

No	PRIORITY	DG	SUBJECT	TITLE & Ref. NO	ESTIMATED DATE OF ADOPTION	POLITICAL MOTIVATIONS AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION
1	EDPS may comment or issue an opinion	CNECT	Data breach notifications	Commission Regulation on the measures applicable to the notification of personal data breaches under Directive 2002/58/EC on privacy and electronic communications	2013	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. <i>The EDPS may issue a formal comment or an opinion at a later stage.</i>
2	EDPS will follow developments	CNECT	Harmonisation (use of documents)	Commission communication: Guidelines on recommended standard licences, datasets and charging for the re-use of documents for the re-use of public sector information	2nd Quarter 2014	The reuse of public information resources has been partly harmonised by the PSI Directive adopted in 2003 which has recently been revised in order to address the remaining barriers to reuse. Indeed, difficulties and uncertainties surrounding compliance with the licensing and charging provisions were identified as one of the main obstacles to PSI reuse as they curb both the release of data by public bodies and the actual reuse. The revised Directive calls on the European Commission to assist the Member States in implementing the Directive in a consistent way by issuing guidelines on recommended standard licenses, datasets to be released/improved as a matter of priority and charging for the reuse of documents. The objective of the consultation is therefore to seek the views of stakeholders on specific issues to be addressed in the 3 sets of guidelines.
3	EDPS will issue an opinion	CNECT	Big Data	Commission Communication on a European strategy on value generation from data	2nd Quarter 2014	The Commission is developing an initiative that aims to generate the maximum value from data – particularly so-called "Big Data". The focus is on generating value at the different stages of the data value chain, made possible through a coherent European ecosystem centred on data.
4	EDPS may comment or issue an opinion	CNECT	Advertising	Update of the Commission's interpretative Communication on certain aspects of the provisions on televised advertising in the Audiovisual and Media Services Directive (Directive 2010/13/EU) 2013/CNECT/006	2014	The last revision of the Television without Frontiers Directive introduced new rules regarding specific forms of audiovisual commercial communications. A monitoring carried out by the Commission revealed a number of issues as regards a.o. the scope and definition of specific concepts such as sponsorship, self-promotion and product placement. The issues raised up to now encompass a.o. the notion of advertising spot, editorial independence, undue prominence, significant value, surreptitious advertising, irregular sponsorship, identification of product placement, split screen advertising. It is therefore important to provide clarity on these concepts in order to ensure an equal level playing field in the application of the Audiovisual Media Services Directive (Directive 2010/13/EU). Some concepts of the former Television without Frontiers Directive had already been clarified in an interpretative Communication dating 2004 which needs to be updated to reflect the legislative changes and the new business practices arising.
5	EDPS will issue an opinion	CNECT	eHealth	Green paper on an EU Framework applicable to 'mHealth' and 'health and wellbeing applications'	1st Quarter 2014	In the sector of 'mHealth' and 'health and wellbeing applications', ensure that the EU regulatory/technical framework help the healthcare mobile IT industry, known for its rapid growth and flexibility, continue to deliver its products and services, and safely meet patients' needs. <i>The EDPS issued informal comments and will issue formal comments or an opinion at a later stage.</i>
6	EDPS will follow developments	COMP	State aid modernization in key sectors	n.a.	2014	The package completes state aid modernization in key sectors, including an assessment of the application of state aid guidelines to airports and airlines, the revision of the environmental aid guidelines, the guidelines on Research, Development and Innovation and the guidelines on rescue and restructuring aid, as well as new guidelines for state aid for agriculture and forestry.
7	EDPS will follow developments	COMP	State aid modernization: General Block Exemption Regulation	n.a.	2014	The revision of the GBER, as part of State Aid Modernisation, will refine general compatibility criteria to make spending more effective and to further simplify administration. The package includes a new block exemption regulation for agriculture and forestry.
8	EDPS will follow developments	COMP	Review of competition rules for technology transfer agreements	n.a.	2014	The aim of the review is to update the current rules that expire in 2014 by promoting licensing of intellectual property rights thus stimulating innovation while safeguarding competition.
9	EDPS will issue an opinion	COMP	Agreement between the European Union and Canada	Agreement between the European Union and Canada concerning cooperation on the application of their competition laws: - Data protection provisions. Pre-IS Consultation.	2014	Agreement between the European Union and Canada concerning cooperation on the application of their competition laws: - Data protection provisions. Pre-IS Consultation.
10	EDPS will follow developments	COMP	Revision and simplification of State Aid rules in the agricultural sector	n.a.	2014	State Aid rules in the area of agriculture will be revised with a view to making them more economically significant, focusing on cases with real impact on competition and trade in the Single Market as well as simplifying rules and procedures and relieving burden on SMEs.
11	EDPS will issue an opinion	EMPL	Employment	Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing European platform to fight undeclared work 2013/EMPL/008	1st Quarter 2014	This initiative establishes a European platform between labour inspectorates and other enforcement bodies. It aims for a more coherent approach by covering all the key areas influenced by undeclared work and supporting a more effective fight against undeclared work by way of improving cooperation, sharing best practice and identifying common principles.
12	EDPS will follow developments	EMPL	Recast and merger of three Directives in the area of information and consultation of workers	n.a.	2nd Quarter 2014	Recast and merger of three Directives further to a fitness check published in July 2013 in order to address some of the issues raised by the Commission SWD (and improve the operation of the Directives). This initiative is subject to a consultation of social partners.

13	EDPS will issue an opinion	EMPL	Social funds	Social Investment for Growth and Cohesion – including implementing the ESF 2014-2020 2013/EMPL/005	Adopted on 20/10/2013	Provide guidance on increasing efficiency, effectiveness, and adequacy of social protection systems; improving activating and enabling policies; social inclusion and adequate livelihoods. The Communication will contribute to implementing the Europe 2020 strategy/ European Semester, support the design of social investment in the NRPs and assist Member States in making best use of EU funds, ESF in particular. <i>The EDPS issued informal comments and will issue formal comments or an opinion at a later stage.</i>
14	EDPS will issue an opinion	EMPL	Employment Services	Consultation on data protection concerning the European network of employment services, workers' access to mobility services and the further integration of labour markets (Eures Regulation).	December 2013	Set up in 1993, EURES is the European network for worker mobility involving the European Commission and the public employment services (PES) of the EEA Member States (the EU countries plus Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein) and social partners' organisations. The EURES network is responsible for exchanging information and enabling cooperation among its stakeholders in order to allow for the freedom of movement of workers across the EU. Given that the process of personal data is an important feature of EURES, the Commission envisages to consult the EDPS on this issue.
15	EDPS will follow developments	EMPL	Labour mobility package	n.a.	2nd Quarter 2014	The initiative will facilitate the free movement of persons within the EU by means of a better coordination of social security schemes, thus making citizens' rights more effective and contributing to growth and jobs. The package will present recent achievements and include the revision of Regulation 883/2004 and Regulation 987/2009 on social security coordination as well as the initiative on highly mobile workers.
16	EDPS will follow developments	ENER	Internal Energy Market	State of implementation of the internal energy market and Action Plan to implement the internal energy market at retail level	2nd quarter 2014	In view of the objective to complete the internal energy market by 2014, the Commission will report on progress in implementation of the energy acquis and the actions identified in the Action Plan outlined in the Communication on Internal Energy market from November 2012. The Commission will also issue a retail market initiative aiming at facilitating consumer engagement, fostering competition and strengthening energy system architecture to the benefit of energy consumers.
17	EDPS may comment or issue an opinion	ENER	Smart Meters	Commission Recommendation on assessment of the impact of smart meters on privacy and security of personal data (DPIA) 2013/ENER/020	1st Quarter 2014	The effective use of smart metering systems requires processing of personal data. Therefore care must be taken to protect personal data and security. The EU Directive on the protection of personal data (95/46/EC) and the e-privacy Directive (2002/58/EC) set very clear requirements on who has access to different categories of such information and how it is processed. This also covers the specific aspects of smart grids. In this line, the aim of the Commission's Recommendation is to ensure the highest level of protection of personal data and security for individuals and grid operators. The Commission is recommending a "security and data protection by design" approach whereby data protection and security features are built into smart metering systems before they are rolled out.. Data collection should be limited to the minimum necessary and as much as possible, data should be rendered anonymous so that the individual is no longer identifiable.
18	EDPS will follow developments	ENER/CLIMA	Climate and Energy Policies	2030 framework for climate and energy policies	2014	The initiative will frame energy and climate policies beyond 2020 for the period up to 2030 to provide a long-term perspective for investments, achieve a more sustainable, secure and competitive EU energy system and ensure that the EU post 2020 is on track to meet climate and energy objectives.
19	EDPS will issue an opinion	ENTR	Security industry policy	COM(2012) 417 final - Action Plan for an innovative and competitive Security Industry (SWD(2012) 233 final)	2014	The Commission will issue a mandate to the European Standardisation Organisations to develop a standard modelled on existing quality management schemes, but applied to the management of privacy issues during the design phase.
20	EDPS will follow developments	ESTAT	Statistics (society)	Framework Regulation for Integrating Social Statistics	2014	This initiative aims at integrating social statistics in a common legal framework to streamline and rationalise the reference architecture for European social statistics, reducing unnecessary burden on respondents.
21	EDPS will follow developments	ESTAT	Statistics (business)	Framework Regulation for Integrating Business Statistics (FRIBS)	2014	This initiative aims at integrating business statistics in a common legal framework to streamline and rationalise the reference architecture for European business statistics, reducing unnecessary burden on respondents.
22	EDPS will follow developments	ESTAT/AGRI	Reform of the Farm Survey System	n.a.	2014	The basic act will be shortened and streamlined and accompanied by a delegated act in view of the next farm survey planned for 2020.
23	EDPS may comment or issue an opinion	FPI/EEAS	Restrictive measures	Restrictive measures against natural or legal persons and groups or non-State entities under Article 215 TFEU	2014	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.
24	EDPS will issue an opinion	HOME	Fighting Terrorism	Draft Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on a European Terrorist Finance Tracking System (EU TFTS)	27 November 2013	In its report, the Commission has concluded that the case for establishing such a system within the European Union is not clearly demonstrated at this stage, pointing out in particular to the fact that, in order to extract data on EU soil it would be necessary to create and manage a new database containing all the information of EU citizens' financial transfers. The creation of such database would raise serious challenges in terms of the data storage, access and protection, not to mention the huge technical and financial efforts that would be needed.
25	EDPS will issue an opinion	HOME	PNR Agreement EU-US	Draft report on the joint review of the implementation of the Agreement between the United States of America and the European Union on the use and transfer of passenger name records to the United States Department of Homeland Security	27 November 2013	Following a review by EU and US experts, the Commission found that the US authorities have been implementing the agreement in accordance with the standards and conditions it contains. The joint review report published on the 27th of November finds in particular that US authorities respect their obligations regarding the access rights of passengers and have a regular oversight mechanism in place to guard against unlawful discrimination. The masking and deletion of sensitive data are respected. Both the sharing of data with domestic US agencies and with third countries are in line with the Agreement.

26	EDPS will issue an opinion	HOME	Crime (firearms)	Initiative on firearms: reducing gun-crime in Europe 2013/HOME/007	21-Oct-13	Tr trafficked firearms are being used by criminal networks and lone criminals. Legally-held firearms are also used illegally. The aim of the Communication will be to present: the nature/scale of the problem and current action including external dimension; new/increased EU actions (e.g. increased role of Europol; funding); law enforcement policy orientations in view of the 2015 review of the Firearms Directive 91/477, including possibly a Directive on criminal sanctions based on Art. 83(1) TFEU. <i>The EDPS was informally consulted on this initiative by the Commission and will issue an opinion at a later stage.</i>
27	EDPS will issue an opinion	HOME	Passenger data	Transfer of passenger data to third countries	Mar-14	Transfer of passenger data to 3rd countries. More and more third countries ask for passenger data for law enforcement purposes. Currently the implementation of the rules for such transfers varies with the country requesting such data. This creates uncertainties among operators that are obliged to transfer the data. The proposal aims at ensuring a coherent legal framework for the transfer of air passenger data to third countries.
28	EDPS will issue an opinion	HOME	Visa policy	Reviewing the Union's visa policy to facilitate life for legitimate travellers 2013/HOME/002	1st Quarter 2014	Since its entry into force, the Community Code on Visas ("Visa Code") has streamlined the rules and conditions for issuing visas and enhanced the harmonised applications of those common rules. Building on an evaluation report on its implementation, the Commission intends to propose amendments to improve the Visa Code. This will ensure that the EU Visa policy fosters economic growth and cultural exchanges by facilitating the travel to the EU of legitimate travellers such as businessmen, tourists, students and young people while ensuring a high level of security of the EU.
29	EDPS may comment or issue an opinion	HOME	Countering violent extremism	n.a.	Jan-14	Communication suggesting to Member States how to develop new tools to counter or prevent violent forms of extremism. The Communication will draw on recommendations made by the Anti-Radicalisation Network, set up in 2011, and also contain elements for revising the EU Strategy on radicalisation and recruitment.
30	EDPS may comment or issue an opinion	HOME	Traffick in human beings	EU strategy towards the eradication of trafficking in human beings 2012-2016 COM (2012) 286 final	Adopted in 2012	On 19 June 2012, the European Commission adopted the "EU Strategy towards the Eradication of Trafficking in Human Beings (2012-2016)". The Strategy is a set of concrete and practical measures to be implemented over the next five years. It is based on five key priorities: 1. Identifying, protecting and assisting victims of trafficking; 2. Stepping up the prevention of trafficking in human beings; 3. Increased prosecution of traffickers; 4. Enhanced coordination and cooperation among key actors and policy coherence; 5. Increased knowledge of and effective response to emerging concerns related to all forms of trafficking in human beings.
31	EDPS will follow developments	JUST	Rights of Persons with disabilities	Commission staff working document - Commission Report on the implementation of the UN Convention on the Right of persons with disabilities	Jan-14	Given the strong convergence of objectives between the overall EU Disability Strategy and the UNCRPD, the European Commission considers that issues relating to implementation of the UN Convention at EU level should be tackled in the framework of the European Disability Strategy 2010-2020. A Commission's Staff Working Document on the implementation of the UN Convention is therefore scheduled for early 2014.
32	EDPS may comment or issue an opinion	JUST	EU Justice Scoreboard	Commission Communication on the 2014 EU Justice Scoreboard	Mar-14	The EU Justice Scoreboard is a tool to assist the EU and the Member States in achieving more effective justice by providing objective, reliable and comparable data on the functioning of justice systems in all Member States. Improving the quality, independence and efficiency of judicial systems already forms part of the EU's economic policy coordination process under the European Semester. The Justice Scoreboard purports to systematically assess and compare the efficiency, strength and reliability of the justice systems in all 27 EU Member States. It is a cooperative mechanism, relying on data drawn from the Member States. While the Scoreboard includes a comparison on particular indicators, it is not intended to present an overall single ranking, or to promote any particular form of justice system.
33	EDPS will issue an opinion	JUST	Transparency of debtor's assets	EP and Council Regulation (ordinary legislative procedure) - Regulation on transparency of debtor's assets	Jun-14	The late or non-payment of debts is damaging to businesses and customers alike, particularly when no information is available on the debtor's assets or whereabouts. As a cross-border issue, this may affect the smooth running of the European single market. In the light of the large amount of debtor's personal information likely to be processed under the adopting Regulation, advise on how to implement the protection of the debtor's data is needed.
34	EDPS may comment or issue an opinion	JUST	Evidence in civil and commercial matters	Commission report on cross-border taking of evidence in civil and commercial matters	2nd quarter 2014	The 'Regulation on cooperation between the courts of EU countries in the taking of evidence in civil or commercial matters has created a European system of direct and rapid transmission and execution of requests. This should improve the performance of taking evidence between courts. According to the last Commission report released on the 3rd of December 2013, European rules have helped speed up the service of documents between EU countries, despite an ever increasing caseload. This reporting follows the general abolition of the "exequatur" procedure in the EU (IP/10/1075), which means that today judicial decisions in civil and commercial matters can be enforced across EU countries, without the need for bureaucratic procedures through foreign courts. A new report is expected for the second quarter of 2014.
35	EDPS will issue an opinion	JUST	Missing children	EP and Council Regulation (ordinary legislative procedure) - Regulation on EU hotlines for missing children	2nd quarter 2014	The 116 000 hotline for missing children offers help, support and a potential lifeline for missing children and their parents. Because of the poor rate of implementation of the hotline at EU level, in 2010 the Commission adopted a Communication with the objective to encourage the Member States to implement the missing children hotline as a matter of priority and to ensure that the same high quality of service is offered throughout the Union. The Commission announced in 2011 that it would have closely monitored the implementation of the hotline for missing children in all Member States, and that it considered presenting a legislative proposal to make sure that the 116 000 hotline was fully operational in all Member States. Given the unsatisfactory progresses made by Member States, the Commission has decided to exercise its legislative initiative in 2014.
36	EDPS will follow developments	JUST	Judgments in civil and commercial matters	Commission Recommendation on the negotiating mandate on judgements in civil and commercial matters	2nd quarter 2014	Commission Recommendation on the negotiating mandate on judgements in civil and commercial matters
37	EDPS may comment or issue an opinion	JUST	Civil procedural law	EP and Council Regulation (ordinary legislative procedure) - Improving the consistency of existing Union legislation in the field of civil procedural law	2nd quarter 2014	This is one the last initiatives left under the Stockholm Programme. The Regulation aims at bringing consistency between the pieces of legislation regulating civil procedural matters currently in force at EU level, ie Regulation 44/2001 (Brussels I Regulation), Directive 1999/34/EC concerning liability for defective products (amending Directive 85/374/EEC), Regulation No 2201/2003 concerning jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in matrimonial matters and the matters of parental responsibility (Brussels II bis), Regulation No 1259/2010 implementing enhanced cooperation in the area of the law applicable to divorce and legal separation (Rome III).

38	EDPS will issue an opinion	JUST	ECRIS - TCN	EP and Council Decision (ordinary legislative procedure) European Criminal Records Information System including convicted third country nationals (ECRIS-TCN)	3rd quarter 2014	The computerised system ECRIS was established in April 2012 to achieve an efficient exchange of information on criminal convictions between EU countries. It establishes an electronic interconnection of criminal records databases to ensure that information on convictions is exchanged between EU countries in a uniform, speedy and easily computer-transferable way. The system gives judges and prosecutors easy access to comprehensive information on the offending history of any EU citizen, no matter in which EU countries that person has been convicted in the past. Through removing the possibility for offenders to escape their criminal past simply by moving from one EU country to another, the system could also serve to prevent crime. It entails the processing of sensitive data, which requires a close scrutiny by the EDPS in order to make sure that the latter processing complies with the European data protection legal framework currently in force.
39	EDPS may comment or issue an opinion	JUST	Adequacy of protection of personal data - Switzerland	Report on the application of Commission Decision 2000/518/EC of 26 July 2000 - Switzerland	2nd quarter 2014	The Report will focus on the application of the Decision whereby the EU Commission established that Switzerland offers adequate safeguards in terms of protection of personal data. The decision was taken on the basis of Article 25 of Directive 95/46/EC in 2001.
40	EDPS may comment or issue an opinion	JUST	Insurance	Green Paper on European contract law instrument in the area of insurance	3rd quarter 2014	Under the Europe 2020 strategy, the Commission is currently tackling bottlenecks in the internal market to create sustainable growth. This includes its work on European contract law: evidence shows that differences in national contract laws could be a barrier to cross-border trade in the Internal Market. This initiative is closely related to the Common European Sales Law proposal, adopted in 2011, following the Green Paper. The two initiatives address similar problems, but focus on different sectors of the economy. The Common European Sales Law initiative addresses primarily contract law related barriers to the cross-border sale of goods. The current initiative focuses on the specific contract law related problems to crossborder trade in the insurance sector.
41	EDPS will issue an opinion	JUST	EU-US data flows	Safe Harbor Communication from the Commission on "Rebuilding trust in EU - US data flows".	Adopted on 27/11/2013	This initiative aims at restoring trust in data flows between the EU and the U.S., following deep concerns about revelations of large-scale U.S. intelligence collection programmes have had a negative impact on the transatlantic relationship. The Commission's response takes the form of (1) a strategy paper (a Communication) on transatlantic data flows setting out the challenges and risks following the revelations of U.S. intelligence collection programmes, as well as the steps that need to be taken to address these concerns; (2) an analysis of the functioning of 'Safe Harbour' which regulates data transfers for commercial purposes between the EU and U.S.; and (3) a report on the findings of the EU-US Working Group on Data Protection which was set up in July 2013.
42	EDPS may comment or issue an opinion	JUST	The rule of law in the European Union	n.a.	1st Quarter 2014	The Communication will take forward the reflection on a framework for a consistent response where the rule of law is challenged.
43	EDPS will follow developments	JUST	European Accessibility Act	n.a.	Mar-14	The initiative will improve the market of goods and services that are accessible for persons with disabilities and elderly persons, based on a "design for all" approach. This business friendly initiative will include binding measures to promote procurement and harmonisation of accessibility standards. The initiative is currently in a consultation process with industry and stakeholders.
44	EDPS may comment or issue an opinion	JUST	A new approach to business failure and insolvency	n.a.	January 2014	The objective of this initiative is to set up minimum standards in the field of pre-insolvency procedures (reorganisation) and second chance for honest entrepreneurs. It aims to remove obstacles to cross-border trade and investment by providing a level-playing field for debtors and creditors situated in different Member States.
45	EDPS may comment or issue an opinion	JUST	eJustice	eJustice. 2013/JUST/015.	1st Quarter 2014	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.
46	EDPS will issue an opinion	JUST	Eurojust	Reforming Eurojust's structure. 2012/JUST/034	Adopted on 17 July 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. <i>The EDPS issued informal comments and will issue formal comments or an opinion at a later stage.</i>
47	EDPS will follow developments	JUST	Victims of crime	Compensation of crime victims	On hold	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.
48	EDPS will issue an opinion	JUST	e-justice	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	1st Quarter 2014	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.
49	EDPS may comment or issue an opinion	JUST	Mutual recognition of legal 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	4th Quarter 2014	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.
50	EDPS may comment or issue an opinion	JUST	Criminal proceedings	Legislative proposal on Special Safeguards in criminal procedures for Suspected or Accused Persons who are vulnerable	adopted on 24/11/2013	A directive to ensure 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.

51	EDPS may comment or issue an opinion	JUST	Integration strategy	Communication on the implementation of the EU framework of national Roma integration strategies	26 June 2013	The aim of the EU Framework is to help Member States to make a tangible difference to Roma people's lives by bringing about a change in the approach to their inclusion. By March 2012, all Member States had presented a National Roma Integration Strategy or a corresponding set of policy measures within their broader social inclusion policies. The Commission's assessment focuses on evaluating the Member States' approaches to the four key areas of education, employment, healthcare and housing, and on how structural requirements (cooperation with civil society, with regional and local authorities, monitoring, antidiscrimination and establishment of a national contact point) as well as funding are addressed. Based on the assessment, a set of policy recommendations in each section points to priorities that Member States should further address, depending on their national circumstances, in order to meet their responsibilities.
52	EDPS will issue an opinion	JUST/HOME	AFSJ- Post Stockholm Programme	Future priorities in the areas of justice and home affairs	05/03/2014	With the Stockholm Programme coming to an end in 2014 and policies on freedom, security and justice fully integrated into the EU system, the Commission will present a Communication on the future of the EU justice policy and a new European Agenda for home affairs.
53	EDPS will issue an opinion	JUST & OLAF	EU Finance	Establishment of a European Public Prosecutor's office (EPPO) to protect the financial interests of the Union* 2013/JUST+/007	Reasoned Opinion adopted on 27/11/2013	This initiative intends to set out the framework and conditions for establishing the European Public Prosecutor's office to focus on the protection of the financial interests of the Union. It will be accompanied by proposals on the reform of Eurojust and on protection of the financial interests of the EU. (Q2 2013). <i>The EDPS issued informal comments and will issue formal comments or an opinion at a later stage.</i>
54	EDPS will follow developments	LS	EU Accession to the ECHR	EU Accession to the ECHR – internal rules	2014	The initiative sets out legal rules which are required to make the forthcoming accession to the European Convention on Human Rights operational internally.
55	EDPS will issue an opinion	MARE	EU Maritime Security Strategy	n.a.	2014	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
56	EDPS will follow developments	MARE	Fishing Authorisation Regulation	n.a.	2014	Recast of the current Fishing Authorisation Regulation (FAR) in order to simplify the current system, mitigate the issues of highly variable data requirements from Member States, improve consistency between FAR and the combat of illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing and the control framework as well as more broadly with the objectives of the External Dimension of the CFP policy.
57	EDPS may comment or issue an opinion	MARKT	Review of the copyright acquis	Review of the copyright "acquis" 2014/MARKT/005	2nd quarter 2014	The purpose is to review the provisions of the EU copyright framework which are relevant for the online availability of material protected by copyright and related rights, with a view to ensuring that this framework is fit for purpose in the digital age. This means, inter alia, a modern framework that fosters innovative market practices, guarantees effective recognition and remuneration of rightholders, provides sustainable incentive for creativity, cultural diversity and innovation, increases the choice of and open up access to legal offers by end users, allows new business models to emerge and more effectively contributes to combating illegal offers and piracy.
58	EDPS may comment or issue an opinion	MARKT	Framework for crisis management and resolution for financial institutions other than banks	Framework for crisis management and resolution for financial institutions other than banks	4th quarter 2014	With a view to enhancing financial stability and in parallel to the framework for the banking sector, the initiative will ensure that non-bank financial institutions can be effectively resolved without causing systemic impact.
59	EDPS will issue an opinion	MARKT	Finance (supervision)	Review of the European System of Financial Supervision	December 2013/ 1st Quarter 2014	The regulations establishing the EFSF (the three European Supervisory Authorities and the Systemic Risk Board) require that the Commission carried out an in-depth review in 2013, in view of making proposals for changes.
60	EDPS may comment or issue an opinion	MARKT	Finance (investment)	Regulation on indices used as benchmarks in financial instruments and financial contracts 2013/MARKT/011 2013/0314(COD); COM(2013)641;	18.09.2013	The integrity of benchmarks is critical to the pricing of many financial instruments, such as interest rate swaps, and commercial and non-commercial contracts, such as loans and mortgages, and risk management. Any doubts about the integrity and accuracy of indices may undermine market confidence, cause significant losses to investors and distort the real economy. EU work is required to assess if and what regulation may be required to improve the functioning and governance of benchmarks. Issues likely to be addressed include: how benchmarks are calculated; the governance and transparency of benchmarks; the use of benchmarks; public provision of benchmarks; and transition issues.
61	EDPS may comment or issue an opinion	MARKT	Employment	Communication from the Commission on access for regulated professions COM(2013)676	2.10.2013	Take stock of recent developments in Member States in the area of regulated professions and to devise a methodology for facilitating the mutual evaluation exercise foreseen in the proposal modernising the Professional Qualifications Directive. The mutual evaluation foreseen in the proposal will focus on restrictions (qualifications and reserved activities).
62	EDPS will follow developments	MARKT	Pensions funds	Effective Institutions for Occupational Retirement Pensions 2011/MARKT/002 and Single market and pension funds: Institutions for Occupational Retirement Provision (IORP). 2011/MARKT/002	December 2013/ 1st Quarter 2014	A review of this Directive is required in view of the importance of ensuring that appropriate structures are in place to fund retirement. The proposal will focus on governance and transparency of occupational pension funds.
63	EDPS will issue an opinion	MARKT	Notice and takedown procedures	Initiative on notice and takedown procedures	on hold	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. <i>The EDPS was informally consulted and will issue comments or an opinion at a later stage.</i>
64	EDPS will follow developments	MARKT	Adequacy Decisions for countries China, Brazil, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, Jersey, Isle of Man and Guernsey	n.a.	4th quarter 2014	The adoption of new adequacy decisions in accordance with the Directive 2006/43/EC will facilitate the international cooperation with mentioned countries on audit supervision by making equivalent decisions fully operational.
65	EDPS may comment or issue an opinion	MARKT	Fighting misappropriation of trade secrets	2013/MARKT/002	28.11.2013	This proposal aims at providing protection to companies which have developed trade secrets/confidential business information which are valuable to their business. It will ensure that companies which saw their trade secrets misappropriated by third parties can seek adequate and comparable redress within the EU. This redress could include blocking the marketing of the goods/services supplied by misusing those trade secrets; obtaining compensation for the prejudice caused (damages) etc.

66	EDPS will follow developments	SJ/MARKT	Codification of seven Directives in company law	Codification of seven Directives in company law	2014	Company law directives deal with the setting up and functioning of firms. They cover the setting up and registration of companies, protection of investors (e.g. through capital requirements.), mergers and divisions, as well as certain aspects of reporting. Some aspects of the current legal system in this area are difficult to apply, in particular for SMEs. Work is underway to create one, user-friendly set of rules on company law by codifying altogether eight existing company law directives ⁸ . The new legal instrument will follow the "life cycle of a company" – from its incorporation until its dissolution. It will include a common section with definitions and reporting obligations and result in a significant simplification of applicable EU-rules on private and public limited liability companies.
67	EDPS will follow developments	MOVE	Harmonisation (transport)	Internal Road Market - Access to the road haulage market and access to occupation of road transport operator 2013/MOVE/009	3rd Quarter 2013	The initiative will improve the economic and environmental efficiency of road freight transport by further lifting the restrictions to cabotage. It will create a more even playing field by including provisions to apply social rules of the host country in the case of long stay of drivers and provisions for a more uniform enforcement.
68	EDPS may comment or issue an opinion	MOVE	Harmonisation (rail transport)	Harmonised computerised information and reservation system for rail transport (CIRSRT) 2013/MOVE/022	4th Quarter 2013	'Computerised Information and Reservation System for Rail Transport (CIRSRT)' means a computerised system containing information about rail services offered by railway undertakings. In order to provide the information and to issue tickets referred to in this Regulation, railway undertakings and ticket vendors shall make use of CIRSRT; the information stored in the CIRSRT on passenger services shall include information on: (a) schedules and timetables of passenger services; (b) availability of seats on passenger services; (c) fares and special conditions; (d) accessibility of trains for disabled persons and persons with reduced mobility; (e) facilities through which reservations may be made or tickets or through tickets may be issued to the extent that some or all of these facilities are made available to users.
69	EDPS will issue an opinion	MOVE	Traffic monitoring (vessels)	Community vessels traffic monitoring and information system 2012/MOVE/001	4th Quarter 2013	Setting up a European Union (EU) vessel traffic monitoring and information system requires all ships over a specific gross tonnage to be covered with some exceptions. The operator of a ship bound for a port of an EU country must notify certain information (ship identification, total number of persons on board, port of destination, estimated time of arrival) to the port authority at least twenty-four hours in advance, where this is feasible. The directive stipulates that ships built on or after 1 July 2002 and calling at a port of an EU country must be fitted with: -an automatic identification system (AIS), as well as -a voyage data recorder (VDR) system ("black box") to facilitate investigations following accidents. EU countries will have to cooperate to ensure the interconnection and interoperability of their national information systems, in order that the requisite information on the ship or its cargo can be exchanged electronically at any time.
70	EDPS will follow developments	MOVE	Harmonisation (pilotage)	Establishment of a European framework for granting Pilotage Exemptions Certificates 2013/MOVE/023	4th Quarter 2013	The Commission considers that granting exemptions from mandatory pilotage for frequent users would reduce the costs of maritime transport and make it more attractive, in particular short sea shipping. However safety should be ensured when exemptions are granted. A Pilotage Exemption Certificate may be granted to the vessel's master, or mate, when they fulfill certain criteria showing a capacity to safely manage his vessel in the waters in question. The Commission invites Member States to create a regulatory framework which would permit easier pilotage exemptions for operators carrying frequent shipping services. This framework should allow shipmasters who do not speak the country's native language to obtain pilotage exemptions.
71	EDPS will follow developments	MOVE	Simplification of provisions on access to the international road haulage market	n.a.	2014	This proposal will simplify and clarify provisions on access to the international road haulage market and on the provision of transport services by road haulage undertakings. It will also simplify enforcement rules and enable targeted and effective checks by national authorities
72	EDPS will issue an opinion	OLAF	OLAF Reform	n.a.	2014	Following the Communication on improving OLAF's governance and reinforcing procedural safeguards in investigations, further systemic improvements of the OLAF Regulation could be made, inspired by the procedural safeguards in the Commission's proposal on establishment of a European Public Prosecutor's Office but which can be transposed to OLAF's administrative investigations and enacted even before the EPPO is established. This could include strengthening the legal review of investigative measures through the new office of an independent Controller of procedural safeguards, and enhanced procedural safeguards for acts similar to searches and seizures carried out by OLAF in the institutions.
73	EDPS will 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	3rd Quarter 2013	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. The EDPS was informally consulted and will issue formal comments or an opinion at a later stage.
74	EDPS may comment or issue an opinion	PSF	Research & structural funds	Missing data protection considerations when assessing project applications for European (i.e. Research & Structural) funds	2013	In light of recent developments we suggest to assess the current standing of data protection as an evaluation criteria to secure European funding (from both structural and research funds). Seeing the number of ongoing projects which focus on data processing and the level of data protection they include, it seems that data protection is not adequately considered in the evaluation phase of applications for European funding. Given that these evaluators are EU-staff, we believe it to be necessary and within our competence to point out and demand that an appropriate level of data protection is to be considered when assessing applications for European funds.
75	EDPS will issue an opinion	SANCO	Health	European Reference Networks for highly specialised healthcare (article 12 of the Directive on patient's rights to cross border healthcare).	2014	Directive 2011/24/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2011 on the application of patients' rights in cross-border healthcare requires the European Commission to support Member States in the development of European Reference Networks composed of healthcare providers and Centres of Expertise. Article 12 of the Directive requires the Commission to adopt a list of criteria that the networks must fulfil, and the conditions and criteria which providers wishing to join networks must fulfil. The Commission is also required to develop and publish criteria for establishing and evaluating European Reference Networks. And it must facilitate the exchange of information and expertise on the establishment of the networks and of their evaluation.
76	EDPS will issue an opinion	TAXUD	Agreement EU-New Zealand	EU-New Zealand agreement on customs cooperation and mutual administrative assistance in customs matter	1st Quarter 2014	EU-New Zealand agreement on customs cooperation and mutual administrative assistance in customs matter

77	EDPS will issue an opinion	TAXUD	Agreement EU-Norway, EU-Russia	Proposal for two Commission Recommendations for council decisions to authorise the Commission to open negotiations for agreements between the EU and Norway, and between the EU and the Russian Federation, on administrative cooperation, combating fraud and recovery of claims in the field of VAT.	4th Quarter 2014	Experience in Member States has shown that VAT fraud schemes often exploit weaknesses in the way chains of transactions are controlled as a result of the inclusion of counterparts located in third countries. The risk of VAT fraud or evasion is particularly high in the field of electronic commerce since the identification of suppliers, customers and the place of supply is much more difficult to determine than for traditional transactions. Cooperation with third countries is thus a priority for the protection of VAT revenues of EU Member States
78	EDPS will issue an opinion	TAXUD	WTO Negotiations	WTO Negotiations. Article 12 on Customs Cooperation of the WTO draft negotiating text for an agreement on trade facilitation.	2014	WTO Negotiations. Article 12 on Customs Cooperation of the WTO draft negotiating text for an agreement on trade facilitation.
79	EDPS may comment or issue an opinion	TAXUD	Towards a definitive VAT system	n.a.	2014	The initiative follows the December 2011 Communication on the future of VAT and aims at giving guidance on how to implement the principle of destination for the taxation of the supplies of goods and services within the EU as the best achievable way forward, abandoning the long-term objective of taxation in the Member State of origin.
80	EDPS will follow developments	TAXUD/MOVE	Traffic monitoring (vessels)	Implementation of a Blue Belt for Short Sea Shipping 2013/MOVE+/005	2014	The aim of the Blue Belt project is to explore new ways to promote and to facilitate Short Sea Shipping in the European Union by reducing the administrative burden for intra-Community trade through automated monitoring of commercial vessels. It aims at enabling a better flow of goods, transference of transport from land to sea and on sustaining high quality maritime transport corridors, with the objective to reduce emissions harmful to the environment. In the Blue Belt project, customs authorities will receive a timely notification report before the arrival of a "Blue Ship" to an EU port. This contains information on the current and previous voyages, including expected or actual arrival and departure times, previous and next ports of call, and other pertinent voyage information. Based on lessons learnt from the pilot project the feasibility and usefulness of establishing a permanent Blue Belt reporting system will be assessed.
81	EDPS may comment or issue an opinion	TAXUD	Mutual recognition (economic)	EU-Canada mutual recognition of Authorised Economic Operators	2014	On the basis of the Community Customs Code, Member States can grant the AEO status to an economic operator meeting the following common criteria: customs compliance, appropriate record-keeping, financial solvency and, where relevant, appropriate security and safety standards. The status of authorised economic operator 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 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. The EDPS was informally consulted on this initiative by the Commission and may issue a formal comment or an opinion at a later stage.
82	EDPS may comment or issue an opinion	TAXUD	Mutual recognition (economic)	EU-China mutual recognition of Authorised Economic Operators.	1st Quarter 2014	

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83	EDPS may comment or issue an opinion	TAXUD	Customs information sharing	Draft Implementing Provisions of Council Regulation (EU) 389/2012 of 2 May 2012 on administrative cooperation in the field of excise duties: exchange of information on request, mandatory exchange and optional exchange	3rd or 4th Quarter 2014	The aim of the proposal for a Commission Regulation is to ensure uniform conditions for the implementation of certain Articles of the Council Regulation (EU) No 389/2012. The effective administrative cooperation between Member States requires the use of harmonised processes and standardised messages in order to exchange information on request and mandatory exchanges. The proposal therefore mainly concerns rules for the structure and content of messages exchanged in the course of administrative cooperation between Member States, as well as the relevant procedures to be followed by Member States in this context. <i>The EDPS was informally consulted on this initiative by the Commission and may issue formal comments or an opinion at a later stage.</i>
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