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Nr.	Title	Description of scope of objectives	Committee
2	Addressing systemic risks related to shadow banking *	Following the Green Paper of March 2012 and the international work coordinated by the FSB, the Commission will address the systemic problems related to shadow banking entities and practices e.g. money market funds, securitisation and activities such as securities lending and repurchase agreements performed by all types of financial entities. (Q3 2013)	Finance
4	Review of the European System of Financial Supervision	The regulations establishing the EFSF (the three European Supervisory Authorities and the Systemic Risk Board) require that the Commission carried out an in-depth review in 2013, in view of making proposals for changes.	Finance
5	Providing long-term finance through actions to ensure the effectiveness of financial institutions, markets and instruments	Following the Green Paper to be adopted by the Commission at the end of the year, and the ensuing debate, the Commission will propose policy actions to improve the conditions for long term finance in Europe. Some of the actions may be included in other proposals (like UCITS VI)	Finance
6	Common Strategic Framework Funds and EU economic governance	The Communication will analyse how the CSF Funds will contribute to EU economic governance, their role in fostering growth and the importance of a sound macroeconomic framework for the efficient use of the funds. It will examine the links of CSF Funds with the economic governance procedures and explain how macroeconomic conditionality will be implemented.	Finance
7	Country-specific negotiation mandates for the Common Strategic Framework Funds for the period 2014-2020	In view of the adoption of the partnership agreements, these documents will shape the priorities in Member States for public investment during the next seven years.	Finance
8	Reforming the framework for collective investment funds/UCITS VI (focus on long-term investments, product rules and depositaries)	Recent international work on shadow banking has identified certain shortcomings in the field of investment funds that require closer scrutiny (for instance, money market funds and the use of securities lending or sale-and-repurchase arrangements (repos)). This initiative will address a number of concerns relating to systemic risks, the efficiency, competitiveness and integration of the market for UCITS funds in order to preserve the UCITS attractiveness. This will contribute to preserving financial stability and fostering a culture of long-term investment in Europe, thus underpinning growth and jobs.	Finance
16	A Comprehensive Strategy for the Defence Sector	The Strategy will set out options to foster the competitiveness and the efficiency of the European defence sector through a consistent and integrated use of EU policies that have an impact on defence.	Foreign Affairs, Defence and Development Cooperation

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18	Making business easier through a standard VAT declaration*	The aim is to make a standardised VAT declaration available in all EU languages and optional for businesses across the EU. The standard VAT declaration forms a key action point of the strategy for the future of VAT and of the Better Regulation Agenda, as it will help reducing burdens on business and enhance the digital single market. (Q3 2013)	Finance
19	Making the VAT system more efficient through a review of the rates structures	The aim is to readjust the scope of the reduced rates in order to increase the efficiency of the VAT system	Finance
22	Bank account initiative*	An initiative aiming at increasing the transparency and comparability of bank account fees, as well as to render bank account switching easier for consumers. (Q1 2013)	Finance
31.	Integration of the Roma	Commission Recommendation aimed at fostering implementation of National Roma Integration Strategies, based on the work of a Pilot Group of Member States representing a geographical balance and the diverse situations concerning Roma within the EU and identifying good practices and effective approaches to Roma Integration.	Immigration and Asylum / Justice and Home Affairs (JHA) Council
35.	European platform to fight undeclared work	This draft decision establishes a European platform between labour inspectorates and other enforcement bodies. It aims for a more coherent approach by covering all the key areas influenced by undeclared work and supporting a more effective fight against undeclared work by way of improving cooperation, sharing best practice and identifying common principles.	Social Affairs and Employment
37.	EU's Strategy on adaptation to climate change	To contribute effectively to a more climate-resilient Europe. This means enhancing the preparedness and capacity to respond to the adverse impacts of climate change of the EU, its Member States and regions.	Infrastructure, Environment and Spatial Planning
38.	New climate & energy framework for the period up to 2030	- To meet 80-95% GHG emission reduction objective in 2050 compared to 1990, - To foster long term competitiveness, security of supply and sustainability, - To provide a long-term perspective for investments until 2030.	Infrastructure, Environment and Spatial Planning and Economic Affairs
39.	Review of the Thematic Strategy on air pollution and associated legislation	The initiative will assess the implementation and achievements of current air pollution and air quality policies and will include legislative proposals to revise the NEC Directive and other air quality legislation as appropriate in order to deliver enhanced protection from the impacts of air pollution for human health and the natural environment whilst contributing to Europe 2020.	Infrastructure, Environment and Spatial Planning

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46.	Service in the Member States of judicial and extrajudicial documents in civil or commercial matters	The revision of regulation 1393/2007 will pay special attention to the effectiveness of the transmitting and receiving agencies and focus on the practical application of the execution of a request for forwarding a request for service. It could include the establishment of common minimum standards.	Security and Justice
47.	EU Citizenship Report 2013: Progress towards eliminating obstacles to EU citizens' rights*	Report on progress made since the 2010 Citizenship Report and identify further actions towards completing the removal of obstacles to EU citizens' enjoyment of their rights under the Treaty. It will be one of the deliverables of the European Year of Citizens. (Q2 2013)	European Affairs
48.	Establishment of a European Public Prosecutor's office (EPPO) to protect the financial interests of the Union*	This initiative intends to set out the framework and conditions for establishing the European Public Prosecutor's office to focus on the protection of the financial interests of the Union. It will be accompanied by proposals on the reform of Eurojust and on protection of the financial interests of the EU. (Q2 2013)	Security and Justice and Immigration and Asylum / Justice and Home Affairs (JHA) Council
49.	Fighting money laundering	As one of the 'Eurocrimes', money laundering is a criminal offence in all EU Member States. However, EU Member States do not have the same definition of money laundering and also apply different sanctions. Because this hinders cross-border investigations and police cooperation, there is a need to harmonise the offence of money laundering at EU level.	Security and Justice
51.	Reviewing the Union's visa policy to facilitate life for legitimate travellers	Since its entry into force, the Community Code on Visas ('Visa Code') has streamlined the rules and conditions for issuing visas and enhanced the harmonised applications of those common rules. Building on an evaluation report on its implementation, the Commission intends to propose amendments to improve the Visa Code. This will ensure that the EU Visa policy fosters economic growth and cultural exchanges by facilitating the travel to the EU of legitimate travellers such as businessmen, tourists, students and young people while ensuring a high level of security of the EU.	Immigration and Asylum / Justice and Home Affairs (JHA) Council
54.	Preparing an EU position on the post - 2015 development agenda	As part of a process to pursue a linked strategy for the MDGs, the follow-up to Rio+20 and the Sustainable Development Goals process, this Communication will pursue agreement on an ambitious post-2015 global development framework with a strong emphasis on shared responsibility and accountability.	Foreign Affairs, Defence and Development Cooperation
55.	Preparing an EU position on the follow-up to Rio + 20 including the development of Sustainable Development Goals	As part of a process to pursue a linked strategy for the MDGs, the follow-up to Rio+20 and the Sustainable Development Goals process, this Communication will set out the EU follow-up to Rio+20 including sustainable development goals.	Foreign Affairs, Defence and Development Cooperation

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56.	Enlargement package 2013	The Commission has been invited by the Council to regularly report on the candidate and countries and potential candidates. The Commission Strategy Paper allows the European Council to define main strategic orientations on enlargement at the end of each year.	European Affairs
58.	Comprehensive Approach to Crisis Management outside the EU	The European Union more than any other international actor, has a unique array of tools at its disposal to promote the resolution of complex external crises. These tools need to be used coherently and in close cooperation with Member States addressing the whole crisis cycle, from crisis prevention to reconstruction.	Foreign Affairs, Defence and Development Cooperation