

Presentation of the Presidency's priorities by Emmanuel Macron: European Parliament, Strasbourg: 19 January

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Priorities	Texts under discussion	Events
STRENGTH		
Defence: strengthening the EU's strategic sovereignty and developing common priorities.	<i>Strategic Compass:</i> Project initiated under the German EU Council Presidency in the second half of 2020. Final political discussion to be concluded in March 2022.	
Health: developing a European health policy capable of empowering the European Union.	The establishment of the European Health Emergency Response and Preparedness Authority (HERA). Pending adoption by the Council of the Regulation on urgent and targeted medical countermeasures in public health emergencies.	
Stability and prosperity in our neighbourhood: strengthening partnerships with neighbouring third countries and promoting economic development and European values.		EU-African Union Summit on 17-18 February in Brussels
		Western Balkans Conference in June
Migration challenge: strengthening European security and managing the migration challenge.	<i>Pact on Migration and Asylum</i> proposed by the Commission in 2020, pending a common position by the Council. <i>Revision of the Schengen Code</i> proposed by the Commission on 14 December 2021, pending consideration by the Council.	
RECOVERY		
Social: to offer workers "quality, qualified and better paid jobs".	<i>Directive on adequate minimum wages in the Union.</i> Negotiation scheduled between Council and Parliament for final adoption.	
Climate issues: meeting the EU's climate objectives while maintaining the competitiveness of European companies.	<i>Carbon border adjustment mechanism (CBAM),</i> proposed by the Commission in July 2021. Pending consideration of Council and Parliament positions.	
Economic Ambitions : strengthening the EU's technological sovereignty through a "New European Growth Model" (Horizon 2030).		Summit on the new European growth and investment model: 10-11 March 2022 in France.
Digital : curbing the distribution of illegal content and combating abusive and anti-competitive behaviour by digital companies.	<i>Digital Services Act (DSA).</i> Awaiting Parliament's position to start negotiations for final adoption.	
	<i>Digital Markets Act (DMA) .</i> Negotiation scheduled between Council and Parliament for final adoption.	
SENSE OF BELONGING		
Youth and Citizenship : meet citizens' expectations and strengthen their sense of ownership of the Union.		Closing of the Conference on the Future of Europe in May
		Major meeting of European universities in June
Democracy: strengthening media independence and fighting political interference.	Legislative package on strengthening democracy and election integrity, proposed by the Commission on 25 November 2021. Pending consideration by the Council.	
	The Commission is expected to present a "Media Freedom Act" in the first half of the year.	