



Explaining the Commission Work Programme

18 October 2022

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.

The timeline of the 2023 Work Programme



14 September 2022: The President of the European Commission delivers her [State of the Union address](#) before the European Parliament, setting out her political priorities for the year ahead.

The President and the Vice-President for 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.



September/October 2022: The (Executive) Vice-Presidents meet with the **Parliament's Conference of Committee Chairs** for a formal preparatory discussion on the Work Programme. In Council, the Commission participates in the exchange of views on the Letter of Intent that takes place in the **General Affairs Council**, providing input to the Work Programme.

The Commission hears the views of the **European Economic and Social Committee** and the **Committee of the Regions**.



18 October 2022: The Commission adopts its **Work Programme for 2023**, and presents it afterwards in the European Parliament and to the other institutional partners.



On the basis of the Commission Work Programme, the Commission, the European Parliament and the Council establish a **Joint Declaration on the EU's legislative priorities**, to take swift action.

The Commission Work Programme structure



Annex I:

New policy and legislative initiatives;



Annex II:

REFIT initiatives, to simplify existing legislation;



Annex III:

The priority pending legislative files where we want the co-legislators to take the swiftest action;



Annex IV:

Intended withdrawals of pending proposals.



Annex V:

Existing legislation which the Commission proposes to repeal.

2023 Commission Work Programme - key figures



Putting citizens at the heart of European democracy



This Work Programme is driven by the ambitious and inspiring vision for our Union that was laid out in the conclusions of the **Conference on the Future of Europe**.

Building on the success of the Conference, the Commission is embedding participatory practices in its policy-making toolbox. Citizens' panels are now part of the Commission's policymaking in certain key areas. The new generation of citizens' panels will deliberate on next year's initiatives on food waste, learning mobility and virtual worlds.

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