

EUROPEAN COMMISSION WORK PROGRAMME 2021 - LIST OF PRIORITIES OF THE BELGIAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

No.	Policy objective	New Initiatives	Belgian House Committee(s)
<b>A European Green Deal</b>			
1.	Fit for 55 package	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Revision of the EU Emissions Trading System (ETS), including maritime, aviation and CORSIA as well as a proposal for ETS as own resource (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Q2 2021)</li> <li>b) Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) and a proposal for CBAM as own resource (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Q2 2021)</li> <li>c) Effort Sharing Regulation (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 192(1) TFEU, Q2 2021)</li> <li>d) Amendment to the Renewable Energy Directive to implement the ambition of the new 2030 climate target (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 194 TFEU, Q2 2021)</li> <li>e) Amendment of the Energy Efficiency Directive to implement the ambition of the new 2030 climate target (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 194 TFEU, Q2 2021)</li> <li>f) Revision of the Regulation on the inclusion of greenhouse gas emissions and removals from land use, land use change and forestry (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 192(1) TFEU, Q2 2021)</li> <li>g) Reducing methane emissions in the energy sector (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Articles 192 and 194 TFEU, Q2 2021)</li> <li>h) Revision of the Energy Tax Directive (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Q2 2021)</li> <li>i) Revision of the Directive on deployment of alternative fuels infrastructure (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 91 TFEU, Q2 2021)</li> <li>j) Revision of the Regulation setting CO2 emission performance standards for new passenger cars and for new light commercial vehicles (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 192(1) TFEU, Q2 2021)</li> <li>k) Revision of the energy performance of Buildings Directive (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 194 TFEU, Q4 2021)</li> <li>l) Revision of the Third Energy Package for gas (Directive 2009/73/EU and Regulation 715/2009/EU) to regulate competitive decarbonised gas markets (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 194 TFEU, Q4 2021)</li> </ul>	Energy
2.	Circular economy package	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Sustainable products policy initiative, including a revision of the Ecodesign Directive (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 114 TFEU, Q4 2021)</li> <li>b) Circular electronics (non-legislative, Q4 2021)</li> </ul>	Economic Affairs
3.	Biodiversity and toxic-free environment package	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Action plan for the development of organic production: on the way to 2030 (non-legislative, Q1 2021)</li> <li>b) Minimising the risk of deforestation and forest degradation associated with products placed on the EU market (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Q2 2021)</li> <li>c) Zero pollution action plan for water, air and soil (non-legislative, Q2 2021)</li> <li>d) New legal framework on the restoration of healthy ecosystems (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 192 TFEU, Q4 2021)</li> </ul>	Energy
4.	Sustainable and smart mobility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Revision of the Directive on Intelligent Transport Systems, including a multimodal ticketing initiative (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 91 TFEU, Q3 2021)</li> <li>b) Revision of the Regulation on the trans-European transport network (TEN-T) (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 172 TFEU, Q3 2021)</li> <li>c) EU 2021 Rail Corridor Initiative, including the revision of the Rail Freight Corridor Regulation and actions to boost passenger rail (non-legislative and legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 91 TFEU, Q3 2021)</li> <li>d) Development of post-Euro 6/VI emission standards for cars, vans, lorries and buses (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 114 TFEU, Q4 2021)</li> </ul>	Mobility
<b>A Europe Fit for the Digital Age</b>			
5.	Europe's digital decade	Europe's digital decade: 2030 digital targets (non-legislative, Q1 2021)	Economic Affairs
7.	Digital levy	Digital levy and a proposal for digital levy as own resource (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Q2 2021)	Finance
9.	Platform workers	Improving the working conditions of platform workers (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 153 TFEU, Q1/Q4 2021)	Social Affairs
10.	Industrial strategy for Europe	Updating the new industrial strategy for Europe (non-legislative, Q2 2021)	Economic Affairs
11.	Foreign subsidies	Follow-up to the White Paper on foreign subsidies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Levelling the playing field (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 207 TFEU, Q2 2021)</li> <li>b) Public procurement (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 207 TFEU, Q2 2021)</li> </ul>	Economic Affairs
<b>An Economy that Works for People</b>			
14.	Deepening the Capital Markets Union	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Investment protection and facilitation framework (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 114 TFEU, Q2 2021)</li> <li>b) Revision of prudential rules for insurance and reinsurance companies (Solvency II) (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Articles 53(1), 62 and 114 TFEU, Q3 2021)</li> <li>c) Revision of the Markets in Financial Instruments Directive and Regulation (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 114 TFEU, Q4 2021)</li> </ul>	Finance
15.	Sustainable corporate governance	Sustainable corporate governance (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Articles 50 and, possibly, 114 TFEU, Q2 2021)	Economic Affairs
16.	EU green bond standard	Establishment of an EU green bond standard (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 114 TFEU, Q2 2021)	Finance
17.	Anti-money laundering package	Anti-money laundering legislative package (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 114 TFEU, Q1 2021)	Finance
18.	Fair economy package	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Action plan on the European Pillar of Social Rights (non-legislative, Q1 2021)</li> <li>b) Recommendation for a European child guarantee (non-legislative, Q1 2021)</li> <li>c) Communication on a new occupational safety and health strategy framework (non-legislative, Q2 2021)</li> <li>d) Action plan for the social economy (non-legislative, Q4 2021)</li> </ul>	Economic Affairs
22.	Completing the Banking Union	Revision of the bank crisis management and deposit insurance framework (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 114 TFEU, Q4 2021)	Finance
23.	Excise duties package	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Revision of the tobacco taxation Directive (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 113 TFEU, Q3 2021)</li> <li>b) Amendment of the Directive on general arrangements for excise duties (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 113 TFEU, Q4 2021)</li> </ul>	Finance
<b>A Stronger Europe in the World</b>			
24.	Strengthening the EU's contribution to rules-based multilateralism	Joint communication on strengthening the EU's contribution to rules-based multilateralism (non-legislative, Q2 2021)	Foreign Affairs
25.	The Arctic dimension	Joint Communication on the Arctic (non-legislative, Q4 2021)	Defence
26.	Southern Neighbourhood	Joint Communication on a renewed partnership with the Southern Neighbourhood (non-legislative, Q1 2021)	Foreign Affairs
28.	Research, innovation, education and youth	Communication on the global approach to research, innovation, education and youth (non-legislative, Q2 2021)	Social Affairs
<b>Promoting our European Way of Life</b>			
31.	European biomedical research and development	Proposal to establish a new European biomedical research and development agency (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Q4 2021)	Health
32.	European health data space	European health data space (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Articles 114 and 168 TFEU, Q4 2021)	Health
33.	Follow-up initiatives under the new pact on migration and asylum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) A new EU action plan against migrant smuggling (non-legislative, Q2 2021)</li> <li>b) A new strategy on voluntary returns and reintegration (non-legislative, Q2 2021)</li> </ul>	Home Affairs

35.	Follow-up to the EU security strategy	a) <b>Communication on an EU Agenda to tackle organised crime (2021-2025)</b> (non-legislative, Q1 2021) b) <b>Legislation to effectively tackle child sexual abuse online</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 114 TFEU, Q2 2021) c) <b>An EU agenda on counter-terrorism: prevent, protect, respond, anticipate</b> (non-legislative, Q3 2021) d) <b>Revision of the Directive on the freezing and confiscation of the proceeds of crime</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Articles 82 and 83 TFEU, Q4 2021) e) <b>Proposal to modernise existing intra-EU law enforcement cooperation by creating an EU police cooperation code</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Q4 2021) f) <b>Proposal for a Directive on Asset Recovery Offices</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 87 TFEU, Q4 2021)	Home Affairs
A New Push for European Democracy			
38.	Rights of children	EU strategy on the rights of the child (non-legislative, Q1 2021)	Justice and Social Affairs
39.	Preventing and combating specific forms of gender-based violence	Proposal to prevent and combat specific forms of gender-based violence (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Articles 82(2), 83 and 84 TFEU, Q4 2021)	
40.	Fighting hate crime and hate speech	Initiative to extend the list of EU crimes to all forms of hate crime and hate speech (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 83 TFEU, Q4 2021)	Justice
42.	Transparency and democracy package	a) <b>Revision of the statute and funding of European political parties and European political foundations</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 224 TFEU, Q3 2021) b) <b>Greater transparency in paid political advertising</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Articles 114 and 224 TFEU, Q3 2021) c) <b>Revision of the Council Directive laying down detailed arrangements for the exercise of the right to vote and stand as a candidate in elections to the European Parliament for citizens of the Union residing in a Member State of which they are not nationals</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 22 TFEU, Q4 2021) d) <b>Revision of the Council Directive laying down detailed arrangements for the exercise of the right to vote and to stand as a candidate in municipal elections by citizens of the Union residing in a Member State of which they are not nationals</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 22 TFEU, Q4 2021) e) <b>Initiative against abusive litigation targeting journalists and rights defenders</b> (legislative or non-legislative, Q4 2021)	Constitutional Affairs and Institutional Renewal
44.	EU disability strategy	Strategy on the rights of persons with disabilities (non-legislative, Q1 2021)	Social Affairs
No.	Title	Simplification objective / potential (short explanation of the REFIT objective of the revisions, and simplification potential for evaluations and fitness checks)	
A European Green Deal			
16.	Revision of the Framework for State aid research, development and innovation	The current rules have no expiry date. However, the ongoing Fitness Check has shown that the current rules have worked well, but should be updated in a targeted manner to reflect regulatory, technological and market developments and accompany adequately the current Commission priorities and the economic recovery. Planned adoption date: Q4/2021; non-legislative; Legal basis: Articles 107 and 108 of the TFEU. No impact assessment is envisaged.	
30.	Interim evaluation of the implementation of the Union Customs Code	The evaluation will provide a comprehensive assessment of the implementation and impact of the UCC legal and IT framework, at both EU and Member States' levels, since its entry into force in 2016. The UCC aims, amongst others, to streamline customs rules, procedures and processes, achieve a fully paperless environment and strengthen legal certainty and predictability of customs rules. The evaluation will assess the balance between customs controls and trade facilitation as well as the extent to which the current rules support legitimate economic activity and prevent unfair or illegal trade. Concerning the IT systems, the study should assess whether the automated processes set out in the UCC package have allowed for reinforced collaboration among customs authorities and interoperability between the different electronic systems. The evaluation will attempt to assess all costs of implementing the UCC, together with its electronic systems as well as the benefits of safer, more compliant trade and speedier procedures. The two criteria should then be set against each other in order to assess the ratio and judge the value for money. This assessment should include the regulatory costs and benefits related to the implementation and application of the UCC for all relevant stakeholders (compliance costs, administrative costs, administrative burdens, benefits, savings), as well as the potential for any further simplification and burden reduction, which would not, however, compromise customs objectives.	
Promoting our European Way of Life			
41.	Fitness check of the EU legislation on violence against women and domestic violence	The fitness check will assess which role the existing EU legislation has had in preventing and combatting violence against women and domestic violence and analyse the coherence of these EU measures with international sources. It will identify legislative gaps and analyse the need for possible further steps towards improved, coordinated protection against this persistent type of gender-based discrimination. The fitness check will cover the period from the adoption of each legal act up until 2020. It will cover all EU Member States.	