

## SINGLE MARKET LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES – INDICATIVE PROGRAMME AND TIMETABLE

TITLE	INDICATIVE TARGET DATE FOR ADOPTION/COMPLETION	COMMENTS
<b>MOBILITY</b>		
<b>Modernisation of the Professional Qualifications Directive (SMA)</b>	December 2011	<p>A modernisation of the Professional Qualifications Directive answers to the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitating the access to information;</li> <li>• Offering new solutions to accelerate and simplify recognition procedures, such as a European professional card;</li> <li>• Simplifying the requirements in order to broaden the possibilities of free movement;</li> <li>• Optimizing the existing automatic recognition regime for certain health professions, architects, craft and industry sector concerned;</li> <li>• Taking account of recent concerns from patients and consumers.</li> </ul>
<b>SERVICES</b>		
<b>Communication on on-line gambling in the Internal Market</b>	March 2012	<p>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.</p>
<b>E-COMMERCE</b>		

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<b>Commission Communication on the E-Commerce Directive</b>	December 2011 To be confirmed	The Communication will help to improve the application of the directive by setting down a work programme for the e-commerce expert group that will strengthen administrative co-operation between the Member States and to allow for the removal of differing interpretations regarding the liability provisions enshrined in this text.
<b>Follow-up to Communication on e-commerce and other online services: initiative on notice and takedown procedures</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter 2012	The main policy objectives are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Contribute to a good functioning of Digital Single Market.</li> <li>▪ Contribute to combating illegality on the internet.</li> <li>▪ Ensure the transparency, effectiveness, proportionality and compliance with fundamental rights of NTD procedures.</li> <li>▪ Ensure a balanced and workable approach towards NTD procedures, with focus on fundamental rights and the impact for innovation, growth.</li> </ul>
<b>PUBLIC PROCUREMENT</b>		
<b>Modernisation of the EU public procurement Directives 2004/17/EC and 2004/18/EC (SMA)</b>	December 2011	This initiative aims at modernising and simplifying the existing EU public procurement framework (Directives 2004/17/EC and 2004/18/EC). While preserving the transparency and non discrimination principles, the review seeks to ensure that the EU procurement framework is optimised, in line with smart regulation principles, so that it provides the best possible procurement outcomes with the least possible transaction costs and administrative burdens.
<b>Legislative initiative on Concessions</b>	December 2011	The main objectives are to create a working Internal Market for concessions and to boost the use of this type of Public-Private Partnership by public authorities and EU undertakings.

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<b>Initiative on the access of third country companies, goods and services to the EU public procurement market</b>	December 2011	The initiative aims at making the negotiating position of the EU in multilateral or bilateral negotiations on the opening up of public procurement markets stronger in order to ensure an opening up of these markets as wide as possible. It also aims at rebalancing the situation of incomparable access to public procurement markets.
<b>Communication on expanding the use of electronic public procurement</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> quarter 2012	Planned action: Commission Communication setting out actions to support the use of electronic procurement across the EU single market (scheduled adoption December 2011). The Communication will draw conclusions following the consultations on the basis of a Green Paper on e-procurement in 2010.
<b>OTHER INITIATIVES</b>		
<b>Legislative proposal on a European regime for venture capital</b>	December 2011	The objective of the proposal is to promote innovation, job creation and economic growth by facilitating the access to venture capital finance to Small and Medium size Enterprises (SMEs), which are responsible for the creation of two out of three jobs in the European private sector. In particular, the objective of the proposal is to eliminate administrative and legal obstacles to the cross-border activity of the venture capital funds and managers that operate in the European Union.
<b>Communication on fairer practices in business-to-business relationships</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> semester 2012	This initiative is a follow-up to the Food price and the RMM Communications. It will set down policy options to address the identified problems of abusive clauses in supply contracts with SMEs.

## II. DG MARKET NON-LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES

INITIATIVE	EXPECTED DATE OF COMPLETION IN 2012	COMMENTS
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Communication on the follow-up to the Performance Check for services: Deepening the single market for services</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">1<sup>st</sup> semester 2012</p>	<p>Following the carrying out of "performance checks" and other various strands of work (i.e. the assessment on reserved activities, requirement as regards capital ownership and legal form and insurance obligations), this initiative aims at identifying and proposing the measures/actions that are necessary to remove remaining obstacles to the functioning of the Single Market for Services.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Guidelines on the non-discrimination of service recipients under art. 20 of the Services Directive</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">1<sup>st</sup> semester 2012</p>	<p>Article 20 (2) of Directive 2006/123/EC (the "Services Directive", to be implemented by end 2009) prohibits discrimination by service providers on grounds of the nationality or the place of residence of their customers. The main challenge with this provision is that it requires a case-by case assessment by national authorities since providers are still entitled to apply different treatment when justified by "objective reasons". Commission guidance is much needed (and requested by Parliament, Member States and other stakeholders) to ensure that this provision can bring about the expected benefits.</p>