

COUNTDOWN TO EU ELECTIONS 2019

ENERGY, TRANSPORT AND AGRICULTURE: AN INTERLINKED LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Which files will be approved before the mandate ends in May 2019 and what does it mean for business?



IMMEDIATE HORIZON

SINGLE USE PLASTICS PROPOSAL: An important step in Europe's drive for a circular economy, it will seek to combat marine litter. This proposal will ban some single use plastic items for which alternatives exist, but more importantly, it will set a new global standard.

DRINKING WATER DIRECTIVE: New legislation with widespread support, it will help EU countries manage drinking water in a resource-efficient and sustainable manner so as to reduce energy use and unnecessary water loss. Companies will have to comply with stricter water treatment standards to make drinking water safer for European citizens.

LIKELY TO BE APPROVED

DECARBONISATION BY 2050: Officially called the Strategy for long-term EU greenhouse gas emissions reductions, this is not binding but it sets out the European vision towards a zero-carbon economy. It will impact every aspect of industrial activity in the EU. Negotiations have been drawn out but the end is in sight.

CO₂ STANDARDS FOR VEHICLES: Two bits of legislation. One for cars and vans and one for heavy duty vehicles, flagship proposals of the Second Mobility Package, regulation will impact every vehicle in the EU, both commercial and private. Owners will have to comply to stricter emissions standards and producers will have to adapt in a relatively short time.

CLEAN VEHICLES: This Directive aims at a broad market introduction of environmentally-friendly vehicles. It requires that energy and environmental impacts linked to the operation of vehicles over their whole lifetime are taken into account in the procurement of road transport vehicles.

UNCERTAIN ADOPTION

GENERAL FOOD LAW: Aims to allow public access to potentially commercially sensitive information on GMOs, food & feed additives, pesticides, novel foods and flavourings. The timing of publication of this information may impact companies' ability to protect their innovations. Could be delayed because supporters are keen to get it right rather than to rush for adoption.

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COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY REFORM: A 5% budget cut and a new delivery mechanism is in the pipeline. Each Member State will need to devise a Strategic Plan. Adoption is unlikely in this legislative cycle because stakeholders have yet to be convinced that this model simplifies CAP and delivers environmental standards.

FTI CONSULTING'S KEY TAKEAWAY:

Europe continues to lead the world on sustainability issues and implementation of a circular economy. From 2019 marine litter and cleaning up plastic waste will be priorities, vying for attention on how to decarbonise while staying competitive. Expect some heated discussions. Want to know more? Contact us [here](#) or go to www.fticonsulting.com.

*This infographic only addresses a selection of key files in the energy, transport and agriculture sector

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