



The 2022 European Commission Work Programme

In Brief

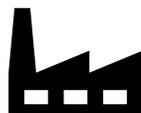
The last two years have been about getting through the pandemic. The remainder of this Commission term will be about growth, and particularly green growth. We will see new rules on cross-border trade and services, harmonization in financial services and the digital economy, revision of the competition law rulebook as well as completing the EU's digital and green transitions."



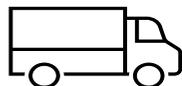
With COP 26 approaching, Europe will focus on global efforts to curb pollution, protect the environment through reform of the chemicals framework, build a circular economy based on more sustainable products and empowered consumers. This will include the "right to repair" for consumers in a bid to boost the reuse of second hand products.



The EU is set to take some big steps in shaping the digital economy with a Digital Services Act and Digital Market Act, which include some groundbreaking proposals on the online platform economy. These will be complemented by several updates to the EU's competition rulebook, including vertical and horizontal block exemptions. We don't expect proposals on a minimum corporate and digital tax to get very far too soon however.



The big theme for all parts of industry will be how companies adapt to the move towards a toxic-free environment, whether through the products we import or produce in Europe. We expect a wide range of measures to address hazardous substances in the new CLP Regulation and continued action to reduce plastic pollution, be it through microplastics or biodegradable and compostable plastics.



On the transport side, the focus will be on travelers' rights and seamless use driven by the 2020 Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy. Following 'Fit for 55' the automotive sector will be looking at transformation towards a more circular economy and access to in-vehicle data.

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