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On October 25, the European Commission published its Work Programme for 2017. The Work Programme outlines the Commission's new initiatives and priorities for the year ahead. The Programme informs European citizens, institutions and stakeholders on how the Commission will deliver on its political priorities and turn them into concrete actions.

The Dods EU Monitoring team has prepared an overview of the different initiatives and proposals the Commission will present during the course of the next twelve months, divided by policy areas. Please [click here](#) to access it.

The Commission has identified 21 new key initiatives and 34 priority proposals on which work has already started. In addition to the new initiatives and on-going priorities, the Work Programme also outlines initiatives included in the Regulatory Fitness and Performance (REFIT) programme with the aim to make EU law simpler and to reduce the costs of regulation, as well as intended withdrawals, modifications and repeals of existing legislation and legislative and non-legislative proposals.

All the initiatives are based on the ten core priorities of the Commission's mandate which include a focus on job creation, economic growth, the Digital Single Market, an Energy Union, climate change policy, a deeper internal market and a new migration policy. According to the first Vice-President of the Commission, Frans Timmermans, who presented the Work Programme to the Members of the European Parliament in their plenary session in Strasbourg, the Programme is in line with what President Juncker outlined in his State of the European Union speech on September 14 and the priorities of the 27 Heads of State or Government, as agreed at the Bratislava Summit. Mr. Timmermans also stated that the implementation of legislation is pivotal and the Commission will continue its efforts to improve legislation to make it more fit for purpose.

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