

## Europe Connect Priority Roadmap

EU institutions have jointly set out a political and operational roadmap aimed at strengthening the EU's Single Market and enhancing Europe's competitiveness. The **One Europe, One Market** Roadmap outlines priority actions to be delivered through 2026 and 2027, with a strong emphasis on simplifying rules, reducing barriers and advancing the digital and AI transformation. We take a closer look at the priority initiatives identified by the institutions.

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### 1. Priority area: simplifying EU rules

Initiative	Target for agreement
<b>Omnibus packages</b> – proposals throughout 2025 – A series of cross-cutting legislative packages aiming to simplify and streamline existing EU legislation by amending multiple acts in parallel, with the objective of reducing regulatory burden, improving coherence and strengthening EU competitiveness <a href="#">Read more &gt;</a>	<b>End 2026</b>
<b>Omnibus in taxation</b> – proposal Q2 2026 – Streamlining and clarifying EU direct tax legislation through a single omnibus initiative to reduce administrative burdens, address overlaps and inconsistencies, and improve the functioning of the internal market for cross-border business & also expected to include a proposal to recast the Directives on administrative cooperation into a single legal instrument <a href="#">Read more &gt;</a>	<b>Q4 2027</b>
<b>Omnibus in energy products</b> – proposal Q3 2026 – Simplifying and modernising EU energy product legislation through targeted amendments to reduce red tape, improve coherence and support the deployment of efficient and competitive energy technologies <a href="#">Read more &gt;</a>	<b>Q4 2027</b>

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### 2. Priority area: A more integrated Single Market

Initiative	Target for agreement
<b>EU Inc</b> – proposal Q1 2026 – Enabling faster cross-border scaling of start-ups and scale-ups through a harmonised, optional EU company law regime aimed at reducing regulatory fragmentation and compliance costs <a href="#">Read more &gt;</a>	<b>End 2026</b>
<b>EU securitisation framework</b> – proposal Q2 2025 – Recalibrating the existing framework to make securitisation a more usable and attractive funding tool, while preserving financial stability, investor protection and prudential safeguards <a href="#">Read more &gt;</a>	<b>End 2026</b>
<b>Supplementary pensions package</b> – proposal Q4 2025 – Strengthening and deepening EU supplementary pensions by improving adequacy and coverage, enhancing cross border participation and transparency, and better mobilising long term savings for capital markets <a href="#">Read more &gt;</a>	<b>End 2026</b>
<b>Market Integration and Supervision package</b> – proposal Q4 2025 – Advancing EU capital market integration by removing regulatory and supervisory barriers to cross border activity, with the aim of improving efficiency, scale, and competitiveness in the single market <a href="#">Read more &gt;</a>	<b>End 2026</b>
<b>Industrial Accelerator Act</b> – proposal Q1 2026 – Accelerating industrial capacity and decarbonisation in strategic sectors through 'Made in Europe' & low-carbon requirements in public procurement and public support schemes, and measures to address investment conditions in sensitive sectors <a href="#">Read more &gt;</a>	<b>End 2026</b>
<b>Review of merger control guidelines</b> – draft guidelines published Q2 2026 – Modernising EU merger control to account for innovation-driven markets, scale effects and strategic resilience, while preserving effective competition in the Single Market <a href="#">Read more &gt;</a>	<b>End 2026</b>
<b>Public Procurement Act</b> – proposal Q2 2026 – Revision of the EU public procurement framework to streamline procedures, enhance transparency, integrate 'Made in Europe' criteria and align public procurement with strategic priorities such as environmental and social goals <a href="#">Read more &gt;</a>	<b>Q4 2027</b>
<b>European Products Act</b> – proposal Q3 2026 – Expected to merge and revise the New Legislative Framework and the Market Surveillance Regulation to strengthen product safety, market surveillance & compliance rules for both physical and digital products, with a particular focus on imported goods/e-commerce and strengthening the circular economy <a href="#">Read more &gt;</a>	<b>Q4 2027</b>
<b>Review of Consumer Protection Cooperation Regulation</b> – proposal Q4 2026 – Expected to focus on strengthening enforcement and ensuring a level-playing field with non-EU traders, potentially through centralised EU-level investigation & enforcement powers in specific cases and more coordination among national authorities <a href="#">Read more &gt;</a>	<b>Q4 2027</b>
<b>Report on the competitiveness of the banking sector</b> – Enhancing the competitiveness of the EU banking sector by identifying regulatory, structural and market barriers, while ensuring financial stability, resilience and a level playing field <a href="#">Read more &gt;</a>	<b>July 2026</b>
<b>Amendments to the banking framework</b> – proposal by Q1 2027 – Fine tuning prudential and resolution rules to enhance resilience and competitiveness <a href="#">Read more &gt;</a>	<b>Q4 2027</b>

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### 3. Priority area: Championing strong trade

Initiative	Target for agreement
<b>Trade agreements with Mexico, Mercosur, Indonesia, India and Australia</b> <a href="#">Read more &gt;</a>	<b>Rolling bases</b>
<b>Trade agreements with Thailand, Malaysia, the Philippines and the United Arab Emirates</b> <a href="#">Read more &gt;</a>	<b>Throughout 2026 – 2027</b>
<b>Proposal for a revised Foreign Direct Investment Screening Regulation</b> – proposal Q1 2024 – Strengthening and harmonising EU-wide screening of foreign investments to better identify and address risks, including through mandatory national screening mechanisms, an expanded scope and enhanced EU-level coordination <a href="#">Read more &gt;</a>	<b>Q2 2026</b>
<b>Proposal on addressing supply chain dependencies</b> – proposal Q2 2026 – Primarily likely to focus on establishing a European Critical Raw Materials Centre to help the European industry secure access to critical raw materials <a href="#">Read more &gt;</a>	<b>Q4 2026</b>

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### 4. Priority area: Reducing energy prices and decarbonising

Initiative	Target for agreement
<b>Energy Grids package</b> – proposal Q4 2025 – Accelerating the expansion and modernisation of Europe's energy grids through more coordinated EU-level planning, streamlined permitting and fairer cost-sharing to support electrification, renewables integration and energy security <a href="#">Read more &gt;</a>	<b>Q3 2026</b>
<b>Amendment to the Market Stability Reserve</b> – proposal Q2 2026 – Strengthening the predictability & resilience of the EU carbon market by retaining surplus allowances rather than invalidating them <a href="#">Read more &gt;</a>	<b>Q2 2027</b>
<b>Network charges and taxation</b> – proposal Q2 2026 – Ensuring that electricity is taxed less than fossil fuels <a href="#">Read more &gt;</a>	<b>Q2 2027</b>
<b>Energy security package</b> – proposal Q2 2026 – Revision of the EU's energy security architecture to the new geopolitical & energy and climate context in order to prepare for a more decarbonised and integrated energy system <a href="#">Read more &gt;</a>	<b>Q2 2027</b>
<b>Review of the Emissions Trade Scheme</b> – proposal Q3 2026 – The review is expected to focus on EU ETS1 and will shape the legislative framework beyond 2030. <a href="#">Read more &gt;</a>	<b>Q1 2027</b>
<b>Setting up of the energy efficiency framework</b> – proposal Q3 2026 – Reinforcing the EU's energy savings framework post-2030 through more ambitious targets and streamlined measures to curb energy demand, improve affordability & increase EU competitiveness <a href="#">Read more &gt;</a>	<b>Q4 2027</b>
<b>Setting up of the renewable energy framework</b> – proposal Q3 2026 – Updating the EU's renewable energy framework for post-2030 to accelerate the deployment and integration of renewables across all sectors, ensuring reliable, affordable homegrown energy and align with the 2050 climate neutrality target <a href="#">Read more &gt;</a>	<b>Q4 2027</b>
<b>Update of the governance of the Energy Union</b> – proposal Q4 2026 – Modernising the EU's energy and climate governance system to simplify and strengthen planning, reporting and monitoring mechanisms, enabling better coordination of national efforts and tracking of post-2030 targets <a href="#">Read more &gt;</a>	<b>Q4 2027</b>

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### 5. Priority area: Driving the digital and AI transformation

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<b>Digital Euro</b> – proposal Q2 2023 – Introducing a digital form of central bank money to support public policy objectives, reinforce monetary sovereignty, and complement cash in an increasingly digital economy <a href="#">Read more &gt;</a>	<b>End 2026</b>
<b>European Business Wallet</b> – proposal Q4 2025 – Creating a trusted EU wide digital business wallet to enable companies to securely manage, share and reuse certified data and credentials across the Single Market, reducing administrative burdens and supporting cross border activity <a href="#">Read more &gt;</a>	<b>End 2026</b>
<b>Digital Networks Act</b> – proposal Q1 2026 – Establishing a modernised regulatory framework for electronic communications networks to support high capacity connectivity, investment, resilience and the deployment of next generation digital infrastructure <a href="#">Read more &gt;</a>	<b>Q4 2027</b>
<b>EU Cybersecurity Act 2</b> – proposal Q1 2026 – Updating the EU cybersecurity framework to strengthen governance, streamline certification and enhance the security of digital products of digital products, services and supply chains in the internal market <a href="#">Read more &gt;</a>	<b>End 2026</b>
<b>Cloud and AI Development Act</b> – proposal Q2 2026 – Supporting the scale up of a competitive, secure and sustainable EU cloud and artificial intelligence ecosystem by addressing capacity gaps, strategic dependencies and investment barriers <a href="#">Read more &gt;</a>	<b>Q4 2027</b>
<b>Chips Act 2</b> – proposal Q2 2026 – Building on the 2023 Chips Act by further reinforcing Europe's semiconductor manufacturing capacity, research and supply-chain resilience in response to strategic and technological dependencies <a href="#">Read more &gt;</a>	<b>Q2 2027</b>
<b>Quantum Act</b> – proposal Q2 2026 – Setting a coherent EU framework to accelerate the development, industrialisation and deployment of quantum technologies <a href="#">Read more &gt;</a>	<b>Q3 2027</b>

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