



Ibec EU Legislative Tracker

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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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European Commission consultations¹

Open consultations

Consultation title and web link	Description	Policy area/DG	Closing date of consultation
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
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

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 Definitive VAT system for Business to Business (B2B) intra-EU transactions on goods	Consultation to obtain the views of stakeholders on issues including: the current VAT situation of B2B intra-EU supplies of goods, and the need to move towards the definitive VAT system based on the principle of taxation of the supply in the Member State of destination. Results will feed into the preparatory work on the definitive VAT system legislative initiative.	Taxation	20 March 2017
Public Consultation on the reform of VAT rates	Consultation to obtain stakeholders views' on aspects of VAT reform including: the need for EU action in the field of VAT rates; the proper balance between harmonisation and Member States autonomy in setting VAT rates; the desirable direction for reform. Results will feed into the review of the current rules on VAT rates.	Taxation	20 March 2017
Public Consultation on the special scheme for small enterprises under the VAT Directive	Consultation to obtain the views of stakeholders on current VAT provisions for SMEs and their application, and possible changes as regards the VAT provisions for SMEs. Results will feed into the review of the SME scheme.	Taxation	20 March 2017

Consultation title and web link	Description	Policy area/DG	Closing date of consultation
Public consultation on Smart Specialisation: a fresh approach to the European growth and jobs through regional innovation strategies	Consultation to collect views and suggestions, understand challenges and identify good practises from different stakeholders and regions for further development of research and innovation driven growth through "Smart specialisation strategies". Results will feed into a Commission Communication on Smart Specialisation, and the next European Commission's Cohesion Report.	Regional Policy, Transport, Trade, Research and Technology, Public Health, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, Environment, Enterprise, Energy, Employment and Social Affairs, Education, Economic and Financial Affairs, Development, Communication, Climate Action, Agriculture and Rural Development, Internal Market, Information Society	24 March 2017
Public consultation on a multilateral reform of investment dispute resolution	This public consultation aims to gather views on the EU's current policy on investment dispute resolution and possible options for multilateral reform, including the possible establishment of a permanent Multilateral Investment Court.	Trade	15 March 2017
Mid-term evaluation of the Europe for Citizens programme 2014-2020	Consultation to collect views and opinions on the results and impacts of activities and projects co-financed by the Europe for Citizens programme from 2014-2016 and to assess their relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, coherence and EU added value.	Home Affairs	10 April 2017

Consultation title and web link	Description	Policy area/DG	Closing date of consultation
Public consultation on the rules on liability of the producer for damage caused by a defective product	Consultation to collect stakeholders' feedback on the application and performance of the Directive on liability for defective products, including: whether the Directive meets its objectives at an EU level, whether it still corresponds to stakeholders' needs, and whether the Directive is fit-for-purpose in light of new technological developments.	Enterprise, Internal Market	26 April 2017
Public consultation on building a European data economy	The consultation will help shape the future policy agenda on the European data economy and feed into a possible Commission's initiative in 2017 on Building the European Data Economy. Its objective is to collect information on the data economy, e.g. whether and how local or national data localisation restrictions inhibit the free flow of data in Europe.	Communications Network, Content & Technology, Information Society	26 April 2017
Public consultation on the evaluation and review of the European Union Agency for Network and Information Security (ENISA)	ENISA aims to ensure a high level of network and information security within the EU. In view of the rapid evolution of the EU cybersecurity and digital privacy landscape, both on the threat and policy side, the Commission has brought forward the ENISA evaluation (meant for summer 2018) and will review its Regulation as part of its 2017 Work Programme.	Communications Networks - Content & Technology, Information Society	12 April 2017

Consultation title and web link	Description	Policy area/DG	Closing date of consultation
Public consultation on the capital markets union mid-term review 2017	The aim of the consultation is to seek feedback on how the current capital markets union (CMU) programme can be updated and completed so that it represents a strong policy framework for the development of capital markets, building on the initiatives that the Commission has presented so far.	Banking and Finance	17 March 2017
Public consultation on the setting up of the voluntary ex ante assessment mechanism for large infrastructure projects	The Commission intends to introduce an ex ante assessment mechanism for the public procurement procedures of large infrastructure projects. This would consist of a) a helpdesk to help member states clarify public procurement issues upfront, b) a notification mechanism to reassure those responsible that their project is in line with EU rules, and c) a mechanism for exchanging information on project promoters so that all parties can learn from each others' experience.	Enterprise, Internal Market	14 April 2017
Amendment of the Combined Transport Directive	The Combined Transport Directive is an EU instrument that aims to reduce the negative side-effects of goods transport on environment (eg CO2) and on society by supporting the shift from long distance road transport to long distance rail, inland waterways and maritime transport as the latter cause less negative externalities.	Transport	23 April 2017

Consultation title and web link	Description	Policy area/DG	Closing date of consultation
Open Public Consultation in relation with the evaluation of the Creative Europe programme	The consultation aims to gather comments and perspectives on the relevance of the Creative Europe programme's objectives, the effectiveness of the measures taken to achieve them and the efficiency of their implementation.	Culture	16 April 2017
Public Stakeholder Consultation – Evaluation of public-public partnerships (Art. 185 initiatives) in the context of the Horizon 2020 interim evaluation	Consultation to collect information from a wide audience on different aspects of the design and implementation of the Art.185 Initiatives operating under Horizon 2020 or FP7.	Research and Technology	30 April 2017
Evaluation of the European Parliament (EP) and European Commission cooperation in communication in the member states	Consultation to gather opinions on how the EP and Commission's communication services in EU countries are used and gather results which can be used to improve the cooperation.	Communication	08 May 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 Last debate in Council on 19.12.2016
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 Last debate in Council on 19.12.2016

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
Protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and the free movement of such data 2017/0002(COD)	The regulation proposes to protect the fundamental right to data protection and to guarantee the free flow of personal data throughout the Union; and to provide for the main tasks of the European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS).	Existing data protection rules will be aligned with the new GDPR, which incorporates new levels of transparency and confidentiality to data protection.	Preparatory phase in Parliament	EP Committee: LIBE Link to the proposal published on 10.01.2017

Proposal title and link	Description	Implications	Current Position	Further Information
Respect for private life and the protection of personal data in electronic communications 2017/0003(COD)	The proposed Regulation seeks to enhance protection of confidentiality of electronic communications by extending the scope of existing law to include new functionally equivalent electronic communications services.	The new regulation will extend provisions to content and metadata of electronic communications, and impose an obligation on software providers to help users make effective choices regarding their privacy settings.	Committee referral announced in Parliament on 13.02.2017 Awaiting committee decision	EP Committee: LIBE Link to the proposal published on 10.01.2017
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 EP Rapporteur: Pilar del Castillo Vera European Council configuration: TTE Link to the proposal published 12.10.2016 Last debate in Council on 01.12.2016
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 EP Rapporteur: Carlos Zorrinho Link to the proposal published 14.09.2016 Last debate in Council on 01.12.2016

Proposal title and link	Description	Implications	Current Position	Further Information
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 EP Rapporteur: Evzen Tosenovsky European Council configuration: TTE Link to the proposal published 14.09.2016 Last debate in Council on 01.12.2016
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.	Referred to associate committees in Parliament on 19.01.2017 Awaiting committee decision	EP Committee: JURI EP Rapporteur: Therese Comodini Cachia European Council configuration: COMP Link to the proposal published 14.09.2016 Last debate in Council on 28.11.2016
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 Parliament 1st reading / single reading / budget 1st stage	EP Committee: ITRE EP Rapporteur: Miapetra Kumpula-Natri European Council configuration: TTE Link to the proposal published 15.06.2016 Link to Committee 1 st reading on 07.12.2016

Proposal title and link	Description	Implications	Current Position	Further Information
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.	Referred to associate committees in Parliament on 19.01.2017 Awaiting committee decision	EP Committee: IMCO EP Rapporteur: Roza Grafín von Thun und Hohenstein European Council configuration: COMP 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.	Vote scheduled in Committee on 28.02.2017	EP Committee: CULT EP Rapporteurs: Sabine Verheyen & Petra Kammerevert Council Configuration: EYCS Link to the proposal published 25.05.2016 Last debate in Council on 21.11.2016
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 Parliament 1st reading / single reading / budget 1st stage Indicative Plenary date on 15.03.2017	EP Committee: ITRE EP Rapporteur: Patrizia Toia Link to the proposal published 02.02.2016 Committee report tabled for plenary on 14.11.2016

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.	Vote in Committee scheduled for 12.07.2017	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 Last debate in Council on 16.06.2016
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 Parliament 1st reading / single reading / budget 1st stage	EP Committee: JURI Rapporteur: Jean-Marie Cavada Council configuration: COMPET (Internal Market) Link to proposal published 09.12.2015 Link to Committee report tabled for plenary on 09.12.2016 Last debate in Council on 20.02.2017

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.	Referred to joint committees in Parliament on 19.01.2017 Awaiting committee decision	EP Committee: CULT Link to proposal published 04.10.2016 First reading in Parliament on 06.10.2016
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, e.g. the Common Approach on Decentralised Agencies.	Awaiting committee decision Vote scheduled in committee for 21.06.2017	EP Committee: EMPL EP Rapporteur: Enrique Calvet-Chambon European Council configuration: EPSCO Link to proposal published 23.08.2016 Last debate in Council on 08.12.2016
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, e.g. the Common Approach on Decentralised Agencies.	Awaiting committee decision Vote scheduled in committee for 21.06.2017	EP Committee: EMPL EP Rapporteur: Czeslaw Hoc European Council configuration: EPSCO Link to proposal published 23.08.2016 Last debate in Council on 08.12.2016

Proposal title and Link	Description	Implications	Current Position	Further Information
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.	Vote scheduled in committee for 28.02.2017 Awaiting committee decision	EP Committee: EMPL EP Rapporteur: Marita Ulvskog Council configuration: EPSCO Link to proposal published 13.05.2016 Last debate in Council on 16.06.2016
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.	Vote scheduled in committee for 12.07.2016 Awaiting committee decision	EP Committee: EMPL Rapporteur: Elisabeth Morin-Chartier & Agnes Jongerius Council configuration: EPSCO Link to proposal published 08.03.2016 Last debate in Council on 16.06.2016

Proposal title and Link	Description	Implications	Current Position	Further Information
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 – e.g. information must be available in more than one sensory channel.	Referred to associate committees in Parliament on 15.12.2016 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 Link to Committee draft report on 06.01.2017

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.	Vote scheduled in committee on 22.03.17 Awaiting committee decision	EP Committee: ECON EP Rapporteur: Sirpa Pietikainen Legislative proposal published 14.07.16
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.	Indicative plenary sitting date on 04.04.2017	EP Committee: ECON EP Rapporteur for opinion: Vicky Ford Legislative proposal published 15.06.16 Link to committee report tabled for plenary on 26.01.2017

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.	Vote scheduled in committee for 30.05.2017 Awaiting committee decision	EP Committee: JURI EP Rapporteurs: Evelyn Regner & Hugues Bayet 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 2015/0226(COD)	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 Parliament 1st reading / single reading / budget 1st stage	EP Committee: ECON EP Rapporteur: Paul Tang Council configuration: Ecofin Legislative proposal published 30.09.2015 Link to last debate in Council on 8.12.2015 Link to Committee report tabled for plenary on 19.12.2016

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 Parliament 1st reading / single reading / budget 1st stage	EP Committee: ECON EP Rapporteur: Othmar Karas Legislative proposal published 30.09.2015 Link to Committee report tabled for plenary on 19.12.2016
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 1st reading / single reading / budget 1st stage	EP Committee: JURI EP Rapporteur: Sergio Gaetano Coferati 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 1st reading position / budgetary conciliation convocation	EP Committee: IMCO EP Rapporteur: Christel Schaldemose European Council Configuration: COMPET 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 1st reading position / budgetary conciliation convocation	EP Committee: IMCO EP Rapporteur: Sirpa Pietikainen European Council Configuration: COMPET 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 EP Rapporteur: Gunnar Hokmark European Council configuration: Ecofin 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 Rapporteur: Luis de Grandes Pascual European Council Configuration: COMPET Link to legislative proposal published 09.04.2014 Committee referral announced in Parliament on 20.10.2014

2.06 DG Environment (ENV)

Proposal title and Link	Description	Implications	Current Position	Further Information
<p>EU environmental implementation review: common challenges and how to combine efforts to deliver better results. Country report – Ireland SWD(2017)0060</p>	<p>The Commission launched the Environmental Implementation Review of each member state in May 2016. This paper is the first step in the process, outlining the main challenges and opportunities on environmental implementation for Ireland.</p>	<p>The reports are meant to stimulate a positive debate both on shared environmental challenges for the EU, and on the most effective ways to address the key implementation gaps. They will not replace the specific instruments to ensure compliance with the EU legal obligations.</p>	<p>Preparatory phase in Parliament</p>	<p>EP Committee: ENVI Link to Commission working programme published on 06.02.2017</p>
<p>EU Emissions Trading System (EU ETS): continuing current limitations of scope for aviation activities and preparing to implement a global market-based measure from 2021 2017/0017(COD)</p>	<p>The Commission needs to review the scope of the EU ETS for flights to and from the EEA so that they comply with the reduction in GHG necessary for the Paris Agreement.</p>	<p>The sectors covered by EU ETS may have to reduce their emissions by 43% compared to 2005, while non-ETS sectors may have to reduce emissions by 30% compared to 2005.</p>	<p>Awaiting committee decision</p>	<p>EP Committee: ENVI Link to legislative proposal published 03.02.2017</p>

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.	Indicative plenary sitting date on 13.03.2017 Awaiting Parliament 1st reading / single reading / budget 1st stage	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 Link to committee report tabled for plenary on 07.02.2017
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.	Indicative plenary sitting date on 13.03.2017 Awaiting Parliament 1st reading / single reading / budget 1st stage	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 Link to committee report tabled for plenary on 07.02.2017
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)	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.	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.	Preparatory phase in the European Parliament	EP Committee: ENVI European Council Configuration: ENV Rapporteur: Giovanni La Via (EPP) Link to legislative proposal published on 18.12.2013

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 of 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 EP Rapporteur: Giovanni La Via Council configuration: AGRIFISH Proposal published on 22.04.15 Link to decision by EP on 28.10.15
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.	Awaiting Parliament 1st reading / single reading / budget 1st stage	EP Committee: ENVI EP Rapporteur: Claudiu Ciprian Tanasescu Link to legislative proposal 10.9.2014 Link to text adopted by Parliament on 10.03.2016 Matter referred back to committee on 10.03.2016

Proposal title and Link	Description	Implications	Current Position	Further Information
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 Vote scheduled in committee (2nd reading) on 20.03.2017	EP Committee: ENVI EP Rapporteur: Peter Liese European Council Configuration: EPSCO Link to last debate in which Council discussed this 20.09.2016
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 Vote scheduled in committee (2nd reading) on 20.03.2017	EP Committee: ENVI EP Rapporteur: Dame Glenis Willmott European Council Configuration: EPSCO Last debate in Council on 20.09.2016

2.08 DG Justice (JUST)

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 EP Rapporteur: Olga Sehnalova European Council configuration: COMPET Proposal published on 25.05.2016 Link to last debate in Council on 20.02.2017

Proposal title and Link	Description	Implications	Current Position	Further Information
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.	Referred to associated committees in Parliament on 28.04.2016 Awaiting committee decision	EP Committee: IMCO EP Rapporteur: Pascal Arimont Council configuration: JHA Proposal published on 09.12.2015 Link to last debate in Council on 10.03.2016
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 EP Rapporteur: Jacek Protasiewicz Council configuration: JHA Proposal published on 17.09.2013 Last debate in Council on 14.09.2015

Proposal title and Link	Description	Implications	Current Position	Further Information
<p>Directive on gender balance among non-executive directors of companies listed on stock exchanges 2012/0299(COD)</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Awaiting Council 1st reading position / budgetary conciliation convocation</p>	<p>EP Committees: JURI and FEMM EP Rapporteurs: Evelyn Regner & Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou European Council Configuration: EPSCO Text adopted by Parliament 20.11.2013 Link to last debate in Council on 11.12.2014</p>

2.09 DG Mobility and Transport (MOVE)

Proposal title and Link	Description	Implications	Current Position	Further Information
<p>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)</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>The system of inspections for ro-ro ferries and HSC will be updated and simplified to facilitate better implementation of a new Directive.</p>	<p>Awaiting committee decision</p>	<p>EP Committee: TRAN EP Rapporteur: Dominique Riquet European Council configuration: TTE Link to proposal made on 06.06.2016 Last debate in Council on 01.12.2016</p>

Proposal title and Link	Description	Implications	Current Position	Further Information
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.	Awaiting committee decision	EP Committee: TRAN EP Rapporteur: Izaskun Bilbao Barandica European Council configuration: TTE Link to proposal made on 06.06.2016 Last debate in Council on 01.12.2016
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.	Awaiting committee decision	EP Committee: TRAN EP Rapporteur: Daniela Aiuto European Council configuration: TTE Link to proposal on 06.06.2016 Last debate in Council on 01.12.2016
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 Parliament 1st reading / single reading / budget 1st stage	EP Committee: TRAN Rapporteur: Gesine Meissner European Council configuration: TTE Link to proposal published on 18.02.2016 Link to Committee report tabled for plenary on 28.11.2016

Proposal title and Link	Description	Implications	Current Position	Further Information
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 Parliament 1st reading / single reading / budget 1st stage	EP Committee: TRAN EP Rapporteur: Marian-Jean Marinescu European Council configuration: TTE Link to proposal published on 07.12.2015 Link to Committee report tabled for plenary on 02.12.2016
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 1st reading position / budgetary conciliation convocation	EP Committee: TRAN EP 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 1st reading position / budgetary conciliation convocation	EP Committee: TRAN EP Rapporteur: Marian-Jean Marinescu European Council Configuration: TTE 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

2.10 DG Taxation and Customs Union (TAXUD)

Proposal title and Link	Description	Implications	Current Position	Further Information
<p>Proposal for a Council Directive on a Common Consolidated Corporate Tax Base (CCCTB) 2016/0337(CNS)</p>	<p>The CCCTB aims to facilitate cross-border activity and promote trade and investment by providing companies with a single set of corporate tax rules for doing business across the internal market.</p>	<p>The proposal would create a single set of corporate tax rules for doing business across the internal market, as opposed to the current 28 divergent ones.</p>	<p>Vote scheduled in committee on 20.11.2017</p> <p>Awaiting committee decision</p>	<p>EP Committee: ECON EP Rapporteur: Alain Lamassoure European Council Configuration: Ecofin</p> <p>Link to legislative proposal published 25.10.2016 Last debate in Council on 06.12.2016</p>
<p>Proposal for a Council Directive on Double Taxation Dispute Resolution Mechanisms in the EU 2016/0338 (CNS)</p>	<p>The proposal builds on the CCCTB proposal and aims at broadening the scope and improving procedures and mechanisms in place without replacing them. It focusses on business and companies, the main stakeholders affected by double taxation situations.</p>	<p>The Directive would eliminate double taxation by agreement between the Member States including by reference to the opinion of an independent advisory body.</p>	<p>Preparatory phase in Parliament</p> <p>Vote scheduled in committee (1st reading) on 08.06.2017</p>	<p>EP Committee: ECON EP Rapporteur: Michael Theurer</p> <p>Link to legislative proposal published 25.10.2016</p>

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 Rapporteur: Anni Podimata European Council Configuration: ECOFIN Link to EP resolution adopted 03.07.2013 Last debate in Council 06.12.2016
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 1st reading / single reading / budget 1st stage	EP Committee: IMCO EP Rapporteur: Kaja Kallas Link to legislative proposal 12.12.2013 Link to decision by Parliament on 25.10.2016

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.

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 and 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	<p>EP Committee: ECON European Council Configuration: ECOFIN Rapporteur: Ildiko Gall-Pelcz (EPP)</p> <p>Link to EP resolution adopted 11.09.2012</p> <p>Link to debate in Council 19.06.2015</p>
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2.11 DG Secretariat General (SG)

No relevant active legislation.

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)

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](#))

Link to [latest meetings](#).

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](#))

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)

Joint Research Centre [\(JRC\)](#)
Justice [\(JUST\)](#)

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.

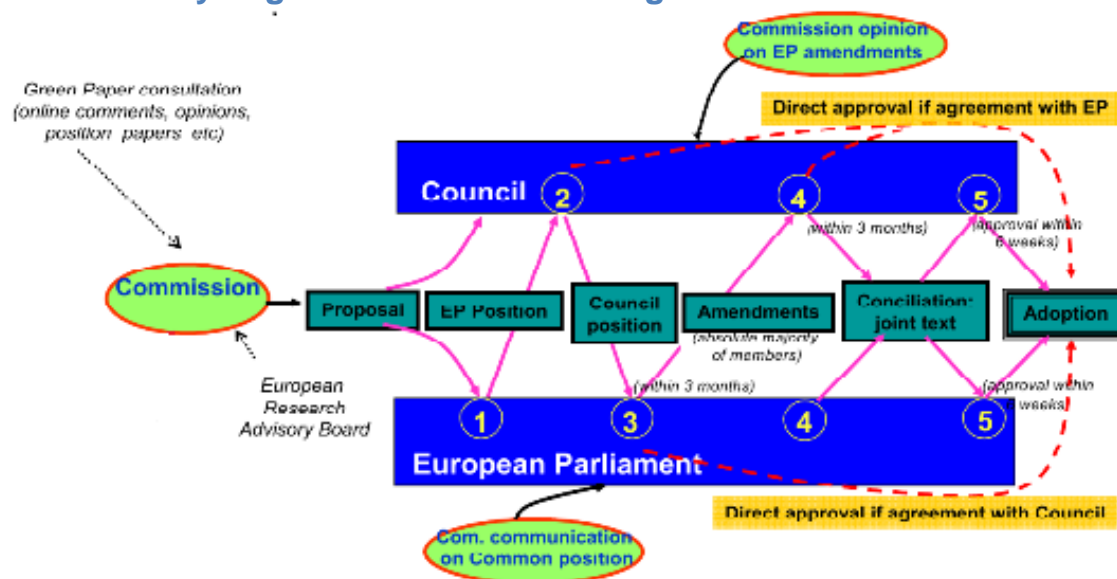
When the co-legislators are aiming for a 1st reading agreement they often organise informal meetings attended by representatives of the Parliament (rapporteur and, where appropriate, shadow rapporteurs), the Council (chair of the working party and/or COREPER), and the Commission (department responsible 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/>

