



European Commission Work Program 2022

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Milestones for 2022

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Accelerate the twin digital and green transitions

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Promotion of a fairer, more resilient and more cohesive society

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Building Blocks for a European Health Union

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Emphasis on the young generation (European Year of the Youth 2022)





Headline Ambitions 2019-2024 Commission's Presidency

The European Green Deal



A Europe Fit for the Digital Age



An Economy that Works for People



A stronger Europe in the World



Promoting our European Way of Life



New Push for European Democracy





The European Green Deal

The Union is committed towards becoming the first climate neutral continent by 2050.

Plans for the decarbonisation of society, strengthening the circular economy, promoting renewable energies with particular emphasis on solar energy and a greener and more sustainable agriculture are among the top priorities for 2022.

Europe Fit for the Digital Age

The EU's for its digital transformation plan by 2030 include the implementation of proposals to ensure a safe and secure internet, a European digital identity, the digitalisation of the energy sector, the revision of the competition rules and the creation of a trustworthy Artificial Intelligence.

The European Green Deal: Initiatives



- EU rules on sustainable use of pesticides

- Lists of surface and groundwater pollutants
- EU ambient air quality legislation
- Initiative on the right to repair

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- Regulation on classification, labelling and packaging
- EU rules on fluorinated greenhouse gases
- Policy framework for bio-based, biodegradable and compostable plastics

- Framework for harmonised measurement of transport and logistics emissions
- CO2 emissions standards for heavy-duty vehicles
- Restriction on microplastics
- Reduce the release of microplastics in the environment

Europe Fit for the Digital Age: Initiatives

- Single market emergency instrument
- Roadmap on security and defence technologies

- Recommendation on improving the provision of digital skills in education and training
- Recommendation on the enabling factors for digital education
- European cyber resilience act

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- European chips act
- EU space-based global secure communication system
- EU strategy for space traffic management

- Multimodal digital mobility services



An Economy that Works for People

There is a need to reshape the fiscal rules and economic governance framework of the Union.

Plans to ensure a consistent and fair global tax implementation across the EU, to create strong social safety nets and to protect digital transactions are among the main priorities of the Union for 2022.

A stronger Europe in the World

The geopolitical shift has made the EU need to strengthen its influence, values and interests.

Plans to enhance connectivity, reduce dependency, boost key partnerships and help with energy transition are key for 2022.

An Economy that Works for People: Initiatives



- Protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to asbestos at work
- Small and medium sized enterprises' access to capital
- Harmonising certain aspects of substantive law on insolvency proceedings
- Recommendation on minimum income

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- Initiative on instant payments in the EU
- Renewed strategic partnership with the outermost regions

A stronger Europe in the World: Initiatives



- New strategy on international energy engagement

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- Amendment of the blocking statute Regulation
- Joint Communication on international ocean governance
- Joint Communication on a partnership with the Gulf



Promoting our European Way of Life

The inclusion of young people in the union and creation of a common vision for all is key to make a more powerful EU.

Challenges in social, security and health issues are pushing nowadays and therefore the EU needs to respond collectively to them

New Push for European Democracy

Inclusion of new voices in the debate assures new leaders for the future. The CoFoE is providing the tools for citizen participation.

European values are to be protected and strengthened. The Commission will work in rule of law, equality, media freedom and brain drain.

Promoting our European Way of Life: Initiatives

- European strategy for universities
- Building bridges for effective European higher education cooperation

- Update of Recommendation on cancer screening
- European care strategy
- Revision of the Barcelona targets
- Council Recommendation on long-term care

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- Obligation of carriers to communicate advance passenger information

- Framework for reciprocal access to security-related information for front-line officers between the EU and key third countries to counter shared security threats.

New Push for European Democracy: Initiatives

- European media freedom act
- Transfer of criminal proceedings
- Recognition of parenthood between Member States
- Strengthening the role and independence of equality bodies

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Importance of the Work Program



Roadmap

It establishes the topics, policies and initiatives that are going to be a priority for the Union. This allows us to assess both impact and opportunities in regards to our clients.



New EU

With these new initiatives the Commission seeks to transform the EU internally and externally to fit the new international environment



Citizen Participation

The Commission is very keen on involving society in an active way to enrich the debate on key issues



Conclusions

The EU has to continue and enhance its climate and digital transitions to comply with the international standards



The Union has placed a great emphasis on the young generation and therefore, all its policies need to be consistent with this ambition

The Union has to take a consistent and harmonised response towards the social, economic, health and digital challenges posed by the COVID pandemic



The EU needs to strengthen internally to gain a place in the international arena in view of the geopolitical shifts

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