

Introduction:

The objective of this document is to highlight and track key EU legislative proposals and consultations of potential interest to Irish business. The tracker also provides information concerning which European Parliamentary Committees and European Council configurations have responsibility for the dossiers, as well as links to the latest associated documents available. A glossary of related EU terminology terms appears at the end of the document.

While every effort has been made to identify the main proposals of interest to business, the content of this tracker is non-exhaustive. The aim of the document is to assist rather than guarantee that the contents of this register are the definitive.

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1. European Commission consultations¹

1.01 Open consultations

Consultation title and web link	Description	Policy area/DG	Closing date of consultation
Public Consultation on the European Pillar of Social Rights	Consultation to gather views and get feedback on the role of the European Pillar of Social Rights as part of a deeper and fairer EMU, as well as to make an assessment of the present EU social 'acquis', and to reflect on new trends in work patterns and societies due to the impact of new technologies and demographic trends.	Employment and Social Affairs, Economic and Financial Affairs	31 December 2016
Public Consultation on the evaluation of the Aerosol Dispenser Directive 75/324/EEC	Consultation to assess whether the Directive is meeting its objectives of guaranteeing free circulation of aerosol dispensers within the EU while ensuring a high degree of safety.	Enterprise, Internal Market	15 January 2017

¹ Link to the full list of open European Commission consultations http://ec.europa.eu/yourvoice/consultations/index_en.htm

Consultation title and web link	Description	Policy area/DG	Closing date of consultation
Public consultation on the Evaluation of procedural and jurisdictional aspects of EU merger control	The Commission wants to simplify the case referral system and explore whether there is scope for further simplification of EU merger control. It also seeks feedback on the functioning of the case referral system between Member States and the Commission, and wants to examine new issues such as the effectiveness of the turnover-based jurisdictional thresholds of the EU Merger Regulation.	Competition	13 January 2017
Public consultation on the fitness of EU legislation for maritime transport safety and efficiency	The Commission has decided to conduct a Fitness Check of EU maritime legislation to identify any excessive burdens, inconsistencies and obsolete or (cost) ineffective measures in the policy area being considered.	Transport	8 January 2017
Open public consultation for the mid-term evaluation of the European Union Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI)	Consultation to assess the relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, coherence, and EU added-value of EaSI from 2014-2016, with a view to shaping the future of the programme.	Employment and Social Affairs	11 January 2017
Public stakeholder consultation on the Euratom Research and Training Programme	Consultation to gather the views and opinions of stakeholders, experts active in the field and the wider public on the Euratom research and training activities funded by the European Commission.	Research and Technology	15 January 2017

Consultation title and web link	Description	Policy area/DG	Closing date of consultation
Public stakeholder consultation – Interim evaluation of Horizon 2020	The objective of the consultation is to collect information from a wide audience on different aspects of Horizon 2020 implementation.	Research and Technology	15 January 2017
Public consultation on strengthening EU cooperation on Health Technology Assessment (HTA)	Consultation to gather detailed views and opinions relating to the future of the EU cooperation on HTA, as proposed in the Inception Impact Assessment published by the European Commission	Public Health	13 January 2017
Public consultation on the rules on the import of cultural goods	Consultation to gather input from all interested stakeholders to be taken into consideration in the preparation of legislative proposals to better counter the illicit trafficking in cultural goods from third countries. Measures could include the requirement to obtain an EU licence before any import.	Customs	23 January 2017
Public consultation in relation to the REACH REFIT evaluation	Consultation to obtain stakeholder views on the general approach to the 2017 REACH REFIT evaluation and to collect stakeholder views on the strengths and weaknesses of REACH as well as any potentially missing elements.	Public Health, Environment, Enterprise, Internal Market	28 January 2017

Consultation title and web link	Description	Policy area/DG	Closing date of consultation
Public consultation on policy options to set minimum quality requirements for reused water in the European Union	Consultation to collect the views of stakeholders and citizens with regard to the policy options to set minimum quality requirements for reused water in the European Union.	Trade, Public Health, Environment, Enterprise, Climate Action, Agriculture and Rural Development, Internal Market, Food Safety	27 January 2017
Consultation on disincentives for advisors and intermediaries for potentially aggressive tax planning schemes	Consultation to gather views on whether there is a need for EU action aimed at introducing more effective disincentives for intermediaries engaged in operations that facilitate tax evasion and tax avoidance and in case there is, how it should be designed.	Taxation	16 February 2017
Public consultation on excise duties applied to manufactured tobacco	Consultation to examine scope to improve existing directive in order to reduce administrative burden for member states and economic operators and reduce distortion in the internal market.	Taxation	16 February 2017
Consultation on a deep and comprehensive free trade agreement with Tunisia	Questionnaire to gather detailed views on the trade, investment and broader economic relationship between the EU and Tunisia.	Trade	22 February 2017

Consultation title and web link	Description	Policy area/DG	Closing date of consultation
Mid-term evaluation of the 3 rd Health Programme	Part of the mid-term evaluation of the 3rd programme for the Union's action in the field of health (2014-2020). Consultation to ensure that wider stakeholder groups as well as the general public have a say in its performance and future priorities.	Public Health	23 February 2017
Consultation on the code of best practice on the conduct of state aid control proceedings	Consultation to ensure coherence and consistency in the application of the various instruments of the State Aid framework and to draw conclusions on the implementation and effectiveness of the Code of Best Practice.	Competition	25 February 2017
Public consultation on the mid-term evaluation of the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF)	The general objectives of the mid-term evaluation are to report on the progress in achieving the objectives of the CEF, the efficiency of the use of resources, and its European added value.	Transport, Research and Technology, Regional Policy, Environment, Energy, Economic and Financial Affairs, Communications Networks - Content & Technology, Climate Action, Budget, Banking and Finance, Internal Market, Information Society:	27 February 2017
Public consultation on the functioning of mutual assistance between member states for the recovery of taxes	Consultation to bring new insights and provide information about the efficiency and legal framework of the Directive, and to gather views from stakeholders other than tax administrations about their experience of the current rules concerning mutual assistance for the recovery of claims across borders.	Taxation	8 March 2017

Consultation title and web link	Description	Policy area/DG	Closing date of consultation
Public consultation on the implementation of the Free Trade Agreement between the EU and its Member States and the Republic of Korea	Consultation aiming to gather detailed views relating to the implementation of the Free Trade Agreement between the EU and its Member States and the Republic of Korea.	Trade	3 March 2017
Public stakeholder consultation – Interim evaluation of Joint Undertakings operating under Horizon 2020	Consultation to collect information from a wide audience on different aspects of the implementation of the Joint Undertakings operating under Horizon 2020. The results of the public stakeholder consultation will feed into the interim evaluation of the Joint Undertakings as well as to the interim evaluation of Horizon 2020 overall.	Research and Technology	10 March 2017
Public consultation on the review of Regulation (EC) No 1073/2009 on common rules for access to the international market for coach and bus services	Consultation to gather specialised input on specific aspects of the legislation (e.g. national markets for regular services, terminals, etc.) from the enforcement community and from the industry, in order to prepare the impact assessment and the legislative proposal.	Transport	22 March 2017
Mid-term evaluation of Regulation (EU) No 652/2014 on food and feed expenditure	Consultation to support the mid-term evaluation of the Regulation establishing a Common Financial Framework which covers the spending for animal health measures, plant health measures, official controls and other activities.	Public Health, Agriculture and Rural Development, Food Safety	17 March 2017

Consultation title and web link	Description	Policy area/DG	Closing date of consultation
Revision of the Clean Vehicles Directive	Consultation to feed into an Impact Assessment of options for a possible revision of the Directive. This is to better support achieving EU policy objectives on climate change and air pollution and to stimulate the market for clean vehicles and increase competitiveness.	Transport	24 March 2017

2. European Commission legislative proposals by relevant DG

2.01 DG Climate Action (CLIMA)

Proposal title and link	Description	Implications	Current Position	Further Information ²
Binding annual greenhouse gas emission reductions by member states from 2021 to 2030 2016/0231(COD)	The aim is to achieve a reduction at EU level of 30% in greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) by 2030 compared to 2005, in all sectors that are not part of the Emission Trading System (non-ETS sectors) in order to implement EU commitments under the Paris agreement.	The burden will be shared equitably among member states. Securing an appropriate treatment for the agriculture sector is a priority once negotiations begin.	Awaiting committee decision	EP Committee: ENVI EP Rapporteur: Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy Link to the proposal published 20.07.2016 Link to the annex published 20.07.2016
2030 climate and energy framework: inclusion of greenhouse gas emissions and removals from land use, land use change and forestry 2016/0230(COD)	The proposal aims to define how the LULUCF sector will contribute to an EU-wide 30% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions in non-ETS (emission trading scheme) sectors by 2030 compared to 2005.	The mandatory scope applies to forest land and agricultural land. The approach streamlines the system with the UNFCCC 'land-based' reporting framework, and includes CO ₂ , CH ₄ and N ₂ O.	Awaiting committee decision	EP Committee: ENVI EP Rapporteur: Norbert Lins Link to the proposal published 20.07.2016

² A list of explanations for all of the acronyms is provided at the end of this document in Section 3

Proposal title and link	Description	Implications	Current Position	Further Information ²
Commission Decision determining a list of sectors and subsectors which are deemed to be exposed to a significant risk of carbon leakage for the period 2015 to 2019 Link to the procedure	A list of sectors or sub-sectors which, for reasons of costs related to climate policies may have to transfer production to other countries which have laxer constraints on GHG emissions.	Free ETS allowances are allocated for those sectors included on the list.	Council supports Commission decision. Awaiting final approval of Parliament	EP Committee: ENVI European Council Configuration: ENV Link to the decision published 05.05.2014 Link to the annex published 05.05.2014 Link to the Commission press release 09.07.2014 Link to Council press release 26.09.2014

2.02 DG Communications Networks, Content & Technology (CNECT)

Proposal title and link	Description	Implications	Current Position	Further Information
European Electronic Communications Code. Recast Directive 2016/0288(COD)	The proposal consists of a horizontal recasting of the four existing Directives (the Framework Directive, the Authorisation Directive, the Access Directive and the Universal Service Directive), bringing them all under a single Directive.	This would streamline the existing electronic communications policies.	Awaiting committee decision	EP Committee: ITRE Link to the proposal published 12.10.2016

Proposal title and link	Description	Implications	Current Position	Further Information
Amending regulation to promote Internet connectivity in local communities 2016/0287(COD)	The proposal aims to amend Regulations (EU) No 1316/2013 and (EU) No 283/2014 in order to promote internet connectivity in local communities.	Internet connections will be provided at all sites that provide a public service (eg libraries, hospitals).	Awaiting committee decision	EP Committee: ITRE Link to the proposal published 14.09.2016
Proposal for a body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC) 2016/0286(COD)	The proposal broadens the current mandate of BEREC and turns it into a fully-fledged agency equipped with the necessary tools and adequate resources to achieve its objectives and carry out its tasks.	This will give BEREC more power through additional tasks, eg delivering opinions on draft national measures on assignments of rights of use for radio spectrum.	Awaiting committee decision	EP Committee: ITRE Link to the proposal published 14.09.2016
Amending directive on copyright in the digital single market 2016/0280(COD)	This draft directive lays down rules which aim at further harmonising the Union law applicable to copyright and related rights in the framework of the internal market, taking into account in particular digital and cross-border uses of protected content.	The existing framework of exceptions to copyright law will be brought up to date and streamlined, creating a clearer legal space for innovative text and data tools.	Awaiting committee decision	EP Committee: JURI Rapporteur: Therese Comodini Cachia Link to the proposal published 14.09.2016

Proposal title and link	Description	Implications	Current Position	Further Information
Amending regulation on wholesale roaming markets 2016/0185(COD)	This proposal aims to complete the rules on roaming, in particular with regard to wholesale roaming markets, in order to abolish retail roaming surcharges by 15 June 2017 without distorting the domestic visited and home markets.	The functioning of national wholesale roaming markets will be better regulated and retail roaming surcharges will be abolished.	Awaiting committee decision	EP Committee: ITRE Rapporteur: Miapetra Kumpula-Natri Link to the proposal published 15.06.2016
Proposal for geo-blocking and other forms of discrimination based on customers' nationality, place of residence or place of establishment within the internal market 2016/0152(COD)	The general objective of this proposal is to give customers better access to goods and services in the Single Market by preventing direct and indirect discrimination by traders artificially segmenting the market based on customers' residence.	Customers will be able to buy or sell goods/services across borders, will have better access to websites and will no longer be rerouted from one country's website to another.	Awaiting committee decision	EP Committee: IMCO Rapporteur: Roza Graf von Thun und Hohenstein Link to the proposal published 25.05.2016
Amending directive for audiovisual media services: changing market realities 2016/0151(COD)	The proposal seeks to amend Directive 2010/13/EU in order to take into account changes in the audiovisual landscape since the last revision to ensure that the AVMSD will provide a modernised, flexible and forward looking legal framework.	The directive will focus on modernising the rules applicable to all market players, the protection of minors and advertising rules – eg the prohibition of tobacco advertising will be extended to e-cigarettes.	Awaiting committee decision	EP Committee: CULT Rapporteurs: Sabine Verheyen & Petra Kammerevert Council Configuration: EYCS Link to the proposal published 25.05.2016

Proposal title and link	Description	Implications	Current Position	Further Information
Use of the 470-790 MHz frequency band in the Union 2016/0027(COD)	This proposal contributes to the target of 1200 MHz for wireless broadband, and lays down two binding common deadlines for Member States for repurposing the 700 MHz frequency band for wireless broadband.	The 700 MHz frequency band will be used for wireless broadband. Audiovisual media services will exist in the sub-700 MHz band.	Awaiting committee decision	EP Committee: ITRE Rapporteur: Patrizia Toia Link to the proposal published 02.02.2016

2.03 DG Competition (COMP)

Proposal title and Link	Description	Implications	Current Position	Further Information
Posting of workers in the framework of the provision of services 2016/0070(COD)	The proposal of targeted amendments to the Posting of Workers Directive integrates and complements the provisions set in the Enforcement Directive. It seeks to ensure fair wage conditions to posted workers and a level playing field between posting and local companies in the host country.	The revision of the directive will bring uncertainty and more costs and administrative burdens for businesses operating lawfully across Europe. Instead, what is needed is to strengthen the single market for services.	Awaiting committee decision	EP Committee: EMPL Rapporteurs: Elisabeth Morin-Chartier & Agnes Jongerius Council configuration: EPSCO Link to proposal published 08.03.2016 Link to annex published 20.07.2016 Vote in plenary scheduled for 25.04.2017

Proposal title and Link	Description	Implications	Current Position	Further Information
Cross-border portability of online content services in the internal market 2015/0284(COD)	The proposed regulation introduces a common approach to ensuring that subscribers to online content services in the Union, which are delivered on a portable basis, can receive these services when temporarily present in another Member State.	Complex rules, remaining fragmentation and a lack of confidence are rightly addressed by the package, but there are concerns about the lack of clarity on certain elements where loopholes may exist.	Awaiting committee decision	EP Committee: JURI Rapporteur: Jean-Marie Cavada Council configuration: COMPET (Internal Market) Link to proposal published 09.12.2015 Link to last debate in Council on 29.02.2016 Indicative plenary sitting date on 17.01.2017

2.04 DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion (EMPL)

Proposal title and Link	Description	Implications	Current Position	Further Information
Better services for skills and qualifications (Europass) 2016/0304(COD)	The proposal aims to update and enhance the Europass framework to bring it more in line with today's need for more comprehensive, updated, easy-to-use and interoperable information and allow it to accommodate future developments and needs.	Europass will become more service-based and combine information on qualification requirements and learning and job opportunities, in addition to being a CV platform.	Awaiting committee decision	EP Committee: CULT Link to proposal published 04.10.2016

Proposal title and Link	Description	Implications	Current Position	Further Information
Repealing regulation for European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (Eurofound) 2016/0256(COD)	The proposed Regulation aims to revise the founding regulation of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (Eurofound) from 1975.	Eurofound will be updated and certain of its provisions will be aligned with existing EU legislation, eg the Common Approach on Decentralised Agencies.	Awaiting committee decision	EP Committee: EMPL Rapporteur: Enrique Calvet-Chambon Link to proposal published 23.08.2016
Proposal for European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA) 2016/0254(COD)	The proposed Regulation seeks to revise the founding regulation of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA) from 1994.	The EU-OSHA will be updated and certain of its provisions will be aligned with existing EU legislation, eg the Common Approach on Decentralised Agencies.	Awaiting committee decision	EP Committee: EMPL Rapporteur: Czeslaw Hoc Link to proposal published 23.08.2016
Proposal for a directive on the protection of workers from exposure to carcinogens or mutagens at work: exposure limit values 2016/0130(COD)	The proposal seeks to revise the limit values in Directive 2004/37/EC on the protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to carcinogens or mutagens at work.	The Commission will revise or introduce exposure limit values for 13 chemical agents.	Awaiting committee decision	EP Committee: EMPL Rapporteur: Marita Ulvskog Council configuration: EPSCO Link to proposal published 13.05.2016 Vote scheduled in committee for 28.02.2017

Proposal title and Link	Description	Implications	Current Position	Further Information
Proposal for a directive on the posting of workers in the framework of the provision of services 2016/0070(COD)	The proposal of targeted amendments to the Posting of Workers Directive integrates and complements the provisions set in the Enforcement Directive. It seeks to ensure fair wage conditions to posted workers and a level playing field between posting and local companies in the host country.	The main change applies to the rate of pay of the posted worker, with unclear terminology suggesting that they would benefit from additional elements such as bonuses etc as workers in their home country.	Awaiting committee decision	EP Committee: EMPL Rapporteur: Elisabeth Morin-Chartier & Agnes Jongerius Council configuration: EPSCO Link to proposal published 08.03.2016 Vote scheduled in committee for 25.04.2017
Proposal for a directive on the accessibility requirements for products and services 2015/0278(COD)	The proposed Directive will provide for a common EU definition and implementation framework for accessibility requirements of certain products and services, so that the latter might benefit from free circulation on the internal market and ensure the full participation of persons with disabilities in society.	Products and services will be updated to become available to people with functional limitations/disabilities/age related impairments – eg information must be available in more than one sensory channel.	Awaiting committee decision	EP Committee: IMCO Rapporteur: Morten Lokkegaard Council configuration: EPSCO Link to proposal published 02.12.2015 Link to opinion published by Committee on 14.07.2016

2.05 DG Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs

Proposal title and Link	Description	Implications	Current Position	Further Information
Amending regulation on the European venture capital funds and European social entrepreneurship funds 2016/0221(COD)	Proposal to strengthen the internal market for venture capital and social entrepreneurship funds by developing the use of EuVECA and EuSEF labels.	Several amendments to eliminate factors that were holding back the development of the capital and social entrepreneurship funds. These include that managers managing portfolios above EUR 500 can use the 'EuVECA' and 'EuSEF' designations respectively in relation to the marketing of those funds in the EU.	Awaiting committee decision	EP Committee: ECON Rapporteur: Sirpa Pietikainen Legislative proposal published 14.07.16 Vote in plenary scheduled for 22.03.17
Regulation on the Union programme to support specific activities enhancing the involvement of consumers and other financial services end-users in Union policy making in the field of financial services for the period of 2017-2020 2016/0182(COD)	Regulation to establish a Union programme to support specific activities enhancing the involvement of consumers and other financial services end-users in Union policy making in the field of financial services for the period of 2017-2020.	A Union programme for the period from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2020 will be established to support the activities of the organisations Finance Watch and Better Finance, including in their research and awareness activities.	Awaiting committee decision	EP Committee: ECON Rapporteur for opinion: Vicky Ford Legislative proposal published 15.06.16

Proposal title and Link	Description	Implications	Current Position	Further Information
Amending directive on the disclosure of income tax information by certain undertakings and branches 2016/0107(COD)	Directive to complement existing obligations of companies to disclose financial information in order to improve fairness and tax transparency.	The directive requires the multinational enterprises to disclose publicly certain items of the information submitted to tax authorities. It will apply to all EU and non-EU MNEs with a consolidated turnover of at least EUR 750 million, having activities in the EU by way of at least an establishment.	Awaiting committee decision	EP Committee: JURI Rapporteur: Evelyn Regner Legislative proposal published 12.04.16
Amending directive on the common rules on securitisation and creating a European framework for simple, transparent and standardised securitisation	Directive to restart a sustainable securitisation market that will improve the financing of the EU economy, while ensuring financial stability and investor protection.	The directive will impact rules that apply to all securitisation, as well as STS securitisation, eg risk retention and transparency rules.	Awaiting committee decision	EP Committee: ECON Rapporteur: Paul Tang Council configuration: Ecofin Legislative proposal published 30.09.2015 Link to last debate in Council on 8.12.2015 Council decided to open interinstitutional negotiations on 8.12.2016

Proposal title and Link	Description	Implications	Current Position	Further Information
Amending regulation on prudential requirements for credit institutions and investment firms 2015/0225(COD)	Regulation to establish a revised regulatory framework on capital charges for exposures to securitisations within the objective of reviving EU securitisation markets.	The Commission proposes to implement the regulatory capital calculation approaches set out in the Revised Basel Framework and to introduce a re-calibration for STS securitisations.	Awaiting committee decision	EP Committee: ECON Rapporteur: Othmar Karas Legislative proposal published 30.09.2015
Corporate governance: long-term shareholder engagement; corporate governance statement. 2014/0121(COD)	To revise Directive 2007/36/EC on the exercise of certain rights of shareholders in listed companies in order to contribute to their long-term sustainability.	The proposal requires that intermediaries facilitate the exercise of the rights by the shareholder, including the right to participate and vote in general meetings and requires companies to confirm the votes cast in general meetings by or on behalf of shareholders.	Awaiting Parliament first reading	EP Committee: JURI Rapporteur: Sergio Gaetano Cofferati. (S&D) Link to legislative proposal 09.04.2014 Link to committee opinion 02.03.2015 Decision by Parliament first reading 08.07.2015

Proposal title and Link	Description	Implications	Current Position	Further Information
Regulation on consumer product safety 2013/0049(COD)	A replacement for the general product safety directive (GPSD 2001/95/EC) concerning manufactured non-food consumer products, clarifying the regulatory framework and taking into account developments in recent years.	The proposal would introduce mandatory “made in” labelling and tougher penalties which would take into account the character of the infringement and the size of the company.	Awaiting Council first reading	EP Committee: IMCO European Council Configuration: COMPET Rapporteur: Christel Schaldemose (S&D) Link to last debate in Council 04.12.2014
Regulation on market surveillance of products 2013/0048(COD)	Merging the rules on market surveillance of the GPSD and many sector-specific pieces of EU legislation into a single instrument applying across all sectors.	Proposed enforcement rules for any necessary action to stop the circulation of products that do not comply with all the requirements set out in EU legislation. This includes bans, withdrawals and recalls. Member States will remain responsible for surveillance on their own territory.	Awaiting Council first reading	EP Committee: IMCO European Council Configuration: COMPET Rapporteur: Sirpa Pietikainen (EPP) Link to EP negotiating position agreed on 15.04.2014 Link to last Council debate 04.12.2014

Proposal title and Link	Description	Implications	Current Position	Further Information
Structural measures improving the resilience of EU credit institutions 2014/0020(COD)	The proposed Regulation aims at enhancing financial stability in the Union by means of structural reform of large banks, thus complementing financial regulatory reforms already undertaken at Union level. It will apply to European banks that are identified as being of global systemic importance and exceed certain thresholds.	The proposal would bring in to force the prohibition of proprietary trading and a potential separation of certain trading activities.	Awaiting committee decision	EP Committee: ECON Rapporteur: Gunnar Hokmark (EPP) Link to legislative proposal . 29.01.2014 Link to committee draft report 15.01.2015. Debate in Council 19.06.2015
Directive on single-member private limited liability companies 2014/0120(COD)	Aimed at asking Member States to provide in their legal systems a national company law form that would follow the same rules in all Member States and have an EU-wide abbreviation – SUP (Societas Unius Personae)	The rules for the establishment of a would-be SUP cover the articles of association, registration, share capital, solvency statements and structure and operational procedures.	Awaiting Committee decision	EP Committee: JURI European Council Configuration: COMPET Rapporteur: Luis de Grandes Pascual (EPP) Link to legislative proposal published 09.04.2014

2.06 DG Environment (ENV)

Proposal title and Link	Description	Implications	Current Position	Further Information
Amending directive on packaging and packaging waste: resource efficiency. Circular economy package 2015/0276(COD)	The proposal aims to amend the targets set by Directive 94/62/EC for the recovery and recycling of packaging and packaging waste to make them better reflect the Union's ambition to move to a circular economy.	The amendment includes a new formula to be used when calculating the adjusted rate of recycling and preparation for re-use.	Awaiting committee decision	EP Committee: ENVI Rapporteur: Simona Bonafe Council configuration: ENV Link to proposal published 02.12.2015 Link to debate in council on 04.03.2016
Amending directive on the landfill of waste: resource efficiency. Circular economy package 2015/0274(COD)	The proposal aims to amend landfill restriction targets to make them better reflect the Union's ambition to move to a circular economy and make progress in the implementation of the Raw Materials Initiative by reducing landfilling of waste destined for landfills for non-hazardous waste.	The amendment includes multiple proposals including the aligning of definitions, and the gradual limitation of the landfilling of municipal waste to 10% by 2030.	Awaiting committee decision	EP Committee: ENVI European Council Configuration: ENV Rapporteur: Simona Bonafe Link to proposal published 02.12.2015 Link to debate in council on 04.03.2016

Proposal title and Link	Description	Implications	Current Position	Further Information
<p>Directive on the reduction of national emissions of certain atmospheric pollutants 2013/0443(COD)</p>	<p>Updating and reviewing the caps on Member States' total annual emissions of sulphur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, ammonia and volatile organic compounds in line with international commitments in the Gothenburg Protocol 2012.</p>	<p>This proposal makes a 52% reduction in total regarding health burden as compared to 2005. Member States would have to limit annual emissions of those pollutants applicable from 2020 and 2030.</p>	<p>Awaiting Parliament first reading</p>	<p>EP Committee: ENVI European Council Configuration: ENV Rapporteur: Julie Girling (ECR) Link to Commission proposal published on 18.12.2013 Last debate in Council 12.06.2014 Committee report tabled for plenary 28.08.2015 Decision by Parliament first reading 28.10.2015 Link to debate in Council on 20.06.2016</p>
<p>Decision on the Convention (1979) on long-range trans boundary air pollution: amendment to the 1999 Protocol to abate acidification, eutrophication and ground-level ozone 2013/0448(NLE)</p>	<p>The Convention was concluded under the UN Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and is the main international framework for cooperation and measures to limit, reduce and prevent air pollution in the UNECE region.</p>	<p>The Council will act on behalf of the European Union to amend the Protocol setting new national emission reduction commitments to be met by 2020.</p>	<p>Preparatory phase in the European Parliament</p>	<p>EP Committee: ENVI European Council Configuration: ENV Rapporteur: Giovanni La Via (EPP) Link to legislative proposal published on 18.12.2013</p>

2.07 DG Health & Consumers (SANCO)

Proposal title and Link	Description	Implications	Current Position	Further Information
Amending regulation on the possibility for Member States to restrict or prohibit the use of genetically modified food and feed on their territory 2015/0093(COD)	Regulation to give Member States the possibility to restrict or prohibit the use of genetically modified food and feed on their territory.	Member States may adopt measures restricting or prohibiting the use GMOs or GM food and feed products as long as such measures are reasoned, based on compelling grounds in accordance with EU law, and proportional and non-discriminatory.	Awaiting Council 1st reading position / budgetary conciliation convocation	EP Committee: ENVI Rapporteur: Giovanni La Via Council configuration: AGRIFISH Proposal published on 22.04.15 Link to decision by EP on 28.10.15

Proposal title and Link	Description	Implications	Current Position	Further Information
Medicinal products for human use: authorisation and supervision 2014/0256(COD)	To amend Regulation (EC) No 726/2004 laying down Community procedures for the authorisation and supervision of medicinal products for human and veterinary use and establishing a European Medicines Agency.	This proposal lays down procedures for the authorisation and supervision of medicinal products for human and veterinary use. It is therefore necessary to amend Regulation (EC) No 726/2004 to take account of the fact that centralised marketing authorisation for veterinary products is being decoupled from that for medicines for humans.	Referred back to committee, awaiting Parliament first reading	EP Committee: ENVI Rapporteur: Claudiu Ciprian Tanasescu (S&D) Link to legislative proposal 10.9.2014 Link to text adopted by Parliament on 10.03.2016
Regulation on In vitro diagnostic medical devices 2012/0267 (COD)	Aims to put in place a robust, transparent and sustainable regulatory framework for in vitro diagnostic (IVD) medical devices that is 'fit for purpose'.	The proposed changes extend the scope of IVD Directive 98/79/EC to cover high risk devised manufactured and used within a single health institution, test providing information about the predisposition to a medical condition and medical software explicitly mentioned in the definition of IVDs.	Political agreement in Council on its first reading position	EP Committee: ENVI European Council Configuration: EPSCO Rapporteur: Peter Liese (EPP) Link to last debate in which Council discussed this 20.09.2016

Proposal title and Link	Description	Implications	Current Position	Further Information
Regulation on Medical Devices 2012/0266(COD)	To overcome perceived flaws and gaps in the current regulatory framework and to try and strengthen patient safety for medical devices other than in vitro medical devices.	The scope of the current framework would be extended to cover certain implantable or other invasive products without a medical purpose and products manufactured utilising non-viable human tissues or cells that have undergone substantial manipulation	Political agreement in Council on its first reading position	EP Committee: ENVI European Council Configuration: EPSCO Rapporteur: Glenis Willmott (S&D) Link to last debate in which Council discussed this 01.12.2014

2.08 DG Justice (JUST)

Proposal title and Link	Description	Implications	Current Position	Further Information
Amending regulation on insolvency proceedings and insolvency practitioners 2016/0159(COD)	Poland notified the Commission on a substantial reform of its domestic law on restructuring, taking effect as of 1 January 2016, and requested to change the lists set out in Annexes A and B to the Regulation on insolvency proceedings accordingly.	The lists for Poland in Annexes A and B to Regulation (EU) 2015/848 will be replaced with new lists taking into account the information notified by the member state.	Awaiting Parliament 1st reading / single reading / budget 1st stage	EP Committee: JURI Rapporteur: Tadeusz Zwiefka Council configuration: JHA Proposal published on 30.05.2016 Report tabled by Committee on 23.11.2016

Proposal title and Link	Description	Implications	Current Position	Further Information
Repealing regulation for the cooperation between national authorities responsible for the enforcement of consumer protection laws 2016/0148(COD)	Regulation to develop more modern, efficient and effective enforcement cooperation mechanisms in the consumer protection area and contribute to the completion of the Digital Single Market.	Consumer protection cooperation regulation will be harmonised and streamlined. Elements include updating definitions, providing for instruments to address widespread infringements, and a new surveillance mechanism replacing the current system of alerts.	Awaiting committee decision	EP Committee: IMCO Rapporteur: Olga Sehnalova (S&D) Proposal published on 25.05.2016
Draft directive on contracts for the online and other distance sales of goods 2015/0288(COD)	Directive to contribute to faster growth of the digital single market, by eliminating the barriers related to contract law hindering the online and other distance sales of goods.	The directive will reduce the uncertainty faced by businesses and consumers that is due to the complexity of the legal framework and the costs incurred by businesses resulting from differences in contract law between Member States.	Awaiting committee decision	EP Committee: IMCO Rapporteur: Pascal Arimont Council configuration: JHA Proposal published on 09.12.2015 Link to last debate in Council on 10.03.2016

Proposal title and Link	Description	Implications	Current Position	Further Information
Regulation on new psychoactive substances 2013/0305(COD)	Regulation to approximate the rules relating to new psychoactive substances that are of concern at Union level whilst ensuring a high level of health, safety and consumer protection.	The regulation aims for swifter, more effective and more proportionate action on new psychoactive substances at the EU level.	Awaiting Council 1st reading position / budgetary conciliation convocation	EP Committee: LIBE Rapporteur: Jacek Protasiewicz Council configuration: JHA Proposal published on 17.09.2013 Last debate in Council on 14.09.2015
Directive on gender balance among non-executive directors of companies listed on stock exchanges 2012/0299(COD)	A proposal to substantially increase the number of women on corporate boards throughout the EU by setting a minimum objective of 40% presence of the under-represented sex among the non-executive directors.	Companies would have to attain this target by 2020; or 2018 for public undertakings. There would also be a disclosure obligation and burden of proof rule for challenges to the selection process of candidates.	Awaiting Council first reading	EP Committees: JURI and FEMM European Council Configuration: EPSCO Rapporteurs: Evelyn Regner (S&D) and Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou (EPP) Text adopted by Parliament 20.11.2013 Link to the last debate in which Council discussed this 11.12.2014

2.09 DG Mobility and Transport (MOVE)

Proposal title and Link	Description	Implications	Current Position	Further Information
Repealing directive on the system of inspections for the safe operation of ro-ro ferry and high-speed passenger craft (HSC) in regular service 2016/0172(COD)	The Commission proposes to replace Directive 1999/35/EC in order to update, clarify and simplify the existing survey requirements for ro-ro ferries and HSC while maintaining the same level of safety and key delivery mechanisms.	The system of inspections for ro-ro ferries and HSC will be updated and simplified to facilitate better implementation of a new Directive.	First reading in Parliament on 09.06.2016 Awaiting committee decision	EP Committee: TRAN Rapporteur: Dominique Riquet Link to proposal made on 06.06.2016
Registration of persons sailing on board passenger ships operating to or from ports of the Member States: simplification 2016/0171(COD)	The Commission proposes to amend Directive 98/41/EC in order to update, clarify and simplify the existing requirements for counting and registration of passengers and crew on board passenger ships while enhancing the level of safety that they provide.	The Directive will be streamlined and brought up to date with the provisions of the TFEU and the EU laws on protection of personal data.	First reading in Parliament on 09.06.2016 Awaiting committee decision	EP Committee: TRAN Rapporteur: Izaskun Bilbao Barandica Link to proposal made on 06.06.2016

Proposal title and Link	Description	Implications	Current Position	Further Information
Safety rules and standards for passenger ships: simplification; aligning the Directive with the TFEU (Commission delegated and implementing powers) 2016/0170(COD)	The Commission proposes to clarify and simplify the safety rules and standards for passenger ships so that they are easier to update, monitor and enforce.	Safety rules for passenger ships will be harmonised. There will be a focus on implementing the rules on smaller ships under 24 m in length.	First reading in Parliament on 09.06.2016 Awaiting committee decision	EP Committee: TRAN Rapporteur: Daniela Aiuto Link to proposal on 06.06.2016
Repealing Directive on the recognition of professional qualifications in inland navigation 2016/0050(COD)	The proposal repeals Directive 91/672/EEC and Directive 96/50/EC and provides for gradual phasing-in with transitional measures and extends the requirements to cover all crew in inland navigation in the EU, including on the Rhine river.	New minimum competence requirements will be introduced for boatmen and boat masters, including examination standards for training institutes.	Awaiting committee decision	EP Committee: TRAN Rapporteur: Gesine Meissner European Council configuration: TTE Link to proposal published on 18.02.2016 Link to last debate in Council on 06.06.2016
Repealing regulation on the common rules in the field of civil aviation and establishing a European Union Aviation Safety Agency 2015/0277(COD)	The proposal to revise the rules on aviation safety in the EU (Regulation 216/2008) aims to establish and maintain a high uniform level of civil aviation safety in the Union, while ensuring a high uniform level of environmental protection.	Aviation safety policy will be modernised and streamlined, favouring a risk and performance based approach to safety regulation. A Union framework for safe integration of drones to the European airspace will be introduced.	Awaiting committee decision	EP Committee: TRAN Rapporteur: Marian-Jean Marinescu European Council configuration: TTE Link to proposal published on 07.12.2015 Link to last debate in Council on 06.06.2016

Proposal title and Link	Description	Implications	Current Position	Further Information
Amending regulation on aerodromes, air traffic management and air navigation services: simplifying and clarifying the legal framework 2013/0187(COD)	The proposed regulation aims to fulfil the requirement of article 65a, by deleting the overlaps between the SES and EASA Regulations and simplifying and clarifying the border line between EASA and SES legal frameworks.	The regulation will streamline common rules in civil aviation.	Awaiting Council first reading position	EP Committee: TRAN Rapporteur: David-Maria Sassoli Link to proposal published on 11.06.2013 Link to European Parliament decision on 12.03.2014
Regulation on the implementation of the Single European Sky (SES) Recast 2013/0186(COD)	Intended to accelerate the implementation of the reform of air navigation services by achieving goals such as the deployment of functional airspace blocks (FABs) or National Supervisory Authorities (NSAs).	Air traffic control and navigation services would have to cooperate across national air space borders. There are also proposals to separate support services (such as weather forecasting) from air navigation service in order to enhance competition.	Awaiting Council first reading	EP Committee: TRAN European Council Configuration: TTE Rapporteur: Marian-Jean Marinescu (EPP) Link to EP negotiating position agreed 12.03.2014 Link to Council press release 03.12.14 Link to last debate in Council 03.12.2014

Proposal title and Link	Description	Implications	Current Position	Further Information
Market access to port services and financial transparency of ports 2013/0157(COD)	The proposed regulation seeks to establish: (a) a clear a clear framework for access to the market of port services; and (b) common rules on the financial transparency and charges to be applied by managing bodies or providers of port services.	The regulation will modernise port services and operations and create framework conditions to attract investments in ports.	Awaiting Parliament first reading	EP Committee: TRAN European Council configuration: TTE Rapporteur: Knut Fleckenstein Link to proposal published on 23.05.2013 Link to text adopted by Parliament on 08.03.2016

2.10 DG Taxation and Customs Union (TAXUD)

Proposal title and Link	Description	Implications	Current Position	Further Information
Directive implementing enhanced cooperation in the area of financial transaction tax (FTT) 2013/0045(CNS) ³	Under a procedure of enhanced cooperation by 11 member states, the proposal lays down provisions for a harmonised FTT which will be not lower than 0.1% for shares and bonds and not lower than 0.01% for derivative products.	The FTT would increase the cost of raising finance for investment in the EU given the higher transaction costs and lower market liquidity for corporate bonds. There would be an impact on Ireland despite them opting out.	Awaiting final decision by the Council of Ministers	EP Committee: ECON European Council Configuration: ECOFIN Rapporteur: Anni Podimata (S&D) Link to EP resolution adopted 03.07.2013 Link to last debate in which Council discussed this 09.12.2014

³ Legislation dealing with taxation is decided according to the consultation procedure (CNS). Therefore the Council of Ministers only has to consult the European Parliament for its opinion before voting. The Parliament will adopt a resolution, outlining its position but the Council is not bound by this.

Proposal title and Link	Description	Implications	Current Position	Further Information
Union legal framework for customs infringements and sanctions. 2013/0432(COD)	The proposal sets a common legal framework for the treatment of customs infringements and sanctions.	It aims to bridge the gap between different legal regimes through a common platform of rules and thus contribute to an equal treatment between economic operators in the EU, as well as the effective protection of the Union's financial interests and law enforcement in the field of customs.	Awaiting Parliament first reading	EP Committee: IMCO Rapporteur: Kaja Kallas Link to legislative proposal 12.12.2013
Recast of Directive on corporate taxation: common system of taxation applicable to interest and royalty payments 2011.0314(CNS)	The purpose is to put cross-border interest and royalty payments on an equal footing with domestic payments by eliminating juridical double taxation, administrative formalities and cash-flow problems for companies.	The Directive would extend the list of companies to which the Directive applies, add a new requirement for the tax exemption and some technical amendments which close perceived flaws in the system.	Awaiting final decision by the Council of Ministers	EP Committee: ECON European Council Configuration: ECOFIN Rapporteur: Ildiko Gall-Pelcz (EPP) Link to EP resolution adopted 11.09.2012 Link to debate in Council 19.06.2015

2.11 DG Secretariat General (SG)

No active legislation at this time.

3. Glossary of EU terminology

This section provides an explanation of the different acronyms and EU terminology used throughout the tracker. It describes how the EU institutions meet, how political actors are organised, the legislative instruments used by the EU and the decision making process.

3.01 European Council Configurations

The Council of the EU meets to discuss legislation in 10 different configurations depending on the subject being discussed. Each configuration is made up of ministers from all of the member states who are responsible for a similar portfolio nationally.

A list of the European Council configurations and a link to the latest meetings is provided below.

General Affairs Council (GAC)
Agriculture and Fisheries (AGRIFISH)
Competitiveness (COMPET)
Economic and Financial Affairs (ECOFIN)
Education, Youth, Culture and Sport (EYCS)
Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council (EPSCO)
Environment (ENV)
Foreign Affairs (FAC)
Justice and Home Affairs (JHA)
Transport, Telecommunications and Energy (TTE)

Link to [latest meetings](#).

3.02 European Parliament (EP) Committees

The European Parliament consists of members who are directly elected by EU voters every 5 years. Members of the European Parliament are divided up into specialised standing committees that instruct legislative proposals by adopting reports, proposing amendments and appointing negotiating teams to conduct negotiations with the Council of Ministers on EU legislation.

A list of the committees and web links to their homepages is provided below.

Agriculture and Rural Development ([AGRI](#))
Budgetary Control ([CONT](#))
Budgets ([BUDG](#))
Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs ([LIBE](#))
Constitutional Affairs ([AFCO](#))
Culture and Education ([CULT](#))
Development ([DEVE](#))
Economics and Monetary Affairs ([ECON](#))
Employment and Social Affairs ([EMPL](#))
Environment, Public Health and Food Safety ([ENVI](#))
Fisheries ([PECH](#))
Foreign Affairs ([AFET](#))
Human Rights ([DROI](#))
Industry, Research and Energy ([ITRE](#))
Internal Market and Consumer Protection ([IMCO](#))
International Trade ([INTA](#))
Legal Affairs ([JURI](#))
Petitions ([PETI](#))
Regional Development ([REGI](#))
Security and Defence ([SEDE](#))
Transport and Tourism ([TRAN](#))
Women's Rights and Gender Equality ([FEMM](#))

3.03 European Commission DGs

The European Commission drafts proposals for new European laws. For this work it is divided into departments known as Directorates-General (DGs). A list of the DGs and web links to their homepages is provided below.

Agriculture and Rural Development ([AGRI](#))
Budget ([BUDG](#))
Climate Action ([CLIMA](#))
Communication ([COMM](#))
Communications Networks, Content and Technology ([CNECT](#))
Competition ([COMP](#))
Economic and Financial Affairs ([ECFIN](#))
Education and Culture ([EAC](#))
Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion ([EMPL](#))
Energy ([ENER](#))
Enlargement ([ELARG](#))
Enterprise and Industry ([ENTR](#))
Environment ([ENV](#))
EuropeAid Development & Cooperation ([DEVCO](#))
Eurostat ([ESTAT](#))
Health and Consumers ([SANCO](#))
Home Affairs ([HOME](#))
Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection ([ECHO](#))
Human Resources and Security ([HR](#))
Informatics ([DIGIT](#))
Internal Market and Services ([MARKT](#))
Interpretation ([SCIC](#))
Joint Research Centre ([JRC](#))
Justice ([JUST](#))

Maritime Affairs and Fisheries ([MARE](#))
Mobility and Transport ([MOVE](#))
Regional Policy ([REGIO](#))
Research and Innovation ([RTD](#))
Secretariat-General ([SG](#))
Service for Foreign Policy Instruments ([FPI](#))
Taxation and Customs Union ([TAXUD](#))
Trade ([TRADE](#))
Translation ([DGT](#))

3.04 European Political Parties

Members of the European Parliament sit in European political groups, organised by political affiliation. There are currently 7 political groups.

A list of the current political parties and links to their homepages is provided below.

The European People's Party ([EPP](#))
The Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats ([S&D](#))
The Alliance of European Conservatives and Reformists ([ECR](#))
The Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe ([ALDE](#))
The Party of the European Left ([GUE](#))
The European Green Party ([Greens](#))
Europe of Freedom and Direct Democracy ([EFDD](#))
Non-attached (NI)

3.05 EU legislative instruments

This term refers to the instruments available to the European institutions to legislate and carry out their tasks.

Regulations: Legally binding in their entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Directives: Bind Member States as to the results to be achieved. They require transposition into the national legal framework and therefore leave a margin of manoeuvre.

Decisions: These are fully binding on those to whom they are addressed.

Recommendations and Opinions: These are non-binding, declaratory instruments.

Communications: These have no legal effect. They are the initiative of the Commission setting out its thinking on a topical issue.

3.06 The EU's Ordinary Legislative Procedure

The ordinary legislative procedure gives the same weight to the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union on a wide range of areas; for example economic governance, immigration, energy, transport, the environment and consumer protection.

The procedure starts with the European Commission submitting a legislative proposal to the European Parliament and The European Council.

The President of the European Parliament refers the proposal to a parliamentary committee, which appoints a rapporteur who is responsible for drawing up a draft report containing amendments to the proposed text. The committee votes on this report and any amendments to it tabled by other members. The European Parliament then discusses and votes on the legislative proposal in plenary on the basis of the committee report and amendments. The result is the Parliament's position.

Preparatory work in Council configurations runs in parallel with the reading in Parliament, but Council may only formally conduct its 1st reading based on Parliament's position. Council can: accept the EP position, in which case the legislative act is adopted; or adopt changes to Parliament's position, leading to a Council's 1st reading position, which is sent to Parliament for a 2nd reading.

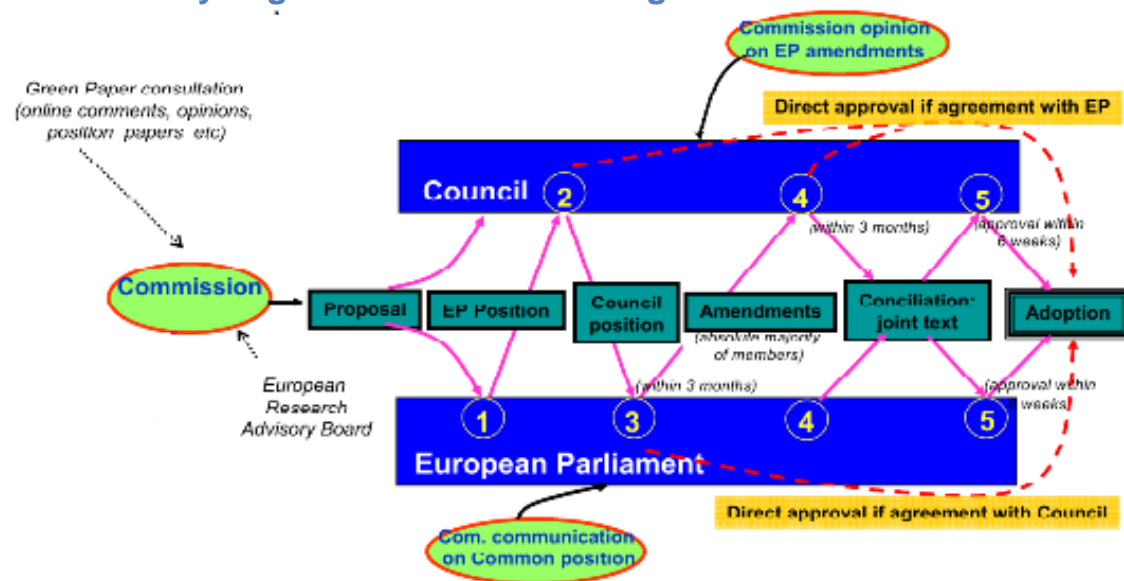
When the co-legislators are aiming for a 1st reading agreement they often organise informal meetings attended by representatives of the Parliament (rapporteur and, where appropriate, shadow rapporteurs), the Council (chair of the working party and/or COREPER), and the Commission (department responsible for the dossier and the Commission's Secretariat-General), so-called "trilogues".

The aim is to ensure that the Parliament amendments adopted in plenary are acceptable to Council. The Commission frequently plays a mediating and editorial role in respect of these compromise texts.

There may be a total of three readings between the European Parliament and the Council of ministers before agreement.

For more information, follow this [link](#).

3.07 Ordinary Legislative Procedure diagram



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⁴ Source of diagram: <http://cagiyilmaz.com/horizon-2020-the-timeline/>

