regulation (EU) 2019/631 setting CO2 emission performance standards for new passenger cars and for new light commercial vehicles, to allow for the use of alternative zero-emission fuels beyond 2035		Q4 2024 100 DAYS
7.	New E-fuel/Biofuel/low carbon fuel strategy		1. New Communication 2. New Legislative proposal		Q2 2025
8.	Energy security/independence	Expanding the list of key projects in the Net Zero Industry Act	legislative Revision Regulation (EU) 2024/1735 on NZIA to expand the list of key projects and develop similar rules for other sectors so climate neutral businesses are exempted from certain regulatory requirements.		Q3 2025
9.	Fast track permitting	simplified and fast permit procedures	Adopt an Omnibus-Regulation for simplified and fast permit procedures to make it the norm across all sectors, including chemicals.		

CUTTING RED TAPE: less bureaucracy, more breathing space for businesses

10.	Better regulation	Compulsory impact assessments	Revision of the regulation: Introduce of a systematic and mandatory dynamic impact assessments for each legislative proposal		Q1 2025 100 DAYS
11.	1 in 2 out principle		Legislative New comprehensive proposal for a regulation on Better law making and cutting regulatory burden by one third by 2029 including the introduction of mandatory dynamic impact assessments, including on the cumulative impact, and competitiveness/SME tests and a binding “1 in 2 out principle”. al for a regulation on Better law making and cutting regulatory burden by one third by 2029 including the “1 in 2 out principle”.		2025
12.	Simplify access to EU funds	Simplification EU funding	Legislative Revision of the Financial Regulation to ensure the further simplification of procedures and reduction of red tape when applying for EU funding; further transparency provisions related to the final beneficiaries of EU funding.		2025
13.	One stop shop for businesses	European single portal	New proposal establishing a European Single Portal for		

			national and European reporting duties and financing opportunities as a one-stop shop for businesses (containing all templates and information related to national and EU reporting requirements).		
European defence and security					
14.	EUROPEAN DEFENSE INDUSTRY	Amending regulation 2022/0219(COD) European Defence Industry Reinforcement through common Procurement Act (EDIRPA)	Legislative. To make the procurement rules more stringent and continue the financing beyond 2025.		Q1 2025 100 DAYS
Migration and home affairs					
15.	Foster return	a) Repeal the recast of the Directive on common standards and procedures in Member States for returning illegally staying third-country nationals b) New regulation on return	legislative New Directive on common standards and procedures in Member States for returning illegally staying third-country nationals		a) Q4 2024 b) Q1 2025 100 DAYS
16.	Partnership with third countries	Advance negotiations, conclude and implement Memoranda of Understanding with further third countries	Non-legislative ➤ New Memorandum of understanding for comprehensive partnership package with third countries of origin and transit like Lebanon, Mali, Niger, Chad, Nigeria or Ethiopia following the model of EU-Tunisia agreement and the		Q1/Q2 2025

		<p>strategic and comprehensive partnership between Egypt and the EU.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Negotiate and conclude status agreements with neighbouring countries like Serbia as well as Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as key African third countries like Mauritania and Senegal for the deployment of Frontex Standing Corps. 		
17.	Strengthening EUROPOL	Revision of Regulation (EU) 2016/794 on Europol	<p>Legislative</p> <p>To amend the mandate of the agency and insert enforcement and autonomous investigation powers including reinforcement of its budget and staff.</p>	Q1 2025
18.	Scaling up FRONTEX	Make Frontex a true European EU border and coastal protection force, triple its staff to 30.000, provide it with implementing powers, and a larger budget.	<p>legislative and budgetary</p> <p>a) Revision of Regulation (EU) 2019/1896 on the European Border and Coast Guard and repealing Regulations (EU) No 1052/2013 and (EU) 2016/1624 to progressively increase the capacity of the standing Frontex corps until a maximum capacity of 30 000 as well as reinforce its leading role in returns</p>	Q1 2025

			(amending its mandate and budget including staffing). b) Annual budgets and MFF: increase the budget and detailed operations to be financed including physical infrastructure to protect the EU's external borders under the Instrument for financial support for border management and visa (BMVI).		
19.	Protecting our children	Protection of children online	Non legislative Communication on an EU Action Plan against cyberbullying and online child abuse		100 DAYS
Agriculture, fisheries, food security, water and nature - quality of life					
20.	Managing large carnivores populations and other species in the interest of rural areas	Revising the protection status of wolves, bears and other species	Legislative Revising the Habitats Directive and the Birds Directive.		Q2 2025
21.	Food supply chain / Improving revenues of farmers	Improve the position of farmers in the food supply chain.	Non-legislative: Full-scale inquiry into why farmers are not receiving a fair price for their products; Legislative: Revision of the Directive on Unfair Trading Practices and targeted amendment of the Common Markets Organisation Regulation (CMO) to improve the remuneration of farmers.		100 DAYS

21a.	Reform of Common Fisheries Policy (CFP)	A fully fledged legislative proposal for a reform of the CFP, following the comprehensive review of the policy that is currently ongoing (results expected in first Q1 2025)	Legislative: Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy (current legislative framework adopted in 2013 and needs urgently to be adapted to the new realities)		Q3 2025
Rule of law, protecting democracy					
22.	Protection rule of law and EU budget	Rule of law conditionality	legislative New Commission proposal for a regulation on Rule of law, complementing the existing regulation 2020/2092 on a general regime of conditionality for the protection of the Union budget (the conditionality regulation).		
23.	Transparency	NGO regulation	Legislative NGO Regulation to address topics such as revolving doors, transparency in financing and donations, the fight against money laundering, limiting foreign interference, independence from political and economic influence, whistleblowing and transparent governance structures.		
24.	EP prerogatives	EP right of initiative	non-legislative		

			Revision of the EP-EC Framework agreement to include the right of legislative initiative for the EP, through clear commitments on Commission follow-up to Parliament's requests, ensure parliamentary accountability where the Commission proposes action based on Art.122 TFEU and secure Parliament's involvement in all international agreements.		
Global Europe					
25.	Preparing for enlargement	Communication enlargement reforms and policy reviews	non-legislative		
26.	New strategy for the Mediterranean	New strategy for the Mediterranean	non-legislative		
27.	Trade	Completion of MERCOSUR agreement and the association agreement with Mexico	NLE		
Supporting people, strengthening our societies and our social model					
28.	EU plan against Cancer				
29.	Affordable housing				
30.	Research and innovation				