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No.	EDPS Priority	DG	Title	Description of scope and objectives	Estimated date of adoption
a. Towards a new legal framework for data protection					
1	EDPS will monitor/may issue comments	CNECT	E-Privacy Directive	Evaluation of Directive 2002/58/EC concerning the processing of personal data and the protection of privacy in the electronic communications sector, following agreement on the data protection proposal.	REFIT 2015-2016
b. A connected Digital Single Market					
2	EDPS will issue an Opinion	CNECT / GROW	Digital Single Market (DSM) Package	The aim is to ensure that consumers enjoy cross-border access to digital services, create a level-playing field for companies and create the conditions for a vibrant digital economy and society. The package will include, among other legislative proposals, the modernisation of copyright.	Q2/Q3
3	EDPS will monitor	CNECT	Study on rules on audiovisual commercial communication for alcoholic beverages	Study to assess whether rules on audio-visual commercial communication for alcoholic beverages have afforded minors the level of protection required, and thereby contributing to assessing the Audio-visual Media Services Directive's (Directive 2010/13/EU) regulatory fitness.	REFIT 2015
4	EDPS will monitor	CNECT	Study on the efficacy of co- and self-regulating aspects in promoting effective implementation of the Audiovisual Media Services Directive	Study to assess the extent to which co- and self-regulation aspects in promoting effective implementation of the Audiovisual Media Services Directive can reduce regulatory complexity.	REFIT 2015
5	EDPS will monitor/may issue comments	CNECT	Audiovisual Media Services Directive	Evaluation of Directive 2010/13/EU of 10 March 2010 on the coordination of certain provisions laid down by law, regulation or administrative action in Member States concerning the provision of audiovisual media services.	REFIT 2015-2016
6	EDPS will monitor/may issue comments	CNECT	Telecoms Package	Evaluation of the Telecoms Package of 2009.	REFIT 2015-2016
7	EDPS will monitor/may issue comments	JUST	Legislative framework related to consumer rights and advertising	Fitness Check on legal acts related to consumer rights and advertising including: - Directive 2005/29/EC on unfair business to consumer commercial practices; - Directive 1999/44/EC on certain aspects of the sale of consumer goods and associated guarantees;	REFIT 2015
c. International matters, supporting the EU becoming a Stronger Actor					
8	EDPS will monitor	JUST	Proposals to complete EU accession to the ECHR	Proposals to allow for signature, conclusion and implementation of the accession agreement, in the light of the pending guidance from the Court.	
9	EDPS may issue comments	TRADE	Trade and Investment Strategy for Jobs and Growth	A comprehensive review of the EU's trade policy strategy, and in particular its contribution to jobs, growth and investment. The review will cover all aspects of trade policy, including bilateral, plurilateral and multilateral negotiations as well as autonomous measures. It will include policy orientations in all these areas for the next five years.	
d. Migration, Home Affairs and Citizenship					
10	EDPS will issue an Opinion	HOME	European Agenda on Security	The Communication will propose a European Agenda on Security for the period 2015-2020 by reviewing the ongoing actions and identifying new actions taking into account emerging threats.	

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11	EDPS will issue an Opinion	HOME	European Agenda on Migration	The objective is to develop a new approach on legal migration to make the EU an attractive destination for talents and skills, as well as to improve the management of migration by intensifying cooperation with third countries, fostering burden sharing and solidarity and fighting against irregular migration and smuggling. The agenda includes the review of the Blue Card	
12	EDPS will monitor/may issue comments	HOME	Visa Information System	Evaluation of Regulation 767/2008 concerning the Visa Information System (VIS) and the exchange of data between Member States on short-stay visas (VIS Regulation) and 2004/512/EC Council Decision of 8 June 2004 establishing the Visa Information System (VIS), Regulation 810/2009) and Decision 2008/633.	2015
13	EDPS will monitor	HOME	Unauthorised entry, transit and residence	Evaluation of Directive 2002/90/EC defining the facilitation of unauthorised entry, transit and residence and of Council Framework Decision 2002/946/JHA on the strengthening of the penal framework to prevent the facilitation of unauthorised entry, transit and residence to reconciling effective fight against smuggling with the need to avoid criminalising humanitarian assistance.	2015
14	EDPS will monitor/may issue comments	HOME	FRONTEX including Rapid Border Intervention Teams	Evaluation of Regulation (EC) No 2007/2004 establishing a European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Member States of the European Union.	2015
15	EDPS will monitor	HOME	Fight against organised crime	Evaluation of Council Framework Decision 2008/841/JHA.	
16	EDPS will monitor	HOME	Legal migration	Fitness check of : - Directive 2009/50/EC of 25 May 2009 on the conditions of entry and residence of third-country nationals for the purposes of highly qualified employment (Blue Card); - Directive 2003/109/EC of 25 November 2003 concerning the status of third-country nationals who are long-term residents; - Directive 2011/98/EU of 13 December 2011 on a single application procedure for a single permit for third-country nationals to reside and work in the territory of a Member State and on a common set of rights for third-country workers legally residing in a Member State (Single Permit). To assess the fitness of current legal migration acquis and propose possible changes.	2015
e. A deeper and fairer Economic and Monetary Union					
17	EDPS will monitor	FISMA	Late payment directive	Evaluation of Directive 2011/7/EU on combating late payments in commercial transactions.	
18	ESPS will issue an Opinion	FISMA	Regulatory technical standards (RTS) and implementing technical standards (ITS)	Draft Regulation laying down regulatory technical standards (RTS) for an exhaustive list of information to be included by proposed acquirers in the notification of a proposed acquisition of a qualifying holding in an investment firm, and on a draft implementing Regulation laying down implementing technical standards (ITS) with regard to standard forms, templates and procedures for the consultation process between the relevant competent authorities according to Directive 2004/39/EC	
19	EDPS will issue an Opinion	TAXUD	Proposal for a Directive with a view to providing for compulsory exchange of information in respect of cross-border rulings	The proposal will ensure the exchange of relevant information between tax authorities of different Member States on advance interpretations or applications of legal provisions in cross border situations of an individual taxpayer.	Q1

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20	EDPS will issue an Opinion	TAXUD	Implementing Act on information sharing for customs enforcement of intellectual property rights (Art 22 Regulation (EU) 608/2013)	Article 22 of Regulation (EU) No 608/2013 enables the Commission and the customs authorities of the Member States to share certain data and information available to them with the relevant authorities in third countries for the purpose of contributing to eliminating international trade in goods infringing intellectual property rights. Thus, Regulation (EU) No 608/2013 provides for an exception to Article 13(4) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92, according to which communication of confidential data to the customs authorities and other bodies (e.g. security agencies) of third countries should be allowed only in the framework of an international agreement. This implementing Regulation should define the elements of the necessary practical arrangements concerning the sharing by the Commission and the customs authorities of the Member States of certain data and information available to them with the relevant authorities in third countries as referred to in Article 22 of Regulation (EU) No 608/2013.	Q1
21	EDPS will issue an Opinion	TAXUD	Proposals for Council Decisions concerning the signature and adoption, on behalf of the European Union, of Protocols amending the "Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation/Andorra/Monaco/San Marino/Liechtenstein providing for measures equivalent to those laid down in Council Directive 2003/48/EC on taxation of savings income in the form of interest payments"	There is a broad international consensus that automatic exchange of information based on the Global standard adopted by the OECD and endorsed by the G20 is the way forward in the relations between tax administrations of different countries. The Amending Directive on Administrative Cooperation (Council Directive 2014/107/EU of 9 December 2014) has enshrined this standard into EU law. The aim is to make sure that there is only one broadly applicable standard for automatic exchange of information on financial accounts for tax purposes within the European Union and in the relations of the EU with five non-EU countries concerned. The current EU Savings Agreements with these 5 EU neighbours therefore need to be updated.	Q1
22	EDPS will issue an Opinion	TAXUD	EU-New Zealand agreement on customs cooperation and mutual administrative assistance in customs matter	EU-New Zealand agreement on customs cooperation and mutual administrative assistance in customs matter	2015
23	EDPS will issue an Opinion	TAXUD	EU-Canada mutual recognition of Authorised Economic Operators (AEO)	On the basis of the Community Customs Code, Member States can grant the AEO status to an economic operator meeting certain common criteria. The status of AEO granted by one Member State is recognised by the other Member States. Under certain conditions AEOs can benefit from simplifications provided for in the customs rules. The mutual recognition of AEOs between the EU and third countries includes an in-depth comparison of their respective AEO programmes. This analysis, conducted in this case for Canada, includes both legislative aspects and implementation, with the aim of preparing for an eventual mutual recognition of AEOs. Achieving mutual recognition of AEO programmes between the EU and a third country facilitates trade and EU exports and also increases end-to-end supply chain security.	Q1
24	EDPS will issue an Opinion	TAXUD	Commission Implementing Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 2454/93 and Regulation (EU) No 1063/2010 as regards the rules of origin relating to the scheme of generalised tariff preferences and preferential tariff measures for certain countries or territories	Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2454/93, as amended by several recent acts, provided for a reform of the way in which the origin of goods is certified for the purposes of the Union's scheme of generalised tariff preferences ('GSP'). The reform introduced a system of self-certification of origin of goods by exporters registered for that purpose by the beneficiary countries or by the Member States, the implementation of which was deferred until 1 January 2017. In order to allow beneficiary countries and Member States to register exporters, the Commission is to establish an electronic system of registered exporters ('the REX system')	Q1

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25	EDPS will issue an Opinion	TAXUD	Proposal for two Commission Recommendations for council decisions to authorise the Commission to open negotiations for agreements between the EU and Norway on administrative cooperation, combating fraud and recovery of claims in the field of VAT.	To ensure administrative cooperation, to combat fraud and to improve recovery of claims in the field of VAT.	Q1
26	EDPS will issue an Opinion	TAXUD / GROW	Commission Delegated (TAXUD) and Implementing (GROW) Regulations (EU) repealing certain provisions of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1277/2005 laying down implementing rules for Regulation (EC) No 273/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council on drug precursors and for Council Regulation (EC) No 111/2005 laying down rules for the monitoring of trade between the Community and third countries in drug precursors	To lay down procedural rules for the implementation of Regulations (EC) No 273/2004 and (EC) No 111/2005 as regards the licensing and registration of operators and users, the provision of information, the listing of operators and users in the European database and the authorisation of exports and imports in the field of drug precursors.	Q1
27	EDPS may issue comments		Action Plan on efforts to combat tax evasion and tax fraud, including a Communication on a renewed approach for corporate taxation in the Single Market in the light of global developments	The Action Plan will, starting from the work done on base erosion and profit sharing at OECD and G20 levels, include measures at EU level in order to move to a system on the basis of which the country where profits are generated is also the country of taxation, including in the digital economy. The Communication will aim at a stabilising corporate tax bases in the EU for a fair taxation environment, including relaunching work towards a Common Consolidated Corporate Tax Base.	
f. Miscellaneous					
28	EDPS may issue comments	GROW	Internal Market Strategy for goods and services	A strategy for a renewed and integrated approach for the Single Market, to deliver further integration and improve mutual recognition and standardisation in key industrial and services sectors where the economic potential is greatest, eg business services, construction, retail, regulated professions, advanced manufacturing and combined services/goods provision. A particular focus will be on SMEs.	Q3
29	EDPS will monitor	GROW	Relevance of standardisation activities (Evaluation)	Evaluation of the EU standardisation systems. The purpose of the evaluation is to assess relevance of the European standardization system as laid down in regulation (EU) No 1025/2012 on European standardization.	REFIT Q4
30	EDPS may issue comments	EMPL	Promoting integration and employability in the labour market	A package of measures to support Member States in getting people, especially the longer term unemployed and younger people, into work and developing a skilled workforce. This will include measures to follow up on the implementation of the Youth Employment Initiative, a proposal for a Council recommendation on integration of the longterm unemployed, as well as measures to promote skills development.	Q2
31	EDPS may issue comments	EMPL	Labour Mobility Package	The package aims at supporting labour mobility and tackling abuse by means of better coordination of social security systems, the targeted review of the Posting of Workers Directive and an enhanced EURES.	
32	EDPS may issue comments	EMPL	Information and consultation of workers. (Legislative initiative: Consolidation, Simplification)	Consolidation of three Directives in the area of information and consultation of workers taking into account the results of a consultation of social partners: - Directive 2002/14/EC of 11 March 2002 establishing a general framework for informing and consulting employees in the European Community - Council Directive 98/59/EC of 20 July 1998 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to collective redundancies - Council Directive 2001/23/EC of 12 March 2001 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	REFIT 2015

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33	EDPS will monitor	EMPL	Integrating Social Statistics	Consolidation and integration of statistical legislation on the production of European statistics relating to persons and households. The objective is to make best possible use of the information provided by private households and individuals to meet current and future needs for European statistics while keeping the response burden at the present level.	
34	EDPS may issue comments	ENER	Strategic Framework for the Energy Union	The Strategy Framework will focus on: energy supply security; integration of national energy markets; reduction in European energy demand; decarbonising the energy mix and promoting research and innovation in the energy field. It will include the revision of the EU Emissions Trading System as part of the legislative framework post-2020.	
35	EDPS may issue comments	MARE	Maritime Security	A Joint Communication with the High Representative will set out a coherent strategic framework, combining internal and external security, and building on civilian and military cooperation, complementarities and shared resources, for better addressing major maritime security concerns.	
36	EDPS may issue comments	MOVE	Aviation Package	The package will include a Communication identifying challenges and measures for improving the competitiveness of the EU Aviation sector, the revision of the EASA Regulation 216/2008.	
37	EDPS will issue an Opinion	MOVE	Real time traffic information services	Draft regulation supplementing Directive 2010/40/EU with regard to the provision of EU-wide real time traffic information services	
38	EDPS may issue comments	SANTE	Feed and food law, animal health and welfare rules	Commission Decision implementing Regulation (EC) No. 882/2004 on official controls performed to ensure the verification of compliance with feed and food law, animal health and animal welfare rules, regarding the establishment and use of an IT system for the exchange of documents and information required by the administrative assistance and cooperation obligations in that Regulation.	2015
39	EDPS may issue comments	SANTE	Medicinal products for human and veterinary use	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) no 726/2004 laying down community procedures for the authorisation and supervision of medicinal products for human and veterinary use and establishing a european medicines agency (com(2014)557)	Q3/Q4
40	EDPS may issue comments	SANTE	Veterinary medicinal products	Draft proposal for a Regulation of the EP and the Council on veterinary medicinal products (COM(2014)558)	Q3/Q4
41	EDPS will monitor/may issue comments	SANTE	Food Law	Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 of 28 January 2002 laying down the general principles and requirements of food law, establishing the European Food Safety Authority and laying down procedures in matters of food safety. The objective of the Fitness check is to assess the effectiveness, efficiency, coherence, relevance, EU added value of the main tools used in food law (in particular science based legislation, use of precautionary principle, prevention of frauds and information of consumers, requirements that operators perform auto-controls and trace food, tools for the management of alerts, emergency/ crisis, EFSA).	REFIT 2015
42	EDPS will monitor		Mid-term review of the Europe 2020 strategy	Improved and updated Europe 2020 strategy, drawing lessons from the first four years of the strategy and ensuring it acts as an effective post-crisis strategy for growth and jobs in Europe. Follows up on the recent public consultation.	

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43	EDPS will monitor		Proposal for an inter-institutional agreement on better law-making	A proposal to update and strengthen the common understanding with the European Parliament and the Council in relation to better regulation.	
44	EDPS will monitor		Proposal for an inter-institutional agreement on a mandatory Transparency Register	The proposal for an inter-institutional agreement with the European Parliament and the Council will enhance openness and accountability by making the transparency register mandatory for all interest representatives seeking to influence policy making in any of the three institutions.	