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# COMMISSION WORK PROGRAMME

17 October 2023

## What is the Commission Work Programme?

Every year, the European Commission adopts a Work Programme which sets out its key initiatives for the year ahead. It informs citizens how we will deliver on our political priorities and turn them into concrete action.

## Timeline of the 2024 Work Programme



**11 July 2023:** Executive Vice-President Šefčovič meets the European Parliament's Conference of Committee Chairs to discuss legislative programming for the year ahead.



**08 September 2023:** President von der Leyen meets the European Parliament's Conference of Presidents to discuss priorities for the State of the Union speech and the 2024 Commission Work Programme.



**13 September 2023:** The President of the European Commission delivers her [State of the Union address](#) to the European Parliament, setting out her political priorities for the year ahead.

The President and Executive Vice-President for the Green Deal, Interinstitutional Relations and Foresight send a [Letter of Intent](#) to the President of the European Parliament and the Council of the EU Presidency, outlining the specific measures the Commission intends to take following the President's speech. The letter kick-starts a dialogue with the Parliament and Council.



**17 October 2023:** The Commission adopts its Work Programme for 2024, and presents it afterwards in the European Parliament and to the other institutional partners.



**15 November 2023:** Presentation of the Work Programme at the first General Affairs Council (GAC) following the adoption.

## New initiatives in the 2024 Work Programme

### A European Green Deal

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| 1 | <b>Wind power package</b>  | European wind power package (non-legislative, Q4 2023)     |
| 2 | <b>2040 climate target</b> | 2040 climate target (non-legislative, Q1 2024)             |
| 3 | <b>Water resilience</b>    | Initiative for water resilience (non-legislative, Q1 2024) |

### A Europe Fit for the Digital Age

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| 4 | <b>A safe space for the green and digital transition</b>                        | EU space law (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Articles 114 and 191 TFEU, Q1 2024)<br>Strategy on space data economy (non-legislative, Q1 2024)          |
| 5 | <b>Artificial intelligence to serve European innovation and competitiveness</b> | Initiative to open up European supercomputer capacity to ethical and responsible artificial intelligence start-ups (legislative and non-legislative, Q1 2024) |

### An Economy that Works for People

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| 6 | <b>Biotech and biomanufacturing</b>                          | EU biotech and biomanufacturing initiative (non-legislative, Q1 2024)                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 7 | <b>Social dialogue</b>                                       | Follow-up to the Val Duchesse summit (Q1/Q2 2024)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 8 | <b>Green and digital transition, open strategic autonomy</b> | Advanced materials for industrial leadership (non-legislative, Q1 2024)                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 9 | <b>European Works Council</b>                                | Initiative on rules on the European Works Council (legislative or non-legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 153(2)(b), in conjunction with Article 153(1)(e) TFEU, Q1 2024, responds to Article 225 TFEU resolution P9_TA(2023)0028 'Revision of the European Works Councils Directive') |

### A Stronger Europe in the World

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| 10 | <b>Strengthening partnerships</b> | Joint Communication on a strengthened partnership with Africa (non-legislative, Q2 2024) |
| 11 | <b>European defence</b>           | European defence industrial strategy (legislative and/or non-legislative, Q1 2024)       |

### Promoting our European Way of Life

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| 12 | <b>Fight against migrant smuggling</b> | Update the legal framework and strengthen co-operation to fight the smuggling of migrants (non-legislative and/or legislative, Articles 83(2) and 79(2)(c) TFEU, Q4 2023)                                                                                                                                                         |
| 13 | <b>A joint European degree</b>         | Joint European degree (non-legislative, Q2 2024)<br>Council Recommendation on attractive and sustainable careers in higher education (non-legislative, Articles 165 and 166 TFEU, Q2 2024)<br>Council Recommendation on a European quality assurance and recognition system (non-legislative, Articles 165 and 166 TFEU, Q2 2024) |

### A New Push for European Democracy

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| 14 | <b>Preparing for enlargement</b> | Communication on pre-enlargement reforms and policy reviews (non-legislative, Q2 2024)                        |
| 15 | <b>Child protection</b>          | Commission Recommendation on integrated child protection systems (non-legislative, Article 292 TFEU, Q1 2024) |

# The Commission Work Programme structure



**Annex I:**  
**New initiatives;**



**Annex II:**  
**Significant proposals and initiatives to rationalise reporting requirements and evaluations and fitness checks;**



**Annex III:**  
**The pending proposals where we want the co-legislators to reach an agreement;**



**Annex IV:**  
**Intended withdrawals of pending proposals.**

## 2024 Commission Work Programme - key figures

> **18**  
New initiatives

> **26**  
Proposals and initiatives to rationalise reporting requirements adopted by the Commission with the Work Programme and afterwards

> **154**  
Pending proposals

> **6**  
Proposals for withdrawal

> **16**  
Evaluations and fitness checks

> **15**  
Proposals for rationalisation for reporting requirements adopted since March 2023