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EU Scrutiny 2012

Dutch House of Representatives: List of prioritized proposals from the European Commission's 2012 Work Programme

Every year the Dutch House of Representatives (Tweede Kamer) closely examines and discusses the European Commission's Work Programme, which lists the legislative and strategic proposals to be published in the year to come. Subsequently, the House of Representatives draws up a list of Commission proposals it wants to pay special attention to.

All standing committees select the proposals related to their policy area, which they would like to see prioritized. The final list of the 2012 prioritized proposals was discussed by the standing committee on European Affairs and approved in a plenary sitting of the House on 6 February 2012.

The prioritized proposals will be scrutinized by the House of Representatives upon publication by the European Commission. This list does not prevent other proposals from being added and scrutinized in the course of the year.

Subsidiarity test

Several of the proposals will be checked against the principle of subsidiarity; these have been marked with an X in the column headed 'subsidiarity check'.

Parliamentary scrutiny reserve

If the House of Representatives considers a European legislative proposal to be of such importance that it wants to be accurately informed and updated of all steps taken by the government in the negotiation process, it can enter a so-called parliamentary reserve.



The House then asks the government not to take any irreversible decisions in the Brussels negotiations, until after a debate on the issue has taken place between the minister and the standing committee concerned. In addition, the government will be required to send a political analysis on the EU-proposal to the Dutch Parliament within three weeks after publication by the European Commission.

The proposals which will be subject to a parliamentary reserve by the House of Representatives have been marked with an X in the last column. New proposals can become subject to a subsidiarity check and/or a parliamentary reserve during the year.

Nr	Proposals from the Commission's 2012 Work Program prioritized by the House of Representatives (Tweede Kamer)	Subsidiarity check	Parliamentary reserve
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Committee on the Interior

76	Political parties at European level and the rules regarding their funding		
**	Directive on the water-efficiency of buildings		

Committee on Foreign Affairs

19	Social Protection in development policy		
42	European Neighbourhood Policy Package and the Eastern Partnership		
77	Towards a proposal on the Solidarity Clause		

Committee on Defence

	<i>No prioritized initiatives</i>		
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Committee on Economic Affairs, Agriculture and Innovation

2	Promotion and information for agricultural products		
7	Actions for damages for breaches of antitrust law		
16	Product safety package: New horizontal single legislative instrument for market surveillance		
17	European Consumer Agenda		
36	Nuclear safety		
37	Renewable energy strategy (RES)		
38	Internal Energy Market		
55	Animal and plant health package		
75	European label in tourism sector	X	
II-82*	Strategy and plan of action of the European Union for a sustainable bio-economy in 2020		

Committee on European Affairs

1	Annual Growth Survey 2013		
40	Annual Enlargement Package 2012		

		Subsidiarity check	Parliamentary reserve
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Committee on Finance

26	Public Finances in EMU 2012		
79	Shadow banking		
120	Good governance in relation to tax havens		
122	Eliminating double taxation on crossborder dividend payments to portfolio investors		

Committee on Immigration and Asylum

57	Next Generation of Border Checks		
66***	Draft negotiating Directives for visa facilitation and readmission agreements with some South Mediterranean Countries, in the framework of the dialogue for migration, mobility and security to be established with those countries		X
**	Change of directive 2003/86/EC on Family Reunification		X

Committee on Infrastructure and the Environment

4	CO2 from cars and vans 2020 targets		
5	Including maritime transport emissions in the EU's greenhouse gas reduction commitment		
43	Safeguarding Europe's Water Resources		
45	Review of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Directive		
111	Setting a framework for Maritime Spatial Planning		
127-1	Rail package: Rail market access		
128	Clean power for transport: An alternative fuel strategy		

Committee on Kingdom Relations

18	Overseas Association Decision		
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Committee on Education, Culture and Science

100	Improving the gender balance in the boards of companies listed on stock exchanges (soft law)		
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Budget Review Committee

<i>No prioritized initiatives</i>		
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Committee on Social Affairs and Employment

28-2	Employment package: Specific Flexicurity package		
32	Protection of supplementary pension rights of people who change jobs	X	X
34	Freedom of movement for workers within the Union		X
83	Single market and pension funds: Institutions for Occupational Retirement Provision (IORP)	X	X
I-19*	Directive working time	X	X
I-21*	White paper on pensions		

Committee on Security and Justice

61	EU Strategy against trafficking in human beings		
62	Legal and technical framework for a European Terrorist Finance Tracking System (TFTS)		X
63	Revising the EU framework for data retention		
82	Collective rights management: Music rights – music online		
88	Enforcement of intellectual property rights		
91	Initiative on notice and takedown procedures		
96	Special Safeguards in criminal procedures for Suspected or Accused Persons who are vulnerable		X
97	Minimum provisions on the constituent elements of criminal acts and penalties in the field of illicit drug trafficking		
102	Reforming Eurojust's structure		
103	Compensation of crime victims	X	X
104	Limitation and prescription periods for cross-border road traffic accidents	X	
106	Alternative Dispute Resolution instrument for Business to Business (B2B) disputes		

		Subsidiarity check	Parliamentary reserve
107	Insolvency proceedings		X
108-1	Mutual recognition of civil documents: Mutual recognition of the effects of certain civil status documents		
109-2	Mutual recognition of civil documents: Dispensing with the formalities for the legalisation of documents between Member States		
113	Protection of the financial interest of the European Union, including by criminal law (PFI)		
**	Proposal for a recommendation of approval for the negotiations between the European Union and the United States regarding data protection and information sharing for the purpose of law enforcement		
**	Legislature proposal on measures by criminal law to guarantee the assertion of intellectual property rights		X
I-33*	A new comprehensive legal framework for the protection of personal data in the EU		

Committee on Health, Welfare and Sports

52*	Revision of the Tobacco Products Directive concerning the manufacture, presentation and sale	X	X
54	Clinical trials to foster clinical research and innovation in the pharmaceutical sector		

* This EU proposal was already announced in the Work Programme of 2011, but has yet to be published by the European Commission.

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*** The parliamentary reserve on this proposal and the resulting commitments will also be valid for any following proposal connected to this issue.

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