

# Informal list priorities of the Dutch Senate from the European Commission Work Programme 2020 (Annex I and II)

In January 2020 the Eerste Kamer started the selection procedure for its European Work Programme for 2020, the priority list based on the European Commission's Work Programme 2020. Due to the publication of a revised European Commission's Work Programme in May, the European Affairs committee discussed and reconsidered the ongoing selection procedure. Because of the limited time still available for completing the formal selection procedure, the committee proposed to use an informal priority list for prioritising European proposals on the committee agendas. This informal list is compiled on the basis of the proposals submitted for prioritisation by the political groups in the earlier selection procedure and of the proposals that are already under scrutiny in the committees. The Eerste Kamer will therefore use the informal list for its internal working method and will not formally adopt a priority list for 2020.

Nr.	Title	Description	Already published or expected	Committee(s)
		<b>European Green Deal</b>		
1.	<b>The European Green Deal</b>	<p>Communication on the European Green Deal (non-legislative)</p> <p>European Climate Law enshrining the 2050 climate neutrality objective (legislative)</p> <p>The European Climate Pact (non-legislative)</p>	<p>11-12-2019, E200001</p> <p>04-03-2020, E200007</p> <p><b>Q4-2020</b></p>	<b>Economic Affairs and Climate / Agriculture, Nature and Food Safety</b>
2.	<b>Financing the sustainable transition</b>	<p>European Green Deal Investment Plan (non-legislative)</p> <p>Just Transition Fund (legislative)</p> <p>Renewed Sustainable Finance Strategy (non-legislative)</p> <p>Review of the Non-Financial Reporting Directive (legislative)</p>	<p>15-01-2020, E200003</p> <p>14-01-2020, E200004</p> <p><b>Q4-2020</b></p> <p><b>Q1-2021</b></p>	<b>Economic Affairs and Climate / Agriculture, Nature and Food Safety</b>
3.	<b>Commission contribution to COP26 in Glasgow</b>	<p>2030 Climate Target Plan (non-legislative)</p> <p>New EU Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change (non-legislative)</p> <p>New EU Forest Strategy (non-legislative)</p>	<p><b>Q3-2020</b></p> <p><b>Q1-2021</b></p> <p><b>Q1-2021</b></p>	<b>Economic Affairs and Climate / Agriculture, Nature and Food Safety</b>
4.	<b>Sustainability of food systems</b>	<p>'Farm to Fork' Strategy (non-legislative)</p>	<p>20-05-2020, COM(2020)381</p>	<b>Economic Affairs and Climate / Agriculture, Nature and Food Safety</b>

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5.	Decarbonising energy	Strategy for smart sector integration (non-legislative)	Q2-2020	Economic Affairs and Climate / Agriculture, Nature and Food Safety
		Renovation wave (non-legislative)	Q3- 2020	
		Offshore renewable energy (non-legislative)	Q4-2020	
6.	Sustainable production and consumption	New Circular Economy Action Plan (non-legislative)	11-03-2020 COM(2020)98	Economic Affairs and Climate / Agriculture, Nature and Food Safety and Infrastructure, Water Management and Environment
		Empowering the consumer for the green transition (legislative)	Q2-2021	
7.	Protecting our environment	EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030 (non-legislative)	20-05-2020 COM(2020)380	Economic Affairs and Climate / Agriculture, Nature and Food Safety and Infrastructure, Water Management and Environment
		8th Environmental Action Programme (legislative)	Q4-2020	
		Chemicals strategy for sustainability (non-legislative)	Q3- 2020	
8.	Sustainable and smart mobility	Strategy for sustainable and smart mobility (non-legislative)	Q4-2020	Infrastructure, Water Management and Environment and Economic Affairs
		ReFuelEU Aviation - Sustainable Aviation Fuels (legislative)	Q4-2020	
		FuelEU Maritime - Green European Maritime Space (legislative)	Q4-2020	

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				and Climate / Agriculture, Nature and Food Safety
9.	Evaluation of marketing standards (contained in the single Common Market Organisation (CMO) Regulation, the 'breakfast directives' and CMO secondary legislation)	The evaluation of marketing standards will help to assess the coherence between the various pieces of legislation as well as to identify potential for simplification. The evaluation's results might serve as a basis for the reflection on the need for regulatory changes related to marketing standards.. (REFIT)	n/a	Economic Affairs and Climate / Agriculture, Nature and Food Safety
10.	Evaluation of Geographical Indications and Traditional Specialities Guaranteed protected in the EU	The evaluation of geographical indications and traditional specialties guarantees will help to assess the coherence between the various pieces of the legal framework for EU quality schemes and will provide the opportunity to consider the need for its improvement (modernisation, simplification and streamlining). Its results might serve as basis to reflect on the need for regulatory changes related to EU quality schemes. (REFIT)	n/a	Economic Affairs and Climate / Agriculture, Nature and Food Safety
11.	Revision of the Guidelines on certain State aid measures in the context of the greenhouse gas emission allowance trading scheme post-2020	Member States can compensate some electro-intensive users for part of the higher electricity costs resulting from the EU Emissions Trading Scheme. The objective of such compensation is to minimise carbon leakage risk, which materialises when emission costs cause relocation from the EU to third countries without comparable constraints. The existing rules allowing for compensation will be revised to ensure that they are adapted to the new Emissions Trading Scheme for the period 2021-2030. (non-legislative) (REFIT)	Q4-2020	Economic Affairs and Climate / Agriculture, Nature and Food Safety and Infrastructure, Water Management and Environment
12.	Revision of the Trans-European Energy Networks (TEN-E) Regulation	This initiative will ensure that the TEN-E Regulation is fully in line with the European Green Deal and the Union's long-term decarbonisation objectives while contributing to sector and market integration, security of supply and competition. (legislative) (REFIT)	Q4-2020	Economic Affairs and Climate / Agriculture, Nature and Food Safety
13.	Evaluation of Directive 2011/65/EU on the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment (ROHS)	The evaluation of the ROHS Directive will assess its effectiveness and efficiency in terms of the procedure for adopting substance restrictions and granting exemptions to restrictions. It will also assess its coherence with and relevance to other EU legislation, in particular, in light of the evaluations of REACH and Ecodesign Directive. (REFIT)	n/a	Economic Affairs and Climate / Agriculture, Nature and Food

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				Safety and Infrastructure, Water Management and Environment
14.	Evaluation of Directive 2000/53/EU on end-of-life vehicles (ELV)	The evaluation of the ELV Directive will assess its effectiveness, efficiency, coherence with other legislation and relevance in light of the wider policy objectives on circular economy, plastics, resource efficiency, raw materials etc. <b>(REFIT)</b>	n/a	Economic Affairs and Climate / Agriculture, Nature and Food Safety and Infrastructure, Water Management and Environment
15.	Evaluation of the Directive 2010/75/EU on industrial emissions (IED)	The evaluation of the IED Directive will assess its effectiveness, efficiency, EU added-value, coherence with other legislation and relevance to address important (agro) industrial sources of air, water and soil pollution. <b>(REFIT)</b>	n/a	Infrastructure, Water Management and Environment and Economic Affairs and Climate / Agriculture, Nature and Food Safety
16.	Fitness check of EU rules against illegal logging (EU Timber Regulation, Regulation (EU) No 995/2010 and EU FLEGT Regulation (EC) No 2173/200)	The fitness check will assess the effectiveness, efficiency, coherence, relevance and the EU added-value of the both regulations in contributing to the fight against illegal logging globally. The lessons learnt from the fitness check will be useful for the assessment of demand side measures for other commodities. <b>(REFIT)</b>	n/a	Economic Affairs and Climate / Agriculture, Nature and Food Safety
17.	Revision of the EU Battery Directive	As concluded by the evaluation/implementation reports of the Batteries Directive, the revision should aim to better factor in circularity, improve sustainability and keep pace with technological developments. This is foreseen also in the Batteries Strategic Action Plan. Following the conclusions of the reports on the Directive, the initiative will modify the Directive or a proposal for a new Regulation repealing the Directive will be prepared, to notably encompass end-of-life and sustainability	Q4-2020	Economic Affairs and Climate / Agriculture, Nature

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		requirements. (legislative) <b>(REFIT)</b>		and Food Safety and Infrastructure, Water Management and Environment
18.	<b>Fitness Check on the relevant EU legislation on endocrine disruptors</b>	Endocrine disruptors are substances that alter the functioning of the endocrine (hormonal) system and negatively affect the health of humans or animals. A variety of EU measures regulates these substances. The fitness check will assess whether these measures deliver the overall objective to protect human health and the environment. It will assess the coherence, effectiveness, efficiency, relevance and EU added-value of EU legislation, with emphasis on coherence across the chemicals acquis.. <b>(REFIT)</b>	n/a	Economic Affairs and Climate / Agriculture, Nature and Food Safety and Infrastructure, Water Management and Environment and Health, Welfare and Sport
19.	<b>Revision of the Marketing standards Regulation applicable to fishery and aquaculture products in the EU</b>	This revision will simplify the legal set-up: one (EU) Regulation will replace three regulations currently covering also aquaculture products, transparency and consumer information. (legislative) <b>(REFIT)</b>	Q4-2020	Economic Affairs and Climate / Agriculture, Nature and Food Safety
20.	<b>Evaluation of Regulation 913/2010 concerning a European rail network for competitive freight (Rail Freight Corridor Regulation)</b>	Increasing freight transport by rail is a key element of EU policy to reduce transport CO2 emissions, but it is facing difficulties. The Regulation on rail freight corridors aims to improve cooperation and coordination along a number of corridors with particular potential for developing international rail freight. Regulation (EU) 913/2010 concerning a European rail network for competitive freight has entered into force in 2010, and nine rail freight corridors were established, with two more corridors added later. The aim of this evaluation is to provide a complete overview of the implementation of the Regulation as well as an assessment of its effects. It will be useful to determine what further action at EU level is needed to boost rail freight. <b>(REFIT)</b>	n/a	Infrastructure, Water Management and Environment and Economic Affairs and Climate / Agriculture, Nature and Food Safety

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21.	Evaluation of Directive 2009/128/EC on the Sustainable Use of Pesticides	This evaluation will look, inter alia, at the progress achieved by the Directive in reducing dependency on pesticides and stimulating the take-up of low-risk and non-chemical alternatives to pesticides. Simplification potential will also be considered, for example concerning the rules for inspection of pesticides application equipment and new official control rules. <b>(REFIT)</b>	n/a	Economic Affairs and Climate / Agriculture, Nature and Food Safety and Infrastructure, Water Management and Environment
22.	Evaluation of the EU Animal Welfare Strategy (2012-2015)	This evaluation will look at the extent to which the EU Animal Welfare Strategy has contributed to simplifying the EU animal welfare framework and at the remaining scope for simplification, having regard to the evolution of needs in this area. <b>(REFIT)</b>	n/a	Economic Affairs and Climate / Agriculture, Nature and Food Safety
23.	Evaluation on authorisation of plant protection products and maximum residue levels for pesticides	This evaluation covers the implementation and functioning of Regulation 1107/2009 on plant protection products and Regulation 396/2005 on maximum residue levels in all Member States since their applicability in June 2011 and September 2008, respectively. It proposes possible ways to enhance the implementation of the Regulations in order to simplify or strengthen the current regulatory framework, e.g. to address delays and increase transparency, improve the zonal system for authorisation and mutual recognition of authorisations, promote sustainable plant protection, low risk solutions and efficient risk mitigation, as well as to increase coherence and consistency between the Regulations and other EU legislation. The evaluation looks also into the issues raised in the REFIT Platform opinion XI.10.a on Multiple use/Multiple source substances – Chlorate adopted on 7/6/2017 and in the REFIT Platform opinion XI.22.a on the registration of plant protection products – adopted on 14/03/2019). <b>(REFIT)</b>	n/a	Economic Affairs and Climate / Agriculture, Nature and Food Safety and Infrastructure, Water Management and Environment
<b>A Europe Fit for the Digital Age</b>				
24.	Europe fit for the digital age	A Strategy for Europe - Fit for the Digital Age (non-legislative) together with ex-ante competition tool (legislative) Digital Education Action Plan (update) (non-legislative)	19-02-2020 COM(2020)67  Q4-2020  Q4-2020	Economic Affairs and Climate / Agriculture, Nature and Food Safety and Immigration and Asylum /

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				Justice and Home Affairs and education, culture and science
25.	A European approach to Artificial Intelligence	<p>White Paper on Artificial Intelligence (non-legislative)</p> <p>European Strategy for Data (non-legislative)</p> <p>Follow-up to the White Paper on Artificial Intelligence, including on safety, liability, fundamental rights and data (legislative)</p>	<p>19-02-2020 COM(2020)65</p> <p>19-02-2020 COM(2020)66</p> <p>Q1-2021</p>	Justice and Security and Economic Affairs and Climate / Agriculture, Nature and Food Safety and Immigration and Asylum / Justice and Home Affairs
26.	Increasing cybersecurity	Review of the Directive on security of network and information systems (NIS Directive) (legislative)	Q4-2020	Justice and Security and Immigration and Asylum / Justice and Home Affairs
27.	Digital for consumers	<p>Common chargers for mobile phones and similar devices (legislative)</p> <p>Review of the Roaming Regulation (legislative)</p>	<p>Q1-2021</p> <p>Q1-2021</p>	Economic Affairs and Climate / Agriculture, Nature and Food Safety
		<b>An Economy that Works for People</b>		
28.	Social Europe	<p>Fair minimum wages for workers in the EU (legislative)</p> <p>Reinforcing the Youth Guarantee (non-legislative)</p>	Q1, Q4-2020	Social Affairs and Employment

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		European Unemployment Reinsurance Scheme (legislative)	Q2-2020  temporary instrument adopted: COM(2020)139	
29.	Deepening the Capital Markets Union	Action Plan on the Capital Markets Union (non-legislative)  Review of the regulatory framework for investment firms and market operators (MiFIDII and MiFIR), (legislative)  Review of the Benchmark Regulation (legislative)	Q4-2020  Q3-2020  Q3-2020	Finance
30.	Completing the Banking Union	Action Plan on Anti-Money Laundering (non-legislative)  Review of the Capital Requirements legislation (legislative)	07-05-2020: C(2020)2800  Q4-2020	Finance
31.	Effective taxation	Business Taxation for the 21st century (non-legislative)  Action Plan to fight tax evasion and to make taxation simple and easy (legislative and non-legislative)  and revision of the Directive on automatic exchange of information (legislative)	Q4-2020  Q3-2020  Q3-2020	Finance
32.	Customs Union Package	Action Plan on the Customs Union (non-legislative)  Proposal on Customs Single Window (legislative)	Q3-2020  Q4-2020	Finance and Immigration and Asylum / Justice and Home Affairs
		<b>A Stronger Europe in the World</b>		
33.	International cooperation	Signature and conclusion of the Agreement between the EU and the countries of Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific (legislative)	Q3-2020	Foreign Affairs, Defence and Development Cooperation and Kingdom Relations
34.	Financial sovereignty	Strengthening Europe's Economic and Financial Sovereignty (non-legislative)	Q4-2020	Finance



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35.	Africa Strategy	Towards a comprehensive Strategy with Africa (non-legislative)	09-03-2020 JOIN(2020)4	Foreign Affairs, Defence and Development Cooperation
36.	Enlargement	Enhancing the accession process – A credible EU perspective for the Western Balkans (non-legislative)  Stepping up our engagement with the Western Balkans – The Commission's contribution to the EU-Western Balkans Summit (non-legislative)	05-02-2020, COM(2020)57  29-04-2020, COM(2020)315 / Q4-2020	European Affairs
37.	Eastern Partnership	Eastern Partnership post 2020 (non-legislative)	18-03-2020, JOIN(2020)7	European Affairs
38.	Human Rights, Democracy and Gender Equality	Action Plan on Human Rights and Democracy (2020-2024) (legislative and non-legislative)  EU Action Plan on Gender Equality and Women Empowerment in External Relations for 2021-2025 (non-legislative)	25-03-2020, JOIN(2020)5  Q4-2020	J&V, BDO, I&A/JBZ & OCW (gender- equality)
39.	Trade policy	Trade policy review, including WTO reform initiative (non-legislative)	Q4-2020	Foreign Affairs, Defence and Development Cooperation
40.	Evaluation of the trade pillar of six EU's Association Agreements with EUROMED countries (Tunisia, Morocco, Egypt, Jordan, Algeria and Lebanon)	This evaluation might identify opportunities for streamlining procedures with potential reduction of costs and administrative burden and simplification of processes. Furthermore, these potential benefits might be used in any future re-negotiation of this agreement or in the negotiation of agreements with other countries.	n/a	Foreign Affairs, Defence and Development Cooperation and Immigration and Asylum / Justice and Home Affairs
		<b>Promoting our European Way of Life</b>		
41.	Fostering skills, education and inclusion	Updated Skills Agenda for Europe (non-legislative)  Achieving the European Education Area (non-legislative)  Action Plan on Integration and Inclusion (non-legislative)	Q3-2020  Q3-2020  Q4-2020	Education, Culture and Science
42.	A New Pact on Migration and Asylum	A New Pact on Migration and Asylum and accompanying legal proposals (non-legislative and legislative)	Q2-2020	Immigration and Asylum /

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				Justice and Home Affairs
43.	Fostering Europe's security	A new Security Union Strategy (non-legislative)	Q3-2020	Immigration and Asylum / Justice and Home Affairs and Justice and Security
		Strengthening of Europol's mandate (legislative)	Q4-2020	
		Proposal for additional measures on Critical Infrastructure Protection (legislative)	Q4-2020	
		A New EU Strategy towards the Eradication of Trafficking in Human Beings (non-legislative)	Q1-2021	
		EU Strategy for a more effective fight against child sexual abuse (non-legislative)	Q3-2020	
44.	Protecting health	Europe's Beating Cancer Plan (non-legislative)	Q4-2020	Health, Welfare and Sport
		A Pharmaceutical Strategy for Europe (non-legislative)	Q4-2020	
		<b>A New Push for European Democracy</b>		
45.	Equality and non-discrimination initiatives	binding pay transparency measures (non-legislative)	Q4-2020	Health, Welfare and Sport and Social Affairs and Employment
		LGBTI Equality Strategy (non-legislative)	Q4-2020	
		Post 2020 EU Framework on Roma Equality and Inclusion Strategies (non-legislative)	Q4-2020	
46.	Democracy	Disinformation – getting the facts right / European Democracy Action Plan (non-legislative and legislative)	Q2-2020 & Q4-2020	Justice and Security and Economic Affairs and Climate / Agriculture, Nature and Food Safety and Interior Affairs and Interior Affairs and Justice and Security
47.	Future of Europe	Shaping the Conference on the Future of Europe (non-legislative)	23-01-2020 COM(2020)27	European Affairs

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48.	Rule of Law	2020 Annual Rule of Law Report (non-legislative)	Q3-2020	European Affairs and Justice and Security
49.	Fundamental rights	New Strategy for the Implementation of the Charter of Fundamental Rights (non-legislative)	Q4-2020	European Affairs and Justice and Security
		EU Strategy for Victims' Rights (non-legislative)	Q2-2020	Justice and Security
		Report on the application of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (non-legislative)	Q2-2020	Justice and Security
		Alignment of relevant Union law enforcement rules with regard to data protection (non-legislative)	Q2-2020	Justice and Security