

List of EU priorities 2024

Nr.	Priority	Expected publication	Expected publication				Parl. reservation	Subsidiarity check	Rapporteur
			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			
FOREIGN AFFAIRS									
10.	Joint Communication on a strengthened partnership with Africa	non-legislative							
DEFENCE									
11.	European defence industrial strategy	legislative and/or non-legislative							
DIGITAL AFFAIRS									
5.	Initiative to open up European supercomputer capacity to ethical and responsible artificial intelligence start-ups	legislative and/or non-legislative							
ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND CLIMATE POLICY									
2.	2040 climate target	non-legislative							
EUROPEAN AFFAIRS									
14.	Communication on pre-enlargement reforms and policy reviews	non-legislative							
INFRASTRUCTURE AND WATER MANAGEMENT									
3.	Initiative for water resilience	non-legislative							
EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SCIENCE									
13.	Council Recommendation on a European quality assurance and recognition system	non-legislative							

The Numbers of the EU proposals correspond with Annex I (new initiatives) and Annex II (REFIT) of the the European Commissions' work programme 2024.

* Refit Initiative

Not a CWP Initiative

No proposals for other committees

The priorities can be divided into three categories:

General priority

General priority refers to proposals formulated in the European Commission Work Programme 2024 that receive extra attention from the Netherlands House of Representatives. These EU initiatives can either be legislative or non-legislative in nature. Upon publication of a prioritized proposal, the sectoral parliamentary committee dealing with the proposal will decide whether to hold hearings, technical briefings, debates or other activities in order to assess the Commission's proposal.

Parliamentary scrutiny reservation

A parliamentary scrutiny reservation on a legislative proposal may be placed when the House of

Representatives wants to influence the position of the Netherlands at an early stage and stay closely informed on the Government's course of actions taken throughout the negotiations. If the House foresees that it wishes to place a parliamentary reservation on the basis of the Commission Work Programme, it is so indicated on the priorities list. Once such a legislative proposal is presented by the Commission, the House will take a final decision whether to place the reservation.

The House's decision is followed by a debate with the government within four weeks. In this debate, the proposal's political importance and the objectives of the Netherlands in the negotiations are discussed, with the purpose of coming to a written agreement with the Government on the provision of information to

parliament during the negotiation process. The government is expected to present its provisional position to parliament within a (shortened) period of three weeks after the publication of the proposal.

Subsidiarity review (reasoned opinion)

A subsidiarity review may be conducted on legislative proposals in order to determine whether the matter at hand should be dealt with at EU level or national level. If the House foresees a subsidiarity concern on the basis of the Commission Work Programme, it is so indicated on the priorities list.

Once a proposal is published, the House will take a final decision on whether to perform a subsidiarity review. Based on this review, the House renders a judgement on whether the European Commission's

subsidiarity arguments are conclusive. A subsidiarity judgement can turn out to be either negative or positive. In case of a negative subsidiarity judgement, the House issues a reasoned opinion in which the House declares that the desired objective can be more effectively achieved at a national level. This reasoned opinion is sent to the European Commission. If at least one third of all national parliaments issue a negative judgement, the European Commission must reconsider the proposal (yellow-card procedure).

If a subsidiarity review is foreseen, the government will present its initial assessment of the proposal to the House within a (shortened) period of three weeks of the publication of the proposal.

