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# 2000–05: Shaping the new Europe

Presentation to the European Parliament  
by President Romano Prodi

Strasbourg, 15 February 2000





*Madame President,  
Honourable Members of Parliament,*

The start of my Commission's term of office comes at an auspicious time: the dawn of the third millennium. It is the ideal time to look at the challenges and opportunities ahead of us and at what European integration has achieved so far.

The first thing that strikes us is a paradox. On the one hand, European integration has given us a half century of peace and prosperity unprecedented in the history of our continent. With the launch of the euro, we now have a completely united single market, enabling the EU to emerge as a world economic power capable of meeting the challenges of globalisation.

On the other hand, Europe's citizens are disenchanted and anxious. They have lost faith in the European institutions. They are losing patience with our slow rate of progress in tackling unemployment. The prospect of enlargement divides public opinion between hope and fear — hope for stability and progress, fear of a Europe without identity or frontiers.

Today's scepticism and anxiety cannot be overcome by harking back to yesterday's successes: ordinary Europeans have to be convinced that Europe's policy-makers and decision-makers are capable of decisive and effective action; that they can modernise Europe and steer it towards a bright future.

This task is becoming all the greater and all the more urgent now that enlargement is under way. Enlargement is essential if we are to spread peace, stability and shared values throughout the continent. But depending on how we and the candidate countries implement the enlargement process, it can weaken or strengthen Europe's capacity for prosperity and progress.

Above all, we must reassure public opinion in our Member States that enlargement is not just an awkward necessity: it is a unique historical opportunity which is in our joint political and economic interest.

There are two key questions confronting us: what does Europe need now, and what does the European Union need in order to serve Europe?

Firstly, Europe needs vigorous and sustained growth to defeat unemployment and social exclusion, and to give the EU greater weight in our own region of the world and globally.

Secondly, Europe needs security. External security must be achieved by reducing unrest and tension on our borders. Internal security must be achieved by combating crime, including organised crime. Crime needs to be tackled at its source — which often lies in institutional disorder, poor education, social injustice and the soullessness of inner cities and suburbs. Security should also mean a safe environment and safe consumer products, in particular safe food.

Thirdly, Europe needs a sense of meaning and purpose. We Europeans are the heirs of a civilisation deeply rooted in religious and civic values. Our civilisation today is being enriched by its openness to other cultures. What we need now is a humanistic perspective. Daily and systematically, our economic and social system must recognise the primacy of human dignity. It must ensure that all our citizens have genuine access to liberty, inter-personal communication, culture and spiritual life.

Fourthly, Europe needs to project its model of society into the wider world. We are not simply here to defend our own interests: we have a unique historic experience to offer. The experience of liberating people from poverty, war, oppression and intolerance. We have forged a model of development and continental integration based on the principles of democracy, freedom and solidarity — and it is a model that works. A model of a consensual pooling of sovereignty in which every one of us accepts to belong to a minority.

It is not imperialism to want to spread these principles and to share our model of society with the peoples of southern and eastern Europe who aspire to peace, justice and freedom. Indeed, Europe must go further.

We must aim to become a global civil power at the service of sustainable global development. After all, only by ensuring sustainable global development can Europe guarantee its own strategic security.

So much for what Europe needs. But what does the European Union need in order to serve Europe?

## *It needs:*

to focus on its real priorities in view of enlargement, asking itself what really needs to be done at EU level and what should be done by the Member States or civil society. This requires a strong consensus of opinion;

the right policy mix to ensure stability for the euro and to sustain growth. The basis for this growth has to be a dynamic single market, greater competitiveness and real efforts to boost research and innovation;

to take further effective action to protect Europe's environment, to harmonise our social protection systems and to coordinate our tax systems. Taxation policy must strengthen EMU, spread the tax burden more fairly between capital and labour and thus help reduce compulsory taxation;

to create a European area of justice and security. To defend our security and freedom, the EU needs strong, efficient and accountable institutions. It needs a decision-making process based on the triangle of a Council that reflects national sensitivities and the legitimacy of power pooled by sovereign states, a Parliament which provides democratic legitimacy on a European level, and a fully accountable Commission that inspires and manages, acting always in the European interest.

Mastering globalisation will mean devising a new form of global governance to manage the global economy. At European level, it will mean closer European integration.

This is now entering a decisive new phase. Until now, European integration has been a largely economic process — establishing the single market, introducing the single currency. From now on it will be an increasingly political process. This is not a matter of choice — it is a necessity: Europe's political integration must advance hand in hand with its geographical enlargement. The new frontiers of this integration are justice and home affairs, the common foreign and security policy, defence cooperation and the crucial question of fundamental political values. These issues go to the heart of national sovereignty and require an even greater level of political consensus than those which dominated the 1980s and 1990s.

The Commission has translated this political dimension into four major commitments,

which we unveiled last week in our strategic objectives for 2000–05:

promoting new forms of European governance;

stabilising our continent and boosting Europe's voice in the world;

towards a new economic and social agenda; and

a better quality of life for all.

Under the first of these headings — promoting new forms of European governance — we have announced a White Paper. It will do two things. First, it will ask fundamental questions about what policies we need in a European Union of up to 30 members, and how such policies can best be delivered. Secondly, it will ask what institutions we need for the 21st century and propose a new division of labour between the Commission, the other institutions, the Member States and civil society — a new, more democratic form of partnership between the different levels of governance in Europe.

Why do we believe action along these lines is necessary? Let me explain.

Firstly, the matter of policy review.

The European Union has developed, over the years, in a sort of geological succession of layers: first the customs union, then the internal market, and most recently the single currency. Policies were developed in parallel, as they became necessary and as each geological layer was established.

Until now, there has been no overall 'master plan' under which policies were designed and coordinated. Our attempts to 'mainstream' certain policies, such as environment policy on equal opportunities, into all other policy areas have not been entirely successful.

But the European Union is heading, in the medium to long term, for a major enlargement which will oblige us to radically rethink many of our existing policies and how they are delivered. We need to ask ourselves:

Do the citizens see and understand what we are doing? In other words, do European taxpayers know and understand where their money is going and why?

□ Are we doing things simply and efficiently enough? In other words, have we got rid of unnecessary paperwork?

□ Have we got our priorities right? Or are they the result of accidents of history?

Indeed, all our policies need to be fundamentally reassessed in view of our priorities. Inappropriate policies must either be radically re-invented or else scrapped.

To take a concrete example: competition policy. The present enforcement system was designed in the early years of the common market, in 1962, to ensure the Community-wide application of the competition principles and rules laid down in the Treaty. A strongly centralised system was adopted, which reserved exclusively to the Commission the power to adopt certain decisions.

Now the situation has changed. Cross-border economic activity has increased substantially because of the single market and the single currency. Anti-competitive behaviour cannot be properly controlled, or even monitored, solely at European level. All Member States have put in place antitrust authorities and competition culture is widespread.

This is why the Commission is proposing to decentralise its exclusive powers to national competition authorities and Courts. This will allow the Commission to better fulfil its core tasks in the competition field — developing and interpreting the rules and dealing with those competition cases that have a real Community impact.

In other words, the Commission will better fulfil its role as guardian of the Treaty without necessarily performing all executive tasks.

We shall therefore soon embark on an in-depth policy review, not auditing our policies for the umpteenth time but fundamentally questioning their impact and their political relevance.

This policy review will be completed in time for the next revision of the financial perspectives in 2006. At that stage we shall decide what policies really need Community funding and what is to be the balance of spending between internal and external policy and the balance between different internal policies.

Secondly, we need to ask ourselves what should be done at European level and what should be done by the Member States, the regions or civil society. Far from advocating a centralising role for 'Brussels', I believe the time has come for some radical decentralisation. It is time to realise that Europe is not just run by European institutions but by national, regional and local authorities too — and by civil society.

Our citizens are not happy with the way things are done at European level. It is not just the Commission's recent performance they criticise: they feel remote from all European institutions, and are sceptical that we can deliver the kind of society they want. They are rightly calling for a much greater say in shaping the new Europe.

The challenge is therefore not simply to reform the Commission — important though that is. It is not simply to make all the institutions work more effectively — though that too is essential. The challenge is to radically rethink the way we do Europe. To reshape Europe. To devise a completely new form of governance for the world of tomorrow.

Let me be clear here. The enlarged Europe will certainly need strong institutions. But they must be democratically legitimate institutions that operate in a transparent and accountable way and enjoy the full confidence of the citizens. People want a much more participatory, 'hands-on' democracy. They will not support the European project unless they are fully involved in setting goals, making policy and evaluating progress. And they are right.

I believe we have to stop thinking in terms of hierarchical layers of competence separated by the subsidiarity principle and start thinking, instead, of a networking arrangement, with all levels of governance shaping, proposing, implementing and monitoring policy together.

Of course, we cannot discuss governance or participative democracy without tackling our capacity to ensure that women — who make up half the population — are adequately represented in the debate and the decision-making. We have to ensure that all European policies take full account of the gender dimension. Europe has been in the vanguard of progressive policy-making and legislation in so far as women's employment rights are concerned. We need now to look much more widely at this question in political terms.

We shall start work immediately on the White Paper, and I would expect it to be ready some time in the spring of 2001. It will obviously develop in parallel with the IGC and our institutional reforms, since part of its focus is precisely the question of what institutions we need in the 21st century.

I am open-minded about the answer to that question. No institution — not even the one of which I happen to be President — should regard its present form or even its long-term existence as sacrosanct. I want a no-holds-barred debate on this question with all the players involved — not least this House and representatives of European civil society. The purpose of the White Paper is to stimulate that debate, and it will contain substantive, focused proposals for action.

Honourable Members, action speaks louder than words. Effective action by European institutions is the greatest source of their legitimacy. The greatest threat to popular support for Europe is to continue multiplying unfulfilled promises. It is not Euroscepticism we should be worrying about: it is public apathy, based on the perception that we talk too much and do too little.

I am committed to closing the gap between rhetoric and reality in Europe. People want a Europe that can deliver the goods. This Commission is committed to deliver.

This Commission will therefore do two things: we will push ahead with making a success of our internal reforms, and we will review our priorities and focus on our core business.

In-depth reform of the Commission is essential, given the complexity of the challenges we have to face. It will mean a complete rethinking of our working methods.

We have to improve management skills, to ensure sound use of public money, to modernise our administration. Past experiences reveal how necessary this is.

But there is much more than that. We have to create the conditions for a shift from a procedure-oriented organisation to a policy-oriented one. This is what is really at stake in the reform process.

The Commission must become a political driving force to shape the new Europe. And it has to concentrate on this task, moving away

from the more traditional tasks it has performed until now.

Our staff are our main asset in achieving this goal. It is only through the passion, the intelligence and the independence of our staff that we will be able to succeed. We want our staff to feel fully responsible and fully involved in the challenging but credible project of shaping a new Europe.

I shall be asking each Commissioner, in his or her area of competence, to review priorities over the next few months, in order to enable the Commission to deliver on our core business commitments in the years to come. Our aim is to shed low-priority activities and thus free up resources. Having decided exactly what the Commission's core priorities are we shall redeploy staff to those tasks.

This will be our response to one of the key criticisms made by the Committee of Independent Experts — the mismatch between resources and tasks. We will demonstrate that we can help them match by shedding activities. Until we have done so, we know this House will not accept any increases in the number of Commission staff.

However, to fully match activities and human resources, we shall undoubtedly indeed have to recruit new staff and I shall not hesitate to come back to this House with a detailed list of our requirements and of the activities we should otherwise be forced to discontinue.

My overriding aim is to ensure that the European Commission concentrates on its real job and does it efficiently and well: unless we are given the resources needed, we shall therefore refuse to take on any further non-core tasks.

Nothing illustrates this need for efficiency better than the need for effective management of external aid. The EU is the most generous donor of development assistance in the world, but we have an appalling record when it comes to timely and effective delivery. Staff shortages and top-heavy internal systems are part of the problem. The reforms I have been discussing will help to overcome these problems. But excessive regulations imposed by the Council are also at fault. These need also to be addressed.

It is a daily tragedy that we are unable to deliver our development aid more swiftly and

effectively. We have good people on the ground in dangerous places, and they must be backed up by efficient administrative systems. Otherwise we are failing to make the best use of our resources, and the international image of the Union is undermined. In the name of the people of Europe, in the name of humanity, we simply have to become more efficient. Delivering aid when it is needed means saving lives.

The Commission is determined to make a difference. Fundamental structural reform is not an option, but a necessity. We need to improve our aid strategies and budget allocations to ensure that they reflect the needs of the beneficiaries and our own priorities. This must remain a core task of the Commission administration. At the same time, we need radically to overhaul the way we use external resources for the management and implementation of projects. This Parliament has made constructive suggestions for replacing technical assistance offices with new bodies that are more transparent and accountable. Our thinking is very much along the same lines for improving delivery of external aid.

Our success in this area is vital to our whole reform strategy. External aid will therefore be a prominent theme of the White Paper we present in a few weeks' time.

The Balkans situation is an acid test of our ability to deliver the effective action on which our credibility depends. Here, if anywhere, the gap between rhetoric and reality has to disappear.

The peoples of south-eastern Europe cannot be expected to forget the recent past, but they do not have to continue to live in it. There are hopeful signs that things are at last changing for the better.

The people of Croatia have confounded the pessimists by showing that democratic change is possible. We will back the new government to the hilt as it embarks on the reform agenda it has promised to the Croatian people — just as we will back reformers across the region, implementing the Dayton accords in Bosnia and Herzegovina, supporting the democratically elected government in Montenegro, embarking on stabilisation and association negotiations with FYROM and working towards that objective in Albania.

In Kosovo, meanwhile, we shall continue to give our full support to the reconstruction effort.

We are playing a leading role in support of the Stability Pact, and working closely with other key players including the United States and the World Bank.

We are pressing ahead with the stabilisation and association process — the roadmap to Europe.

And we are giving ourselves the tools to do the job.

We have just opened the new European Reconstruction Agency for Kosovo.

We are drawing up a new regulation to streamline and simplify all our assistance to the region, which we will present to you in the coming weeks.

Above all, we are working hard to speed up the delivery of our assistance on the ground by developing fast-track procedures and more effective ways of doing business.

We have just announced the creation of a Balkans task force in the External Relations DG dedicated to driving our policy forward.

*But I want us to do more.*

*I want us to:*

find ways to liberalise trade within the region, and with the European Union and accession States;

help build the infrastructure links — the pan-European networks and corridors — needed for effective communications across the region, and to help clear the Danube as rapidly as possible;

step up our efforts to entrench in these countries a civil society founded on pluralist institutions, the rule of law, and a free media;

increase our effort to help the different States and regions to work together in the economic and political fields. Our commitment in the Balkans is to bring stable peace and strong economic growth, not just to bring a temporary halt to centuries-old conflicts.

While it is right that the Union protect its own citizens against the spread of organised crime, we must also help the Balkan countries fight this growing menace — not least by helping them to train modern, professional police forces.

Our efforts throughout south-eastern Europe will be long and costly, but we will not shrink from our responsibilities. The Union owes it to the peoples and States of that region — our fellow Europeans — to stay the course. In return, we ask that they help us — by committing themselves wholeheartedly to reform.

The situation in south-eastern Europe — and, in a different context, Chechnya — shows how important it is to stabilise our continent and to secure peace, democracy and respect for human rights throughout Europe. That is why it is essential to make a success of enlargement and to develop a coherent policy of cooperation with our neighbours.

But democracy and respect for human rights must also be preserved with great vigilance within the existing EU. One of the things we shall be doing this year to guarantee this is to contribute to drawing up our Charter of Fundamental Rights. This has become all the more necessary given the new situation in Austria.

Let me remind you of what I said in this House earlier this month regarding the Commission's political role in the Austrian situation. When a Member State is in difficulty so is the whole Union. A supranational institution should not isolate an EU Member State but keep it firmly in the fold. This is what the Commission will do.

We shall keep a close watch on the situation in Austria. The EU's survival depends on its adherence to its fundamental principles of freedom, democracy, and respect for human rights. These principles reflect the commitment of all Member States to the sanctity of the individual, whatever his or her beliefs, status or origin.

These principles also form an integral part of the rule of law, and I want to assure you again that the Commission will be unswerving in its determination to apply the rule of law. We will not tolerate even the slightest infringement of the rights of individuals or of any minority.

That is why, on 7 February, I sent a message to Chancellor Schussel of Austria, congratulating him on his appointment — as I do to every new head of government of a Member State. My message is couched in the customary language for such occasions. But the central and most important section addresses Chancellor Schussel, in no uncertain terms.

'I am sure', I wrote in my letter to the Chancellor, 'that, as set out in your declaration 'Responsibility for Austria — A future in the heart of Europe', you will demonstrate the same commitment as shown by your predecessors to the construction of Europe and the defence of the common European values of liberty, democracy, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, and the rule of law'.

I would remind this House that the Commission, last November, put forward a proposal for an anti-racism directive. I want to challenge the Council to act swiftly in adopting this proposal, and I urge this House to deliver its opinion quickly so that the negotiations can get moving.

So, honourable Members, let me recap for you the other things this Commission is committed to doing in the next five years. We have set them out very clearly in our strategy paper.

We will vigorously conduct the enlargement negotiations and help develop effective cooperation with our immediate neighbours such as Russia and the Mediterranean countries.

Then there is the wider world. One of the political priorities for Europe's foreign policy in the years ahead will be a major new effort to help the whole of Africa achieve political stability and sustainable development. This is the only way, in the long run, to deal with the twin scourges of war and famine which have for too long afflicted the peoples of that continent.

We will also work to ensure, in spite of the setback of Seattle, the relaunching of a comprehensive millennium round. The forces of globalisation should be harnessed to the needs of the world and sustainable global development secured. For a new round to succeed, both Europe and the United States must show greater sensitivity to the needs of the least developed countries.

□ We will push for the development of a new economic and social agenda designed to increase competitiveness and create jobs. The Lisbon Summit in March will mark a major turning point in this endeavour. Full employment must be restored as a major policy objective.

□ We will help make Europe a better and safer place to live by taking action on the environment, and by implementing the Tampere agenda and the measures set out in the food safety White Paper. I wish in particular to draw your attention to the Danube emergency. This is a dramatic example of the need for European action on environmental disasters and, in particular, for a 'civil protection' emergency structure at European level. This is urgently needed.

□ Finally, we will play a leading role in the debate over how an enlarged Europe should be governed so as to reconcile diversity and decentralisation with the need for strong institutions and coordinated action. Hence our White Paper on European governance.

These are not vague aspirations: they are measurable goals we have set for ourselves. To succeed, we shall need the active cooperation of all the institutions — but we shall do all we can to persuade and cajole. I am willing to be judged on those areas where it is in the Commission's power to act. For the rest, it will be the Union as a whole which must be judged.

How will we know, in four or five years' time, whether the European public is satisfied that

the European Union has delivered the goods? How is the EU as a whole to benchmark its success? I propose a very simple benchmark: a higher turnout in the 2004 European Parliamentary elections.

In the meantime, I appeal to Europe's citizens to break the apathy barrier and take a close interest in our progress. Watch us. Find out what we are doing. Consult the register of my correspondence. Then tell us what you think. We are committed to the highest standards of transparency and accountability.

Honourable Members, we are living at a time of unprecedented opportunity. The economic outlook is good and the unique combination of sustained growth, the information society revolution and the expanding European market offers us the 'virtuous circle' we need.

If we act boldly and decisively together, we can shape the new Europe our citizens want and that we owe to future generations.

A just, humane, inclusive Europe.

An exciting, energetic, enterprising Europe.

Everyone's Europe.

Let us work together to make this decade a decade of outstanding achievement and success.

A decade history will remember as the decade of Europe.

Thank you.





# Introduction

Today's fast-changing and diverse new world faces the challenges of globalisation, living proof that peace, stability, freedom and prosperity can be brought to a vast new front open by way of the European Union to the world that is ever closer together. It is our mission to provide what is needed for a new Europe, and a new world, to emerge.

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Strategic objectives  
2000-05

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### 'Shaping the new Europe'

The Commission's strategy for the period 2000-2005 is based on the following objectives:

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The Commission's strategy for the period 2000-2005 is based on the following objectives:

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# Introduction

Today's fast-changing and divided world needs Europe. The European Union provides living proof that peace, stability, freedom and prosperity can be brought to a continent once torn apart by wars. Our European model shows the world that an ever closer union between peoples is possible where it is based on shared values and common objectives.

We have achieved integration in Europe by putting in place, through the Treaties, unique and innovative structures that transcend traditional international cooperation. We have established the single market and launched the euro, and our governments are rallying around economic policies that now look set to deliver a period of sustained growth. Our neighbours have the choice to join this prosperity, and we have a golden opportunity to enable them to do so.

Over the next decade we will complete our economic integration and, even more importantly, give shape to a new, political Europe. The next five years will be decisive.

We are already pushing forward with political integration by establishing an area of freedom, security and justice, and by developing common foreign, security and defence policies. Our common interests and objectives are best served by a common approach and common means.

Political integration will become a reality as political leaders and citizens come to realise that their shared values of liberty, peace and stability, democracy, human rights, tolerance, gender equality, solidarity and non-discrimination can best be promoted through shared policies and institutions. Political integration must be pursued taking full account of our national and regional identities, cultures and traditions. Hence the importance of the ongoing discussion on a European charter of fundamental rights. Only a Europe which shares fundamental values and political objectives, and which can pursue them effectively, will be able to meet the huge challenges of the new millennium.

The challenges are many. We are witnessing a fundamental transformation of the economy and society. Globalisation is dissolving traditional boundaries. The digital revolution is

transforming the way we communicate and interact. Global issues increasingly demand global responses.

These challenges are too large and too complex for any country to tackle single-handed, and the need for a collective European response has never been greater. The world looks to Europe for principled leadership, and our citizens look to the Union for effective European action — action guided by our shared European values and that strengthens our essential European identity.

But in order to act effectively and provide leadership, we must sustain the pace of change to the very fabric of the European Union itself. It will need further integration backed by a systematic policy of reform, transforming both our economy and our social systems. Only a thoroughly modernised Europe will be robust and adaptable enough to meet the challenges facing us.

Europe will also need strong institutions that answer to new forms of democratic governance. At present, public faith in our national and European institutions is low. Citizens feel remote from them and are calling for a greater say in how things are done at European level.

We intend to heed their calls. The Commission has already begun to put its own house in order, and this process will be followed up relentlessly. We are determined to make a success of reforming the Commission, and other institutions must show the same degree of boldness. Faith in all our institutions suffers from the faults in each, for many people do not distinguish between them.

But we want to go further and find a new synergy between all the European Union's democratic bodies, as part of a broader improvement of European governance. We want to strike a new balance between action by the Commission, the other institutions, the Member States and civil society. Our aim is to bring Europe much closer to the people it exists to serve.

The Europe we want, the Europe which can show genuine leadership on the world stage, will be a Europe that heeds the warnings of globalisation, not least from those who feel

disenfranchised from it. What we are aiming at, therefore, is a new kind of global governance to manage the global economy and environment.

Europe's model of integration, working successfully on a continental scale, is a quarry from which ideas for global governance can and should be drawn. We must promote this, while devising just and sustainable strategies at world level, in cooperation with our partners, especially the developing world.

The Commission has a pivotal role to play. It is Europe's executive arm, the initiator of ideas and proposals and guardian of the Treaties. The Commission has always been the driving force for European integration, and it will provide strong leadership in the years to come.

To ensure success, the Commission will work in close partnership with the other European institutions and through a careful division of labour with the Member States.

On the political front, an overriding priority of this Commission will be to advance the process of enlargement so as to stabilise our continent and secure peace, democracy and respect for human rights throughout Europe. Bosnia and Kosovo, so close to our borders, reveal how essential this is. We aim to achieve this stability not only by enlarging the Union but also by building a coordinated foreign and security policy and developing a coherent policy of cooperation with our neighbours. It can work provided everyone knows exactly who is in charge. Too many actors is a recipe for failure. Stabilising the Balkans requires a full range of political and administrative authority and accountability, and the European Union can offer this.

Enlargement means reforming our European institutions and Treaties — a task to be undertaken this year by the intergovernmental conference. Enlargement must be seen as a factor driving deeper integration rather than a parallel process alongside but detached from it.

Even within the Union we should not necessarily take for granted the values of democracy and human rights that we advocate beyond our borders. They are enshrined firmly in the treaty, and the means are there to ensure they are respected. We remain confident in the Union's moderating influence on the parties within it, enhancing our commitment to fight

against intolerance, racism and xenophobia, whilst not ruling out a strengthening of the Treaty if necessary.

On the economic and social front, our priority is to tackle unemployment. This means taking advantage of economic upturn to implement structural reforms, to absorb new technology faster, to make European research more efficient, to modernise the working environment, to promote investment and modern infrastructures, and to create a well-trained and digitally-literate workforce whose ideas reach the market place quickly. Our goal must be long-term growth and competitiveness.

We will work towards improving and modernising our social model, too — precisely in order to preserve it in a world where rapid, unharnessed change threatens to deepen the divide between the haves and have-nots. We will improve social and civil dialogue. With an ageing population and shrinking workforce, we will encourage reform of Europe's social protection, health care and pension systems. Our aim is to deliver a welfare state based on solidarity that can remain fair, caring and inclusive in a climate of more cautious public spending.

In tackling all these challenges, the Union must respond to the concerns of citizens. Beyond their worries about jobs and the economy, people are increasingly looking to Europe for action to improve their environment, their safety and their quality of life. And people want effective, accountable institutions that involve them in the way Europe is governed and which take account of their rich and diverse cultures and traditions.

The Commission will therefore pursue four strategic objectives in the five years ahead:

□ **Promoting new forms of European governance.** This means giving people a greater say in the way Europe is run; making the institutions work more effectively and transparently, notably by reforming the Commission and setting an example for other bodies; adapting the institutions to the needs of enlargement; building new forms of partnership between the different levels of governance in Europe; and ensuring an active and distinctive European contribution to the development of global governance.

□ **A stable Europe with a stronger voice in the world.** As a top priority we will work to make a success of enlargement, and to build a real policy of cooperation with our new neighbours. We will also aim at closer cooperation between European institutions and amongst the Member States and at enabling Europe to take a lead in building the new global economy.

□ **A new economic and social agenda.** This means modernising our economy for the digital age in a manner which promotes employment and sustainable development, whilst

remodelling our systems of social protection in order to build a fair and caring society.

□ **A better quality of life.** Here we must provide effective answers to the issues which affect the daily lives of our citizens, notably the environment, food safety, consumer rights, justice and security against crime.

These are the challenges lying ahead over the next decade. As we rise to those challenges, the world will be watching. Let us make this a decade of success — the decade of Europe.

## 1. Promoting new forms of European governance

Addressing the complex challenges ahead calls for new forms of European governance. This is not the sole responsibility of European Union institutions. Governments and parliaments, regional and local authorities are an integral part of European governance. They all have a responsibility in shaping, implementing and presenting policy.

For example, the common agricultural policy is largely implemented by national agencies; the Union's structural and cohesion policies are prepared and put in place in partnership with the regions; many programmes are carried out at national or regional level. In fact there is hardly any sector of social and economic activity not affected by European Union policy and legislation, and where authorities in the Member States are not part and parcel of European governance.

Yet people do not perceive it this way. European citizens have little sense of ownership over the structures that govern their lives. Few distinguish between the institutions, most believe national and European policies are worlds apart, and all is blurred within the abstract notion of 'Brussels'. But the truth is that 'Brussels' is all of us.

The interaction between national governance and EU decision-making has been greatly enhanced these last years. Macroeconomic coordination, employment guidelines and the Cardiff process on structural reforms are confirmation of a process of European governance in which national policy coordination

and Community policies complement and reinforce each other.

The major challenges of the new century such as globalisation, an ageing population, the Internet revolution, job creation, and social inclusion, all call for a deepening of this process. To manage European governance we need strong institutions, a collective vision and a driving force. But it also calls for democratic control and full involvement of our citizens.

In its opinion on the intergovernmental conference, the Commission has made it clear that the Union needs efficient and vigorous institutions which connect with our citizens, particularly in view of enlargement. The enlarged Union should be both wider and stronger. The IGC's level of ambition will need to cater for the aspirations for peace, stability and prosperity of well over 500 million Europeans. It must also avoid any dilution of past achievements.

The Commission must remain the driving force within this process both through its vision and its action. The Commission will focus more on its core functions of policy conception, political initiative, enforcing Community law, monitoring social and economic developments, stimulation, negotiation and where necessary legislating. Nowadays, almost half the Commission officials are fully occupied in executive tasks, in implementing policies, and in managing and controlling programmes and projects.

We will need to define clearly our priorities and match them with the human and financial resources to be made available. We must make the most efficient possible use of these resources. This will be given new impetus by our White Paper on reform. Nevertheless, refocusing on core activities cannot be done by the Commission alone. It demands an equal degree of commitment from Council and Parliament. The same is true for the application of the principle of subsidiarity.

The delegation and decentralisation of day-to-day executive tasks is central to any new form of European governance. Furthermore, in an enlarged Europe we must rethink both the content of our policies and their means of delivery.

European governance must provide the European Union with the means to assert itself with a single voice in the world, notwithstanding our institutional arrangements and our three-pillar structure. We have much to offer in terms of our experience of integration and our unique social model. We are a global actor

and a leader in areas of trade, aid and finance. Yet the Union is not fully represented in international financial institutions or United Nations agencies. This anomaly needs to be corrected. Europe's nascent security and defence policy is further reason for it to develop a strong and coherent voice within our continent and beyond.

Above all, our citizens must have a permanent stake in shaping and implementing policy. This Commission will therefore live up to its pledge of open government and accountability.

Civil society plays a crucial role in this context. The Commission will shortly present an initiative on how to strengthen civil society's voice in the process of policy shaping and implementation to ensure a proper representation of Europe's social and economic diversity at European Union level.

To contribute to promoting new forms of European governance, the Commission intends to publish a White Paper.

## 2. Stabilising our continent and boosting Europe's voice in the world

Europe is facing the threefold challenge of geopolitical upheavals, managing globalisation and the weakness of the international system.

Europe is the focus of geopolitical shifts. This is a source of hope and renewal, but also of uncertainty and instability.

Our objectives are to stabilise the continent and share our fundamental values. Our ambition must be to export our stability and our prosperity.

To that end, we must pursue our enlargement strategy, which offers a unique opportunity to expand our area of freedom, stability, prosperity and peace. We are not just enlarging a trading area but an unprecedented regional entity whose peoples share the same values and the same ambitions. The Commission expects the first new members to join before the end of its mandate. Nevertheless, the applicants will have to be judged on their individual merits,

and all the instruments available will have to be mobilised in support of their efforts. An ambition such as this inevitably has major implications for our institutions and policies.

We also need to establish genuine strategic partnerships with the countries adjoining the enlarged Europe. Our borders must not become a new fault line separating stability and prosperity on one side from instability, conflict and development lags on the other. The process of stabilisation and association with the Balkans must be pursued so as to bring the countries there closer to the Union's structures; cooperation with Russia and Ukraine must be stepped up, following our common strategy, and relations must be developed with the countries of the Caucasus; in the Mediterranean, the Barcelona Process is the backbone of an overall strategy, including greater support for the Middle East Peace Process and closer political relations with the

Maghreb countries. In the long term, the target should be a partnership based on the rule of law and sustainable development.

Globalisation opens up new prospects for trade, investment and technological development. But it does have certain negative side effects. The process has turned out to be exclusive rather than inclusive and has widened the inequalities between countries and between social categories and regions within them. Moreover, the emergence of global actors with global strategies can have the effect of marginalising democratic mechanisms and jeopardising policies for sustainable development.

Europe's objective must be to make globalisation compatible with the common interest of society. The 1997 crisis demonstrated clearly that the process cannot be left to its own devices. We must maximise its potential and minimise the undesirable side effects. The Union can make a vital contribution to the reform of the international economic architecture and to the establishment of a mechanism for collective governance.

The Union must work to secure greater coherence in the management of the world economy, gradual integration of the developing countries, sustainable development and the definition of new 'ground rules', which are essential if the fruits of globalisation are to be divided fairly and benefit the largest number of people possible. Minimum levels should be established for competition, social and environmental standards and investment.

Europe confirms its strategic interest in the reactivation of the millennium round and, following the Seattle Conference, in the reform of the World Trade Organisation.

The weakness of the international system, the escalating number of conflicts, increasing poverty and the spread of organised crime all demand decisive Union action.

Our objective must be to make Europe a global actor, with a political weight commensu-

rate with our economic strength; a player capable of speaking with a strong voice and of making a difference in the conduct of world affairs.

We must take advantage of the new treaty provisions and develop a genuine common foreign policy, in close collaboration with the high representative. We must develop our civilian and military capabilities in a common defence and security policy. The Commission intends to play a full role as a political contributor in this process and not just provide technical support. This requires, in particular, the establishment of a system of crisis prevention and management, to be integrated with the instruments available to the Community, and the creation of a rapid reaction fund for non-military crises.

Europe must also enhance its role as a partner in solidarity with the developing countries and refocus its activities to combat poverty. The global projection of our fundamental values and the pursuit of our objective of sustainable development must be manifested in strong solidarity, supported by a commercial policy that shows concern for shared interests. Beyond development cooperation, our objective must be to integrate these countries in the world economy and encourage sound domestic strategies. This objective must be attained through greater consistency between the whole range of our policies that have an impact on developing countries. This greater consistency also depends on greater coordination and complementarity with the actions of the Member States.

Externally, the Community regularly implements aid programmes. The Union's credibility and the pursuit of its strategic objectives will inevitably require a sharp improvement in the efficiency and impact of such measures. The Commission intends to tackle the problem head on. It is counting on the other institutions for help in establishing a simpler, more operational system.

### 3. Towards a new economic and social agenda

Europe is becoming a single economic entity. As the biggest trading power and creditor in the world, the European Union is a major player in the global economy. Its growth performance compares favourably with the United States over the long term. Nevertheless, in recent years United States' growth and employment rates have outstripped those of the Union.

Europe must become a globally competitive economy built on knowledge and innovation and on a strategy of sustainable economic development. The single market and single currency give Europe the critical mass required to make the best of world markets and the technological revolution. Europe's scientific and technological base is strong, but under-utilisation of resources is Europe's greatest weakness. Our potential needs to be released.

Nowhere is this more evident than in the field of employment. Over 15 million people are currently looking for work. Unemployment is the main source of poverty and social exclusion. This places unacceptable strain on our social security systems. In future there will be fewer people of working age whose contributions are needed to support the non-active population.

Europe lags behind its main competitors, notably the United States, in the shift to electronic commerce and in the take-up of new wealth-creating technologies, especially information technology. Yet in other areas, such as mobile communications, Europe leads the world.

Energy will be an essential factor for Europe's competitiveness and economic development. The Commission will launch a debate on energy and particularly the issues of sources of supply which continue to have a strategic importance.

The Union needs a new economic and social agenda in order to build a competitive and inclusive knowledge-based economy which promotes strong and sustained growth, full employment and social cohesion.

The macroeconomic climate for this is favourable, with the European economy expected to grow fast over the next few years. The euro has fostered universal acceptance of a culture

of economic stability — a consensus on stable prices, sound public finances and wage moderation. Its full implementation will shift us towards adding a culture of dynamism, encouraging innovation and sustainable development over the next decade.

The following are priorities for coordinated action at European Union and national level:

□ To aim for full employment as an objective of economic and social policy and to reduce unemployment to the levels already achieved by the best-performing countries.

□ To create a new economic dynamism by economic reform in the labour, product and capital markets aimed at stimulating innovation and entrepreneurship. This reform will be enhanced by a rigorous application of competition rules and by further progress in the coordination of tax policy. The transition to an information society should be given the same political energy and attention as that devoted to the launch of the single market and the single currency. The forthcoming special European Council in Lisbon should provide impetus for the reforms needed.

□ To make pensions safe and sustainable through a combination of employment-generating reforms, increasing the revenue base, and reviewing retirement systems, in view of the new demographic and health situation in Europe. Member States must remain responsible for modernising social protection systems, but the outcome of the reform is a matter of common concern. The European Union's role is to support Member States' efforts at modernisation.

□ To develop a European strategy for fighting social exclusion, reducing poverty and the disparities between Europe's regions and territories. To do this the Commission will develop further its social policy agenda for the coming years. It will seek to integrate Community action bearing on employment, the working environment, social protection, social dialogue, equal opportunities, the fight against discrimination and action in favour of social inclusion. The Commission will encourage Member States to pursue ambitious but realistic objectives.



□ To review the quality of public expenditure and the long-term sustainability of public finances. The quality and composition of public finances are key elements in the contribution of the public sector towards growth and employment. We must also ensure that public finances are on a sustainable path. Within the framework of the Stability and Growth Pact, the Commission is ready to present proposals to deepen and broaden the scope of monitoring in this area.

□ To stimulate European research, by improving the coherence and effectiveness of research at national level. The Commission

will pursue the debate recently launched about creating a much needed European research area.

□ To encourage investment in human capital, in the preparation of young people for a knowledge-based society, and in the development of audiovisual and multimedia content industries.

□ It is also necessary to develop and strengthen the European model of agriculture in order to increase the competitiveness of this sector, secure its sustainability and promote vital rural areas.

## 4. A better quality of life for all

Beyond our concerns about jobs, the state of economy and the need for a fair society, Europe is increasingly expected to make an effective contribution to improving our the quality of life and to affirming European citizenship by recognising our rich and diverse cultural, linguistic and ethnic heritage.

Problems of crime and personal safety no longer stop at national borders. The people of Europe expect their rights to be protected and enforced wherever they are in the Union.

The Union must speed up the process of establishing an area of freedom, security and justice, in which the public feel protected and their rights are properly secured. The Commission will continue to work towards establishing a European charter of fundamental rights and draw up proposals to bring about the ambitious programme agreed by the Member States in Tampere to make the Union an area of freedom, security and justice. The Commission is planning in particular to develop a genuine European policy on asylum and immigration. It wishes to boost judicial assistance and cooperation and to develop an effective approach to the fight against all forms of crime.

The degradation of the environment is now proceeding at a frightening pace, and the continuation of current development patterns is unsustainable. It is a source of genuine concern and moral indignation. It calls for a decisive collective reaction.

These expectations call for a multiple Union response. First, there must be a sustainable development strategy reconciling environmental development, social progress and sustainable economic growth. The follow-up meeting 10 years after the Rio Summit should be a new departure towards a global sustainable development strategy. The main objectives are fresh progress in the integration of environmental questions in other policies and sectors of the economy, tangible results in Europe and the world at large regarding the commitments entered into at Kyoto and fresh efforts to combat climate change. And our environmental legislation needs improving, amplifying and implementing fully.

People rightly insist that food safety standards should be higher. They are worried by the impact of new technologies and new ways of doing business in an increasingly frontier-free Europe. They expect their rights to be bolstered in a single market.

The Commission intends to take forward the proposals in its White Paper on food safety and on the creation of a European food authority. The Commission will promote greater public and consumer confidence in, for example, electronic commerce.

They also expect Europe to provide answers to problems of transport, flight safety and delays and urban congestion that reconcile the need for safe transport and increased mobility with environmental requirements.

The Commission intends to propose the creation of a truly integrated European transport area, through notably the creation of single airspace and the development of trans-European networks. To this end it will exploit new technologies to further development of

an intelligent and multi-modal transport system. It will also propose the setting up of a European air safety agency. Additionally, it intends to improve safety standards and training in the maritime sector.

## 5. Conclusion

The five years of the Prodi Commission will be a period of great change. Europe will become more closely integrated and, at the same time, the Union will embark on a process of enlargement leading, ultimately, to the (re-)unification of our continent.

Several milestones along this road are already in place. The intergovernmental conference is due for completion by the end of this year. Euro notes and coins are to be introduced in January 2002, and the Union will be in a position to welcome new members by the end of that year. Elections to the European Parliament will be held in June 2004. Preparing for enlargement and its consequences will also lay the foundations for a revision of the European Union's financial perspectives in 2006 at the latest.

The Commission is ready for action, and we are willing to be judged on our performance over the next five years, in particular our success in implementing the priorities set out in this programme.

- We will make a success of our internal reforms, placing greater emphasis on core tasks.
- We will vigorously conduct the enlargement negotiations and help develop effective cooperation with our immediate neighbours.
- We will work to ensure, through the launching of a comprehensive millennium round, that

the forces of globalisation are harnessed to the needs of the world and that sustainable development is secured.

- We will push for the development of a new economic and social agenda designed to increase competitiveness and create jobs.
- We will help make Europe a better and safer place to live by taking action on the environment, and by implementing the Tampere agenda and the measures set out in the food safety White Paper.
- We will play a leading role in the debate over how an enlarged Europe should be governed so as to reconcile diversity and decentralisation with the need for strong institutions and coordinated action.

Real success is only possible if all institutions act in concert and if the public has confidence in Europe. The low turn-out at the last European Parliamentary elections shows how necessary it is to regain public support for the whole process of integration.

The challenges ahead of us are tough. But if we act together as Europeans, united by our close ties and our strong sense of identity, we can face those challenges. We can enter the new century with optimism and confidence.

Let us work together to give shape and force to the new Europe.

# The Commission's work programme for 2000

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# Legislative and policy priorities for 2000

In its communication on strategic objectives between 2000 and 2005 the Commission has identified four central issues which will transform our political project over the life of this Commission and far beyond, namely:

- promoting new forms of European governance;
- a stable Europe with a stronger voice in the world;
- a new economic and social agenda;
- a higher quality of life for all.

The work programme for 2000 identifies the first steps which will be taken over the months ahead to transform the strategic objectives for the next five years into reality. It is accompanied by an indicative list setting out the legislative and policy initiatives currently foreseen for this year<sup>(1)</sup>.

As in previous years this work programme focuses on new legislative and policy proposals.

However, it must be recalled, firstly, that whilst in some areas there are relatively few

new proposals for 2000, this is often a reflection of efforts being focused on the process of steering many ongoing initiatives through the stages from consultation to final legislation and/or execution of decisions taken.

Secondly, it should be recalled that this core conceptual work is complemented by the wide range of tasks undertaken by the Commission. These vary from managing, and implementing together with Member States, Community programmes in the areas of structural funding, agriculture and training to providing humanitarian relief in Europe and around the world. Of equal importance is the continuing day-to-day activity policing the implementation of existing regulations (particularly within the internal market or in the utility sectors which have been only recently opened to competition); applying competition rules; defending the Community interests in the European Court of Justice; and new forms of cooperation drawing on collaboration, benchmarking and stimulating the exchange of experience and best practice between national, regional or local administrations.

## 1. Europe, its neighbours and the world

### 1.1. Foreign and security policy

As events over the last 12 months have shown, the Union must be active on the regional and world stage if it is to contribute to stabilising our continent and to securing strategic European objectives. The Commission and Mr Solana, the high representative for common foreign and security policy (CFSP), are working closely together. The decision taken by the Heads of State or Government at the Helsinki European Council to develop the common European security and defence policy

requires increased coherence of Community and CFSP action. Attention will focus on developing a non-military crisis management capability and a proposal will be made to create a rapid reaction facility. The Commission will seek greater coherence in its human rights and democratisation activity by setting out a new human rights strategy.

In preparation of the enlargement of the Union, distinctive strategic partnerships will be developed with the neighbouring countries and regions. In particular, the Commission will pursue its strategy for stabilisation and association in the Balkans and, with the Stability Pact, seek to strengthen and focus the international effort to assist the countries of this region. The partnership and cooperation agreements and the common strategies provide a basis for developing relations with Russia and Ukraine. Closer cooperation will also be sought with the countries of the Caucasus.

<sup>(1)</sup> The strategic objectives 2000-05 communication COM(2000) 154; this work programme, the indicative list of actions corresponding to the programme for 2000 and the speech of President Prodi to the European Parliament on 15 February 2000 are available on Europa at the following address: ([http://europa.eu.int/comm/off/work/index\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu.int/comm/off/work/index_en.htm)).

A conference in November between the Heads of State or Government of European Union and Mediterranean countries should reinforce and reinvigorate the Barcelona Process, developing over time partnerships based on the rule of law and sustainable development. This will allow Europe to strengthen its contribution to the Middle East Peace Process. Through the revitalised Euro-Mediterranean partnership, the Union will also seek to give fuller expression to its historical and political ties to the Mahgreb countries.

In our relations with the United States, we will endeavour to reduce and eliminate as far as possible the disputes in transatlantic trade. We should instead build on a broad base of shared values and common interests to forge a true partnership which will allow us to achieve jointly our economic, political and security objectives around the world.

The European Union will seek to reinforce its coordination with other global economic players. In Asia, it will contribute to stability and security and support economic reforms. The European Union will seek to support efforts to reduce tensions in the region and improve trade cooperation, particularly with Japan and Korea. The Commission will seek to deepen the Community's relations with Latin America and will continue to negotiate association agreements with Mercosur and Chile. The European Union will focus on ensuring a meaningful implementation of the results of the Rio European Union-Latin American Summit in June 1999.

In order to improve the effectiveness of the Union's voice around the globe, the Commission's external services will be reorganised.

## **1.2. Multi-lateral trade, development, humanitarian aid**

In our trade relations, the main objectives remain seeking further trade liberalisation as a stimulus to growth and development, strengthening the rules-based trading system so as to better harness the challenge of globalisation, and addressing the specific issues of developing countries. The absence of positive results at the ministerial conference in Seattle makes it more necessary than ever to continue

consensus building efforts with our trading partners. This will improve the chances for a successful launch to a comprehensive new trade round. In parallel, the Commission will study whether improvements can be made or are needed in the functioning of the WTO (both internally and in its relations with the outside world). Momentum behind a WTO-led process must be maintained and scheduled negotiations on services and agriculture should begin early in 2000. In addition to this multi-lateral agenda, the Commission will seek to resolve a number of market access problems in bilateral trade relations with third countries.

In addition to continuing and strengthening the Community's relations with developing countries, the Commission will reformulate its development cooperation policies. It will examine the way in which these policies are delivered to strengthen further complementarity and coherence of our action. The focus on eradicating poverty must be central over the coming years. The complementarity, co-ordination and coherence of development cooperation must be increased.

Through the European Community's Humanitarian Aid Office (ECHO), the Union will continue to be the premier aid donor throughout the world. Attention will be paid to examining the scope for improving the speed and effectiveness of our efforts and our cooperation with other institutions and agencies.

## **1.3. Enlargement**

The Helsinki European Council decided to open accession negotiations with a further six countries in February 2000 and to recognise Turkey as a candidate for membership. This brings to 12 the number of countries with whom negotiations will be underway<sup>(1)</sup>. Negotiations will proceed in step with the state of preparation of the candidates. For Turkey, the Commission will implement a pre-accession strategy, including an accession partnership. Bilateral relations and preparation for membership will continue within the Europe agreements and through participation in Community programmes and bodies. This

<sup>(1)</sup> Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia.

year will also see the first full year of enhanced financial support for the candidate countries through the Phare programme, ISPA (structural funding for the environment and transport) and Sapard (agricultural fund-

ing). The Commission will also present its communication strategy to ensure a broad understanding and acceptance of enlargement both within the Member States and in the candidate countries.

## 2. The economic and social agenda

The key objective of the new economic and social agenda will be to develop a long-term strategy to build a competitive, innovative and inclusive knowledge-based economy. Only this will promote strong and sustained growth achieved through policies aimed at restoring full employment and supporting social cohesion. It will draw fully on the concept of sustainable economic development.

Economic performance, employment and social cohesion are mutually reinforcing. Their interlinkage demands comprehensive and coherent action at all levels within the Union if we are to respond to an economy which is becoming ever more integrated and more open.

A special European Council in Lisbon in March on 'Employment, economic reforms and social cohesion — towards a Europe based on innovation and knowledge' will contribute to this goal. It will do much to set the economic and social agenda for the next few years.

### 2.1. Economic and monetary union, the euro, managing the transformation of Europe's economy

Activity will concentrate on action at the European level which can add real value in building on the economic achievements over the last decade. These include declining interest rates and low and converging rates of inflation. Our aim should be to complement a culture of economic stability with a new culture of economic dynamism.

Economic and monetary union and with it the euro are contributing to sound public finances, stability, and business confidence. This is translating into growth and jobs. Today there

is an unparalleled economic outlook across the Union. Macroeconomic policy coordination, employment guidelines, and the Cardiff process on structural reform all stand as proof of a European model of governance in which national policy coordination and Community policies complement and reinforce each other. Monitoring and coordination of economic and monetary policies within the Member States will continue and should be strengthened around the annual broad economic policy guidelines.

A key aim will be to modernise Europe's economies and equip both citizens and the workforce with the skills needed in an on-line information society. In stimulating the shift to a digital economy, a major contribution is likely to be made through the realisation of President Prodi's e-Europe initiative.

The importance of education and training of citizens throughout their working lives is a crucial factor. The Commission will propose an action plan on future priorities to ensure that full use is made of new technologies in education and, in particular, to set out a strategy ensuring that access to the Internet, multimedia material and suitably trained teachers is the reality in every classroom by 2002. It will also present a communication on making Europe an area of lifelong learning, as well as continuing to promote cooperation, periods of study abroad and exchanges within the framework of programmes such as Socrates and Leonardo which will be launched during the year.

The preparation for the introduction of euro notes and coins in 2002 will be pursued. This will include a strengthened information strategy to prepare business and consumers, as well as a proposal for a regulation on combating counterfeiting.

## **2.2. Modernising our social model, strengthening social cohesion**

Bringing Europe closer to the citizen will be the key driver of the European employment and social agenda during 2000 and beyond. It will be essential to ensure that the transformation of society and the economy is managed in a manner which maximises opportunities to participate in society and which promotes social cohesion. Modernising the European social model is called for in the face of fundamental changes in the society and in the economy, particularly regarding globalisation, technological innovation and demographic trends. These are all factors in the emerging knowledge-based economy.

A new social action programme will be presented during the year.

More and better employment stands at the centre of the Commission's objectives. The strengthening of the European employment strategy, especially with 2000 as the first year of the new generation of European Social Fund (ESF) programmes, provides an operational tool for progress in this area. The monitoring of national employment practice and the development of employment guidelines in the early autumn will be supported by efforts to improve the availability of data, particularly covering the services sector.

The Commission will continue to support the social dialogue at the European Union level. It will also encourage the social partners to strengthen their contribution to the employment strategy. Following its earlier Green Paper, the Commission will launch the first stage consultation of the social partners on adaptability and modernisation of work organisation and working conditions.

The Commission will strengthen cooperation between Member States on the issue of the modernisation and sustainability of social protection systems including pensions.

Gender equality will also be important to our policy orientations. The Commission will publish its fifth framework programme in favour of gender equality. The Commission will launch an initiative for cooperation at EU level between the Member States on social inclusion and will make proposals to this end

under the social provisions of the treaty (Article 137 of the EC Treaty). It will continue work towards the implementation of anti-discrimination measures proposed during 1999 under Article 13 of the EC Treaty.

## **2.3. Economic and social cohesion**

The Commission will pursue economic and social cohesion aiming to reduce the disparities between the levels of development of regions within the Union. In implementing the objectives of Agenda 2000 in this area, full use will be made of existing instruments: the European Social Fund, European Regional Fund, EAGGF, IFOP and the Cohesion Fund. The management of the Structural Funds will be strengthened in cooperation with the Member States, making full use of the provisions of the new regulations. The first decisions will be taken on the new generation of economic development programmes co-financed by the Structural Funds, as well as in the framework of specific Community initiatives. Work will continue to ensure that by the end of the year the overall strategic programming has taken place which will allow Member States to develop their detailed planning. Guidelines will also be adopted covering all the Community initiatives (Interreg III, EQUAL, Leader + and URBAN II). Projects under the Cohesion Fund will be put in place.

The second cohesion report foreseen under Article 159 of the treaty will be published. It will evaluate progress in promoting social and economic cohesion and will launch a reflection on the way in which regional policy can fulfil its objectives within an enlarged Union.

Additionally, action aimed at taking account of the specific characteristics of the Union's outermost regions under Article 299(2) of the treaty will be relaunched. This touches a range of Community's policies extending beyond issues of economic and social cohesion.

## **2.4. The single market, financial services and tax**

The new single market strategy, endorsed at the Helsinki European Council, requires the



Commission to review and update its targets for the removal of barriers to the functioning of the single market. Central to the new strategy is the process of annual review and updating of the targets in the light of the analysis of national markets and progress achieved. The first review will take place in April, ensuring that the development of the single market can also contribute to the formulation of the broad economic policy guidelines to be submitted to the European Council in June. The Commission will continue to benchmark progress and encourage the sharing of best practice and peer review. Particular attention will be paid over the year to Europe's public procurement rules and to postal services. An assessment will be made of whether further adaptation of single market rules may need to meet the challenge of electronic commerce. A key concern will be providing a predictable environment within which e-businesses can develop, whilst ensuring consumers a high level of confidence and effective means of redress. The dialogue with citizens and its feedback mechanisms will be reinforced to help consumers and citizens to become active participants in a Union-wide market place. Decisions during the year will be taken under the Community's data protection legislation on the adequacy of certain third country's data protection rules.

Further steps to realise the Financial Services action plan will be a major component of single market activities, given the potential contribution of this sector to job creation and competitiveness. Priorities for 2000 will be to develop the framework for securities markets and investment services and to ensure effective safeguards for consumers and investors. Legislative activity will focus on establishing a legal framework for supplementary pensions, amending existing legislation on insurance brokers (insurance intermediaries) and reviewing the prospectuses directive with a view to making it easier for companies to raise capital Europe-wide. Other non-legislative initiatives will address retail payments, accounting rules, the adaptation of financial regulation in the light of e-commerce and the possible overhaul of the Investment Services directive.

In the area of taxation, building on the long-term priorities of stopping the erosion of certain classes of tax revenues, removing fiscal barriers within the single market and making

tax systems more employment friendly, the Commission will continue efforts to modernise and simplify the VAT and excise systems. It will also seek further progress on the coordination of tax policy. The Commission will propose communications on its future strategy on taxation and on the customs union. It will also bring forward amendments to current VAT legislation to adapt it to electronic commerce.

## **2.5. Enterprise, competitiveness and competition**

Enhancing enterprise and innovation will help in maintaining and improving the Union's competitive position in a global economy. The promotion of entrepreneurship in Europe in combination with measures to improve the competitiveness of European businesses will be the main objective of enterprise policy. Activity will be coherent with other policy priorities, such as the environment and consumer protection. Fostering the single market for goods and services will also contribute to competitiveness.

A new strategy for enterprise and competitiveness will be set out in a communication on enterprise in the spring, together with a new multi-annual programme on enterprise and entrepreneurship. Other actions will focus on assessing progress made at a European and national level on simplifying the business environment; as well as benchmarking good practice. The Commission, as indicated in the e-Europe initiative, will complete a review of current financing instruments for innovation and venture capital. It will make proposals for refocusing the Community's financial instruments towards supporting innovation and risk. Given the shift of the economy towards services and on-line activities, greater attention will be paid, for example in the annual competitiveness report, to service industries and to innovation.

The Commission will continue its rigorous enforcement of competition rules. The ongoing process of reform of those rules in the areas of anti-trust, merger control and State aid will contribute to their effectiveness. It will help to make the European market place more attractive and more competitive. In the area of antitrust, existing procedural legislation for

the enforcement of the rules will be simplified. Guidance will be provided to companies on how new rules on vertical agreements will be applied. A review of the treatment of horizontal cooperation agreements will also be carried out. Guidance will also be provided on different aspects of the merger control rules. An evaluation report regarding the group exemption regulation on car distribution (which expires in 2002) will be drawn up and a regulation will be presented renewing the block exemption for liner shipping consortia.

Attention in State aid will focus on developing block exemption regulations covering aids for SMEs, training and employment. The transparency of the financial arrangements between the State and enterprises in charge of public service missions will be increased and new rules for aid to the cinema and TV sectors, and for car manufacturing will be developed.

The international dimension of competition and merger cases is becoming increasingly important. Bilateral contacts with our major trading partners will be strengthened. Enforcement of the multi-lateral framework will also be intensified.

## **2.6. The information society, research**

The realisation of the e-Europe initiative will be at the heart of the information society policies of the Community. Foremost amongst these during the first half of this year will be completion of the communications review launched in November 1999 which aims at enhancing competition further, as well as at simplifying existing legislation and adapting it to the reality of an on-line economy and the convergence of communications technologies and industries. This will lead to a legislative package covering licensing, universal service, interconnection and access and data protection measures. Alongside the review attention will be paid to continuing international cooperation in various forums to promote a common regulatory understanding of the impact of the information society. Furthermore, the need for reinforced cooperation in relation to the management of radio-spectrum will be addressed. Communications will be adopted on cybercrime, on recent developments in the management of the Inter-

net and on the results of the consultation on the Green Paper on access to public-sector information. The Commission will support the creation of a '.eu' Internet address, alongside current national and generic top level domains. Finally, a successor will be brought forward to the INFO 2000 programme which has done much to strengthen European multimedia content production.

In the research area, in addition to the day-to-day management of the fifth framework programme covering a wide range of research activity, a fundamental debate has been launched about the role of research and the needs of Europe's economy. The Commission proposes the creation of a European research area. This point of departure for this initiative is the fact that there is a significant gulf between the research efforts in Member States and those within our principal competitors. Furthermore, there is a lack of coherence within those efforts and the impact is much less than that which might be obtained.

On the basis of a five-year evaluation report, the Commission will present its first orientations concerning the future sixth framework programme. In the related domain of space policy, efforts will continue to develop a comprehensive space strategy engaging all interested actors and making use of the synergies between the Union and the European Space Agency.

## **2.7. Agriculture and fisheries**

Agriculture and fisheries, whilst impacted less by current technological changes are themselves in the process of adapting to global pressures, the challenges of enlargement, scientific advances, the impact of environmental pressures and concerns of consumers with regard to the quality and safety of produce. In the agricultural area, action will be split between action at an international level and within the Union. Internationally there is: the need to safeguard the European agricultural model within any international trade negotiations, to conclude a number of bilateral international agreements, and to support the process of enlargement, including putting into practice the pre-accession strategy. Within the Union, action will be focused on the implementation of the programmes and changes introduced

by the Agenda 2000 agreement on the future financing of the common agricultural policy (CAP), as well as efforts to promote the quality of agricultural produce and to streamline complex legislation. Furthermore, the approval of around more than 150 rural development projects will help to launch this new dimension of agricultural policy. Two additional areas of activity will be integrating environmental considerations more firmly into the CAP and addressing problems in several individual markets (notably, olive oil, sugar, rice and pigmeat).

The Commission will continue to pursue the objective of improving the competitiveness

and sustainability of the fisheries sector. Fundamental to this is getting the balance right between capture capacity and the level of fish stocks, and implementing the decisions on markets and structures taken by the Council at the end of 1999. One important aspect will be proposals to consolidate over 20 existing regulations within a single legal text. In formulating appropriate legislation particular attention will be paid to consistency with environmental and development policy goals. A key international priority will be the conclusion of a new cooperation framework for fisheries with Morocco. Progress will be sought on the issue of Community participation in regional fisheries organisations.

### 3. Working for the citizen

Beyond the social and economic Europe, people increasingly look to Europe to offer solutions to local and regional problems which touch their everyday lives and which require a common response; be it in relation to their environment, the quality of their food, their rights as consumers, their wish to travel safely or their concerns about crime, justice and immigration, where they see that each of these challenges extend beyond national borders. At the same time, they see in Europe a recognition of their rich diversity and varied cultures, which gives shape to a sense of European, national or local identity.

#### 3.1. Environment

Emphasis will be placed on developing a sixth environmental action programme which will constitute the environmental pillar of the more comprehensive sustainable development programme which will be prepared in advance of the Rio + 10 Conference in 2002. The key challenge remains reconciling sustainable environmental development with social progress and sustainable economic development. The future programme will draw on the experience of the previous programme and on citizen's growing expectations in relation to the environment. To meet those expectations attention will once again be devoted to ensuring implementation of existing rules, as well

as to steps taken to improve access to information concerning the environment. A key element in environmental strategy will be continuing the process of integrating environmental considerations in other sectors and Community policies. Specific action will be undertaken to improve the legal framework for genetically modified organisms and to complete legislation in the field of water and air quality. A White Paper on environmental liability will be published. Strategies will be presented for the future treatment of PVC and for the chemical industry.

#### 3.2. Food safety, public health, consumer confidence

Foremost amongst consumer expectations is that of safe and high-quality food. The Commission early in January adopted a White Paper on food safety which proposes the creation of a European food authority, establishment of food safety principles, traceability, control and emergency procedures which will apply from farm to the table. The Commission will work to carry out its programme amounting to a comprehensive reform of legislation covering food and foodstuffs. Animal welfare during production and transport is another area where legislative initiatives will be brought forward.

More generally, the Commission will present, using its new powers under the Amsterdam Treaty, a communication on a health strategy for the European Union suggesting how effect can be given to the health and health-related provisions in the treaty. This will complement an action programme on health, the further development of alert systems between Member States for communicable diseases and a directive promoting high standards in relation to blood and blood derivatives.

Meeting consumer expectations by providing them with rules which safeguard their rights in a diverse, increasingly border-free and on-line economy, remains central to consumer-related activity during 2000. Priorities will include safety of products and of services, misleading advertising, consumer credit and mortgages, improving cooperation between national administrations and issues of access to utility and other general interest services.

### **3.3. Transport, energy**

Citizen's will continue to be concerned about mobility, air traffic delays, the impact of traffic congestion and of energy choices on the environment, about air and maritime safety and equally about the prices they pay for gas and electricity. For these reasons, both transport and energy will be important parts of the 2000 work programme.

Against the background of the Community's obligations following the Kyoto conference on the reduction of greenhouse gases, a strategic document will be brought forward on different energy sources, and in particular, the issue of security of supply both inside and outside the Union. The current guidelines for trans-European networks in the energy and transport areas will be revised to focus on remaining bottlenecks and to improve interoperability of networks. The Commission will update its 1992 guidelines on the future development of Community transport policy, focusing in particular on the balance between road, rail and maritime transport. The year 2000 will also be crucial for the prospects for the European satellite navigation system (Galileo) with the aim during the year of setting up a joint venture to bring about the project.

Consideration will be given as to whether further action is needed to promote the cross-

border supply of energy given the rules which have opened electricity and gas markets to competition. The Commission will propose a framework designed to create a single European airspace, which together with a proposal to create a European air safety agency, will contribute to overcoming delays in air travel and reinforce consumer and business confidence in the sector. It will make proposals to strengthen safety standards and improve training for the maritime sector.

The impact of transport and energy on the environment and on climate change will be key themes in a Green Paper which will examine the role of public transport and of private cars in cities. A further communication will propose that a technology strategy for climate change must be adopted.

### **3.4. An area of freedom, security and justice**

The Treaty of Amsterdam set the need to develop the Union as an area of freedom, security and justice as a priority objective for the Union.

Consequently, the Commission will work to implement the ambitious programme which flows from the Tampere European Council in October 1999 on freedom, security and justice.

The first step will be to establish a 'scoreboard' as a mechanism to monitor progress in the measures taken in the creation of the area of freedom, security and justice. During 2000, the Commission will in particular act in the following fields.

On asylum and immigration, a balance must be struck between the openness reflecting both Europe's traditions and international obligations, and the need to secure the Union's external frontiers. The issue of procedures related to asylum applications will be addressed.

In relation to access to justice, the Commission will propose a communication and appropriate measures on enhancing the mutual recognition of judgments in the area of civil and commercial law. It will also prepare a Green Paper on legal aid and examine the issue of victims rights. In relation to criminal activities which have a European dimension, attention will

focus on combating organised crime, in particular through enhanced police cooperation.

Proposals will be brought forward for a new regulation on the right of residence of EC citizens in the Community integrating into a single measure the various provisions currently in place.

The Commission will also work with Member States to continue the development of a European charter of fundamental rights.

### **3.5. Education, culture, sport and audiovisual policy**

By advancing in the areas of education, culture, audiovisual policy, youth and sport the Commission can make a clear choice in favour of the citizen and of a European identity drawing strength from our shared cultural heritage. Education and training remain at the centre of strategies outlined above for modernising Europe's economies and ensuring an inclusive society in the face of the broad take up of new technologies. The

e-Europe initiative establishes the key objective of ensuring all school leavers are digitally literate by the end of 2003.

In the areas of sport and the media, the adoption and implementation of the programmes proposed by the Commission at the end of last year (i.e. the support programme against doping in sport and MEDIA plus) will focus European action in two areas which are of great interest to citizens. The Commission will also examine the impact of existing recommendations which contribute to creating confidence in audiovisual services by protecting minors from harmful audiovisual content.

Two new multi-annual programmes, Culture and Jeunesse (in addition to Socrates and Leonardo highlighted above), will be launched throughout the year. These contribute to the exchange of students, workers and young people and support the cultural development of the Community. A dialogue with young people will be maintained during the year with a view to developing in 2001 a new strategy for youth policy in the Union.

## **4. Reform and reshaping the way Europe works**

Today, there is hardly any sector of social and economic activity which is not affected by European Union policy and where authorities in our Member States are not an integral part of European governance. The pace of integration is accelerating as the single market is achieved, key sectors of the economy have been opened to competition and hundreds of thousands of students, young people, executives and workers work, study and spend time in other Member States.

This success has already required new ways of steering our activities. Macroeconomic policy coordination, employment guidelines, the Cardiff process on structural reform all indicate the degree to which policy coordination and Community policies complement and mutually reinforce each other. Managing Europe today is about interdependence and partnership, peer review and benchmarking. Yet a central theme for this Commission must be to offer a way of operating which regains the confidence of

Europe's citizens, of local, regional and national actors and which gives them greater 'ownership' of Europe's policies.

### **4.1. Internal reform**

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Whilst such reflections will continue throughout its life, this Commission has announced an objective of establishing itself once again as a world class public service. The far-reaching programme of reform of its own operations and structures will be accelerated by its forthcoming White Paper on reform. It has reorganised its services in a more coherent manner. Work in 2000 will centre on preparing a shift to activity-based budgeting (ABB) to improve the working methods of the Commission; the creation of a new planning and programming service under the President to assist

in determining priorities and resources; and fundamental changes in personnel policy, focusing on training, career development, recruitment and promotion.

#### ***4.1.2. Budget and financial management***

The Commission will propose the preliminary draft budget (PDB) 2001 together with a proposal for the revision of the financial perspective in order to finance the Stability Pact for the Balkans.

As part of activity-based management, the Commission will introduce activity-based budgeting (ABB) as a means to ensure greater coherence in the allocation of operational appropriations and human resources. The Commission will propose a complete overhaul of the financial regulation which will allow the implementation of the new financial management and audit structure within the Commission. The Commission will also make a proposal with regard to the protection of the Community's financial interests in the context of the fight against fraud.

#### **4.2. Transparency and openness**

The Commission will further develop its approach of transparency, dialogue and openness. It will present a communication setting out a new communications strategy designed to ensure a continuous and interac-

tive exchange with Europe's citizens. In the field of the single market it will continue its dialogue with business and citizens responding to the questions and problems they encounter. The Commission will consult civil society on creating a reinforced partnership between the Community and non-governmental organisations. The Commission has presented its proposal for a regulation on access to documents within the Community institutions and will establish a public register of the Presidents' correspondence on the Internet. The Commission will continue to make full use of the Internet and other electronic means to consult widely on its future proposals.

#### **4.3. The intergovernmental conference**

The reform agenda finds a parallel in the changes needed to the Union and its institutions as a whole to ensure it can function more effectively, particularly in the context of a Europe of more than 25 Member States. This is the central challenge for the intergovernmental conference which will be formally convened to address these issues in February. The Commission continues to argue that the agenda, currently focusing on the weighting of votes in Council, majority voting and the composition of the Commission, must take a broad view of the changes needed to accommodate enlargement. The Commission adopted its formal opinion on 26 January and will contribute further to the work of the conference on various issues.

# *Annex*

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## List of areas of activity

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Français	English
Administration et personnel	Administration and personnel
Agriculture et développement rural	Agriculture and rural development
Aide humanitaire	Humanitarian aid
Audit	Audit
Budget	Budget
Codification	Codification
Commerce extérieur	External trade
Concurrence	Competition
Développement	Development
Douane	Customs
Économie et finances	Economy and finance
Éducation, culture et sport	Education, culture and sport
Élargissement	Enlargement
Emploi et affaires sociales	Employment and social affairs
Énergie	Energy
Entreprises	Enterprises
Environnement	Environment
Fiscalité	Taxation
Justice et affaires intérieures	Justice and home affairs
Lutte contre la fraude	Fight against fraud
Marché intérieur	Internal market
Pêche	Fisheries
Politique régionale	Regional policy
Presse et communication	Press and communication
Questions institutionnelles	Institutional questions
Recherche	Research
Relations extérieures	External relations
Santé et protection des consommateurs	Health and consumer protection
Société de l'information	Information society
Statistiques	Statistics
Transports	Transport
Autres questions	Other questions

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## List of acronyms and their equivalence

	Français	English
SG	Secrétariat général	Secretariat General
SJ	Service juridique	Legal Service
PRESS	Service «Presse et communication»	Press and Communication Service
ECFIN	DG Affaires économiques et financières	Economic and Financial Affairs DG
ENTR	DG Entreprises	Enterprise DG
COMP	DG Concurrence	Competition DG
EMPL	DG Emploi et affaires sociales	Employment and Social Affairs DG
AGRI	DG Agriculture	Agriculture DG
TREN	DG Énergie et transports	Energy and Transport DG
ENV	DG Environnement	Environment DG
RTD	DG Recherche	Research DG
JRC	Centre commun de recherche	Joint Research Centre
INFSO	DG Société de l'information	Information Society DG
FISH	DG Pêche	Fisheries DG
MARKT	DG Marché intérieur	Internal Market DG
REGIO	DG Politique régionale	Regional Policy DG
TAXUD	DG Fiscalité et union douanière	Taxation and Customs Union DG
EAC	DG Éducation et culture	Education and Culture DG
SANCO	DG Santé et protection des consommateurs	Health and Consumer Protection DG
JAI	DG Justice et affaires intérieures	Justice and Home Affairs DG
RELEX	DG Relations extérieures	External Relations DG
TRADE	DG Commerce	Trade DG
DEV	DG Développement	Development DG
ELARG	DG Élargissement	Enlargement DG
SCR	Service commun des relations extérieures	Common Service for External Relations
ECHO	Office d'aide humanitaire	Humanitarian Aid Office
ESTAT	Eurostat	Eurostat
ADMIN	DG Personnel et administration	Personnel and Administration DG
IGS	Inspection générale des services	Inspectorate General
BUDG	DG Budget	Budget DG
AUDIT	DG Contrôle financier	Financial Control DG
OLAF	Office européen de lutte antifraude	European Anti-Fraud Office
SCIC	Service commun «Interprétation-conférences»	Joint Interpreting and Conference Service
SDT	Service de traduction	Translation Service
EUR-OP	Office des publications	Publications Office

# Indicative list of actions foreseen

## Table 1 — Legislative proposals

Programme No	Area(s) of activity	Title
<b>Administration and personnel</b>		
2000/001	Administration and personnel	Proposal for modification of the staff regulation (first reading of the collège): working conditions and social policy
2000/002	Administration and personnel	Proposal for modification of the staff regulation (first reading of the collège): discipline
2000/003	Administration and personnel	Proposal for modification of the staff regulation (first reading of the collège): new career development
2000/004	Administration and personnel	Proposal for modification of the staff regulation (first reading of the collège): simplification of personnel policy
<b>Agriculture and rural development</b>		
2000/005	Agriculture and rural development	Proposal for a regulation on the prices for agricultural products 2000/01
2000/006	Agriculture and rural development	Proposal for a regulation to create a pig-meat regulatory fund
2000/007	Agriculture and rural development	Proposal for a regulation concerning seed production in Finland (in light of evaluation report)
2000/008	Agriculture and rural development	Proposal for amendment of the regulation on the common market organisation for rice
2000/009	Agriculture and rural development	Proposal for amendment of Regulation (EEC) No 2081/92 on the protection of geographical indications and designations of origin for agricultural products and foodstuffs
2000/010	Agriculture and rural development	Proposals for amendment of the regulations on Poseican, Poseima and Poseidom (Title I) (in light of evaluation report)
2000/011	Agriculture and rural development	Proposal for amendment of the regulation on the sugar common market organisation
2000/012	Agriculture and rural development	Proposal for modification of the regulation on the hops common market organisation (in light of evaluation report)
2000/013	Agriculture and rural development	Proposal for amendment of the regulation on Poseidom (Titles II to VII) (in light of evaluation report)
2000/014	Agriculture and rural development	Proposal for a regulation regarding the olive oil common market organisation
<b>Budget</b>		
2000/015	Budget	Proposal for a decision of the representatives of the Member States meeting in Council on the expiry of the ECSC Treaty
2000/016	Budget	Proposal for recasting of the financial regulation

Lead service(s)	Procedure for adoption by the Commission	Date estimated for adoption by the Commission	Type of action	Treaty legal basis envisaged at this stage <sup>(1)</sup>	Probable adoption procedure in Parliament
ADMIN	Oral procedure	July	Regulation	Article 283	Consultation (CNS)
ADMIN	Oral procedure	September	Regulation	Article 283	Consultation (CNS)
ADMIN	Oral procedure	October	Regulation	Article 283	Consultation (CNS)
ADMIN	Oral procedure	December	Regulation	Article 283	Consultation (CNS)
AGRI	Oral procedure	15.2.2000	Regulation	Article 37	Consultation (CNS)
AGRI	Oral procedure	23.2.2000	Regulation	Article 37	Consultation (CNS)
AGRI	Written procedure	February	Regulation	Article 37	Consultation (CNS)
AGRI	Oral procedure	14.3.2000	Regulation	Article 37	Consultation (CNS)
AGRI	Written procedure	March	Regulation	Article 37	Consultation (CNS)
AGRI/SG	Written procedure	April	Regulation	Article 37, Article 299(2)	Consultation (CNS)
AGRI	Oral procedure	May	Regulation	Article 37	Consultation (CNS)
AGRI	Not yet decided	June	Regulation	Article 37	Consultation (CNS)
AGRI/SG	Not yet decided	June	Regulation	Article 37, Article 299(2)	Consultation (CNS)
AGRI	Oral procedure	September	Regulation	Article 37	Consultation (CNS)
BUDG/SJ	Oral procedure	May	Decision	Decision of the representatives of the governments of the Member States	—
BUDG	Oral procedure	Second quarter	Regulation	Article 279	Consultation (CNS)

<sup>(1)</sup> The legal basis mentioned is that envisaged at this stage by the lead service; it will be determined by the Commission in the light of the aim and exact content of the act, as yet undetermined at this stage in the planning.

Programme No	Area(s) of activity	Title
<b>Codification/Employment and social affairs</b>		
2000/017	Codification/Employment and social affairs	Proposal for legislative consolidation of Council Directive 77/187/EEC of 14 February 1977 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the safeguarding of employees' rights in the event of transfers of undertakings, businesses or parts of undertakings or businesses
<b>Competition</b>		
2000/018	Competition	Proposal for a regulation implementing Articles 81 and 82 of the EC Treaty
2000/019	Competition	Agreement on competition and State aid implementing rules — EU-Turkey customs union (conclusion)
2000/020	Competition	Agreement on competition and State aid implementing rules — EU-Russian Federation (conclusion)
<b>Competition/External affairs</b>		
2000/021	Competition/External affairs	Agreement between the European Communities and the Government of Japan regarding the application of their competition laws (negotiation directives)
<b>Development</b>		
2000/022	Development	Proposal for a decision on the transitional measures to be adopted at the expiration of the agreement modifying the revised Lomé Convention IV
2000/023	Development	Proposal for a decision to associate the overseas countries and territories with the European Commission
<b>Customs</b>		
2000/024	Customs	Proposal for negotiating directives on amendments to the Customs Convention concerning the international transport of goods covered by a TIR carnet (TIR convention)
2000/025	Customs	Proposal for negotiating directives concerning agreements with Turkey and with the central and east European countries on chemical precursors

Lead service(s)	Procedure for adoption by the Commission	Date estimated for adoption by the Commission	Type of action	Treaty legal basis envisaged at this stage <sup>(1)</sup>	Probable adoption procedure in Parliament
SJ	Written procedure	Third quarter	Directive	Article 94	Consultation (CNS)
COMP	Oral procedure	Third quarter	Regulation	Article 83	Consultation (CNS)
COMP	Not yet decided	December	Council decision for the conclusion of an agreement with third countries	Article 300(3)	—
COMP	Not yet decided	December	Council decision for the conclusion of an agreement with third countries	Article 300(3)	—
COMP/RELEX	Written procedure	Second quarter	Draft or recommendation for a negotiation mandate with third countries	—	—
DEV	Oral procedure	9.2.2000	Decision	Article 366(3) of the Lomé IV Convention and Article 300(2) of the EC Treaty	—
DEV	Written procedure	May	Decision	Article 187	—
TAXUD	Written procedure	June	Draft or recommendation for a negotiation mandate with third countries	—	—
TAXUD	Written procedure	September	Draft or recommendation for a negotiation mandate with third countries	—	—

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Programme No	Area(s) of activity	Title
<b>Economy and finance</b>		
2000/026	Economy and finance	Proposals for recommendations concerning updated stability/convergence programmes (Finland, Greece, Ireland, Netherlands, Sweden)
2000/027	Economy and finance	Proposals for recommendations concerning updated stability/convergence programmes (Germany, Denmark, Italy, United Kingdom, Belgium)
2000/028	Economy and finance	Proposals for recommendations concerning updated stability/convergence programmes (Portugal, Spain, Luxembourg, Austria, France)
2000/029	Economy and finance	Proposal for a recommendation concerning the broad economic policy guidelines (BEPG)
2000/030	Economy and finance	Proposal for a Council decision concerning Euratom loans to the K2/R4 project (Ukraine) and Kozloduy 5 and 6 projects (Bulgaria). Adjustment of Euratom's borrowing limit
2000/031	Economy and finance	Proposal for a Council decision concerning a new facility for medium-term financial assistance
2000/032	Economy and finance	Convergence report — Greece, Sweden (Proposals for Council recommendations)
2000/033	Economy and finance	Proposal for a Council decision on financial guidelines for the management of funds from ECSC in liquidation
<b>Economy and finance/Fight against fraud</b>		
2000/034	Economy and finance/Fight against fraud	Proposal for a Council regulation concerning the protection of the euro against counterfeiting
<b>Education, culture and sport/Health and consumer protection</b>		
2000/035	Education, culture and sport/Health and consumer protection	Proposal for a decision on the participation of the Community in the World Anti-Doping Agency
<b>Enlargement</b>		
2000/036	Enlargement	Proposal of negotiating directives for various agreements with the candidate countries in view of their participation in the European Monitoring Centre of Drugs and Drug Addiction
2000/037	Enlargement	Proposals for Council decisions concerning framework association Council decisions with 10 CEECs in view of their participation in Community programmes
2000/038	Enlargement	Proposal of negotiating directives for three framework agreements with Cyprus, Malta and Turkey with a view to their participation in Community programmes

Lead service(s)	Procedure for adoption by the Commission	Date estimated for adoption by the Commission	Type of action	Treaty legal basis envisaged at this stage <sup>(1)</sup>	Probable adoption procedure in Parliament
ECFIN	Oral procedure	18.1.2000	Recommendation	Council Regulation (EC) No 1466/97	—
ECFIN	Oral procedure	15.2.2000	Recommendation	Council Regulation (EC) No 1466/97	—
ECFIN	Oral procedure	1.3.2000	Recommendation	Council Regulation (EC) No 1466/97	—
ECFIN	Oral procedure	April	Recommendation	Article 99	—
ECFIN	Oral procedure	April	Decision	Article 172 of the Euratom Treaty	—
ECFIN	Oral procedure	May	Decision	Article 119	—
ECFIN	Oral procedure	May	Recommendation	Article 122(2)	Consultation (CNS)
ECFIN	Oral procedure	May	Decision	Decision of the representatives of the governments of the Member States	—
ECFIN/ OLAF/JAI	Oral procedure	1.3.2000	Regulation	Article 123(4), Article 308	Consultation (CNS)
EAC	Written procedure	June	Decision	Still under examination (Articles 152, 40, 47, 55)	Co-decision (COD)
ELARG/JAI	Written procedure	February	Draft or recommendation for a negotiation mandate with third countries	—	—
ELARG	Written procedure	March	Council decision for the conclusion of an agreement with third countries	Article 300(2)	—
ELARG	Written procedure	March	Draft or recommendation for a negotiation mandate with third countries	—	—

<sup>(1)</sup> The legal basis mentioned is that envisaged at this stage by the lead service; it will be determined by the Commission in the light of the aim and exact content of the act, as yet undetermined at this stage in the planning.

Programme No	Area(s) of activity	Title
2000/039	Enlargement	Proposal for a Council regulation setting up a single legal framework for coordinating all sources of European Union financial assistance to Turkey for pre-accession
2000/040	Enlargement	Proposals for Council decisions concerning the conclusion of several agreements on the participation of the candidate countries to the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction and to the European Environment Agency
2000/041	Enlargement	Proposals for Council decisions concerning the conclusion of three framework agreements with Cyprus, Malta and Turkey in view of their participation in Community programmes
2000/042	Enlargement	Proposals for Council decisions on accession partnerships for the candidate countries
<b>Enlargement/External trade</b>		
2000/043	Enlargement/External trade	Proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion of an agreement on the liberalisation of services and public procurement between the European Commission and Turkey
<b>Employment and social affairs</b>		
2000/044	Employment and social affairs	Proposal for a Council decision on employment incentive measures
2000/045	Employment and social affairs	Proposal for a Council decision setting up a high-level group on social protection
2000/046	Employment and social affairs	Proposal for a Council decision concerning the fifth action programme on equal opportunities between women and men
2000/047	Employment and social affairs	Proposal for a modification of Directive 76/207/EEC on the implementation of the principle of equal treatment between women and men as regards access to employment, vocational training and working conditions
2000/048	Employment and social affairs	Proposal for a decision establishing a programme on social inclusion
2000/049	Employment and social affairs	Recommendation to the Council for Council recommendations on the implementation of Member States' employment policies
2000/050	Employment and social affairs	Proposal for a Council decision on the employment guidelines 2001
<b>Energy</b>		
2000/051	Energy	Proposal for a directive on the promotion of renewable sources of energy in the context of the internal electricity market
2000/052	Energy	Agreements regarding trade of electricity with third countries (negotiation directives)



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ELARG	Written procedure	March	Regulation	Article 308	Consultation (CNS)
ELARG/JAI	Written procedure	May	Council decision for the conclusion of an agreement with third countries	Article 300(3)	—
ELARG	Written procedure	June	Council decision for the conclusion of an agreement with third countries	Article 300(3)	—
ELARG	Oral procedure	October	Decision	Council Regulation (EC) No 622/98	—
ELARG/ TRADE	Written procedure	Fourth quarter	Council decision for the conclusion of an agreement with third countries	Article 300(3)	—
EMPL	Written procedure	February	Decision	Article 129	Co-decision (COD)
EMPL	Written procedure	March	Decision	Article 137	Co-decision (COD)
EMPL	Oral procedure	May	Decision	Article 13	Consultation (CNS)
EMPL	Oral procedure	May	Directive	Article 141	Co-decision (COD)
EMPL	Oral procedure	May	Decision	Article 137(2)	Co-decision (COD)
EMPL	Oral procedure	September	Recommendation	Article 128(4)	—
EMPL	Oral procedure	December	Decision	Article 128(2)	Consultation (CNS)
TREN	Oral procedure	March	Directive	Article 95	Co-decision (COD)
TREN	Oral procedure	Third quarter	Draft or recommendation for a negotiation mandate with third countries	—	—

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<b>Energy/External trade/External affairs</b>		
2000/053	Energy/External trade/External affairs	Arrangement covering trade in nuclear materials between Euratom and the Russian Federation (negotiation directives)
2000/054	Energy/External trade/External affairs	Agreement between China and Euratom for cooperation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy (negotiation directives)
2000/055	Energy/External trade/External affairs	Agreement between the Government of Japan and Euratom for cooperation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy (conclusion)
<b>Energy/Environment</b>		
2000/056	Energy/Environment	Proposal for a regulation on a Community energy efficiency labelling programme for office and communication technology equipment
<b>Energy/Research/External affairs</b>		
2000/057	Energy/Research/External affairs	Agreement on nuclear cooperation between Euratom and Ukraine (conclusion)
<b>Energy/Transport</b>		
2000/058	Energy/Transport	Proposal for amendments to Decision Nos 1254/96 (EC) and 1692/96 (EC) on trans-European networks for energy and transport, accompanied by a communication
<b>Enterprises</b>		
2000/059	Enterprises	Agreement between the EU and the Republic of Cyprus establishing cooperation in the field of SMEs within the framework of the third multiannual programme for SMEs in the EU (1997 to 2000) (conclusion)
2000/060	Enterprises	Proposal for a directive on starting materials used in the manufacture of medicinal products
2000/061	Enterprises	Proposal for a decision on a multiannual programme for enterprise and entrepreneurship (2001–06)
2000/062	Enterprises	Proposal for a decision on standardisation, including the information and communications technologies (ICT) field
2000/063	Enterprises	Proposal for recasting Directive 98/37/EC relating to machinery
2000/064	Enterprises	Proposal for a directive evaluating and reviewing Community marketing authorisation procedures for medicinal products and evaluating the functions of the European Medicine Evaluation Agency

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TREN	Written procedure	Second quarter	Draft or recommendation for a negotiation mandate with third countries	—	—
TREN	Written procedure	June	Draft or recommendation for a negotiation mandate with third countries	—	—
TREN	Written procedure	October	Council decision for the conclusion of an agreement with third countries	Article 101 of the Euratom Treaty	—
TREN	Written procedure	28.1.2000	Regulation	Article 95	Co-decision (COD)
TREN/RTD	Written procedure	Third quarter	Council decision for the conclusion of an agreement with third countries	Article 101 of the Euratom Treaty	—
TREN	Oral procedure	June	Decision	Article 156	Co-decision (COD)
ENTR	Written procedure	February	Council decision for the conclusion of an agreement with third countries	Article 300(3)	—
ENTR	Written procedure	February	Directive	Article 95	Co-decision (COD)
ENTR	Oral procedure	8.3.2000	Decision	Article 157	Consultation (CNS)
ENTR	Oral procedure	September	Decision	Article 157(3)	Consultation (CNS)
ENTR	Written procedure	November	Directive	Article 95	Co-decision (COD)
ENTR	Written procedure	December	Directive	Article 95 or 308	Co-decision (COD)

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<b>Enterprises/Agriculture and rural development/Audit/Budget/External trade/Customs/External affairs</b>		
2000/065	Enterprises/Agriculture and rural development/Audit/Budget/External trade/Customs/External affairs	Proposal for a decision in the form of an exchange of letters on conclusion of Protocol 3 (regarding the processed agricultural components) of the European Economic Area (EEA)
2000/066	Enterprises/Agriculture and rural development/Audit/Budget/External trade/Customs/External affairs	Proposal for a decision in the form of an exchange of letters on the adaptation of Protocol 2 (regarding the processed agricultural products) to the free trade agreement with Switzerland
2000/067	Enterprises/Agriculture and rural development/Audit/Budget/External trade/Customs/External affairs	Proposal for a decision in form of an exchange of letters on the adaptation of Protocol 2 (regarding the processed agricultural products) to the free trade agreement with Norway
2000/068	Enterprises/Agriculture and rural development/Audit/Budget/External trade/Customs/External affairs	Proposal for a decision adjusting Protocols 2 and 3 of the European agreements with the following countries: Poland, Hungary, Czech Republic, Slovak Republic, Romania, Bulgaria, Slovenia, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania
<b>Enterprises/Agriculture and rural development/Customs</b>		
2000/069	Enterprises/Agriculture and rural development/Customs	Proposal for a modification of Regulation (EC) No 3448/93 laying down the trade arrangements applicable to certain goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products
<b>Enterprises/Environment/Internal market</b>		
2000/070	Enterprises/Environment/Internal market	Proposal for a modification of Directive 70/220/EEC on measures to be taken against air pollution by emissions from motor vehicles (LPG; NG; OBD)
2000/071	Enterprises/Environment/Internal market	Proposal for a modification of Directive 94/25/EC on recreational craft
2000/072	Enterprises/Environment/Internal market	Proposal for a modification of Directive 97/24/EC on certain components and characteristics of two- or three-wheel motor vehicles (pollutant emissions limit values)
2000/073	Enterprises/Environment/Internal market	Proposal for a modification of Directive 88/77/EEC on measures to be taken against the emission of gaseous pollutants from diesel engines for use in vehicles
<b>Enterprises/Internal market</b>		
2000/074	Enterprises/Internal market	Proposal for a directive on car construction requirements to reduce pedestrian injuries
2000/075	Enterprises/Internal market	Proposal for a modification of Directive 74/150/EEC on the type-approval of wheeled agricultural or forestry tractors (extension of scope)
2000/076	Enterprises/Internal market	Proposal for a modification of Directive 70/156/EEC relating to the type-approval of motor vehicles and their trailers

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ENTR	Written procedure	February	Council decision for the conclusion of an agreement with third countries	Article 300(3)	—
ENTR	Written procedure	February	Council decision for the conclusion of an agreement with third countries	Article 300(3)	—
ENTR	Written procedure	February	Council decision for the conclusion of an agreement with third countries	Article 300(3)	—
ENTR	Written procedure	May	Council decision for the conclusion of an agreement with third countries	Article 300(3)	—
ENTR	Written procedure	April	Regulation	Articles 37, 133	Consultation (CNS)
ENTR	Written procedure	February	Directive	Article 95	Co-decision (COD)
ENTR	Written procedure	June	Directive	Article 95	Co-decision (COD)
ENTR	Written procedure	June	Directive	Article 95	Co-decision (COD)
ENTR	Written procedure	December	Directive	Article 95	Co-decision (COD)
ENTR	Written procedure	April	Directive	Article 95	Co-decision (COD)
ENTR	Written procedure	April	Directive	Article 95	Co-decision (COD)
ENTR	Written procedure	September	Directive	Article 95	Co-decision (COD)

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<b>Enterprises/Internal market/Health and consumer protection</b>		
2000/077	Enterprises/Internal market/ Health and consumer protection	Proposal for a modification of Directive 94/11/EC on labelling of the materials used in the main components of footwear
<b>Environment</b>		
2000/078	Environment	Proposal for a European Parliament and Council decision establishing the list of priority substances in the field of water policy
2000/079	Environment	Proposal for a Council decision for the conclusion, on behalf of the Community, of a new convention for the protection of the Rhine
2000/080	Environment	Proposal for amendment of Directive 90/313/EEC on access to environmental information
2000/081	Environment	Proposals for directives on measures relating to the control of atmospheric emissions from road transport following the conclusion of the 'Auto-oil' programme
2000/082	Environment	Proposal for a European Parliament and Council decision on a sixth environmental action programme
2000/083	Environment	Proposal for amendment of Directive 85/337/EEC on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment and Council Directive 96/61/EC on integrated pollution prevention and control
2000/084	Environment	Proposal for a European Parliament and Council framework regulation on Community environmental agreements (public voluntary scheme)
2000/085	Environment	Proposal for amendment of the Council regulation establishing a Community eco-label award scheme
2000/086	Environment	Proposal for a Council decision concerning the conclusion of the Rotterdam Convention (PIC)
2000/087	Environment	Proposal for amendment of the directive concerning the quality of bathing waters
<b>Environment/Internal market</b>		
2000/088	Environment/Internal market	Proposal for amendment of Directive 91/157/EEC on batteries and accumulators
2000/089	Environment/Internal market	Proposal for a European Parliament and Council directive for the management of waste from electrical and electronic equipment
<b>Environment/Health and consumer protection</b>		
2000/090	Environment/Health and consumer protection	Proposal for amendment of Regulation (EEC) No 737/90 on the conditions governing imports of agricultural products originating in third countries following the accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power station

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ENTR	Written procedure	October	Directive	Article 95	Co-decision (COD)
ENV	Written procedure	February	Decision	Article 175(1)	Co-decision (COD)
ENV	Written procedure	March	Decision	Article 300(3)	Consultation (CNS)
ENV	Written procedure	May	Directive	Article 175(1)	Co-decision (COD)
ENV	Written procedure	May	Directive	Article 95	Co-decision (COD)
ENV	Oral procedure	September	Decision	Article 175(1)	Co-decision (COD)
ENV	Written procedure	September	Directive	Article 175(1)	Co-decision (COD)
ENV	Oral procedure	September	Regulation	Article 175(1)	Co-decision (COD)
ENV	Written procedure	September	Regulation	Article 175(1)	Co-decision (COD)
ENV	Written procedure	November	Decision	Article 300(3)	Consultation (CNS)
ENV	Oral procedure	November	Directive	Article 175(1)	Co-decision (COD)
ENV	Oral procedure	March	Directive	Article 95, Article 175(1)	Co-decision (COD)
ENV	Oral procedure	March	Directive	Article 175(1)	Co-decision (COD)
ENV	Written procedure	31.1.2000	Regulation	Article 300(3)	Consultation (CNS)

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<b>Taxation</b>		
2000/091	Taxation	Proposals for directives on simplification and modernisation of the VAT system
2000/092	Taxation	Proposal for an amendment of the administrative cooperation legislation to reinforce VAT control and the fight against VAT fraud
2000/093	Taxation	Proposal for an amendment to Regulation (EEC) No 1911/91 concerning the application of the provisions of Community law applicable to the Canary Islands
2000/094	Taxation	Proposal for a directive on the fiscal treatment of cross-border contributions to supplementary pension schemes for employed and self-employed persons moving within the Community
2000/095	Taxation	Proposal for a decision on the computerisation of procedures relating to excise movement
2000/096	Taxation	Proposal for an amendment of Directive 77/388/EEC on the common system of value added tax with regard to the level of the standard rate
<b>Justice and home affairs</b>		
2000/097	Justice and home affairs	Proposal for a regulation fixing the list of third countries whose citizens are subject to a visa requirement and of those who are exempted from this obligation
2000/098	Justice and home affairs	Proposal for a decision for the adoption of the Euclid programme on comparable criminal justice statistics (2000–03)
2000/099	Justice and home affairs	Proposal for a directive on temporary protection
2000/100	Justice and home affairs	Proposal for a regulation on a uniform visa and the right to travel of third country citizens
2000/101	Justice and home affairs	Proposal for an amendment of Regulation (EC) No 1683/95 (extending the powers of the committee to the model visa)
2000/102	Justice and home affairs	Proposal for a regulation on a uniform format for the European passport, the identity card and the residence card for citizens of the European Union
2000/103	Justice and home affairs	Proposal for a decision on Grotius programme 2001–05/criminal law
2000/104	Justice and home affairs	Proposal for a directive on asylum procedures
2000/105	Justice and home affairs	Proposal for a regulation on the right of residence (replacing the existing EC instruments in the field)
2000/106	Justice and home affairs	Framework decision to combat trafficking in human beings and sexual exploitation of children (with particular reference to child pornography on the Internet)
2000/107	Justice and home affairs	Proposal for a directive on a temporary permit of stay
2000/108	Justice and home affairs	Proposal for a decision on the Grotius programme 2001/civil law



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TAXUD	Not yet decided	April	Directive	Article 93	Consultation (CNS)
TAXUD	Written procedure	May	Regulation	Article 95	Co-decision (COD)
TAXUD	Written procedure	September	Regulation	Article 299(2)	Consultation (CNS)
TAXUD	Not yet decided	September	Directive	Article 94	Consultation (CNS)
TAXUD	Written procedure	September	Decision	Article 93	Consultation (CNS)
TAXUD	Not yet decided	October	Directive	Article 93	Consultation (CNS)
JAI	Oral procedure	26.1.2000	Regulation	Article 62(2)(b)(i)	Consultation (CNS)
JAI	Written procedure	First quarter	Decision	Article 34(2)(c) of the Treaty on European Union	Consultation (CNS)
JAI	Oral procedure	April	Directive	Article 63(2)(a)	Consultation (CNS)
JAI	Oral procedure	April	Regulation	Article 62(2)(b)(iv), Article 63	Consultation (CNS)
JAI	Written procedure	April	Regulation	Article 62(2)(b)(iii)	Consultation (CNS)
JAI	Oral procedure	May	Regulation	Article 18	Co-decision (COD)
JAI	Oral procedure	Second quarter	Decision	Article 34(2)(c) of the Treaty on European Union	Consultation (CNS)
JAI	Oral procedure	Second quarter	Directive	Article 63(1)(d)	Consultation (CNS)
JAI	Oral procedure	June	Regulation	Article 18	Co-decision (COD)
JAI	Written procedure	June	Decision	Article 34(2)(b) of the Treaty on European Union	Consultation (CNS)
JAI	Oral procedure	July	Directive	Article 63(3)(a)	Consultation (CNS)
JAI	Oral procedure	Third quarter	Decision	Article 65	Consultation (CNS)

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2000/109	Justice and home affairs	Proposal for a decision on the Grotius programme 2002–06/civil law
2000/110	Justice and home affairs	Proposal for a decision on the extension of the OISIN programme (2001–06)
2000/111	Justice and home affairs	Proposal for a decision on the extension of the STOP programme (2001–06)
2000/112	Justice and home affairs	Proposal for a regulation on the determination of the Member State responsible for considering an application for asylum
2000/113	Justice and home affairs	Proposal for a decision on the adoption of a multi-annual financing programme in the field of crime prevention (2001–05)
2000/114	Justice and home affairs	Proposal for measures enhancing the mutual recognition of judicial decisions and judgments
<b>Fight against fraud</b>		
2000/115	Fight against fraud	Proposal for a Council act concerning the protection under criminal law of the euro against counterfeiting
2000/116	Fight against fraud	Legislative proposals for reinforcing the legal and judicial framework for the protection of the European Union's financial interests
2000/117	Fight against fraud	Proposal for a Council regulation concerning the introduction of a black list mechanism in the other sectors of activity of the Community apart from the EAGGF, Guarantee Section
<b>Fight against fraud/External affairs</b>		
2000/118	Fight against fraud/External affairs	Proposal for negotiation directives for a cooperation agreement with Switzerland in the area of protection of the Communities' financial interests (administrative cooperation and penal cooperation)
<b>Internal market</b>		
2000/119	Internal market	Proposal for amendments to the public procurement directives ('Legislative package on public procurement')
2000/120	Internal market	Proposal for a modification of Directive 76/769/EEC on restrictions of marketing and use of dangerous substances and preparations for short chain chlorinated paraffins (SCCP)
2000/121	Internal market	Proposal for a directive on measuring instruments
2000/122	Internal market	Proposal for a directive on Community postal services
2000/123	Internal market	Proposal for a directive on the patentability of computer programs
2000/124	Internal market	Proposal for a regulation on the Community patent
2000/125	Internal market	Proposal for a directive on insurance mediation (replacing Directive 77/92/EEC and Recommendation 92/48/EEC)

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JAI	Oral procedure	Third quarter	Decision	Article 65	Consultation (CNS)
JAI	Written procedure	September	Decision	Article 34(2)(c) of the Treaty on European Union	Consultation (CNS)
JAI	Written procedure	September	Decision	Article 34(2)(c) of the Treaty on European Union	Consultation (CNS)
JAI	Oral procedure	October	Regulation	Article 63(1)(a)	Consultation (CNS)
JAI	Written procedure	November	Decision	Article 34(2)(c) of the Treaty on European Union	Consultation (CNS)
JAI	Not yet decided	Fourth quarter	Legislative proposal	Article 34(2)(b) of the Treaty on European Union	Consultation (CNS)
OLAF/JAI/ECFIN	Oral procedure	May	Legislative proposal	Article 34(2)(b) of the Treaty on European Union	—
OLAF/JAI	Oral procedure	June	Regulation	Article 280	Co-decision (COD)
OLAF	Oral procedure	Third quarter	Regulation	Article 280 (and other applicable sectoral bases)	Co-decision (COD)
OLAF/RELEX	Written procedure	March	Draft or recommendation for a negotiation mandate with third countries	—	—
MARKT	Oral procedure	April	Directive	Article 47(2), Articles 55, 95	Co-decision (COD)
ENTR	Written procedure	April	Directive	Article 95	Co-decision (COD)
ENTR	Written procedure	April	Directive	Article 95	Co-decision (COD)
MARKT	Oral procedure	May	Directive	Article 95	Co-decision (COD)
MARKT	Written procedure	May	Directive	Article 95	Co-decision (COD)
MARKT	Written procedure	June	Regulation	Article 308	Consultation (CNS)
MARKT	Written procedure	June	Directive	Articles 47, 55	Co-decision (COD)

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2000/126	Internal market	Proposal for an amendment to the life and non-life insurance directives (in particular Directives 73/239/EEC and 79/267/EEC) as regards solvency margin requirements
2000/127	Internal market	Proposal for a modification of Directive 76/769/EEC on restrictions on marketing and use of dangerous substances and preparations for nonyl phenyl ethoxylates (NPE)
2000/128	Internal market	Proposal for a directive to recast the legislation on the marketing of detergents
2000/129	Internal market	Proposal for a directive on institutions for occupational retirement provision (supplementary pension funds)
2000/130	Internal market	Proposal for a modification of Directive 76/769/EEC on restrictions of marketing and use of dangerous substances and preparations for substances classified as carcinogenic, mutagenic or toxic to reproduction (CMR)
2000/131	Internal market	Three proposals for negotiating directives on (a) broadcasters rights in WIPO, (b) international protection of non-creative databases and (c) diplomatic conference on audiovisual protocol
2000/132	Internal market	Proposal for an amendment of the directives on prospectuses and listing particulars for public offerings of securities (Directives 89/298/EEC and 80/390/EEC)
2000/133	Internal market	Proposal for a directive to recast the legislation on the marketing of fertilisers
2000/134	Internal market	Proposal for a directive on market manipulation
2000/135	Internal market	Proposal for a directive to establish a committee to implement relevant provisions of Directives 93/22/EEC and 93/6/EEC
<b>Fisheries</b>		
2000/136	Fisheries	Fisheries agreement with Mauritius (conclusion)
2000/137	Fisheries	Fisheries agreement with the Republic of Guinea (conclusion)
2000/138	Fisheries	European Community acceptance of the amendment to the text of the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM) concerning the definition of an autonomous budget for this organisation (conclusion)
2000/139	Fisheries	Fisheries agreement with Argentina (negotiation mandate)

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MARKT	Written procedure	June	Directive	Articles 47, 55	Co-decision (COD)
ENTR	Written procedure	June	Directive	Article 95	Co-decision (COD)
ENTR	Written procedure	June	Directive	Article 95	Co-decision (COD)
MARKT	Oral procedure	July	Directive	Articles 47, 55, 95	Co-decision (COD)
ENTR	Written procedure	July	Directive	Article 95	Co-decision (COD)
MARKT	Written procedure	September	Draft or recommendation for a negotiation mandate with third countries	—	—
MARKT	Written procedure	October	Directive	Articles 44, 95	Co-decision (COD)
ENTR	Written procedure	November	Directive	Article 95	Co-decision (COD)
MARKT	Written procedure	December	Directive	Article 95	Co-decision (COD)
MARKT	Written procedure	December	Directive	Article 47(2)	Co-decision (COD)
FISH	Written procedure	February	Council decision for the conclusion of an agreement with third countries	Article 300(3)	—
FISH	Written procedure	February	Council decision for the conclusion of an agreement with third countries	Article 300(3)	—
FISH	Written procedure	March	Council decision for the conclusion of an agreement with third countries	Article 300(3)	—
FISH	Written procedure	March	Draft or recommendation for a negotiation mandate with third countries	—	—

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2000/140	Fisheries	Proposal for a regulation on resources conservation measures for the zone under the competence of the Convention for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR)
2000/141	Fisheries	Proposal for a regulation on introduction and implementation of technical measures of conservation relative to the capture of certain stocks of a highly migrant nature
2000/142	Fisheries	Fisheries agreement with Greenland (negotiation mandate)
2000/143	Fisheries	Proposal for a regulation on implementation of control and surveillance measures within the framework of the NEAFC (North-East Atlantic Fisheries Convention)
2000/144	Fisheries	Proposal for an amendment to Regulation (EC) No 847/96 introducing additional conditions for year-to-year management of total allowable catches and quotas
2000/145	Fisheries	Proposal for a regulation on the implementation of the document on catches for Community vessels operating in the area of the Convention for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR)
2000/146	Fisheries	Proposal for a regulation on implementation of fisheries control measures applicable to certain highly migrant stocks
2000/147	Fisheries	Fisheries agreement with certain Pacific islands (negotiation mandate)
2000/148	Fisheries	Proposal for an amendment to Regulation (EC) No 88/98 relating to technical conservation measures in the Baltic Sea
2000/149	Fisheries	Fisheries agreement with Angola (conclusion)
2000/150	Fisheries	Proposal for a decision on Community accession to SEAFO (South-East Atlantic Fisheries Organisation)
2000/151	Fisheries	Fisheries cooperation agreement with Russia (conclusion)
2000/152	Fisheries	Proposal for a regulation relating to allocation among Member States of Community shares of total allowable catches
2000/153	Fisheries	Proposal for a regulation regarding the precautionary approach for the management of fish stocks
2000/154	Fisheries	Proposal for an amendment to Regulation (EC) No 1626/94 relating to technical conservation measures in the Mediterranean

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FISH	Written procedure	March	Regulation	Article 37	Consultation (CNS)
FISH	Written procedure	March	Regulation	Article 37	Consultation (CNS)
FISH	Written procedure	March	Draft or recommendation for a negotiation mandate with third countries	—	—
FISH	Written procedure	May	Regulation	Article 37	Consultation (CNS)
FISH	Written procedure	May	Regulation	Article 37	Consultation (CNS)
FISH	Written procedure	June	Regulation	Article 37	Consultation (CNS)
FISH	Written procedure	June	Regulation	Article 37	Consultation (CNS)
FISH	Written procedure	June	Draft or recommendation for a negotiation mandate with third countries	—	—
FISH	Written procedure	June	Regulation	Article 37	Consultation (CNS)
FISH	Written procedure	Third quarter	Council decision for the conclusion of an agreement with third countries	Article 300(3)	—
FISH	Written procedure	Third quarter	Decision	Article 37	Consultation (CNS)
FISH	Written procedure	Third quarter	Council decision for the conclusion of an agreement with third countries	Article 300(3)	—
FISH	Written procedure	September	Regulation	Article 37	Consultation (CNS)
FISH	Written procedure	October	Regulation	Article 37	Consultation (CNS)
FISH	Written procedure	November	Regulation	Article 37	Consultation (CNS)

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2000/155	Fisheries	Bilateral fisheries agreement (Spain) with South Africa (conclusion)
2000/156	Fisheries	Bilateral fisheries agreement (Portugal) with South Africa (conclusion)
2000/157	Fisheries	Proposal for a decision on cooperation agreement concerning fisheries with Morocco (conclusion)
2000/158	Fisheries	Proposal for a regulation on total allowable catches and quotas for application in 2001
2000/159	Fisheries	Proposal for a decision with respect to a Community financial contribution towards certain expenditure incurred by the Member States in implementing the monitoring and control systems applicable to CFP
<b>Institutional questions</b>		
2000/160	Institutional questions	Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council regarding public access to documents of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission
2000/161	Institutional questions	Adapting the institutions to make a success of enlargement: Commission opinion in accordance with Article 48 of the Treaty on European Union
<b>Research</b>		
2000/162	Research	Proposal for a Council decision on guidelines for the funding of post-ECSC research activities
<b>Research/External trade</b>		
2000/163	Research/External trade	Agreement for cooperation between Euratom represented by the Commission of the European Communities and the Department of Energy of the United States of America in the field of fusion energy research and development (negotiating directives)
2000/164	Research/External trade	Establishment of the international legal framework on which to base further possible decisions on ITER siting, construction and operation (negotiation directives)
2000/165	Research/External trade	Agreement for cooperation between Euratom represented by the Commission of the European Communities and the Department of Energy of the United States of America in the field of fusion energy research and development (conclusion)



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FISH	Written procedure	Fourth quarter	Council decision for the conclusion of an agreement with third countries	Article 300(3)	—
FISH	Written procedure	Fourth quarter	Council decision for the conclusion of an agreement with third countries	Article 300(3)	—
FISH	Written procedure	Fourth quarter	Council decision for the conclusion of an agreement with third countries	Article 300(3)	—
FISH	Written procedure	December	Regulation	Article 37	Consultation (CNS)
FISH	Written procedure	Fourth quarter	Decision	Article 37	Consultation (CNS)
SG/SJ	Oral procedure	26.1.2000	Regulation	Article 255	Co-decision (COD)
SG	Oral procedure	26.1.2000	Opinion	Article 48 of the Treaty on European Union	—
RTD/TREN	Oral procedure	May	Decision	Decision of the representatives of the governments of the Member States	—
RTD/TRADE	Written procedure	February	Draft or recommendation for a negotiation mandate with third countries	—	—
RTD/TRADE	Written procedure	Second quarter	Draft or recommendation for a negotiation mandate with third countries	—	—
RTD/TRADE	Written procedure	June	Council decision for the conclusion of an agreement with third countries	Article 101 of the Euratom Treaty	—

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Programme No	Area(s) of activity	Title
<b>Research/Enlargement</b>		
2000/166	Research/Enlargement	Proposal for negotiating directives for an association agreement with Malta within the fifth RTD framework programme
<b>Research/External affairs</b>		
2000/167	Research/External affairs	Agreement of cooperation with Brazil (negotiating directives)
2000/168	Research/External affairs	ST cooperation agreement with Brazil (conclusion)
2000/169	Research/External affairs	Agreement on a ST cooperation agreement with India (negotiation directive)
<b>External affairs</b>		
2000/170	External affairs	Proposal for a Council decision concerning the Community position within the EC-Mexico joint council on the implementation of Articles 3, 4, 5, 6 and 12 on the interim agreement on trade and trade-related matters between the European Community and the United Mexican States
2000/171	External affairs	Proposal of negotiating directives for the renewal of the Euratom/KEDO agreement
2000/172	External affairs	Proposal for negotiating directives of a protocol on technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment annexed to the EC-ASEAN cooperation agreement
2000/173	External affairs	Proposal for a Council regulation on anti-personnel landmines
2000/174	External affairs	Proposal for a Council regulation on Community assistance to certain countries of south-east Europe
2000/175	External affairs	Proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion of an association agreement with Egypt
2000/176	External affairs	Proposal for a Council regulation on the financing of proposals promoting cooperation and commercial relations between the EU and the industrialised countries of North America, the Far East and Australasia

Lead service(s)	Procedure for adoption by the Commission	Date estimated for adoption by the Commission	Type of action	Treaty legal basis envisaged at this stage <sup>(1)</sup>	Probable adoption procedure in Parliament
RTD	Written procedure	Third quarter	Draft or recommendation for a negotiation mandate with third countries	—	—
RTD	Written procedure	27.1.2000	Draft or recommendation for a negotiation mandate with third countries	—	—
RTD	Written procedure	September	Council decision for the conclusion of an agreement with third countries	Article 300(3)	—
RTD	Written procedure	Fourth quarter	Draft or recommendation for a negotiation mandate with third countries	—	—
RELEX	Oral procedure	18.1.2000	Council decision for the conclusion of an agreement with third countries	Article 300(3)	—
RELEX	Oral procedure	2.2.2000	Draft or recommendation for a negotiation mandate with third countries	—	—
RELEX	Written procedure	February	Draft or recommendation for a negotiation mandate with third countries	—	—
RELEX	Oral procedure	1.3.2000	Regulation	Article 308	Consultation (CNS)
RELEX	Oral procedure	March	Regulation	Article 308	Consultation (CNS)
RELEX	Written procedure	April	Council decision for the conclusion of an agreement with third countries	Article 300(3)	—
RELEX	Written procedure	Second quarter	Regulation	Articles 133, 308	Consultation (CNS)

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Programme No	Area(s) of activity	Title
2000/177	External affairs	Proposal for negotiating directives for an agreement with Iceland on the participation in the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Abuse
2000/178	External affairs	Second Council decision concerning the Community contribution to the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development for the Chernobyl shelter fund
2000/179	External affairs	Proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion of an association agreement with Lebanon
<b>External affairs/Agriculture and rural development/External trade/Fisheries</b>		
2000/180	External affairs/Agriculture and rural development/External trade/Fisheries	Proposal of negotiating directives for an agreement on agricultural and fisheries products with Tunisia and Morocco
<b>External affairs/Budget</b>		
2000/181	External affairs/Budget	Proposal for a Council regulation on the establishment of a rapid reaction fund
<b>Health and consumer protection</b>		
2000/182	Health and consumer protection	Proposal for amendment of Council Directive 79/373/EEC on the marketing of compound feedingstuffs
2000/183	Health and consumer protection	Proposal for amendment of Directive 68/193/EEC on the marketing of material for the vegetative propagation of the vine
2000/184	Health and consumer protection	Proposal for amendment of Directive 77/93/EEC on protective measures against the introduction into the Community of organisms harmful to plants or plant products and against their spread within the Community
2000/185	Health and consumer protection	Proposal for amendment of Directive 92/59/EEC on general product safety
2000/186	Health and consumer protection	Proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and the Council adopting a programme of action in the area of public health
2000/187	Health and consumer protection	Proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and the Council prolonging in as far as necessary the programmes of action on cancer, AIDS and certain other communicable diseases, health promotion, information, education and training, and drug dependence
2000/188	Health and consumer protection	Proposal for a directive on food supplements

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RELEX/JAI	Written procedure	June	Draft or recommendation for a negotiation mandate with third countries	—	—
RELEX	Written procedure	November	Decision	Article 203 of the Euratom Treaty	Consultation (CNS)
RELEX	Written procedure	Fourth quarter	Council decision for the conclusion of an agreement with third countries	Article 300(3)	—
RELEX/ TRADE/ AGRI/FISH	Written procedure	Second quarter	Draft or recommendation for a negotiation mandate with third countries	—	—
RELEX/ BUDG	Oral procedure	May	Regulation	Article 179	Co-decision (COD)
SANCO	Written procedure	7.1.2000	Directive	Article 152(4)	Co-decision (COD)
SANCO	Written procedure	February	Directive	Article 37	Consultation (CNS)
SANCO	Written procedure	February	Directive	Article 37	Consultation (CNS)
SANCO	Oral procedure	14.3.2000	Directive	Articles 95, 153	Co-decision (COD)
SANCO	Oral procedure	29.3.2000	Decision	Article 152	Co-decision (COD)
SANCO	Oral procedure	29.3.2000	Decision	Article 152	Co-decision (COD)
SANCO	Written procedure	March	Directive	Article 95	Co-decision (COD)

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Programme No	Area(s) of activity	Title
2000/189	Health and consumer protection	Proposal for amendment of Council Directive 95/53/EC fixing the principles governing the organisation of official inspections in the field of animal nutrition
2000/190	Health and consumer protection	Proposal for a decision on the accession of the European Community to the Codex Alimentarius
2000/191	Health and consumer protection	Proposal for a European Parliament and Council directive on blood safety
2000/192	Health and consumer protection	Proposal for a Council recommendation on the prevention of doping in amateur sport
2000/193	Health and consumer protection	Proposal for amendment of the zoonosis directive (92/117/EEC) concerning measures for protection against specified zoonoses and specific zoonotic agents in animals and products of animal origin in order to prevent outbreaks of food-borne infections and intoxications
2000/194	Health and consumer protection	Proposal for a European Parliament and Council regulation on the hygiene of foodstuffs
2000/195	Health and consumer protection	Proposal for a Council and European Parliament regulation laying down the health conditions concerning animal waste and animal by-products not intended for human consumption
2000/196	Health and consumer protection	Proposal for a European Parliament and Council directive repealing certain directives laying down the hygiene of foodstuffs and the health conditions for the production and the placing on the market of certain products of animal origin
2000/197	Health and consumer protection	Proposal for a European Parliament and Council regulation laying down the detailed rules for the organisation of official controls on certain products of animal origin
2000/198	Health and consumer protection	Proposal for a general food law directive
2000/199	Health and consumer protection	Proposal for a Directive on fortified foods
2000/200	Health and consumer protection	Proposal for amendment of Council Directive 84/450/EEC relating to the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States concerning misleading advertising
2000/201	Health and consumer protection	Proposal for a European Parliament and Council regulation laying down procedures in matters of food safety
2000/202	Health and consumer protection	Proposal for a regulation setting up a European food authority
2000/203	Health and consumer protection	Proposal for amendment of Council Directive 87/102/EEC for the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States concerning consumer credit as amended by Directives 90/88/EEC and 98/7/EC
2000/204	Health and consumer protection	Proposal for a Council recommendation on alcohol consumption by children and adolescents

Lead service(s)	Procedure for adoption by the Commission	Date estimated for adoption by the Commission	Type of action	Treaty legal basis envisaged at this stage <sup>(1)</sup>	Probable adoption procedure in Parliament
SANCO	Written procedure	March	Directive	Article 152	Co-decision (COD)
SANCO	Written procedure	May	Decision	Article 300(3)	—
SANCO	Oral procedure	June	Directive	Article 152	Co-decision (COD)
SANCO	Written procedure	June	Recommendation	Article 152	—
SANCO	Not yet decided	June	Directive	Article 152	Co-decision (COD)
SANCO	Written procedure	June	Regulation	Articles 152, 153	Co-decision (COD)
SANCO	Written procedure	June	Regulation	Article 152	Co-decision (COD)
SANCO	Written procedure	June	Directive	Articles 37, 152, 153	Co-decision (COD)
SANCO	Written procedure	June	Regulation	Articles 152, 153	Co-decision (COD)
SANCO	Written procedure	September	Directive	Article 95	Co-decision (COD)
SANCO	Written procedure	September	Directive	Article 95	Co-decision (COD)
SANCO	Oral procedure	September	Directive	Article 95	Co-decision (COD)
SANCO	Oral procedure	September	Regulation	Article 95 or 152	Co-decision (COD)
SANCO	Oral procedure	September	Regulation	Still under examination (Article 95 or 152 or 308)	—
SANCO	Oral procedure	September	Directive	Articles 95, 153	Co-decision (COD)
SANCO	Written procedure	Third quarter	Recommendation	Article 152	—

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Programme No	Area(s) of activity	Title
2000/205	Health and consumer protection	Proposal for a European Parliament and Council regulation on novel feed
2000/206	Health and consumer protection	Proposal for a modification of Directive 91/630/EEC on different aspects of keeping of sows in various degrees of confinement
2000/207	Health and consumer protection	Proposal for a European Parliament and a Council regulation laying down animal health conditions for the movement of pet animals
2000/208	Health and consumer protection	Proposal for a Council recommendation on HIV testing practices
2000/209	Health and consumer protection	Proposal for a Council recommendation on the prevention and the reduction of risks associated with drug dependence
2000/210	Health and consumer protection	Proposal for a directive amending Directive 89/107/EEC on food additives
2000/211	Health and consumer protection	Proposal for a modification of the Directive 95/2/EC on food additives other than colours and sweeteners
2000/212	Health and consumer protection	Proposal for a directive amending Directive 94/35/EC on sweeteners
2000/213	Health and consumer protection	Proposal for a modification of Directive 88/388/EEC on flavourings for use in foodstuffs
2000/214	Health and consumer protection	Proposal for a regulation on additives used in flavourings
2000/215	Health and consumer protection	Proposal for a regulation on smoke flavourings
2000/216	Health and consumer protection	Proposal for amending Directive 89/109/EEC on food contact materials
2000/217	Health and consumer protection	Proposal for a modification of Directive 99/3/EC on foods and food ingredients treated by irradiation
2000/218	Health and consumer protection	Proposal for a modification of Directive 79/112/EEC on the labelling, presentation and advertising of foodstuffs
2000/219	Health and consumer protection	Proposal for a Council recommendation on the prudent use of antimicrobials in human therapy
2000/220	Health and consumer protection	Proposal for a European Parliament and Council regulation on official food and feed safety controls
2000/221	Health and consumer protection	Proposal for a Council decision in view of the accession of the European Community to the 'Office international des épizooties' (OIE)
<b>Health and consumer protection/Enterprises/External trade/Environment</b>		
2000/222	Health and consumer protection/Enterprises/External trade/Environment	Proposal for a regulation on the use of the indication 'without recourse to genetic engineering' ('GMO free')



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SANCO	Written procedure	September	Regulation	Article 152	Co-decision (COD)
SANCO	Written procedure	September	Directive	Article 37	Consultation (CNS)
SANCO	Written procedure	September	Regulation	Articles 152, 37	Co-decision (COD)
SANCO	Oral procedure	October	Recommendation	Article 152	—
SANCO	Written procedure	October	Recommendation	Article 152	—
SANCO	Written procedure	December	Directive	Article 95	Co-decision (COD)
SANCO	Written procedure	December	Directive	Article 95	Co-decision (COD)
SANCO	Written procedure	December	Directive	Article 95	Co-decision (COD)
SANCO	Written procedure	December	Directive	Article 95	Co-decision (COD)
SANCO	Written procedure	December	Regulation	Article 95	Co-decision (COD)
SANCO	Written procedure	December	Regulation	Article 95	Co-decision (COD)
SANCO	Written procedure	December	Directive	Article 95	Co-decision (COD)
SANCO	Written procedure	December	Directive	Article 95	Co-decision (COD)
SANCO	Written procedure	December	Directive	Article 95	Co-decision (COD)
SANCO	Written procedure	Fourth quarter	Recommendation	Article 152	—
SANCO	Oral procedure	December	Regulation	Articles 152, 95	Co-decision (COD)
SANCO	Written procedure	Fourth quarter	Decision	Article 300(3)	—
SANCO/ ENTR	Oral procedure	September	Regulation	Article 95	Co-decision (COD)

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<b>Information society</b>		
2000/223	Information society	Proposal for a decision on spectrum policy
2000/224	Information society	Proposal for a decision on European content for global networks
2000/225	Information society	Proposal for a directive on the regulatory framework for electronic communications
2000/226	Information society	Proposal for a directive on access to electronic communications networks and services
2000/227	Information society	Proposal for a directive on authorisations and licensing in electronic communications
2000/228	Information society	Proposal for a directive on a universal service for electronic communications
2000/229	Information society	Proposal for a directive on data protection in the area of electronic communications
2000/230	Information society	Proposal for a decision on the revision of the TEN — telecom guidelines
<b>Statistics</b>		
2000/231	Statistics	Proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and the Council on science and technology statistics
2000/232	Statistics	Proposal for a Council decision on inter-administration telematic networks for statistics on extra- and intra-Community trade — Edicom II
2000/233	Statistics	Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and the Council on rail transport statistics
<b>Transport</b>		
2000/234	Transport	Proposal for a decision on the ratification by the European Communities of the convention for the Unification of Certain Rules for International Carriage by Air (the Montreal Convention)
2000/235	Transport	Proposal for an amendment to Regulation (EC) No 2027/97 on the liability of air carriers in the event of accidents
2000/236	Transport	Proposal for a directive establishing requirements and harmonised procedures for the safe loading and unloading of bulk carriers
2000/237	Transport	Proposal for a directive on the safety of third countries aircraft using Community airports
2000/238	Transport	Proposal for amending Directive 95/21/EC concerning the enforcement, in respect of shipping using Community ports and sailing in waters under the jurisdiction of Member States, of international standards for ship safety, pollution prevention and living and working conditions on board ship (subject to control by the port State)

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INFSO	Oral procedure	14.3.2000	Decision	Article 95	Co-decision (COD)
INFSO	Oral procedure	22.3.2000	Decision	Article 157(3)	Consultation (CNS)
INFSO	Oral procedure	May	Directive	Article 95	Co-decision (COD)
INFSO	Oral procedure	May	Directive	Article 95	Co-decision (COD)
INFSO	Oral procedure	May	Directive	Article 95	Co-decision (COD)
INFSO	Oral procedure	May	Directive	Article 95	Co-decision (COD)
INFSO	Oral procedure	May	Directive	Article 95	Co-decision (COD)
INFSO	Written procedure	November	Decision	Article 156	Co-decision (COD)
ESTAT	Written procedure	April	Decision	Article 285	Co-decision (COD)
ESTAT	Written procedure	May	Decision	Article 285	Co-decision (COD)
ESTAT	Written procedure	June	Regulation	Article 285	Co-decision (COD)
TREN	Written procedure	February	Council decision for the conclusion of an agreement with third countries	Article 300(3)	—
TREN	Written procedure	February	Regulation	Article 80	Co-decision (COD)
TREN	Written procedure	February	Directive	Article 80(2), Article 71(1)	Co-decision (COD)
TREN	Written procedure	February	Directive	Art 80(2)	Co-decision (COD)
TREN	Oral procedure	22.3.2000	Directive	Article 80(2)	Co-decision (COD)

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Programme No	Area(s) of activity	Title
2000/239	Transport	Proposal for a regulation on the accelerated phasing-out of single-hull oil tankers operating to or from ports of the Member States of the Community
2000/240	Transport	Proposal for amending Directive 94/57/EC on common rules and standards for ship inspection and survey organisations and for the relevant activities of maritime administrations
2000/241	Transport	Proposal for an agreement on a European common aviation area (ECAA)
2000/242	Transport	Amended proposal for a directive on a transparent system of harmonised rules for restrictions on heavy goods vehicles involved in international transport on designated roads
2000/243	Transport	Proposal for a regulation concerning aviation safety and establishing a European aviation safety agency (EASA)
2000/244	Transport	Proposal for a decision on the establishment of an organisational and regulatory framework for Galileo
2000/245	Transport	Proposal for an amendment to Regulation (EEC) No 95/93 on common rules for the allocation of slots at Community airports
2000/246	Transport	Proposals for amendments to Directives 92/106/EEC and 96/53/EC with a view to promoting combined transport
2000/247	Transport	Proposal for a decision on the accession of the European Community to the European Organisation for the Safety of Air Navigation (Eurocontrol)
2000/248	Transport	Proposal for negotiating directives concerning the reform and reinforcement of Eurocontrol powers
2000/249	Transport	Proposal for a regulation on the harmonisation of requirements for air traffic management
2000/250	Transport	Proposal for a directive on the provision of air traffic services
2000/251	Transport	Proposal for a regulation on certain rules concerning the control of drivers engaged by road transport operators established in the EU when carrying out with Community vehicles intra-Community transport operations
<b>Transport/Competition</b>		
2000/252	Transport/Competition	Proposal for a directive on access to the market of port services
2000/253	Transport/Competition	Proposal for a regulation on State aids and on public funding to ports

Lead service(s)	Procedure for adoption by the Commission	Date estimated for adoption by the Commission	Type of action	Treaty legal basis envisaged at this stage <sup>(1)</sup>	Probable adoption procedure in Parliament
TREN	Oral procedure	22.3.2000	Regulation	Article 80(2)	Co-decision (COD)
TREN	Oral procedure	22.3.2000	Directive	Article 80(2)	Co-decision (COD)
TREN	Written procedure	March	Council decision for the conclusion of an agreement with third countries	Article 300(3)	—
TREN	Oral procedure	April	Directive	Article 71	Co-decision (COD)
TREN	Oral procedure	Second quarter	Regulation	Article 80(2)	Co-decision (COD)
TREN	Oral procedure	June	Decision	Article 171	—
TREN	Oral procedure	June	Regulation	Article 80(2)	Co-decision (COD)
TREN	Written procedure	Second quarter	Directive	Articles 71, 80(2)	Co-decision (COD)
TREN	Oral procedure	Third quarter	Council decision for the conclusion of an agreement with third countries	Article 300(3)	—
TREN	Written procedure	Third quarter	Draft or recommendation for a negotiation mandate with third countries	—	—
TREN	Written procedure	Fourth quarter	Regulation	Article 80(2)	Co-decision (COD)
TREN	Oral procedure	Fourth quarter	Directive	Article 80(2)	Co-decision (COD)
TREN	Written procedure	Fourth quarter	Regulation	Article 71(1)	Co-decision (COD)
TREN	Written procedure	Third quarter	Directive	Article 80(2)	Co-decision (COD)
TREN/COMP	Written procedure	Third quarter	Regulation	Article 89	Consultation (CNS)

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Programme No	Area(s) of activity	Title
<b>Transport/Competition/Environment</b>		
2000/254	Transport/Competition/ Environment	Proposal for a regulation on the granting of aids for transport by rail, road and inland waterway
<b>Transport/Environment</b>		
2000/255	Transport/Environment	Proposal for a regulation on the establishment of a Community framework on aircraft noise classification
<b>Transport/Internal market</b>		
2000/256	Transport/Internal market	Proposal for a regulation on action by Member States concerning public service requirements in passenger transport by rail, road and inland waterway
<b>Transport/Health and consumer protection</b>		
2000/257	Transport/Health and consumer protection	Proposal for a directive on punctuality indicators in air transport

Lead service(s)	Procedure for adoption by the Commission	Date estimated for adoption by the Commission	Type of action	Treaty legal basis envisaged at this stage <sup>(1)</sup>	Probable adoption procedure in Parliament
TREN	Oral procedure	23.2.2000	Regulation	Article 71(1), Article 89	Co-decision (COD)
TREN	Written procedure	Third quarter	Directive	Article 80(2)	Co-decision (COD)
TREN	Oral procedure	23.2.2000	Regulation	Article 71(1), Article 89	Co-decision (COD)
TREN/ SANCO	Oral procedure	Third quarter	Directive	Article 80(2)	Co-decision (COD)

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**Table 2 — Non-legislative projects**

Programme No	Area(s) of activity	Title
<b>Administration and personnel</b>		
2000/258	Administration and personnel	White Paper on the Commission administrative reform
2000/259	Administration and personnel	Communication on the Commission and non-governmental organisations: building a stronger partnership
2000/260	Administration and personnel	Proposal for the creation of a committee on standards in public life
2000/261	Administration and personnel	Communication on pay and pension
2000/262	Administration and personnel	Communication on a three-year action plan on green housekeeping
2000/263	Administration and personnel	Communication on ongoing activities in the area of equal opportunities, working conditions and social policy and action plan for the following years
2000/264	Administration and personnel	Communication on discipline
2000/265	Administration and personnel	Communication on clear rules for whistleblowers
2000/266	Administration and personnel	Draft interinstitutional agreement on whistleblowers (first reading of the collège)
2000/267	Administration and personnel	Communication on a first estimate of Commission needs in human resources after the reform
2000/268	Administration and personnel	Communication on regulatory framework and typology of externalisation bodies
<b>Agriculture and rural development</b>		
2000/269	Agriculture and rural development	Communication on simplification of agricultural legislation
<b>Humanitarian aid/Development/External affairs</b>		
2000/270	Humanitarian aid/Development/External affairs	Communication on the link between relief, rehabilitation and development
2000/271	Humanitarian aid/Development/External affairs	Towards a human rights approach to European Commission humanitarian aid
2000/272	Humanitarian aid/Development/External affairs	Disaster prevention in developing countries



Lead service(s)	Procedure for adoption by the Commission	Date estimated for adoption by the Commission	Type of action	Treaty legal basis envisaged at this stage <sup>(1)</sup>	Probable adoption procedure in Parliament
TFAR	Oral procedure	1.3.2000	Commission communication	—	—
SG	Oral procedure	29.3.2000	Commission communication	—	—
SG/ADMIN	Not yet decided	June	Other: Interinstitutional agreement (creation of a committee)	—	—
ADMIN	Oral procedure	June	Commission communication	—	—
ADMIN/SG/ ENV	Oral procedure	June	Commission communication	—	—
ADMIN	Oral procedure	July	Commission communication	—	—
ADMIN	Oral procedure	September	Commission communication	—	—
ADMIN	Oral procedure	September	Commission communication	—	—
ADMIN	Oral procedure	September	Other: Interinstitutional agreement	—	—
BUDG/ ADMIN	Oral procedure	September	Commission communication	—	—
ADMIN/ BUDG/PCG Externalisation	Oral procedure	September	Commission communication	—	—
AGRI	Written procedure	Fourth quarter	Commission communication	—	—
ECHO/DEV	Written procedure	May	Commission communication	—	—
ECHO	Not yet decided	July	Other: to be determined	—	—
ECHO/DEV/ RELEX	Not yet decided	September	Other: to be determined	—	—

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Programme No	Area(s) of activity	Title
<b>Budget</b>		
2000/273	Budget	Communication on the technical corrections of the financial perspectives for 2001
2000/274	Budget	Communication on the reprogramming of categories 3 and 4 and revision of the financial perspectives of category 4
2000/275	Budget	Adoption of the pre-draft budget 2001
<b>Budget/Administration and personnel</b>		
2000/276	Budget/Administration and personnel	Orientation debate on the budget priorities of the year 2001
<b>Competition</b>		
2000/277	Competition	Communication on a simplified procedure for processing certain concentrations under Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89
2000/278	Competition	Communication on commitments submitted to the Commission in the field of concentrations control (under Council Regulation (EC) No 4064/89 and under Commission Regulation (EC) No 447/98)
2000/279	Competition	Communication on restrictions directly related and necessary to concentrations, reviewing Commission notice regarding restrictions ancillary to concentrations
2000/280	Competition	Report on the implementation of the regulation on mergers ('Merger review 2000')
2000/281	Competition	Communication on collective dominance under Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89
2000/282	Competition	Report on the evaluation of the block exemption regulation in the automobile sector (Regulation (EC) No 1475/95)
<b>Competition/Enterprises</b>		
2000/283	Competition/Enterprises	Report on the situation in world shipbuilding (April)
2000/284	Competition/Enterprises	Report on the situation in world shipbuilding (October)
<b>Competition/Enterprises/Internal market/External affairs</b>		
2000/285	Competition/Enterprises/Internal market/External affairs	Communication on EU common strategy for a competitive defence technological and industrial base
<b>Competition/Information society</b>		
2000/286	Competition/Information society	Sixth report on the implementation of the telecommunications regulatory package

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BUDG	Written procedure	February	Commission communication	—	—
BUDG	Oral procedure	March	Commission communication	—	—
BUDG	Oral procedure	April	Commission communication	—	—
BUDG	Oral procedure	23.2.2000	Commission communication	—	—
COMP	Oral procedure	14.3.2000	Commission communication	—	—
COMP	Oral procedure	14.3.2000	Commission communication	—	—
COMP	Oral procedure	April	Commission communication	—	—
COMP	Not yet decided	June	Report	—	—
COMP	Not yet decided	Third quarter	Commission communication	—	—
COMP	Not yet decided	November	Report	—	—
ENTR	Not yet decided	April	Report	—	—
ENTR	Not yet decided	October	Report	—	—
ENTR	Oral procedure	September	Commission communication	—	—
INFSO	Oral procedure	November	Report	—	—

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<b>Development</b>		
2000/287	Development	Communication on the coherence of Community policies with development policy
2000/288	Development	Draft internal financial agreement between EC Member States relating to the ninth European Development Fund
<b>Development/Humanitarian aid/Budget/External affairs</b>		
2000/289	Development/Humanitarian aid/Budget/External affairs	Communication on the poverty focus of Community aid
<b>Development/Humanitarian aid/External trade/External affairs</b>		
2000/290	Development/Humanitarian aid/External trade/External affairs	Communication on Community development cooperation policy
<b>Customs</b>		
2000/291	Customs	Communication specifying the conditions for the information of economic operators and of Member State administrations concerning the application of the preferential tariff regimes in case of 'serious doubt' as regards the origin of goods
2000/292	Customs	Communication on a strategy for the customs union
<b>Economy and finance</b>		
2000/293	Economy and finance	Communication concerning the information strategy on the euro
2000/294	Economy and finance	Report on the implementation of the broad economic policy guidelines (BEPG)
2000/295	Economy and finance	Economic forecasts (spring)
2000/296	Economy and finance	Implementation of the risk capital action plan
2000/297	Economy and finance	Review of public finances in the European Union
2000/298	Economy and finance	Communication on making economic policy supportive of environmental sustainability
2000/299	Economy and finance	EU Economy: 2000 review
2000/300	Economy and finance	Economic forecasts (autumn)

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DEV	Oral procedure	14.3.2000	Commission communication	—	—
DEV	Written procedure	March	Other: project of intergovernmental agreement	—	—
DEV	Written procedure	Second quarter	Commission communication	—	—
DEV	Oral procedure	14.3.2000	Commission communication	—	—
TAXUD	Written procedure	March	Commission communication	—	—
TAXUD	Written procedure	September	Commission communication	—	—
ECFIN/EAC	Oral procedure	2.2.2000	Commission communication	—	—
ECFIN	Oral procedure	April	Commission communication	—	—
ECFIN	Oral procedure	April	Commission services' working paper	—	—
ECFIN	Oral procedure	May	Commission working paper	—	—
ECFIN	Oral procedure	May	Commission services' working paper	—	—
ECFIN	Oral procedure	September	Commission communication	—	—
ECFIN	Oral procedure	November	Commission services' working paper	—	—
ECFIN	Oral procedure	November	Commission services' working paper	—	—

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<b>Economy and finance/Enlargement</b>		
2000/301	Economy and finance/ Enlargement	Interim report on economic progress in certain candidate countries (Bulgaria)
2000/302	Economy and finance/ Enlargement	Interim report on economic progress in certain candidate countries (Romania)
<b>Education, culture and sport/Competition</b>		
2000/303	Education, culture and sport/ Competition	Communication on certain legal aspects of the film sector
<b>Education, culture and sport/Employment and social affairs</b>		
2000/304	Education, culture and sport/ Employment and social affairs	Communication on 'Let us make Europe an area of lifelong learning'
<b>Education, culture and sport/Enterprises/Information society</b>		
2000/305	Education, culture and sport/ Enterprises/Information society	Communication on innovation in education, training and culture with numerical technologies: 'Educating for tomorrow'
<b>Education, culture and sport/Press and communication</b>		
2000/306	Education, culture and sport/ Press and communication	Communication on a new EC communication policy: 'Dialogue with citizens'
<b>Enlargement</b>		
2000/307	Enlargement	Regular reports and composite paper on progress made by the candidate countries towards accession
<b>Employment and social affairs</b>		
2000/308	Employment and social affairs	Communication on strategies for jobs in the information society
2000/309	Employment and social affairs	Communication on Community policies in support of employment (Article 127)
2000/310	Employment and social affairs	Communication on inclusion and participation in economy and in a knowledge-based society
2000/311	Employment and social affairs	Communication on the development of employment at local level
2000/312	Employment and social affairs	Communication on the fifth action programme on equal opportunities between women and men
2000/313	Employment and social affairs	First stage consultation of social partners on the adaptability and the modernisation of contractual relations
2000/314	Employment and social affairs	Communication concerning the social action programme
2000/315	Employment and social affairs	Proposal for the joint employment report 2000
2000/316	Employment and social affairs	Proposal concerning employment guidelines 2001

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ECFIN/ ELARG	Oral procedure	14.3.2000	Report	—	—
ECFIN/ ELARG	Oral procedure	14.3.2000	Report	—	—
EAC	Not yet decided	Fourth quarter	Commission communication	—	—
EAC/EMPL	Oral procedure	June	Commission communication	—	—
EAC	Oral procedure	April	Commission communication	—	—
EAC/SG/ PRESS	Not yet decided	October	Commission communication	—	—
ELARG	Oral procedure	October	Report	—	—
EMPL	Written procedure	4.2.2000	Commission communication	—	—
EMPL	Oral procedure	23.2.2000	Commission communication	—	—
EMPL	Oral procedure	23.2.2000	Commission communication	—	—
EMPL	Written procedure	April	Commission communication	—	—
EMPL	Oral procedure	May	Commission communication	—	—
EMPL	Oral procedure	June	Other: consultation of social partners (Article 138)	—	—
EMPL	Oral procedure	June	Commission communication	—	—
EMPL	Oral procedure	September	Other: joint report Commission/Council	—	—
EMPL	Oral procedure	September	Other: employment guidelines	—	—

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<b>Energy</b>		
2000/317	Energy	Communication on the future role of the different energy sources in the context of ensuring internal and external security of supply
<b>Energy/External affairs/Transport</b>		
2000/318	Energy/External affairs/Transport	Communication on the Mediterranean dimension of the European Union's energy and transport policies
<b>Energy/Transport</b>		
2000/319	Energy/Transport	Green Paper on the position of public transport and private cars in the urban context
2000/320	Energy/Transport	Communication on public service obligations in the EU for transport and energy
<b>Enterprises</b>		
2000/321	Enterprises	Communication on enterprise policy
2000/322	Enterprises	Communication on the strengthening of European policy in the field of subcontracting
2000/323	Enterprises	Communication on the promotion of sustainable industrial development — The case of the EU minerals industry
2000/324	Enterprises	Communication on some aspects of innovation policy in a knowledge-based economy
2000/325	Enterprises	Report on mutual recognition agreements (MRA) implementation
2000/326	Enterprises	Communication on benchmarking and its future developments
2000/327	Enterprises	Report on the implementation of the BEST action plan 'Promote entrepreneurship and competitiveness'
2000/328	Enterprises	Communication on SMEs and access to finance
2000/329	Enterprises	Communication drawing conclusions on the annual report on the competitiveness of European enterprises
2000/330	Enterprises	Communication on the competitiveness of services in the knowledge economy
2000/331	Enterprises	Report on the follow-up given to the Council conclusions on 'Tourism and employment'
<b>Enterprises/Education, culture and sport</b>		
2000/332	Enterprises/Education, culture and sport	Communication on education and training for an entrepreneurial society – Learning for growth
<b>Enterprises/Employment and social affairs/Environment</b>		
2000/333	Enterprises/Employment and social affairs/Environment	Communication on action to promote integration of sustainable development into enterprise policy



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TREN	Oral procedure	Fourth quarter	Commission communication	—	—
TREN	Written procedure	Fourth quarter	Commission communication	—	—
TREN	Oral procedure	November	Green paper	—	—
TREN	Written procedure	Fourth quarter	Commission communication	—	—
ENTR	Oral procedure	22.3.2000	Commission communication	—	—
ENTR	Oral procedure	April	Commission communication	—	—
ENTR	Oral procedure	April	Commission communication	—	—
ENTR	Oral procedure	June	Commission communication	—	—
ENTR	Oral procedure	June	Report	—	—
ENTR	Oral procedure	September	Commission communication	—	—
ENTR	Not yet decided	September	Report	—	—
ENTR	Oral procedure	September	Commission communication	—	—
ENTR	Oral procedure	October	Commission communication	—	—
ENTR	Oral procedure	December	Commission communication	—	—
ENTR	Oral procedure	December	Report	—	—
ENTR/EAC	Oral procedure	14.3.2000	Commission communication	—	—
ENTR	Oral procedure	April	Commission communication	—	—

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<b>Environment</b>		
2000/334	Environment	White Paper on environmental liability
2000/335	Environment	Communication on water pricing
2000/336	Environment	Green Paper on a strategy for an integrated product policy for industry
2000/337	Environment	Communication(s) on sectoral action plans under the Community biodiversity strategy
2000/338	Environment	Communication on the role of environmental impact assessment in siting radioactive-waste repositories
2000/339	Environment	Communication on an integrated framework for the development of air quality policy
<b>Environment/Development/External affairs</b>		
2000/340	Environment/Development/ External affairs	Framework communication on Rio + 10, Earth Summit 2002
<b>Environment/Energy/Enterprises</b>		
2000/341	Environment/Energy/ Enterprises	Green Paper on greenhouse gas emission permits trading within the EU
<b>Environment/Energy/Enterprises/Transport</b>		
2000/342	Environment/Energy/ Enterprises/Transport	Communication on a list of priority actions on climate change
<b>Environment/Enterprises</b>		
2000/343	Environment/Enterprises	Communication on environmental issues of PVC
2000/344	Environment/Enterprises	White Paper on a future strategy for chemicals in the EU
<b>Environment/Health and consumer protection/Enterprises</b>		
2000/345	Environment/Health and consumer protection/ Enterprises	Communication on the use of the precautionary principle
<b>Taxation</b>		
2000/346	Taxation	Annual report on the tax package
2000/347	Taxation	Communication on the taxation of aircraft fuel
2000/348	Taxation	Communication on a strategy to improve the operation of VAT in the internal market
2000/349	Taxation	Communication on tax strategy
2000/350	Taxation	Communication on company taxation and the single market
2000/351	Taxation	Communication on the review of the code of conduct for business taxation
2000/352	Taxation	Communication on vehicle taxation in the European Union and potential options for future action at Community level

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ENV	Oral procedure	9.2.2000	White paper	—	—
ENV	Written procedure	March	Commission communication	—	—
ENV	Oral procedure	May	Green paper	—	—
ENV	Written procedure	June	Commission communication	—	—
ENV	Written procedure	November	Commission communication	—	—
ENV	Not yet decided	November	Commission communication	—	—
ENV	Oral procedure	November	Commission communication	—	—
ENV	Oral procedure	1.3.2000	Green paper	—	—
ENV/ENTR/ TREN	Oral procedure	1.3.2000	Commission communication	—	—
ENV/ENTR	Oral procedure	April	Commission communication	—	—
ENV/ENTR	Oral procedure	May	White paper	—	—
ENV/SANCO/ ENTR	Oral procedure	2.2.2000	Commission communication	—	—
TAXUD	Not yet decided	March	Report	—	—
TAXUD	Written procedure	March	Commission communication	—	—
TAXUD	Not yet decided	June	Commission communication	—	—
TAXUD	Oral procedure	June	Commission communication	—	—
TAXUD	Oral procedure	September	Commission communication	—	—
TAXUD	Not yet decided	September	Commission communication	—	—
TAXUD	Written procedure	December	Commission communication	—	—

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<b>Justice and home affairs</b>		
2000/353	Justice and home affairs	Green Paper on legal aid in civil law matters
2000/354	Justice and home affairs	Revision of the Dublin Convention on Asylum
2000/355	Justice and home affairs	Communication on the law applicable to non-contractual obligations
2000/356	Justice and home affairs	Communication in the field of crime prevention
2000/357	Justice and home affairs	Communication on creating a safer information society by combating computer-related crime
2000/358	Justice and home affairs	Communication on the mutual recognition of decisions in the areas of civil and commercial law
2000/359	Justice and home affairs	Communication on the assessment of the elections to the European Parliament of June 1999
2000/360	Justice and home affairs	Communication on a common European asylum system
2000/361	Justice and home affairs	Third report on the application of the provisions on citizenship of the European Union
<b>Justice and home affairs/Information society</b>		
2000/362	Justice and home affairs/ Information society	Communication on creating a safer information society by combating computer-related crime
<b>Fight against fraud</b>		
2000/363	Fight against fraud	Communication on the development of the global anti-fraud strategy and the work programme accompanied by the annual 'EC Article 280, paragraph 5' report
2000/364	Fight against fraud	Communication on improving <i>ex post</i> and <i>ex ante</i> checks aimed at ensuring better proofing of Community legislation against fraud and irregularities in the various sectors of activity of the Community
<b>Internal market</b>		
2000/365	Internal market	Communication on retail payments in the internal market
2000/366	Internal market	Communication on the review of SLIM (simpler legislation in the internal market)
2000/367	Internal market	Interpretative communication on concessions under Community law
2000/368	Internal market	Communication reviewing the annual target actions of the single market strategy
2000/369	Internal market	Communication on the distinction between 'sophisticated' investors and 'retail investors' (clarification of Article 11 of Directive 93/22/EEC)

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JAI	Oral procedure	9.2.2000	Green paper	—	—
JAI	Oral procedure	15.2.2000	Commission working paper	—	—
JAI	Oral procedure	February	Commission communication	—	—
JAI	Written procedure	June	Commission communication	—	—
JAI/INFSO	Written procedure	June	Commission communication	—	—
JAI	Oral procedure	Third quarter	Commission communication	—	—
JAI	Written procedure	Third quarter	Commission communication	—	—
JAI	Oral procedure	December	Commission communication	—	—
JAI	Written procedure	Fourth quarter	Report	—	—
JAI/INFSO	Oral procedure	June	Commission communication	—	—
OLAF	Oral procedure	May	Commission communication	—	—
OLAF	Oral procedure	Fourth quarter	Commission communication	—	—
MARKT	Written procedure	31.1.2000	Commission communication	—	—
MARKT	Written procedure	February	Commission communication	—	—
MARKT	Written procedure	March	Commission communication	—	—
MARKT	Oral procedure	April	Commission communication	—	—
MARKT	Written procedure	April	Commission communication	—	—

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2000/370	Internal market	Interpretative communication on public procurement and the environment
2000/371	Internal market	Biannual progress reports on Financial Services action plan
2000/372	Internal market	Communication updating the EU accounting strategy
2000/373	Internal market	Communication on preventing fraud and counterfeiting in payment systems
2000/374	Internal market	Communication on combating counterfeiting and piracy in the single market
2000/375	Internal market	Communication on an electronic commerce policy for financial services
2000/376	Internal market	Communication on upgrading the investment services, Directive 93/22/EEC
2000/377	Internal market	Communication on mutual recognition of professional qualifications
2000/378	Internal market	Interpretative communication on the application of the principles of free movement of services in the area of the use of parabolic antennas
2000/379	Internal market	Communication on sales promotions
<b>Fisheries</b>		
2000/380	Fisheries	Report on the fisheries situation in the Community
<b>Regional policy</b>		
2000/381	Regional policy	Communication relating to innovative actions of regional development
2000/382	Regional policy	Second cohesion report (Article 159 of the EC Treaty)
<b>Research</b>		
2000/383	Research	Communication: Towards a European research area
2000/384	Research	Communication on the assessment of the framework programme and orientations for its future
<b>Research/Enterprises/External affairs/Information society</b>		
2000/385	Research/Enterprises/External affairs/Information society	Communication on a European strategy for space
<b>External affairs</b>		
2000/386	External affairs	Communication on the operational conclusions of the conditionality report in the framework of the European Union's regional approach in south-east Europe
2000/387	External affairs	Communication on developing closer relations between Indonesia and the European Union

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MARKT	Written procedure	April	Commission communication	—	—
MARKT	Written procedure	May/November	Report	—	—
MARKT	Oral procedure	September	Commission communication	—	—
MARKT/JAI	Written procedure	September	Commission communication	—	—
MARKT	Written procedure	September	Commission communication	—	—
MARKT	Oral procedure	October	Commission communication	—	—
MARKT	Written procedure	November	Commission communication	—	—
MARKT	Written procedure	November	Commission communication	—	—
MARKT	Written procedure	November	Commission communication	—	—
MARKT	Oral procedure	November	Commission communication	—	—
FISH	Written procedure	December	Report	—	—
REGIO	Written procedure	Second quarter	Commission communication	—	—
REGIO	Oral procedure	December	Report	—	—
RTD	Oral procedure	18.1.2000	Commission communication	—	—
RTD	Oral procedure	July	Commission communication	—	—
JRC	Oral procedure	Third quarter	Commission communication	—	—
RELEX	Oral procedure	2.2.2000	Commission communication	—	—
RELEX	Oral procedure	2.2.2000	Commission communication	—	—

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2000/388	External affairs	Communication on electoral observation and assistance
2000/389	External affairs	Commission working paper on the preparation of the ASEM Summit, Seoul, October 2000
2000/390	External affairs	Communication on the follow-up to the Rio Summit
2000/391	External affairs	Communication on the identification of non-military crisis management capability with appropriate decision-making procedures
2000/392	External affairs	Communication on an action plan for drugs in central Asia
2000/393	External affairs	Communication on developing the role of human rights and democratisation activities in EU external relations
2000/394	External affairs	Communication on the development of the Commission's external service
2000/395	External affairs	Feasibility report in view of the negotiation of a stabilisation and association agreement with Croatia
2000/396	External affairs	Feasibility report in view of the negotiation of a stabilisation and association agreement with Bosnia and Herzegovina
2000/397	External affairs	Commission working paper on the preparation of the fourth Euro-Mediterranean meeting of foreign ministers/meeting of Heads of State or Government
<b>External affairs/Enlargement/Energy/Environment/Research</b>		
2000/398	External affairs/Enlargement/ Energy/Environment/Research	Communication on nuclear safety-related activities for the applicant countries of central and eastern Europe and the new independent States
<b>Health and consumer protection</b>		
2000/399	Health and consumer protection	White Paper on food safety
2000/400	Health and consumer protection	Working paper on the establishment of a European network of extra-judicial bodies responsible for the out-of-court settlement of consumer disputes
2000/401	Health and consumer protection	Communication concerning the health strategy of the European Community
2000/402	Health and consumer protection	Communication on the development of a Community network for the epidemiological surveillance and control of communicable diseases
2000/403	Health and consumer protection	Report on the application of Council Directive 93/13/EEC relating to unfair terms in consumer contracts
2000/404	Health and consumer protection	Commission working document on consumers and services of general interest
2000/405	Health and consumer protection	Report to the Council on comparison with welfare legislation in third countries as provided. Article 8 of Directive 98/58/EC concerning the protection of animals kept for farming purposes



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RELEX	Oral procedure	1.3.2000	Commission communication	—	—
RELEX	Oral procedure	1.3.2000	Commission working paper	—	—
RELEX	Oral procedure	14.3.2000	Commission communication	—	—
RELEX	Oral procedure	March	Commission communication	—	—
RELEX	Written procedure	April	Commission communication	—	—
RELEX	Written procedure	May	Commission communication	—	—
RELEX	Not yet decided	June	Commission communication	—	—
RELEX	Written procedure	Third quarter	Report	—	—
RELEX	Written procedure	Third quarter	Report	—	—
RELEX	Oral procedure	Third quarter	Commission working paper	—	—
RELEX/ENV	Oral procedure	Second quarter	Commission communication	—	—
SANCO	Oral procedure	12.1.2000	White paper	—	—
SANCO	Written procedure	February	Commission working paper	—	—
SANCO	Oral procedure	29.3.2000	Commission communication	—	—
SANCO	Written procedure	March	Commission communication	—	—
SANCO	Written procedure	March	Report	—	—
SANCO	Written procedure	March	Commission working paper	—	—
SANCO	Written procedure	March	Report	—	—

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2000/406	Health and consumer protection	Report on protection of animals during transport in Member States (Directive 91/628/EEC on the protection of animals during transport and amending Directives 90/425/EEC and 91/496/EEC)
2000/407	Health and consumer protection	Communication on the intake of food additives
<b>Information society</b>		
2000/408	Information society	Communication on the creation of the EU top-level domain
2000/409	Information society	Communication on e-Europe progress report
2000/410	Information society	Commission working paper on the follow-up to the Green Paper on public-sector information in the information society
2000/411	Information society	Communication on world radio conference 2000
2000/412	Information society	Communication on the organisation and management of the Internet
2000/413	Information society	Communication on the results of the public consultation following the 1999 electronic communications review
2000/414	Information society	Communication on an action plan for e-Europe: an information society for all
2000/415	Information society	Communication on the Community interests in relation to the reform process in the ITU
2000/416	Information society	Communication on the results of world radio conference 2000
<b>Information society/External trade</b>		
2000/417	Information society/External trade	Communication on GATS 2000 — Telecommunications
<b>All</b>		
2000/418	All	Communication on the follow-up to the annual 1998 report of the Court of Auditors
<b>Transport</b>		
2000/419	Transport	Communication on priorities in EU road safety — Progress report and ranking of actions
2000/420	Transport	Communication on the safety of oil tankers
2000/421	Transport	Communication on a revised strategy for the common transport policy
2000/422	Transport	Communication on the implementation of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) recommendations in the air safety field
2000/423	Transport	Communication on the achievement of the single European sky on the basis of the report of the high-level group

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SANCO	Written procedure	March	Report	—	—
SANCO	Written procedure	June	Commission communication	—	—
INFSO	Oral procedure	2.2.2000	Commission communication	—	—
INFSO	Oral procedure	8.3.2000	Commission communication	—	—
INFSO	Oral procedure	14.3.2000	Commission working paper	—	—
INFSO	Oral procedure	22.3.2000	Commission communication	—	—
INFSO	Oral procedure	23.3.2000	Commission communication	—	—
INFSO	Oral procedure	April	Commission communication	—	—
INFSO	Oral procedure	June	Commission communication	—	—
INFSO	Written procedure	June	Commission communication	—	—
INFSO	Oral procedure	October	Commission communication	—	—
INFSO	Oral procedure	22.3.2000	Commission communication	—	—
BUDG	Oral procedure	March	Commission communication	—	—
TREN	Oral procedure	February	Commission communication	—	—
TREN	Written procedure	March	Commission communication	—	—
TREN	Oral procedure	June	Commission communication	—	—
TREN	Written procedure	Second quarter	Commission communication	—	—
TREN	Oral procedure	June	Commission communication	—	—

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2000/424	Transport	Communication on public financing and charging practices in the Community seaport sector
2000/425	Transport	Communication on European rail freight corridors
2000/426	Transport	Communication on the future of inland waterway transport
2000/427	Transport	Communication on controls and sanctions in the road transport sector
<b>Transport/Education, culture and sport/Employment and social affairs</b>		
2000/428	Transport/Education, culture and sport/Employment and social affairs	Communication on maritime training and recruitment of seafarers in the European Union
<b>Transport/Enlargement/Regional policy</b>		
2000/429	Transport/Enlargement/Regional policy	Communication on the identification of infrastructure needs for a future trans-European transport network in the applicant countries (Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovak Republic and Slovenia)
<b>Transport/Environment</b>		
2000/430	Transport/Environment	Communication on transport in environmentally sensitive areas (Alps and Pyrenees)
<b>Transport/External affairs</b>		
2000/431	Transport/External affairs	Communication on the status of the Community in the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO)
<b>Transport/Health and consumer protection</b>		
2000/432	Transport/Health and consumer protection	Communication on a charter for air passenger rights
<b>Transport/Information society</b>		
2000/433	Transport/Information society	Communication on frequency needs for Galileo
2000/434	Transport/Information society	Communication concerning a deployment plan for intelligent transport systems (ITS) in the road sector

Lead service(s)	Procedure for adoption by the Commission	Date estimated for adoption by the Commission	Type of action	Treaty legal basis envisaged at this stage <sup>(1)</sup>	Probable adoption procedure in Parliament
TREN	Written procedure	Third quarter	Commission communication	—	—
TREN	Written procedure	Third quarter	Commission communication	—	—
TREN	Written procedure	Fourth quarter	Commission communication	—	—
TREN	Written procedure	Fourth quarter	Commission communication	—	—
TREN	Written procedure	Second quarter	Commission communication	—	—
TREN/ REGIO/ ELARG	Written procedure	March	Commission communication	—	—
TREN	Oral procedure	Third quarter	Commission communication	—	—
TREN	Written procedure	Third quarter	Commission communication	—	—
TREN/ SANCO	Written procedure	March	Commission communication	—	—
TREN/INFSO	Oral procedure	23.2.2000	Commission communication	—	—
TREN	Written procedure	October	Commission communication	—	—

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**Table 3 — Autonomous acts**

Programme No	Area(s) of activity	Title
<b>Administration and personnel</b>		
2000/435	Administration and personnel	Commission decision on yearly targets concerning recruitments and appointments of women and men
2000/436	Administration and personnel	Commission decision on the code of good administrative behaviour
2000/437	Administration and personnel	Draft Commission decision on grading procedures (first reading of the collège)
2000/438	Administration and personnel	Commission decision on guidelines for organigrammes
2000/439	Administration and personnel	Commission decision on grading procedures
2000/440	Administration and personnel	Draft Commission decision to prevent professional incompetence (first reading of the collège)
2000/441	Administration and personnel	Draft Commission decision on disciplinary procedures (first reading of the collège)
2000/442	Administration and personnel	Draft Commission decision on reporting misconduct (first reading of the collège)
2000/443	Administration and personnel	Conclusion of framework agreement between the Commission and the trade unions and staff organisations
2000/444	Administration and personnel	Draft Commission decision on management performance (first reading of the collège)
2000/445	Administration and personnel	Draft Commission decision on recruitment policy (first reading of the collège)
2000/446	Administration and personnel	Draft Commission decision on a new annual evaluation system of servants (first reading of the collège)
2000/447	Administration and personnel	Draft Commission decision on the promotion system (first reading of the collège)
2000/448	Administration and personnel	Draft Commission decision on a new officials trainee programme (first reading of the collège)
2000/449	Administration and personnel	Draft Commission decision on national experts on detachment (first reading of the collège)
2000/450	Administration and personnel	Draft Commission decision on recruitment of temporary servants (first reading of the collège)
2000/451	Administration and personnel	Draft Commission decision on the code of conduct for external personnel (first reading of the collège)
<b>Agriculture and rural development</b>		
2000/452	Agriculture and rural development	Commission guidelines on the financial management of the implementation of the pre-accession instrument Sapard
2000/453	Agriculture and rural development	Commission decision on the guidelines of Community initiative Leader +
2000/454	Agriculture and rural development	Commission decisions on the rural development plans according to Regulation (EC) No 1257/1999 on support for rural development from EAGGF

Lead service(s)	Procedure for adoption by the Commission	Date estimated for adoption by the Commission	Type of action	Treaty legal basis envisaged at this stage <sup>(1)</sup>	Probable adoption procedure in Parliament
ADMIN	Oral procedure	9.2.2000	Autonomous act	—	—
SG	Oral procedure	29.3.2000	Autonomous act	—	—
ADMIN	Oral procedure	May	Autonomous act	—	—
ADMIN	Oral procedure	May	Autonomous act	—	—
ADMIN	Oral procedure	September	Autonomous act	—	—
ADMIN	Oral procedure	September	Autonomous act	—	—
ADMIN	Oral procedure	September	Autonomous act	—	—
ADMIN	Oral procedure	September	Autonomous act	—	—
ADMIN	Oral procedure	Third quarter	Autonomous act	—	—
ADMIN	Oral procedure	October	Autonomous act	—	—
ADMIN	Oral procedure	October	Autonomous act	—	—
ADMIN	Oral procedure	October	Autonomous act	—	—
ADMIN	Oral procedure	October	Autonomous act	—	—
ADMIN	Oral procedure	October	Autonomous act	—	—
ADMIN	Oral procedure	October	Autonomous act	—	—
ADMIN	Oral procedure	October	Autonomous act	—	—
ADMIN	Oral procedure	October	Autonomous act	—	—
ADMIN	Oral procedure	October	Autonomous act	—	—
AGRI	Oral procedure	26.1.2000	Autonomous act	—	—
AGRI	Written procedure	March	Autonomous act	—	—
AGRI	Written procedure	May	Autonomous act	—	—

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Programme No	Area(s) of activity	Title
2000/455	Agriculture and rural development	Commission regulation on the financial management of the implementation of the pre-accession instrument Sapard
2000/456	Agriculture and rural development	Commission decisions on the agricultural and rural development programmes for the 10 candidate countries of central and eastern Europe in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1268/99 (Sapard)
<b>Audit</b>		
2000/457	Audit	Financial controller's annual report 1999
<b>Budget</b>		
2000/458	Budget	Amendment to DG BUDG and AUDIT organigrammes in order to create a central financial service and an internal audit function
2000/459	Budget	Communication to the Commission on the reduction of payment delays
2000/460	Budget	Draft Commission decision on the ECSC operating budget for 2001
2000/461	Budget	Commission decision on the new application rules for the procedures related to CCAM and for the public market regulations in case of acquisitions
2000/462	Budget	Commission decision on the ECSC operating budget for 2001
<b>Competition</b>		
2000/463	Competition	Commission regulation renewing the block exemption for liner shipping consortia contained in Regulation (EC) No 870/95
2000/464	Competition	Commission decision on Community guidelines concerning State aid for environment
2000/465	Competition	Commission decision on guidelines on vertical restraints
2000/466	Competition	Commission directive amending Directive 80/723/EEC on the transparency of financial relations between Member States and public undertakings
2000/467	Competition	Commission decision on an amendment to the communication on voice on the Internet
2000/468	Competition	Commission regulation on the application of Articles 87 and 88 of the EC Treaty to State aid to SMEs Commission regulation on the application of Articles 87 and 88 of the EC Treaty to training aids Commission regulation on the application of Articles 87 and 88 of the EC Treaty to 'de minimis' aid
2000/469	Competition	Commission decision on a Community framework on State aid to cinema and TV production
2000/470	Competition	Commission decision on a possible extension of the community framework for State aid to the motor vehicle industry



Lead service(s)	Procedure for adoption by the Commission	Date estimated for adoption by the Commission	Type of action	Treaty legal basis envisaged at this stage (1)	Probable adoption procedure in Parliament
AGRI	Written procedure	May	Autonomous act	—	—
AGRI	Written procedure	Second quarter	Autonomous act	—	—
AUDIT	Oral procedure	May	Autonomous act	—	—
BUDG	Oral procedure	15.3.2000	Autonomous act	—	—
BUDG	Oral procedure	April	Autonomous act	—	—
BUDG	Oral procedure	June	Autonomous act	—	—
BUDG	Oral procedure	June	Autonomous act	—	—
BUDG	Oral procedure	December	Autonomous act	—	—
COMP	Oral procedure	April	Autonomous act	—	—
COMP	Oral procedure	April	Autonomous act	—	—
COMP	Oral procedure	May	Autonomous act	—	—
COMP	Oral procedure	May	Autonomous act	—	—
COMP	Oral procedure	June	Autonomous act	—	—
COMP	Oral procedure	June	Autonomous act	—	—
COMP	Oral procedure	June	Autonomous act	—	—
COMP	Oral procedure	July	Autonomous act	—	—

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Programme No	Area(s) of activity	Title
2000/471	Competition	Decision on special guidance on the treatment of certain measures designed to tackle specific problems of the central and eastern European countries as they complete market economy reforms and prepare for accession
2000/472	Competition	Commission directive consolidating the directives based on Article 86(3) of the treaty in the field of telecommunications (90/388/EEC, 94/46/EC, 95/51/EC, 96/2/EC, 96/19/EC and a 1999/64/EC)
2000/473	Competition	Competition rules applicable to horizontal cooperation agreements: Commission block exemption regulation on the application of Article 81(3) of the treaty to categories of specialisation agreements: Commission block exemption regulation on the application of Article 81(3) of the treaty to categories of research and development agreements, Commission decision on guidelines on the applicability of Article 81(3) to horizontal cooperation
2000/474	Competition	Commission decision on a communication on standardised reporting requirements
2000/475	Competition	Commission decision on Community guidelines concerning State aid for employment
<b>Employment and social affairs</b>		
2000/476	Employment and social affairs	Commission decision on single programming documents for Objective 3
2000/477	Employment and social affairs	Commission decision concerning guidelines for the EQUAL programme
<b>Internal market</b>		
2000/478	Internal market	Commission recommendation on disclosure of financial instruments
2000/479	Internal market	Commission decisions on sport instructors
2000/480	Internal market	Commission recommendation to support best practice in respect of information provision regarding mortgage credit
2000/481	Internal market	Commission decisions creating new advisory committees for six sectoral directives in the area of professional qualifications
<b>Regional policy</b>		
2000/482	Regional policy	Commission decision on the list of regions eligible for Objective 2 (France, Luxembourg, Austria, Sweden)
2000/483	Regional policy	Commission decision on the guidelines of Community initiative URBAN II
2000/484	Regional policy	Commission decision on the guidelines of Community initiative Interreg III
2000/485	Regional policy	Decision of the Commission relating to the list of regions eligible for Objective 2 (Italy)
2000/486	Regional policy	Commission decision on rules relating to financial corrections for the ERDF and Cohesion Fund

Lead service(s)	Procedure for adoption by the Commission	Date estimated for adoption by the Commission	Type of action	Treaty legal basis envisaged at this stage (1)	Probable adoption procedure in Parliament
COMP	Not yet decided	Third quarter	Autonomous act	—	—
COMP	Oral procedure	Third quarter	Autonomous act	—	—
COMP	Oral procedure	October	Autonomous act	—	—
COMP	Not yet decided	October	Autonomous act	—	—
COMP	Oral procedure	Fourth quarter	Autonomous act	—	—
EMPL	Written procedure	May	Autonomous act	—	—
EMPL	Written procedure	November	Autonomous act	—	—
MARKT	Written procedure	March	Autonomous act	—	—
MARKT	Written procedure	July	Autonomous act	—	—
MARKT	Written procedure	October	Autonomous act	—	—
MARKT	Written procedure	October	Autonomous act	—	—
REGIO	Oral procedure	18.1.2000	Autonomous act	—	—
REGIO	Oral procedure	14.3.2000	Autonomous act	—	—
REGIO	Oral procedure	14.3.2000	Autonomous act	—	—
REGIO	Oral procedure	29.3.2000	Autonomous act	—	—
REGIO	Written procedure	March	Autonomous act	—	—

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Programme No	Area(s) of activity	Title
2000/487	Regional policy	Commission decisions adopting Community support frameworks/ single programming documents for Objective 1 areas (in total ± 26)
2000/488	Regional policy	Commission decisions adopting single programming documents for Objective 2 areas (in total ± 101)
<b>Health and consumer protection</b>		
2000/489	Health and consumer protection	Commission decision amending Decision 98/272/EC on epidemiological surveillance of TSEs (transmissible spongiform encephalopathies)
2000/490	Health and consumer protection	Amendment of Commission Decision (97/404/EC) setting up a scientific steering committee and of Decision (97/579/EC) setting up scientific committees in the field of consumer health and food safety
2000/491	Health and consumer protection	Commission decision establishing a programme for the evaluation of flavouring substances
2000/492	Health and consumer protection	Commission directives on substances to be used for nutritional purposes in foods for particular nutritional uses
2000/493	Health and consumer protection	Commission regulation implementing Regulation (EC) No 258/97 on novel foods and novel foods ingredients
2000/494	Health and consumer protection	Modification of the Commission Directive 80/777/EEC on mineral waters
2000/495	Health and consumer protection	Commission directives amending the annexes to Council Directives 86/362/EEC, 86/363/EEC and 90/642/EEC on the fixing of maximum levels of pesticides residues in and on cereals, products of animal origin and fruits and vegetables respectively
2000/496	Health and consumer protection	Commission decisions on the inclusion or exclusion of active substances in Annex I to Council Directive 91/414/EEC
2000/497	Health and consumer protection	Modification of the Commission Directive 91/321/EEC on infant formulae and follow-on formulae
2000/498	Health and consumer protection	Modification of the Commission Directive 96/5/EC on processed baby foods
2000/499	Health and consumer protection	Modification of the Commission Regulation (EC) No 194/97/EC setting maximum limits for certain contaminants
2000/500	Health and consumer protection	Commission decision to update the Community register of flavouring substances used in or on foodstuffs
2000/501	Health and consumer protection	Modification of the Commission Directive 90/128/EEC on food contact plastics
2000/502	Health and consumer protection	Commission decision establishing the list of irradiation facilities

Lead service(s)	Procedure for adoption by the Commission	Date estimated for adoption by the Commission	Type of action	Treaty legal basis envisaged at this stage <sup>(1)</sup>	Probable adoption procedure in Parliament
REGIO	Written procedure	Second quarter	Autonomous act	—	—
REGIO	Written procedure	Second quarter	Autonomous act	—	—
SANCO	Oral procedure	29.3.2000	Autonomous act	—	—
SANCO	Written procedure	March	Autonomous act	—	—
SANCO	Written procedure	June	Autonomous act	—	—
SANCO	Written procedure	June	Autonomous act	—	—
SANCO	Written procedure	September	Autonomous act	—	—
SANCO	Written procedure	September	Autonomous act	—	—
SANCO	Written procedure	September	Autonomous act	—	—
SANCO/ENV	Written procedure	September	Autonomous act	—	—
SANCO	Written procedure	November	Autonomous act	—	—
SANCO	Written procedure	November	Autonomous act	—	—
SANCO	Written procedure	December	Autonomous act	—	—
SANCO	Written procedure	December	Autonomous act	—	—
SANCO	Written procedure	December	Autonomous act	—	—
SANCO	Written procedure	December	Autonomous act	—	—

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Programme No	Area(s) of activity	Title
<b>Information society</b>		
2000/503	Information society	Commission recommendation on access to the local loop, including local-loop unbundling
<b>All</b>		
2000/504	All	Communication to the Commission on evaluation
2000/505	All	Commission decision on the reinforcement of the evaluation system

Lead service(s)	Procedure for adoption by the Commission	Date estimated for adoption by the Commission	Type of action	Treaty legal basis envisaged at this stage <sup>(1)</sup>	Probable adoption procedure in Parliament
INFSO	Oral procedure	April	Autonomous act	—	—
BUDG/ AUDIT	Oral procedure	15.2.2000	Autonomous act	—	—
BUDG	Oral procedure	May	Autonomous act	—	—

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# Resolutions of the European Parliament



# I. Resolution of the European Parliament on the Commission's five-year strategic programme

## *The European Parliament,*

1. Welcomes the strategic objectives as set forth in the communication from the Commission;
2. Believes that the common objectives of EU policies, and of the reform of EU institutions, must be to put the European Union at the service of the citizen, requiring policies which reflect the priorities and aspirations of Europe's citizens and institutions worthy of their trust;
3. Considers that this maiden global statement of the Commission's medium-term vision, priorities and intentions represents an important step forward in the democratic accountability of the Commission to the people of Europe;
4. Believes these objectives need to be developed through setting priorities, timetables and benchmarks;
5. Shares the Commission's analysis of the four main challenges facing the European Union, but reminds the Commission that its first duty is to fulfil the expectations of Europe's citizens; underlines, therefore, the special importance of economic, social, environmental and consumer protection issues;
6. Emphasises the overriding significance of making a success of EU enlargement;
7. Is in favour of an ambitious reform of the institutions of the Union, as a necessary prerequisite to guarantee the success of enlargement, and the expeditious accession of candidate countries having met the required criteria;
8. Recognises, in addition to the need for political and financial programmes for the candidate countries, that special attention must be paid to the countries of south-eastern Europe, including those for which membership is not imminent;

## *Promoting new forms of European governance:*

9. Proposes an agenda for reform of the Union, commensurate with the ambitious

enlargement programme, which enhances the Union's legitimacy and aims to reconnect citizens with the European project; in particular through a form of governance which respects the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality;

10. Strongly endorses internal reform of the Commission, Council and Parliament as essential to improve the efficiency, openness and transparency of EU institutions; insists that the Commission, while becoming more transparent and focusing on core issues, must remain fully involved in the implementation and follow-up of EU policies;

11. Welcomes the fact that the Commission acknowledges the need to establish new forms of cooperation between the different levels of decision-making in Europe and looks forward to the White Paper on this subject being accompanied by specific steps in this direction;

12. Insists that a charter of fundamental rights focusing on the relationship between citizens and the EU institutions must become an integral part of the new treaty;

## *On specific issues:*

13. Stresses that the next five years will be crucial in order to fulfil European commitments to the Kyoto Conference regarding the 8% reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> before 2008;

14. In the light of the treaties, insists on a clear demonstration to citizens of the added value and efficiency of Union action in the establishment of core Commission objectives and activities and in this regard calls on the Commission to identify the policies and programmes which should be subject to review and possible repeal;

15. Stresses that the most important economic and social achievement over the life of the new Commission will be to generate a successful European economy; welcomes the Commission's commitment to full employment and believes that the closer coordination of employment and social policies at EU level

can enhance the role of Member State governments and social partners in creating employment;

16. Welcomes the strategic objective of reducing the disparities between Europe's regions and territories and calls for the timely preparation of the adjustment of the structural funds for the enlargement of the Union;

17. Insists on the development of an area of justice including a common asylum and immigration policy; urges the Commission to present the 'scoreboard' with priorities, firm deadlines and the financial and human resources necessary for this task;

18. Calls on the Commission, in view of the renewed threat of racism and intolerance, to strengthen its commitment to guaranteeing equal rights, equal opportunities and the protection of minorities throughout the Union, in order to ensure that all Europeans share in the benefits of growing prosperity, security and solidarity, which would sustain and support the development of a multi-ethnic, multi-cultural and diverse Europe;

19. Wishes to strengthen Europol to tackle cross-border crime and fraud, subject to appropriate accountability, including review by the European Court of Justice;

20. Insists on the completion of the single market through the elaboration of a European framework for e-commerce, an efficient implementation of the public procurement directives, the creation of more efficient public utilities and a single European company statute, with particular reference to small and medium-sized enterprises; this also requires additional objectives for the new economic and social agenda including the improvement of the working environment, basic social protection, gender mainstreaming and economic and social cohesion;

21. Welcomes the intention to restore consumer confidence in food safety, *inter alia* by

the proposal to establish a European food authority;

22. Welcomes the proposal to improve air safety through the creation of a single European airspace and a European air safety agency;

23. Welcomes the commitment to fostering effective cooperation with our immediate neighbours and underlines, in particular, the need to prioritise relations with the Mediterranean countries in addition to those countries on the EU's eastern borders; calls in this context for a specific focus on strengthening the conflict-prevention capacities of the EU;

24. Underlines, in the light of the pending EU-Africa summit, the importance of developing stronger political relations between North and South, in addition to the existing role of the Commission in development cooperation;

25. Insists on the need to restore a millennium round of trade talks which includes the wider issues of protection of the environment, the widespread concerns of developing countries, public health and social concerns; welcomes the Commission's commitment to boosting Europe's voice in the world, particularly as regards the reform of global governance; emphasises that the aim of reforming the UN, the WTO and the international financial institutions must be to enhance their democratic dimension;

26. Considers that the reform of the common fisheries policy due to take place in 2002 should be mentioned in the five-year working programme of the Commission;

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27. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and Council.

## II. European Parliament resolution on the Commission's annual legislative programme for 2000

### *The European Parliament,*

Having regard to the interinstitutional declaration on democracy, transparency and subsidiarity of 25 October 1993 by the European Parliament, the Council and Commission<sup>(1)</sup>,

A. Noting the Commission's work programme, which constitutes an indispensable interinstitutional instrument for the programming and coordination of the Union's activities in a transparent and efficient way,

B. Whereas the European Parliament has powers to monitor implementation of the legislative programme at certain intervals, while being closely involved in defining political priorities and in monitoring implementation of the requisite measures,

1. Encourages the Commission to pursue its efforts to improve the legislative planning process and asks it to include in the annual work programme, for the sake of comprehensiveness and efficiency, all the proposals and actions proposed, the legislative proposals under way and the report on the implementation of the Commission programme for the previous year;

2. Calls on the Commission to use its right of initiative not only to propose new initiatives but also to revitalise the legislative proposals pending before the Council and to keep Parliament informed of the reason for the impasse in each case;

3. Calls on the Commission to ensure, before submission of any new proposal, that such proposals comply with the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality;

4. Calls on the Commission to schedule more stringently than in the past the codification of Community law and to submit specific proposals for the future;

5. Regrets that, despite Parliament's right to ask the Commission to submit any appropriate proposals on matters on which it considers that a Community act is required for the purpose of implementing the Treaty, the Commission has so far shown very little diligence in

following up Parliament's requests by presenting a legislative proposal;

### *Foreign and security policy and multilateral trade*

6. Encourages and supports the Commission's efforts to pursue its internal restructuring with a view to developing its ability to deliver results in the field of conflict prevention and crisis management effectively and on time in order to meet the new goals set in the Amsterdam Treaty;

7. In this connection, asks the Commission to review and identify non-military crisis-response tools such as humanitarian aid, monitoring of the democratic process, electoral follow-up, institution-rehabilitation and public security, and to establish effective mechanisms for rapid coordination and deployment, bearing in mind the need to adapt decision-making processes, especially those involving financial decisions;

8. Urges the Commission to provide for rapid emergency aid to Mongolia, under the agreement with that country via the Tacis programme, in order to combat the suffering of humans and livestock in Mongolia caused by the extreme cold (-45°C);

9. Urges the Commission to prepare the creation of a special budget fund for civil crisis intervention and to present a plan ensuring that sufficient amounts are available in future EU budgets to respond to civil crisis situations;

10. Urges the Commission to begin a comprehensive debate on the restructuring of the external representation of the EU which should respond efficiently to the needs of a future European foreign policy;

11. Welcomes the initiative for the protection of the Community's financial interests outside the Union in the form of a cooperation agreement with Switzerland; hopes that this type of initiative will speedily be extended to other countries, especially those that benefit from substantial financial assistance from the Community;

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ C 329, 6.12.1993, p. 133.

12. Takes the view that preparations for the fourth meeting of the Euro-Mediterranean Foreign Ministers and the Heads of State or Government represent a good opportunity for strengthening the Barcelona Process, revitalising, in particular, the negotiation of partnership agreements with Algeria, Syria and Lebanon and concluding such agreements with Egypt;

13. Welcomes the Commission's activities to maintain the momentum behind a WTO-led process on further trade liberalisation as part of an intensive dialogue with developing countries on ways of improving their position in the trading system and on the treatment of environmental and social issues; recalls the EU's declared objective of promoting sustainable development and calls on the Commission to present detailed proposals on how this dialogue should be pursued;

14. Calls on the Commission to promote and safeguard the values of cultural diversity within the framework of the WTO negotiations;

15. Demands that the Commission submit to Parliament, for its assent, any agreement on WTO accession reached with important trading partners;

### *Enlargement*

16. Welcomes the intention of the Commission to present a communication strategy so as to ensure a broad understanding of enlargement both within the Member States and the applicant countries and hopes that this will lead to greater involvement of all sectors of society in the process of enlargement and integration;

17. Demands to be informed regularly by the Commission of progress in negotiations for the accession of the 12 countries which are applicants for membership of the European Union;

18. Calls on the Commission to develop a strategy which seeks to engender stability and development in countries which adjoin the enlarged European Union; calls, especially, for cooperation with countries such as Russia, Ukraine, Moldova and Belarus and those of the Caucasus to be stepped up;

19. Supports the view that pre-accession funds should be used in a more decentralised way, thereby enabling local and regional authorities to play a more active role in the planning and implementation of projects;

### *Economic and social cohesion*

20. Insists on improved monitoring and coordination of economic and monetary policies; regrets, in this connection, that no new initiative has been proposed in the economic and financial sector; reiterates earlier calls for greater involvement of Parliament in this process in order to compensate for the democratic deficit in this crucial area of policy;

21. Welcomes the Commission's commitment to restoring full employment and securing social cohesion; emphasises that the Union and the Member States must intensify their work on modernising social protection and promoting social inclusion as matters of common concern;

22. Urges a revision of the directive on collective redundancies, which needs to be strengthened and instrumented by possible sanctions against companies infringing the directive;

23. Welcomes the announcement of a new social action programme and takes the view that it will require additional legislative proposals to develop it;

24. Welcomes the Commission's commitment regarding regional policy in the implementation of the Community initiatives Interreg III and URBAN II in the development of the regions by establishing the important lists of regions eligible for Objective 2 status as well as in setting out a new policy for the outermost regions and islands of the European Union;

25. Calls on the Commission to take all the measures required to ensure that the principle of additionality is fully respected in the current programming and implementation process under the Structural Funds;

26. Welcomes the Commission's commitment to publish a fifth action programme on gender equality; expects the Commission, nevertheless, to adopt benchmarking for gender equality in all areas of policy, implement gender mainstreaming in internal reforms and in the

enlargement process and take initiatives on reconciling professional and family life for women and men;

27. Calls on the Commission to take a legislative initiative in order to implement the Treaty provisions relating to services of general economic interest;

### *Single market, information society and tax*

28. Considers that greater harmonisation of civil law has become essential in the internal market and calls on the Commission to draw up a study in this area;

29. Calls on the Commission to make full use of the provisions of Article 153 of the EC Treaty relating to the protection of consumer rights and to present the requisite proposals;

30. Asks the Commission, in its forthcoming 'Legislative package on public procurement' and its interpretative communication on public procurement and the environment, to allow for effective social as well as environmental conditionality for procurement by public authorities of different political levels, as long as such conditions are not intended to distort competition;

31. Demands the rapid introduction of measures to counter piracy and counterfeiting in the internal market with a view to encouraging innovation, especially in the small businesses sector, and reminds the Commission that a European patent which is cheap and rapidly effective is still a matter of the utmost urgency;

32. Supports the Commission's approach calling for greater cooperation in the management of radio frequencies but opposes any reallocation of powers;

33. Insists that the Commission should take full account of Parliament's recommendations in its new proposal on postal services;

34. Supports the creation of a European research area and calls on the Commission to take the measures required for the development of European scientific potential;

35. Insists on the implementation of the e-Europe initiative specifically by elaborating an integrated legal framework for the develop-

ment of electronic commerce which guarantees an equitable balance between the interests of the industries concerned and those of consumers;

36. Welcomes the announcement of a communication on a strategy seeking to improve the operation of VAT in the internal market; insists that work on the simplification of the value added tax system and its straightforward application to electronic commerce should be speeded up;

37. Invites the Commission to envisage new legislative initiatives with a view to combating harmful tax competition between Member States; awaits with great interest the Commission's communications on tax strategy, the review of the code of conduct for business taxation and the communication on making economic policy supportive of environmental sustainability; calls on the Commission in this context to propose specific measures in favour of outermost regions pursuant to Article 299(2) of the EC Treaty;

### *Agriculture and fisheries*

38. Calls on the Commission to involve and inform Parliament on all aspects of negotiations on agriculture within the World Trade Organisation and on the negotiations concerning agriculture with the CEECs in the context of enlargement;

39. Asks the Commission to present without delay proposals aimed at simplifying Community legislation and implementation provisions within the CAP, in order to guarantee transparency and efficiency;

40. Insists that financial obligations entered into by the European Union under the CAP must be met in full; asks for solutions to be found to specific sectoral problems arising from the application of the common agricultural policy (CAP); urges the Commission to reconsider its intention of reducing expenditure under heading 1 by EUR 300 million;

41. Reminds the Commission of the importance of the countryside programmes and calls for implementation of the rural development measures as soon as possible;

42. Welcomes the intention of the Commission to integrate environmental considerations

more firmly into the CAP and calls upon the Commission to present specific legislative proposals to achieve this aim in the common agricultural and fisheries policies, including clear provisions for the precautionary principle;

43. Calls on the Commission, in pursuit of its objective of improving the competitiveness and sustainability of the common fisheries policy in the context of increasing globalisation of economic activities, to pay particular attention to preserving direct and indirect employment and to improving working conditions in that sector;

44. Asks the Commission to continue its efforts so that a fisheries agreement with Morocco may be signed as soon as possible;

## *Environment*

45. Welcomes the Commission's continued commitment to integrating environmental considerations in other sectors and Community policies, to be followed up by specific proposals; calls on the Commission to be particularly vigilant with regard to Structural Fund projects, enlargement and trade;

46. Calls on the Commission to come forward with a proposal for a sixth environmental action programme with quantified targets and timetables, as already requested by Parliament during the discussions on the fifth environmental action programme;

47. Asks the Commission to include in its programme the following proposals:

- proposals for establishing maximum limits in respect of the flexibility mechanism provided for in the Kyoto Protocol (including the trading of contamination licences),
- proposal for a directive on soil protection,
- proposals for transferring the responsibility for supervising common legal standards (inspections) to the European Environment Agency,
- proposal for the amendment of Directive 98/70/EC on fuel quality, with a view to reducing sulphur content to 10 ppm per litre,
- proposal for a directive on the prevention and repair of damage to the environment (replacing the proposed White Paper on

civil liability in environmental protection matters),

- proposal for a framework directive on noise policies,
- proposal for a directive on waste from electrical and electronic equipment,
- speeding-up of the process for evaluating and modifying the common list of substances annexed to Directive 91/414/EEC on pesticides,
- detailed review of Directive 92/43/EEC (fauna, flora and habitat) on the conservation of wild flora and fauna, in the light of its application in the Member States;

## *Food safety, public health and consumer confidence*

48. Welcomes the many ambitious and far-reaching programmes set out in the areas of food safety, public health and consumer confidence but emphasises the need for quality over quantity and reminds the Commission that problems still remain in implementing and monitoring existing legislation;

49. Supports the full application of the precautionary principle in all matters of food safety and calls, in this context, for the continuation of the existing moratorium on new GMO releases;

## *Transport and energy*

50. Supports the Commission in its ambitious programme regarding transport policy, especially the substantial improvement of air traffic control in European skies and the improvement of transport safety, especially in the maritime sector and on roads;

51. Notwithstanding the long-awaited announcement of a proposal for a directive on renewables, calls on the Commission for clearer signs of a shift in its energy policy towards the promotion of renewable energies, including market penetration and easier network access, in view of the contribution of renewable energy to competitiveness, environmental protection and security of supplies;



## *An area of freedom, security and justice*

52. Calls on the Commission to improve the planning of European justice and home affairs policies by means of close cooperation with Parliament at a very early stage (e.g. scoreboard, joint action plans and programmes, joint Green or White Papers), in order to avoid hasty decision-making as well as loss of credibility of the EU institutions in this field, and to ensure that, in future, the decision-making process allows for thorough scrutiny of policies and their impact;

## *Education and culture*

53. Emphasises that the Commission's programme of work does not make any explicit reference to the creation of a European educational and cultural area;

54. Regrets that, alongside the implementation of framework programmes for education, culture, young people and the audiovisual sector and the information and sports policies, not many measures and actions are envisaged to strengthen these policies, although they are essential for the establishment of European citizenship;

## *Internal reform*

55. Welcomes, in principle, the declared intention of the Commission to concentrate its resources in future on a range of core tasks; believes, however, that such a reform move must meet several conditions:

- (i) it must contribute towards enhancing the transparency of political responsibilities at European level relative to the national, regional or local levels of decision-making and policy implementation, especially for the general public,

- (ii) it should not be misused as an excuse for political inactivity in certain areas nor as a pretext for avoiding difficult policy issues,

- (iii) it needs to be developed in close consultation with Parliament, including close dialogue between individual Commissioners in their areas of responsibility and the appropriate parliamentary committees in the run-up to the reform;

56. Insists that a genuine and long-lasting reform of the Commission, as called for by Parliament, must be established as soon as possible in order to restore public confidence in the European institutions; calls on the Commission to take full account of the views of the European Parliament before any proposals are put forward to change the 'Staff Regulations of Officials of the European Communities' and recalls that it is Parliament which has the final say on any new staff resources which might be requested;

57. Is of the opinion that the draft regulation concerning public access to documents of the institutions is too restrictive; calls for more detailed provisions on transparency in the spirit of the Amsterdam Treaty;

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58. Calls on the Commission to submit the proposals referred to above and to inform Parliament of the progress of the legislative programme and of any changes or delays, in order to improve both the transparency of the decision-making process and interinstitutional cooperation;

59. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council, the parliaments of the Member States, the Committee of the Regions and the Economic and Social Committee.







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