

No	PRIORITY	DG	SUBJECT	TITLE & Ref. NO	ESTIMATED DATE OF ADOPTION	POLITICAL MOTIVATIONS AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION
1	EDPS may comment or issue an opinion	BUDG	Financial interests of the EU	Protection of the financial interest of the European Union, including by criminal law (PFI)	June 2012	This initiative is the legislative follow-up on the Communication on the protection of financial interests of the European Union, including by substantive criminal law, under art 325, § 4 TFEU.
2	EDPS may comment or issue an opinion	CLIMA	Greenhouse gas emissions	Commission Regulation establishing a Union Registry for the trading period commencing on 1 January 2013, and subsequent trading periods, of the Union emissions trading scheme pursuant to Directive 2003/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Decision 280/2004/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Regulations (EC) No 2216/2004 and (EU) No 920/2010	4th quarter 2011	The regulation should be adopted pursuant to Article 19 of Directive 2003/87/EC. <i>The EDPS replied to the public consultation and is considering further reaction.</i>
3	EDPS may comment or issue an opinion	EMPL	Employment	Reforming the European Employment Services EURES and its legal basis. 2012/EMPL/003	July 2012	The proposal will aim to: 1) improve access to employment opportunities and facilitate job creation by establishing EURES as matching placement and recruitment tool for labour mobility across Europe; 2) expand EURES to support the new "Your First EURES Job" scheme; 3) reflect the ECJ jurisprudence on placement services which will need to be opened up to private employment services while widening the range of EURES partners. This may involve revision of Regulation 1612/1968.
4	EDPS may comment or issue an opinion	EMPL	Posting of workers	Legislative initiative for Posting of Workers. 2011/EMPL/001	20 December 2011	The general objective is to improve the implementation and application in practice of Directive 96/71/EC on Posting of Workers. As specific objectives one should ensure the effective respect of the posted workers rights, the clarification of the obligations of national authorities and the clarification of the role of trade unions and social partners in general in the framework of the Directive.
5	EDPS may comment or issue an opinion	ENER	Energy	Spectrum for more efficient energy production and distribution	2012	Smart energy grids and smart metering systems are potentially an area where an EU wide harmonisation of spectrum use could bring essential benefits to European consumers. The initiative considers an EU wide spectrum harmonisation for smart energy grids and smart metering on the basis of studies to deepen the knowledge in this field to determine what measures should be taken to satisfy the demands, and whether dedicated spectrum would be necessary or if sharing spectrum would be sufficient.
6	EDPS will issue an opinion	ENER	Smart Metering	Commission Recommendation for the roll-out of smart metering systems	Adopted on 9 March 2012 [C(2012) 1342 final]	Smart grids mark a new development on the path towards greater consumer empowerment, greater integration of renewable energy sources into the grid and higher energy efficiency and make a considerable contribution to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and to job creation and technological development in the Union.
7	EDPS will issue an opinion	ENTR	Radio and telecommunication equipment	Directive amending the Directive 1999/5/EC of the European Parliament and Council of 9 March 1999 on radio equipment and telecommunications terminal equipment and the mutual recognition of their conformity 2009/ENTR/021	2nd quarter 2012	The revision objectives will be to: - replace many impractical and ineffective administrative provisions which do not allow to retrieve the manufacturers or importers of a number of mass market radio equipment by more modern electronic means. - create an environment more conducive to innovative technologies and mitigate risks when interference phenomena are not known yet, and in particular when there is no harmonised standard. - that too many players ignore the rules and hence more focus on enforcement and better tools for national administration.
8	EDPS may comment or issue an opinion	ENTR	Global navigation satellite system	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council for a new Regulation on governance and financing of the European GNSS programmes. 2011/ENTR/016	November 2012	The main policy objectives are: - in terms of governance, to determine the roles and responsibilities of all players around the two European satellite navigation infrastructures EGNOS and Galileo, - in terms of legal certainty, to entrust all players with the necessary power to fulfil their assigned missions, - in terms of financing, to ensure a long-term commitment of the EU to support the exploitation of the two systems, - and in terms of transparency and accountability, to set up the rules ensuring transparency and accountability in the implementation of the European GNSS programmes beyond 2014.
9	EDPS will follow developments	FPI/EEAS	Restrictive measures	Restrictive measures against natural or legal persons and groups or non-State entities under Article 215 TFEU	Ongoing	In July and December 2009, the EDPS issued two opinions on legislative instruments concerning certain restrictive measures - notably freezing of assets and economic resources - on natural and legal persons who are considered to be involved in terrorist activities or human rights abuses. He also issued formal comments in July 2010 and March 2011 on the same subject. The EDPS regularly monitors developments in the area of restrictive measures and may issue formal comments or opinions where appropriate.

10	EDPS will issue an opinion	HOME	Border checks	Entry/Exit System (EES)	27 June 2012	To define the purpose, the functionalities and responsibilities of the EES, and to establish the conditions and procedures for the register, storage and consultation of entry/exit data of third country nationals crossing the EU external borders.
11	EDPS will issue an opinion	HOME	Border checks	Registered Traveller Programme (RTP)	27 June 2012	To define the purpose, the functionalities and responsibilities of the RTP and a Registered Traveller System (RTS), to give to the Commission and the Agency for the management of large-scale IT systems the mandate to set up and maintain the RTP and the RTS and to establish the procedures and conditions for examining a RTP application and the exchange of data between Member States on Registered Travellers.
12	EDPS will issue an opinion	HOME	Border checks	Amendment to the Schengen Borders Code	27 June 2012	To amend the Schengen Borders Code to be aligned with the Registered Traveller Programme Regulation and the Entry/Exit System Regulation.
13	EDPS will issue an opinion	HOME	Anti-terrorism	Framework of administrative measures such as the freezing of funds of persons suspected of terrorist activities inside the EU (art.75)	28 November 2012	To establish a framework for administrative measures with regard to capital movements and payments, such as for the freezing of funds, financial assets or economic gains belonging to, or owned or held by, natural or legal persons, groups and non-State entities related to terrorist activities inside the EU. This framework would serve as a basis on which the Council could take decisions, upon proposal by the Commission.
14	EDPS will issue an opinion	HOME	Anti-terrorism	Legal and technical framework for a European Terrorist Finance Tracking System (TFTS)	3rd quarter 2012	The initiative will provide for a novel European approach to combat terrorism and its financing through centralised collection and analysis of financial messaging data, and to create the possibility to provide more targeted data to US authorities under the EU-US TFTP Agreement.
15	EDPS will issue an opinion	HOME	Data retention	Revising the EU framework for data retention	3rd quarter 2012	This review is a result of the evaluation of the Data Retention Directive. It will ensure that appropriate authorities have swift access to the telecommunications information which is strictly necessary for combating crime; will provide appropriate limitations on data retention and safeguards against unnecessary infringements of right to privacy and the protection of personal data, will remove unnecessary obstacles to the smooth functioning of the internal market and ensure consistent reimbursement of the telecommunications industry across the EU of the costs of applying data retention.
16	EDPS will issue an opinion	HOME	Europol	Establishing the European Police Office – EUROPOL	14 November 2012	Article 88 of the TFEU provides for a new legal basis for Europol.
17	EDPS will issue an opinion	HOME	PNR Agreements with Canada	Proposals for a Council Decision on the signature and the conclusion of Agreement between the EU and Canada on the transfer and use of PNR data to prevent and combat terrorism and other serious transnational crime 2010/HOME/038 and 2010/HOME/027	2nd quarter 2012	Propose to Council that it signs and concludes an Agreements for the transfer of PNR data from the EU to Canada.
18	EDPS will issue an opinion	HOME	Confiscation and recovery of criminal assets	Directive on the confiscation and recovery of criminal assets in the European Union. 2010/HOME/351	Adopted on 12th March 2012 [COM(2012) 85 final]	EU Action Plans on organised crime constantly highlighted the need to attack the proceeds of crime through an enhanced use of confiscation and asset recovery procedures. The 2008 Commission Communication "Proceeds of organised crime - Ensuring that crime does not pay" notes that organised crime activities are profit-driven. At present the number of freezing procedures and confiscation cases in the EU seems to be relatively limited and the amounts recovered from organised crime seem modest if compared to the estimated revenues of organised criminal groups. An increased and more effective use of confiscation procedures seems desirable.
19	EDPS will issue an opinion	HOME	European Cybercrime Centre	Communication on "Tracking Crime in our Digital Age: Establishing a European Cybercrime Centre".	Adopted on 28 March 2012 [COM(2012) 140 final]	This communication concerns the establishment of a European Cybercrime Centre. This Communication drawing on the feasibility study outlines the proposed core functions of the European Cybercrime Centre, explains why it should be located in Europol, and how it can be established. Resource implications will however need to be further assessed and provided for before the EC3 can become fully operational. The establishment of this Centre will be reflected, as appropriate, in the upcoming revision of Europol's legal basis.
20	EDPS will issue an opinion	HOME	Schengen Information System	Regulation on migration from the Schengen Information System (SIS1+) to the second generation Schengen Information System (SIS II) (recast) 2011/HOME/198	Adopted on 30th April 2012 [COM(2012) 81 final]	This proposal aims at bringing into line the existing regulations on the migration from SIS1+ into SIS II with the Migration Plan of 25/02/2011 taking into account certain technical adjustments required by Migration Plan based upon the unanimous request of Member States. This proposal also provides for a single legal base for the two migration instruments governing the migration from SIS 1+ to SIS II under Article 74 TFEU and it merges them into one legal act.

21	EDPS may comment or issue an opinion	HOME	SIRENE II	Commission Decision adopting the SIRENE Manual for SIS II. 2012/HOME/001	Dec-12	Commission Decision adopting the SIRENE Manual for SIS II.
22	EDPS may comment or issue an opinion	HOME	SIRENE II	Commission Implementing Decision laying down the conditions for the migration of the SIRENE Bureaux in relation to the migration from Schengen Information System (SIS 1+) to the second generation Schengen Information System (SIS II). 2012/HOME/026	Jul-12	The objective of the this Decision is to establish an interim SIRENE migration architecture for the migration of SIRENE Bureaux in relation to SIS II migration.
23	EDPS will issue an opinion	INFISO	Digital agenda	Pan European framework for electronic identification, authentication and signature 2012/INFISO/002	2nd quarter 2012	The proposal will present legislation to boost trust and facilitate electronic transactions notably by ensuring the mutual recognition of electronic identification and authentication across the EU, and of Electronic Signatures.
24	EDPS may comment or issue an opinion	INFISO	Digital agenda	Digital agenda - Next steps Communication on "Digital agenda for Europe"- Mid term review 2012/INFISO/010	4th quarter 2012	Following the second Digital Agenda Assembly and the 2012 Scoreboard, the mid-term review should look at strategic priorities for the remaining two years of the Digital Agenda for Europe lifecycle.
25	EDPS will issue an opinion	INFISO	Cloud computing	Commission Public consultation on cloud computing services in Europe Communication -Towards on EU cloud computing strategy 2012/INFISO/004	June 2012	The European Commission is seeking views from citizens, businesses, public administrations and other interested parties on how to fully benefit from 'cloud computing'. Cloud computing enables companies, public administrations and individuals, using networks such as the internet, to access their data and software on computers located somewhere else. It can help businesses – especially SMEs – to drastically reduce information technology costs, help governments supply services at a lower cost and save energy by making more efficient use of hardware. <i>The EDPS replied to the public consultation and is considering further</i>
26	EDPS will issue an opinion	INFISO	Data breach notifications	Commission Decision - Technical implementing measures for personal data breach notifications in the electronic communications sector 2011/INFISO/014	4th quarter 2012	In accordance with Article 4 of the amended e-Privacy Directive (2002/58/EC) the Commission may adopt technical implementing measures on the circumstances, format and procedures for the information and notification obligations relating to personal data breaches, following broad consultations and a comitology procedure.
27	EDPS may comment or issue an opinion	INFISO	eHealth Action Plan	eHealth Action Plan - make eHealth real - for patients, professionals and the economy- 2011/INFISO/008.	4th quarter 2012	Roadmap 2011-15 to lay out targets operational steps towards the wide roll out of interoperable electronic health records, telemedicine services
28	EDPS may comment or issue an opinion	INFISO	ICT in RTD	Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) in the EU's 7th Framework Programme for research	Ongoing	The 7th Framework Programme results in research projects, affecting data protection issues. Involvement of EDPS in accordance with EDPS Policy Paper on "EDPS and Research and Technological Development" (28 April 2008). On a case by case basis the EDPS may facilitate or advise on research projects if data protection issues are at stake.

29	EDPS may comment or issue an opinion	INFSO	Digital agenda	Communication on European Strategy for Internet Security 2012/INFSO/003	3rd quarter 2012	The initiative will aim to: describe the main risks and challenges as well as the economic and geopolitical opportunities; compare with "preparedness" or political attention given to the topic in other third countries; describe the major issues at stake or problems to be addressed; assess the ongoing or planned actions where and when they exist, but also highlight the areas where more EU action.
30	EDPS will follow developments	JUST	Victims of crime	Compensation of crime victims	November 2012	The Commission's proposal for the revision of Directive 2004/80 will ensure that victims of crime receive fair and appropriate compensation in all Member States, thereby helping to promote mutual trust between Member States. The proposal will be based on a comprehensive study on all aspects of compensation to identify existing obstacles, their origin, and possible solutions.
31	EDPS may comment or issue an opinion	JUST	eJustice	eJustice	November 2012	This initiative will strengthen the e-Justice project as a tool to promote growth and legal certainty in the internal market. The e-justice project aims to underpin justice policy by using information and communications technology to improve and streamline information on justice in the EU, facilitate access to justice throughout all MS and facilitate judicial cooperation and procedures.
32	EDPS may comment or issue an opinion	JUST	Criminal law	Special Safeguards in criminal procedures for Suspected or Accused Persons who are vulnerable	May 2012	This initiative aims at ensuring that special attention is shown in criminal procedures throughout the EU to suspected or accused persons who cannot understand or follow the content or the meaning of the proceedings, owing, for example, to their age, mental or physical condition.
33	EDPS may comment or issue an opinion	JUST	Eurojust	Reforming Eurojust's structure. 2012/JUST/034	June 2013	This initiative aims at developing and reinforcing Eurojust's functioning and determining arrangements for involving the European Parliament and national Parliaments in the evaluation of Eurojust's activities.
34	EDPS will issue an opinion	JUST	Protection of personal data in the framework of the e-justice portal	Commission Decision on the protection of personal data - derived from interconnected national databases operated by the member states and other bodies -in the European e-justice portal 2011/JUST/044	2nd quarter 2012	The Decision lays down the functions and responsibilities of the European Commission in relation to data protection requirements whilst processing in the European e-Justice Portal of transient data from the interconnected national databases operated by the Member States and other bodies. It is addressed solely to the European Commission.
35	EDPS will follow developments	JUST	Mutual recognition of documents	Mutual recognition of civil documents: (1) Mutual recognition of the effects of certain civil status documents (2) Dispensing with the formalities for the legalisation of documents between Member States	November 2012	The proposal should cover mutual recognition of effects of certain civil status documents (e.g. relating to birth, affiliation, adoption, name, death). Follow-up to Green Paper on the free circulation of documents, civil status documents, authentic acts and the simplification of legislation. The proposal should cover the dispensing with the formalities of legalisation of documents between Member States.
36	EDPS may comment or issue an opinion	JUST	Psychoactive substances	Information exchange, risk-assessment and control of new psychoactive substances	September 2012	The objective of the proposal to amend Council Decision 2005/387/JHA of 10 May 2005 is to improve the assessment process and some of the procedural steps, taking into account the experiences gathered and limitations encountered with this legislative instrument in the past three years.
37	EDPS will follow developments	JUST	Collective redress	An EU framework for collective redress	4th quarter 2012	This initiative would follow up on the full range of previous Commission work on collective redress at the EU level
38	EDPS will issue an opinion	MARKT	Protection of investors	Amendment of the UCITS Directive as regards rules on UCITS depositary functions, on manager remuneration policy, and on administrative sanctions. 2012/MARKT/040	3rd Quarter 2012	The aim is to amend the UCITS Directive (Undertakings in collective investments in transferable securities – 'UCITS V' 2009/65/EC) to (i) create a regulatory regime with robust investor protection, (ii) further strengthen the EU internal market efficiency in the investment fund sector and (iii) ensure that the UCITS legislative framework does not impair financial stability on the market. More concretely, on the operational level, it will aim at providing appropriate solutions for UCITS depositaries as well as for UCITS remuneration policy.
39	EDPS will issue an opinion	MARKT	UCITS	Proposal for amending directive 2009/65/EC on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities (UCITS)	3rd Quarter 2012	The aim is to amend the UCITS Directive (Undertakings in collective investments in transferable securities – 'UCITS V' 2009/65/EC) to (i) create a regulatory regime with robust investor protection, (ii) further strengthen the EU internal market efficiency in the investment fund sector and (iii) ensure that the UCITS legislative framework does not impair financial stability on the market. More concretely, on the operational level, it will aim at providing appropriate solutions for UCITS depositaries as well as for UCITS remuneration policy.

40	EDPS will follow developments	MARKT	Pension funds	Single market and pension funds: Institutions for Occupational Retirement Provision (IORP). 2011/MARKT/002	December 2012	The aim of the review of the Directive concerning Institutions for Occupational Retirement Provision (IORP) is to maintain a level playing field with Solvency II and promote more cross-border activity in this field. This will help address the challenges of demographic ageing and public debt.
41	EDPS will follow developments	MARKT	Intellectual property rights	Enforcement of intellectual property rights	On hold. Commission has re-opened consultations.	The main objective would be to adapt the Directive (2004/48/EC) to today's challenges in order to make sure that intellectual property rights can be protected effectively and uniformly in the EU, in particular in a digital environment. Several provisions of the Directive should be clarified in order to achieve consistent interpretation and enforcement. (There was a conference on a review of this Directive on 30th May 2012).
42	EDPS will follow developments	MARKT	Financial services	Securities law directive. 2009/MARKT/050	4th quarter 2012	The main objective of the measure is to reduce the divergence between national substantive laws on book-entry securities and therefore to make a substantive contribution to the simplification of financial markets operations and to their legal safety.
43	EDPS will issue an opinion	MARKT	Notice and takedown procedures	Initiative on notice and takedown procedures	3rd quarter 2012	The main policy objectives are: contribute to a good functioning of Digital Single Market, contribute to combating illegality on the internet, ensure the transparency, effectiveness, proportionality and compliance with fundamental rights of notice and takedown procedures, ensure a balanced and workable approach towards NTD procedures, with focus on fundamental rights and the impact for innovation, growth.
44	EDPS will follow developments	MARKT	Insurance	Insurance Guarantee Schemes	on hold	The aim is to ensure that IGS exist in all Member States and that they comply with a minimum set of design features.
45	EDPS will issue an opinion	MARKT	Money laundering	Third Anti Money Laundering Directive 2012/MARKT/001	October 2012	Revision of international standards is underway and scheduled for completion by February 2012. COM's own review has also begun and a report is planned in early 2012. It will be necessary to rapidly implement international standards once adopted into EU legislation.
46	EDPS will issue an opinion	MARKT	Central Security Depositories	Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on improving securities settlement in the European Union and on central securities depositories (CSDs) and amending Directive 98/26/EC	Adopted in March 2012	The proposed Regulation will increase safety in the system and open the market for CSD services, therefore improving the efficiency of securities settlement. The proposed Regulation will complete the regulatory framework for securities market infrastructures, alongside the Directive 2004/39/EC on markets in financial instruments (MiFID) 2 for trading venues, and the proposal for a Regulation on derivative transactions (EMIR) for Central Counterparties (CCPs).
47	EDPS may comment or issue an opinion	MARKT	Intellectual property rights	Collective rights management: Music rights – music online*	27 June 2012	The proposed instrument will have a double focus: first, a general level of governance and transparency to apply to all collecting societies; and second, specific rules aimed at licensing of online music in order to foster the digital single market and provide more cross-border services to customers across the EU. (1st quarter 2012)
48	EDPS will follow developments	MARKT	Online Gambling	On-line gambling in the Internal Market. 2012/MARKT/004	September 2012	The Communication is a follow-up to the Green paper on on-line gambling, providing a substantial evaluation of the responses to the consultation, and subsequently identifying 1) key challenges for the co-existence of national regulatory models within the Internal Market and 2) initiatives to be taken at national and EU level.
49	EDPS will issue an opinion	MARKT	Social Entrepreneurship Funds	Regulation on Social Entrepreneurship Funds	Adopted on 7 December 2011 [COM(2011) 862]	This proposal aims to increase the access of social businesses to investment.
50	EDPS will issue an opinion	MARKT	Venture Capital Funds	Regulation on European Venture Capital Funds	Adopted on 7 December 2011 [COM(2011) 860/2]	The Commission will ensure by 2012 that venture capital funds established in any Member State can operate and invest freely across the European Union, including without unfavourable tax treatment (through additional legislative regime, if necessary).
51	EDPS will follow the developments	MOVE	Occurrence reporting in civil aviation	Directive 2003/42 of the European Parliament and of the Council on occurrence reporting in civil aviation 2011/MOVE/028	October 2012	Recast of Directive 2003/42/EC The Directive aims at preventing aviation accidents by collecting and analysing information on civil aviation occurrences ('accident precursors'). The objective of the revision will be to more efficiently use occurrence data at the EU level, in particular by better integration of occurrence data in a central database and improving and simplifying the flow of quality data between the aviation authorities for accident prevention purposes
52	EDPS may comment or issue an opinion	MOVE	Transport Security Policy	Communication on a Comprehensive Transport Security Policy 2011/MOVE/027	May 2012	This Communication will assess the current situation, including current and future threats, and propose a strategic approach for the next five years for all transport modes. The objective is to have a properly functioning, transparent transport system which is secure and well-protected. Terrorism is multimodal and often international. A harmonised general approach, covering all transport modes, is the basis for sectoral security effectiveness.

53	EDPS will follow developments	MOVE	Strategic Transport Technology Plan	Sustainable Transport Package: Strategic Transport Technology Plan 2011/MOVE/005	Mid-2012	On the model of the Strategic Energy technology Plan, the STTP will provide a strategic framework for research and technological development and deployment, based on policy needs and on a vision for an integrated efficient and environmentally friendly transport system at the horizon 2050. The STTP will focus European research and technology around the transport policy agenda, and facilitate coordination of European and national public and private efforts and funding. It will encompass technology road maps for leading edge technologies necessary for a competitive and clean European transport system.
54	EDPS may comment or issue an opinion	OLAF	Customs and agriculture	Mutual assistance between the administrative authorities of the Member States and cooperation between the latter and the Commission to ensure the correct application of the law on customs and agricultural matters. 2011/OLAF/001	2nd quarter 2012	Simplify and clarify the legislation, improving accessibility and achieving budget savings, as Regulation 515/97 and Council Decision 2009/917/JHA of 30 November 2009 on the use of information technology for customs purposes partially deal with the same issues.
55	EDPS may comment or issue an opinion	SANCO	Health	Package on innovation in health: (1) Promotion of innovation in medical devices for the benefit of patients, consumers and healthcare professionals 2012/SANCO/016 (2) Medical devices 2008/SANCO/081 (3) In vitro diagnostic medical devices 2011/SANCO/036	26th September 2012	The Communication explains the need for further improving the regulatory environment to foster innovation in medical devices in the light of new developments (such as ageing, ICT etc.). It would also respond to relevant recent Council conclusions. The aim of the proposal is to ensure that the regulatory framework continues to promote innovation in the sector while guaranteeing patient safety. The regulatory framework will be adapted to technical and scientific progress, include clearer and simpler rules and provide for the necessary instruments for management at EU level. This has become a necessity due to the increasing demand in the market for drug-device combination products. The objectives are to enhance the level of health protection for all European patients and users, reinforce Europe's position in the forefront of innovation in the field and to achieve a smoother functioning of the internal market and international trade.
56	EDPS will issue an opinion	SANCO	EU-US consumer protection cooperation agreement ("CPC- US")	Commission Decision for the conclusion of an agreement with the US on enforcement of consumer protection laws 2009/SANCO/065	on hold (no submission foreseeable in the short term)	The purpose is to provide a legal framework in the field of consumers for international enforcement activities with the US in order to increase EU consumers protection internationally.
57	EDPS may comment or issue an opinion	SANCO	Health	Clinical trials to foster clinical research and innovation in the pharmaceutical sector 2011/SANCO/015	July 2012	The objective of the proposal for a revision of the directive on clinical trials (2001/20/EC) is to strengthen knowledge and innovation in clinical research. Issues likely to be addressed are: reduction of administrative delays, overcoming divergent decisions throughout the EU and streamlining of reporting procedures.
58	EDPS will follow developments	SANCO	Consumer product safety	Product safety package: (1) General Product Safety 2010/SANCO/031 (2) New horizontal single legislative instrument for market surveillance 2012/SANCO+/019	4th quarter 2012	The revision of the General Product Safety Directive (GPSD, 2011/95/EC) aims to strengthen confidence of consumers and businesses in the internal market of safe products by providing businesses with clearer rules, lower compliance costs, and more generally a genuinely level-playing field for legitimate businesses. It will enable Member States' authorities to better coordinate and prioritize their enforcement actions and provides consumers a more homogeneous internal market of safe goods and better protection of health and safety. The overall objective is to safeguard to a high degree various public interests which may be affected while securing the free movement of goods within the EU. These include ensuring the health and safety of all users of products, protecting the environment and promoting energy efficiency. This requires all necessary mechanisms to be put in place to enable the effective and uniform implementation and enforcement of the EU market surveillance framework.
59	EDPS will follow developments	SANCO	European Consumer Agenda	The European Commission has adopted its strategic vision for EU consumer policy for the years to come which aims to maximise consumer participation and trust in the market.	Adopted 22nd May 2012	The European Consumer Agenda identifies the key measures needed now to empower consumers and boost their trust. It sets out measures to put consumers at the heart of all EU policies as means to achieve the Europe 2020 goals. It builds on and complements other initiatives, such as the EU Citizenship Report, the Single Market Act, the Digital Agenda for Europe, the E-commerce Communication and the Resource Efficiency Roadmap. In the field of research and innovation, it draws on initiatives under Horizon 2020 to deepen scientific understanding of consumer behaviour and the health, safety and sustainability aspects of the choices they face.

60	EDPS may comment or issue an opinion	TAXUD	Health	Drug precursors. 2011/TAXUD/006	2nd quarter 2012	The Commission Report (COM (2009) 709) highlighted the risk of diversion of medicinal products containing drug precursors. The Council in May 2010 invited the Commission to propose legislative amendments. The initiative will amend regulation (EC) 273/2004
61	EDPS may comment or issue an opinion	TAXUD	Health	EU-Russia agreement on Drug precursors	3rd quarter 2012	Proposal for a Council Decision authorising and signing an agreement between the EU and Russia on drug precursors
62	EDPS may comment or issue an opinion	TAXUD	Proceeds of Crime	Directive on the freezing and confiscation of proceeds of crime in the European Union and Regulation on strengthening the mutual recognition of freezing and confiscation in the area of serious crime	Adopted on 12 March 2012 [COM(2012) 85 final]	This proposal for a Directive aims to make it easier for Member States' authorities to confiscate and recover the profits that criminals make from cross-border serious and organised crime. It seeks to attack the financial incentive which drives crime, to protect the licit economy against criminal infiltration and corruption, and to return criminal profits to public authorities providing services for citizens. It responds to the current economic context, where a financial crisis and a slowdown in economic growth creates new opportunities for criminals, increased vulnerabilities in our economy and financial system, and new challenges for public authorities to finance growing needs for social services and assistance.