



# Tweede Kamer

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## EU Scrutiny 2015

# List of prioritized EU proposals 2015

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 Tweede Kamer draws up a list of EU proposals it wants to pay special attention to.

All standing committees select the proposals related to their policy area, which they would like to prioritize. On 26 February 2015, the standing committee on European Affairs discussed the final list with the minister of Foreign Affairs, mr Koenders, and the first Vice-President of the European Commission, mr Timmermans. On 10 March 2015, the final list was approved in a plenary session of the Tweede Kamer. The prioritized proposals will be scrutinized upon publication by the European Commission. This list however, does not prevent other proposals from being added and scrutinized in the course of the year.

#### *Subsidiarity check*

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 Tweede Kamer considers a European legislative proposal to be of such importance that it wants to be additionally informed and updated on all steps taken by the government



in the negotiation process, it can impose a so-called parliamentary scrutiny reserve. The Tweede Kamer then requests the government not to take any irreversible decisions in the Brussels negotiations, until after a debate on the proposal has taken place between the minister and the standing committee concerned with that particular proposal. In addition, the Tweede Kamer requests an explanatory memorandum from the government on the EU-proposal within three weeks after publication by the European Commission.

The proposals subject to a parliamentary reserve by the Tweede Kamer 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 <sup>1</sup>	Proposals from the Commission's 2015 Work Programme prioritized by the House of Representatives (Tweede Kamer)	Subsidiarity check	Parliamentary reserve
<b>Committee on the Interior</b>			
	<i>No EU proposals in the 2015 Work Programme</i>		
<b>Committee on Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation</b>			
15	Trade and Investment Strategy for Jobs and Growth		
20	Communication on the post 2015 Sustainable Development Goals		
<b>Committee on Foreign Affairs</b>			
19	Communication on European Neighbourhood Policy		
<b>Committee on Defence</b>			
	<i>No EU proposals in the 2015 Work Programme</i>		
<b>Committee on Economic Affairs</b>			
4	Digital Single Market (DSM) Package		
5	Strategic Framework for the Energy Union		
7	Internal Market Strategy for goods and services		
23	Review of the GMO decision-making process		
34 (III)	Natura 2000 (Birds and Habitats Directives)		
43 (III)	Food Law		
<b>Committee on European Affairs</b>			
16	Proposals to complete EU accession to the ECHR		

<sup>1</sup> The numbers correspond with Annex 1 (new initiatives) of the 2015 Commission Work Programme. Numbers with an added 'II' refer to the numbers in Annex 2 which contains the list of withdrawals or modifications of pending proposals. Numbers with an added 'III' refer to the numbers in Annex 3 which include all legislative initiatives taken under REFIT (simplification, codification/recast, consolidation, repeal, update/review) planned for Commission adoption in 2015 and all evaluations and Fitness Checks carried out under REFIT which are either ongoing or where results are expected in the course of 2015.

		Subsidiarity check	Parliamentary reserve
<b>Committee on Finance</b>			
9	Capital Markets Union		
12	Deepening Economic and Monetary Union Package		
14	Action Plan on efforts to combat tax evasion and tax fraud, including a Communication on a renewed approach for corporate taxation in the Single Market in the light of global developments		
57 (III)	Late Payment Directive		
<b>Committee on Infrastructure and the Environment</b>			
5	Strategic Framework for the Energy Union, climate and environment related aspects		
38 (II)	Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Directives 2008/98/EC on waste, 94/62/EC on packaging and packaging waste, 1999/31/EC on the landfill of waste, 2000/53/EC on end-of-life vehicles, 2006/66/EC on batteries and accumulators and waste batteries and accumulators, and 2012/19/EU on waste electrical and electronic equipment 28/10/2014		
37 (II)	Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on the reduction of national emissions of certain atmospheric pollutants and amending Directive 2003/35/EC		
74 (III)	Common rules for access to the international road haulage market		
<b>Committee on Kingdom Relations</b>			
	<i>No EU proposals in the 2015 Work Programme</i>		
<b>Committee on Education, Culture and Science</b>			
	<i>No EU proposals in the 2015 Work Programme</i>		
<b>Committee on Social Affairs and Employment</b>			
8	Labour Mobility Package		<b>x</b>
24 (III)	Occupational Health and Safety		

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#### Committee on Security and Justice

17	European Agenda on Security		
18	European Agenda on Migration		x
63 (III)	Council Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders and those whose nationals are exempt from this requirement		x
68 (III)	Fight against organised crime		
69 (III)	Legal migration		

#### Committee on Health, Welfare and Sport

14 (III)	Study on rules on audiovisual commercial communication for alcoholic beverages		
71 (III)	Trade diversion of certain key medicines		

#### Committee on Housing and the Central Government Sector

58 (III)	Construction sector		
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