European Commission

Digital Single Market

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#DSM

- **24 legislative initiatives presented by the European Commission since 2015**
- **6 initiatives completed**

With the new cybersecurity and data economy proposals, there are now **18 Commission legislative initiatives on the table** which the European Parliament and the Council need to adopt to further build the Digital Single Market.

LEGEND

Legislative initiatives	Legislative initiative presented and adopted
Legislative initiatives	Legislative initiative presented, possible agreement in 2018 if strong commitment by all EU institutions
Non-legislative initiatives	Non-legislative initiatives
	Date of Commission proposal

2015

6 May

Commission's Digital Single Market strategy presented

9 December

Two Commission initiatives on digital contract rules

Modern digital contract rules to simplify and promote access to digital content and online sales across the EU.

Commission's proposal for cross-border portability of online content services

To fully use online subscriptions to films, sports events, e-books, video games or music services when travelling within the EU.

2016

2 February

Commission's proposal to coordinate the use of the 470-790 MHz band for mobile services

To improve internet access for all Europeans, to help develop cross-border applications and facilitate the introduction of 5G.

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19 April

- Commission's plans to help digitise European industry
- EU eGovernment Action Plan 2016-2020
- Outline of the priorities for common ICT standards to boost digital innovation
- Commission's plans to create a European Open Science Cloud

25 May

- **Commission's plan to tackle unjustified geo-blocking**
  To ensure that consumers seeking to buy online in another EU country are not discriminated against in terms of access to prices, sales or payment conditions.
- **Commission's initiative to make cross-border parcel delivery more affordable and efficient**
  Increased price transparency and regulatory oversight of cross-border parcel delivery services.
- **Commission's proposal to updated Audiovisual Media Services Directive**
  To extend the rules applying to traditional broadcasters also to video-on-demand providers and video-sharing platforms.
- **Commission's initiative to revise the consumer protection cooperation**
  Giving more powers to national authorities to better enforce consumer rights.
- Updated guidance on the Unfair Commercial Practices Directive
- New approach to online platforms as responsible players of a fair internet ecosystem

2 June

- European Agenda for Collaborative Economy

10 June

- New Skills Agenda for Europe

15 June

- **Commission's initiative to regulate wholesale roaming prices**
  As of 15 June 2017 travellers do not have to pay roaming charges in the EU. This is possible due to significant price drop in what the operators can charge each other.

14 September

- **Two Commission proposals to modernise EU copyright rules and to facilitate access to content online**
  Better choice and access to content across borders, improved rules on education and research, a fairer and sustainable marketplace.
- **Commission's plan to strengthen EU level coordination of electronic communications**
  Enhancing the role of the Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications.
- **Commission's initiative for new the European Electronic Communications Code**
  Modernisation of the current EU telecoms rules for boosting long-term investments with better use of radio frequencies, stronger consumer protection and safer online environment.

Marrakesh Treaty implementation in the EU law

Two legislative files to facilitate access to published works for persons who are blind, visually impaired or otherwise print disabled.

WiFi4EU initiative

Supporting provision of free public Wi-Fi hotspots in local communities across the EU. First WiFi4EU networks will be available in early 2018.

Commission's plans to improve connectivity and move towards a Gigabit Society

Commission's plans to deploy 5G across the EU

1 December

New tax rules to support e-commerce and online businesses in the EU

To improve the Value Added Tax (VAT) environment for e-commerce businesses in the EU to buy and sell goods and services more easily online as well as for e-publications.

2017

10 January

Commission's proposal for stronger privacy in electronic communications

Extending the scope of ePrivacy rules to all electronic communication providers in full alignment with the General Data Protection Regulation.

23 March

New guidance for coordinated digital public services across the EU with the European Interoperability Framework

2 May

Commission's initiative to create a Single Digital Gateway

To make it easier for people and companies to manage their paperwork online in their home country or when working, living or doing business in another EU country.

10 May

Report on e-commerce sector inquiry

13 September

Commission's cybersecurity package to scale up EU's response to cyber attacks

A wide-ranging set of measures to build strong cybersecurity in the EU, including a proposal for an EU Cybersecurity Agency.

Commission's proposal for a framework for the free flow of non-personal data in the EU

Removing data localisation restrictions to unlock the full potential of the EU data economy.

21 September

EU agenda towards fair taxation in the digital economy

28 September

Guidelines for online platforms to tackle illegal content