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| 1 | EDPS will follow developments | CNECT | Digital agenda | Green paper preparing for a Fully Converged Audiovisual World: Growth, Creation and Values 2012/CNECT/024 | January 2013 | <p>The Green Paper will launch a public consultation to get a full and clear picture of the opportunities and challenges posed by the convergence between audio-visual and on-line services rendered possible by the development of connected devices ("smart TVs") and over the top delivery of audio-visual content. A number of issues will have to be addressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Impact of the technological developments; o Europe's stance in the global scene; o Opportunities offered/challenges posed; o Financing and creation of audio-visual content o Risks of fragmentation of the(digital)single market; o Assessing the playing field; o Standardisation issues/switching costs and 'lock-in'; o Control over advertising and content/gate keeper roles/competition issues; o IPR issues; o Protection of minors, media literacy of vulnerable groups |
| 2 | EDPS will issue an opinion | CNECT | Digital agenda | Recommendation on specific aspects of transparency, traffic management and switching in an Open Internet 2013/CNECT/005 | 2nd Quarter 2013 | <p>In the absence of EU guidance, some EU Member States have begun to adopt different approaches regarding net neutrality. This tendency represents a serious risk of a fragmentation of the Digital Single Market. The Commission asked the Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC) to undertake a fact-finding exercise on issues crucial to ensuring an open and neutral internet, including barriers to changing operators, blocking or throttling of internet traffic, transparency and quality of service. The results of this investigation identified several restrictions that consumers are subject to and unaware of. The Commission is thus preparing a Recommendation that will provide guidance on transparency, traffic management, switching and the respect of the users' privacy by ISPs when they apply certain traffic management tools (such as Deep Packet Inspection (DPI)). This aims at ensuring that Member States take similar approaches towards net neutrality and will thus contribute to the achievement of a Single Market for electronic communications.</p> |
| 3 | EDPS will issue an opinion | CNECT | Digital agenda | Cloud computing: a policy framework 2013/CNECT/003 | 4th Quarter 2013 | <p>To establish common frameworks for the adoption of cloud computing across Europe and to the extent possible at a global scale. Its political context is the implementation of European Cloud Strategy (adopted in September 2012). The proposals will precisely address the problem that Member State level action cannot. It will offer greatly increased scale of usage of IT resources and thus get the economic and service boost that cloud computing offers. The main problems it will address are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Overcoming fragmentation and thus loss of scale and competitiveness in provision of cloud computing services in Europe 2) Job creation and stimulation of growth and innovation amongst Europe's small firms 3) Reducing costs and raising quality of IT and online European public services 4) Forming a coherent policy landscape for cloud computing |
| 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 | 4th Quarter 2013 | <p>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.</p> |
| 5 | EDPS will follow developments | CNECT | Harmonisation (connected devices) | Follow-up Communication on connected devices and convergence 2013/CNECT/008 | 4th Quarter 2013 | <p>Drawing the conclusions from the public consultation that should follow the policy paper on over-the-top delivery of audiovisual content in the context of media convergence. EC communication on key policy issues following the Green Paper on Connected TV and Connected devices due Dec 2012. Strong linkage with the Audiovisual Media Services Directive [promotion of European works, media pluralism, protection of minors, advertising, etc.] copyright licensing of audiovisual works, fostering broadband infrastructure investment, consumer rights, standards and interoperability, digital single market., Media convergence cuts across a number of policy areas. Since the focus of the communication depends on the feedback received on the Green Paper later this year, it is not possible at this time to assess the scope and granularity of actions [if any] needed and therefore the impact on other policy areas. The outcome of public consultation will decide on policy initiatives and its relation to existing policy.</p> |

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| 6 | EDPS will follow developments | CNECT | Children and internet | European Strategy for Making the internet a better place for children 2011/CNECT/035 | 2013 | The overall objective of the strategy is to provide an EU-wide strategic framework that will allow coping with the amplitude, the global and changing nature of the use of new technologies by young people in Europe. It will aim at making children more responsible and informed users of ICT while at the same time providing them with the best protection means and fighting against illegal practices. The overall objective would enable young generations to acquire deeper insights on global challenges and events and develop essential skills contributing to Europe 2020 objectives of 'smart and inclusive growth'. This objective is in line with the overall objective of the Digital Agenda for Europe as a "digital European". |
| 7 | EDPS may comment or issue an opinion | CNECT | Digital agenda | Digital agenda - Next steps Communication on "Digital agenda for Europe"-Mid term review 2012/INFSO/010 | 19 December 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. |
| 8 | EDPS will issue an opinion | CNECT | Data breach notifications | Commission Decision - Technical implementing measures for personal data breach notifications in the electronic communications sector 2011/INFSO/014 | 1st Quarter 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. |
| 9 | EDPS will issue an opinion | CNECT | eHealth action plan | eHealth Action Plan - make eHealth real - for patients, professionals and the economy- 2011/INFSO/008. | 06 December 2012 | Roadmap 2011-15 to lay out targets operational steps towards the wide roll out of interoperable electronic health records, telemedicine services |
| 10 | EDPS may comment or issue an opinion | CNECT | Digital agenda | Communication on European Strategy for Internet Security 2012/INFSO/003 | January 2013 | 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. |
| 11 | EDPS will issue an opinion | EMPL | Employment | European platform to fight undeclared work | 4th Quarter 2013 | This draft decision 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 may comment or issue an opinion | EMPL | Employment | Reforming the European Employment Services EURES and its legal basis. 2012/EMPL/004 | Adopted on 26 November 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. |
| 13 | EDPS may comment or issue an opinion | EMPL | Social funds | Social Investment for Growth and Cohesion – including implementing the ESF 2014-2020 | 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. |
| 14 | EDPS will follow developments | ENER | Energy technology | Energy Technologies and Innovation in a future European Energy Policy | 2nd Quarter 2013 | To foster energy technologies development according to the energy roadmap 2050, to promote energy research demonstration and market deployment actions at EU level and to remove market, regulatory and behavioural barriers to the market deployment of energy innovation (via the Intelligent Energy Europe III programme). |
| 15 | EDPS will issue an opinion | ENER | Smart grids | DP impact assessment template for smart grids and the cyber security assessment framework for smart grids/meters | 2nd Quarter 2013 | <p>1) The Data Protection Impact Assessment template is a decision-making support tool for entities planning or executing investments in the Smart Grid sector. It is the result of a collective effort produced by the Smart Grid industry main representatives. It aims to guarantee the adequate processing of personal data in the Smart Grid and Smart Metering environments for consumers throughout the EU</p> <p>2) The cybersecurity assessment framework consists of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Identification of best available techniques for smart metering system, based on the analysis of the list of minimum functional requirements (see point 3.f and 18 of the Commission Recommendation adopted on 9 March) · Evaluation of available methodologies for a trustworthy network sharing vulnerabilities and threats analysis of smart grid and smart metering systems among stakeholders <p>The objective is to guarantee the appropriate management of vulnerabilities and threats in the Smart Grid environment.</p> |

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| 16 | EDPS may comment or issue an opinion | ENER | Energy technology | Guidance documents for the implementation of the new energy efficiency directive | 2013 | Interpretative notes on the implementation of the key provisions of the Energy Efficiency Directive relating to central government buildings, public procurement, energy efficiency obligations/alternatives, energy audits, metering/billing, CHP/district heating, grids/demand response, with the objective of supporting Member States with the transposition and implementation of the Directive. |
| 17 | EDPS may comment or issue an opinion | ENTR | Harmonisation (Industry) | Reforming the internal market for industrial products | 2013 | The aims of the proposal are, among others, to address the shortcoming, bottlenecks and outdated requirements of the existing EU industrial products legislation in order to further strengthen and simplify the regulatory framework. |
| 18 | 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) | 2013 | 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. |
| 19 | 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 | 2013 | 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. |
| 20 | 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. |
| 21 | EDPS will issue an opinion | HOME | Crime (firearms) | Initiative on firearms: reducing gun-crime in Europe 2013/HOME/007 | 4th Quarter 2013 | 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. |
| 22 | EDPS will issue an opinion | HOME | Proceeds of crime | Fighting money laundering 2013/HOME/006 | 4th Quarter 2013 | As one of the 'Eurocrimes', money laundering is a criminal offence in all EU Member States. However, EU Member States do not have the same definition of money laundering and also apply different sanctions. Because this hinders cross-border investigations and police cooperation, there is a need to harmonise the offence of money laundering at EU level. |
| 23 | EDPS will issue an opinion | HOME | Visa policy | Reviewing the Union's visa policy to facilitate life for legitimate travellers 2013/HOME/002 | 4th Quarter 2013 | 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. |
| 24 | EDPS will issue an opinion | HOME | Border checks | Entry/Exit System (EES). 2010/HOME/004. | 1st Quarter 2013 | 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. |
| 25 | EDPS will issue an opinion | HOME | Border checks | Registered Traveller Programme (RTP). 2010/HOME/003. | 1st Quarter 2013 | 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. |

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| 26 | EDPS will issue an opinion | HOME | Border checks | Amendment to the Schengen Borders Code. 2010/HOME/002. | 1st Quarter 2013 | To amend the Schengen Borders Code to be aligned with the Registered Traveller Programme Regulation and the Entry/Exit System Regulation. |
| 27 | 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) 2011/HOME/002 | 24 April 2013 | 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. |
| 28 | EDPS will issue an opinion | HOME | Anti-terrorism | Legal and technical framework for a European Terrorist Finance Tracking System (TFTS). 2011/HOME/003. | 1st Quarter 2013 | 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. |
| 29 | EDPS will issue an opinion | HOME | Europol | Establishing the European Police Office – EUROPOL. 2011/HOME/010. | 1st Quarter 2013 | Article 88 of the TFEU provides for a new legal basis for Europol. |
| 30 | EDPS will issue an opinion | HOME | PNR Agreement 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 2011/HOME/038 and 2011/HOME/027. | 1st Quarter 2013 | Propose to Council that it signs and concludes an Agreements for the transfer of PNR data from the EU to Canada. |
| 31 | EDPS may comment or issue an opinion | HOME | SIRENE II | Commission Decision adopting the SIRENE Manual for SIS II. 2012/HOME/001 | January 2013 | Commission Decision adopting the SIRENE Manual for SIS II. |
| 32 | EDPS may comment or issue an opinion | JUST | Legal documents | Service in the Member States of judicial and extrajudicial documents in civil or commercial matters | 01 November 2013 | The revision of regulation 1393/2007 will pay special attention to the effectiveness of the transmitting and receiving agencies and focus on the practical application of the execution of a request for forwarding a request for service. It could include the establishment of common minimum standards. |

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| 33 | EDPS will follow developments | JUST | Victims of crime | Compensation of crime victims | 2nd Half 2013 | 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. |
| 34 | EDPS may comment or issue an opinion | JUST | eJustice | eJustice. 2013/JUST/015. | 23 January 2013 | 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. |
| 35 | EDPS will 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. |
| 36 | EDPS will issue an opinion | JUST | Protection of personal data | 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 2013 | 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. |
| 37 | EDPS will follow developments | 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 | (1) 2nd Half 2013 / (2) January 2013 | 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. |
| 38 | EDPS will issue an opinion | JUST | Insolvency | Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1346/2000 on insolvency proceedings | December 2012 | Revision of the Insolvency Regulation ((EC) 1346/2000), including the question of insolvency of groups and enterprises, in order to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of cross-border insolvency proceedings. |
| 39 | EDPS may comment or issue an opinion | JUST | Collective redress | An EU framework for collective redress. 2012/JUST+017 | March 2013 | This initiative would follow up on the full range of previous Commission work on collective redress at the EU level |
| 40 | 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 | November 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. |
| 41 | EDPS will follow developments | JUST | Fundamental rights | Annual report on the EU Charter of Fundamental rights | April 2013 | This report reviews progress in ensuring the effective implementation of the Charter and highlights important developments in 2012. It provides detailed information on the application of the Charter by all EU institutions and Member States and illustrates concrete problems faced by individuals. The Annual Report monitors progress in the areas where the EU has powers to act, showing how the Charter has been taken into account in actual cases, notably when new EU legislation is proposed. It is based on the actions of EU institutions and the analysis of letters from the general public, and on questions and petitions from the European Parliament. Furthermore, the Annual Report is also aimed at helping EU citizens determine where they need to turn to when they believe that their fundamental rights have been violated by an EU institution or by a national authority implementing EU law |
| 42 | EDPS may comment or issue an opinion | JUST | Integration strategy | Report on the implementation of the EU framework of national Roma integration strategies | May 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. |

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| 43 | EDPS may comment or issue an opinion | JUST & EMPL | Integration strategy | Integration of the Roma | 2013 | Commission Recommendation aimed at fostering implementation of National Roma Integration Strategies, based on the work of a Pilot Group of Member States representing a geographical balance and the diverse situations concerning Roma within the EU and identifying good practices and effective approaches to Roma Integration. |
| 44 | EDPS may comment or issue an opinion | JUST & OLAF | EU Finance | Criminal law procedural framework for the protection of the EU financial interests | June 2013 | This initiative calls for action to ensure equivalent and effective protection of the Union's financial interests, including criminal law as far as this proves necessary. Despite the development of an EU acquis in this area which includes fraud, corruption and money laundering, Member States have adopted diverging rules and consequently often diverging levels of protection within their national legal systems. This state of affairs shows that there is no equivalent protection of the Union's financial interests, and that measures against fraud have not reached the necessary level of deterrence. |
| 45 | EDPS will issue an opinion | JUST & OLAF | EU Finance | Establishment of a European Public Prosecutor's office (EPPPO) to protect the financial interests of the Union* | June 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) |
| 46 | EDPS may comment or issue an opinion | MARKT | Finance (shadow banking) | Addressing systemic risks related to shadow banking | 2013 | Following the Green Paper of March 2012 and the international work coordinated by the FSB, the Commission will address the systemic problems related to shadow banking entities and practices e.g. money market funds, securitisation and activities such as securities lending and repurchase agreements performed by all types of financial entities. (Q3 2013) |
| 47 | EDPS may comment or issue an opinion | MARKT | Finance (investment) | Common framework for the production of indices and benchmarks, in particular their governance and calculation | 2013 | The overall objective is to enhance the integrity of the production and use of benchmarks and indices which will enhance market confidence and efficiency and improve investor protection. |
| 48 | EDPS will issue an opinion | MARKT | Finance (supervision) | Review of the European System of Financial Supervision | 2013 | 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. |
| 49 | EDPS may comment or issue an opinion | MARKT | Finance (investment) | Providing long-term finance through actions to ensure the effectiveness of financial institutions, markets and instruments | 2013 | Following the Green Paper to be adopted by the Commission at the end of the year, and the ensuing debate, the Commission will propose policy actions to improve the conditions for long term finance in Europe. Some of the actions may be included in other proposals (like UCITS VI) |
| 50 | EDPS will issue an opinion | MARKT | Finance (UCITS) | Reforming the framework for collective investment funds/UCITS VI (focus on long-term investments, product rules and depositaries) | 2013 | Recent international work on shadow banking has identified certain shortcomings in the field of investment funds that require closer scrutiny (for instance, money market funds and the use of securities lending or sale-and-repurchase arrangements (repos)). This initiative will address a number of concerns relating to systemic risks, the efficiency, competitiveness and integration of the market for UCITS funds in order to preserve the UCITS attractiveness. This will contribute to preserving financial stability and fostering a culture of long-term investment in Europe, thus underpinning growth and jobs. |
| 51 | EDPS may comment or issue an opinion | MARKT | e-Invoicing | Initiative on E-invoicing in the field of public procurement | 2013 | This initiative would eliminate the fragmentation of the Internal Market by promoting the use of B2G e-invoicing in the public sector and enhancing the interoperability of national e-invoicing systems. It would help to reduce the operating costs of enterprises and the procurement costs of public authorities by fostering the automation of procedures related to invoicing. (Q2 2013) |
| 52 | EDPS will issue an opinion | MARKT | Employment | Access for regulated professions | 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). |
| 53 | EDPS may comment or issue an opinion | MARKT | Finance (banking) | Bank account initiative* | 2013 | An initiative aiming at increasing the transparency and comparability of bank account fees, as well as to render bank account switching easier for consumers. (Q1 2013) |
| 54 | EDPS will issue an opinion | MARKT | e-Payments | Follow up to Green Paper: Towards an integrated European market for card, internet and mobile payments | 2013 | While card, internet and mobile payments are the retail payment methods with the highest growth potential, there is significant market fragmentation along national borders. The follow-up to the Green Paper addresses the main obstacles for market integration in these areas. (Q2 2013) |
| 55 | EDPS will follow developments | MARKT | Pensions funds | Effective Institutions for Occupational Retirement Pensions | 2013 | A review of this Directive is required in view of the importance of ensuring that appropriate structures are in place to fund retirement. |

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| 56 | EDPS will follow developments | MARKT | Pensions 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. |
| 57 | EDPS may comment or issue an opinion | 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). |
| 58 | EDPS will follow developments | MARKT | Finance (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. |
| 59 | EDPS will issue an opinion | MARKT | Notice and takedown procedures | Initiative on notice and takedown procedures | 2013 | 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. |
| 60 | EDPS will issue an opinion | MARKT | Money laundering | Third Anti Money Laundering Directive 2012/MARKT/001 | 2013 | 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. |
| 61 | EDPS will follow developments | MARKT | Online gambling | On-line gambling in the Internal Market. 2012/MARKT/004 | 2013 | 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. |
| 62 | EDPS will issue an opinion | MOVE | Border controls | Revision of the Schengen Borders Code (562/2006) 2013/HOME/001 | 4th Quarter 2013 | Compilation of several amendments into one legal text, including that on the use of the Visa Information System and the 2011 amendments. |
| 63 | EDPS will follow developments | MOVE | Harmonisation (transport) | Internal Road Market - Access to the road haulage market and access to occupation of road transport operator | Mid 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. |
| 64 | EDPS will follow developments | MOVE | Civil aviation | Directive 2003/42 of the European Parliament and of the Council on occurrence reporting in civil aviation 2011/MOVE/028 | 2013 | 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 |
| 65 | EDPS will follow developments | MOVE | Harmonisation (rail transport) | Harmonised computerised information and reservation system for rail transport (CIRSRT) 2013/MOVE/022 | May 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. |

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| 66 | EDPS will issue an opinion | MOVE | Harmonisation (eCall) | The harmonised provision for an interoperable EU-wide eCall - Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) 2013/MOVE/027 | May 2013 | The Working Group of experts on Road Safety identified the deployment of a pan-European eCall service available in all new vehicles and in all countries as one of the high priority technologies/services for reducing road fatalities. eCall requires three types of measures: the fitting of a specific system in the vehicles, the ability of mobile network operators to transmit messages with a certain format and the capacity of the emergency call responses centres (also known as PSAPs) to handle these messages. The Commission is thus planning to introduce the following measures as part of its eCall strategy: – In-vehicle devices: the Commission is currently preparing a proposal within the framework of Directive 2007/46/EC to mandate eCall in all M1 and N1 new types of vehicles (passenger cars and light duty vehicles).; – Mobile communication networks: the above-mentioned eCall Commission Recommendation.; – Public Safety Answering Points: the adoption of a delegated act under Directive 2010/40/EU in order to address the specifications for the PSAPs. |
| 67 | EDPS will issue an opinion | MOVE | Traffic monitoring (vessels) | Community vessels traffic monitoring and information system 2012/MOVE/001 | November 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. |
| 68 | EDPS will follow developments | MOVE | Harmonisation (pilotage) | Establishment of a European framework for granting Pilotage Exemptions Certificates 2013/MOVE/023 | November 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. |
| 69 | EDPS will follow developments | MOVE | Traffic monitoring (vessels) | Implementation of a Blue Belt for Short Sea Shipping 2013/MOVE+/005 | June 2013 | 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 automatised 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. |
| 70 | EDPS may comment or issue an opinion | OLAF | Crime (smuggling) | Fighting cigarette smuggling | 2013 | This strategy would propose a comprehensive response at EU level to illicit trade in cigarettes, taking into account the losses caused to public revenue and its role as an outlet for organised crime. Better coordinated and more targeted action would include exchange of information, standard setting and international cooperation. |
| 71 | 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 | 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. |
| 72 | EDPS may comment or issue an opinion | Research & Structural Funds DGs | 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 |

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| 73 | EDPS will follow developments | SANCO | Consumer product safety | Hygiene package legislation (revision) | 2013 | As the principles and requirements of the Hygiene Package opened the European Union market for all food business operators, all national measures must be currently notified to the Commission and to the other Member States at the stage of the draft in order to inform them and give them the possibility to comment on the draft legislation which after adoption becomes applicable (Directive No 98/34/EC). In the revision of hygiene package it is foreseen to simplify the current notification rules which may result in a more frequent use by the Member States of the flexibility possibilities laid down in the Hygiene package legislation. |
| 74 | 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. |
| 75 | EDPS may comment or issue an opinion | TAXUD | Mutual recognition (economic) | EU-Canada mutual recognition of Authorised Economic Operators | 2nd Half 2013 | 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. |
| 76 | EDPS may comment or issue an opinion | TAXUD | Mutual recognition (economic) | EU-China mutual recognition of Authorised Economic Operators. | | |
| 77 | EDPS will 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 | 2013 | 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. |
| 78 | EDPS will 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: register of economic operators and related statistics | 2013 | 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 proposal concerns rules for the replication of details of national registers of economic operators and their business premises and the collection and dissemination of related statistics. Consistent rules for replication of relevant details of the national registers are essential to ensure effective control of excise movements under duty suspension. Further provisions define the use of a service provided by the Commission to allow economic operators to check the accuracy of the details held on their authorisations by the national authorities responsible. |