



Explaining the COMMISSION WORK **2024** PROGRAMME

17 October 2023

What is the Commission Work Programme?

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

Timeline of the 2024 Work Programme



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



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



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

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



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



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

New initiatives in the 2024 Work Programme

A European Green Deal

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

A Europe Fit for the Digital Age

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

An Economy that Works for People

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

A Stronger Europe in the World

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

Promoting our European Way of Life

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

A New Push for European Democracy

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

The Commission Work Programme structure



Annex I:
New initiatives;



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



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



Annex IV:
Intended withdrawals of pending proposals.

2024 Commission Work Programme - key figures

> **18**
New initiatives

> **26**

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

> **154**
Pending proposals

> **6**
Proposals for withdrawal

> **16**
Evaluations and fitness checks

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