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EUROPEAN COMMISSION PRESENTS ITS COMMISSION WORK PROGRAMME 2019

On 23 October 2018, the European Commission presented its Work Programme for 2019 setting its key initiatives for the year ahead. With the Work Programme, the Commission intends to inform the public and the co-legislators of its political commitments to present new initiatives, withdraw pending proposals and review existing EU legislation.

The Work Programme for 2019 is the fifth Work Programme to be presented by the Juncker Commission and sets out initiatives to complete the work on the ten priorities set out in President Juncker's Political Guidelines by the end of the Commission's five-year mandate, as well as more long-term initiatives with a view to shaping the EU's future for 2019 and beyond.

The three main priorities are:

- reaching swift agreement on the legislative proposals already presented to deliver on its ten political priorities;
- adopting a limited number of new initiatives to address outstanding challenges;
- and presenting several initiatives with a future perspective of a Union at 27 reinforcing the foundations for a strong, united and sovereign Europe.

The pending legislative proposals that seem most relevant for ADDE and its members relate to

- i. Proposal for a regulation on the European citizens' initiative;
- ii. Proposal for a Regulation setting out the conditions and procedure by which the Commission may request undertakings and associations of undertakings to provide information in relation to the internal market and related areas;
- iii. Proposal for an amending regulation concerning the supplementary protection certificate for medicinal products;
- iv. Proposal for a Council directive on a Common Corporate Tax Base;
- v. Proposal for a Council directive on a Common Consolidated Corporate Tax Base (CCCTB);
- vi. Proposal for a directive on transparent and predictable working conditions in the European Union;
- vii. Proposal for a directive on work-life balance for parents and carers and repealing Council Directive 2010/18/EU;
- viii. Proposal for an amending DIRECTIVE as regards enforcement requirements and laying down specific rules for posting drivers in the road transport sector; and
- ix. Proposal for an amending REGULATION as regards on minimum requirements on maximum daily and weekly driving times, minimum breaks and daily and weekly rest periods and as regards positioning by means of tachographs.

The full list of pending legislative proposals you can find [here](#).

The new initiatives addressing outstanding challenges that seem most relevant for ADDE and its members concern

- Communication on *"Towards a fully functioning Single Market in a rapidly changing global environment: eliminating barriers and seizing new opportunities for the benefit of citizens and businesses."* and
- Coordinated plan on the development of artificial intelligence in Europe; Action Plan on disinformation. Commission recommendation to establish a format for European Electronic Health Record.


The full list of new initiatives can be found [here](#).

Additional information can be found [here](#) and the key documents can be accessed via [this link](#).

We hope this information is useful. You should not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions or require further information. We also invite you to let us know if any of the legislative initiatives are of particular importance to ADDE.

Kind regards,

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