

COMMISSION WORKING PROGRAMME FOR 2026

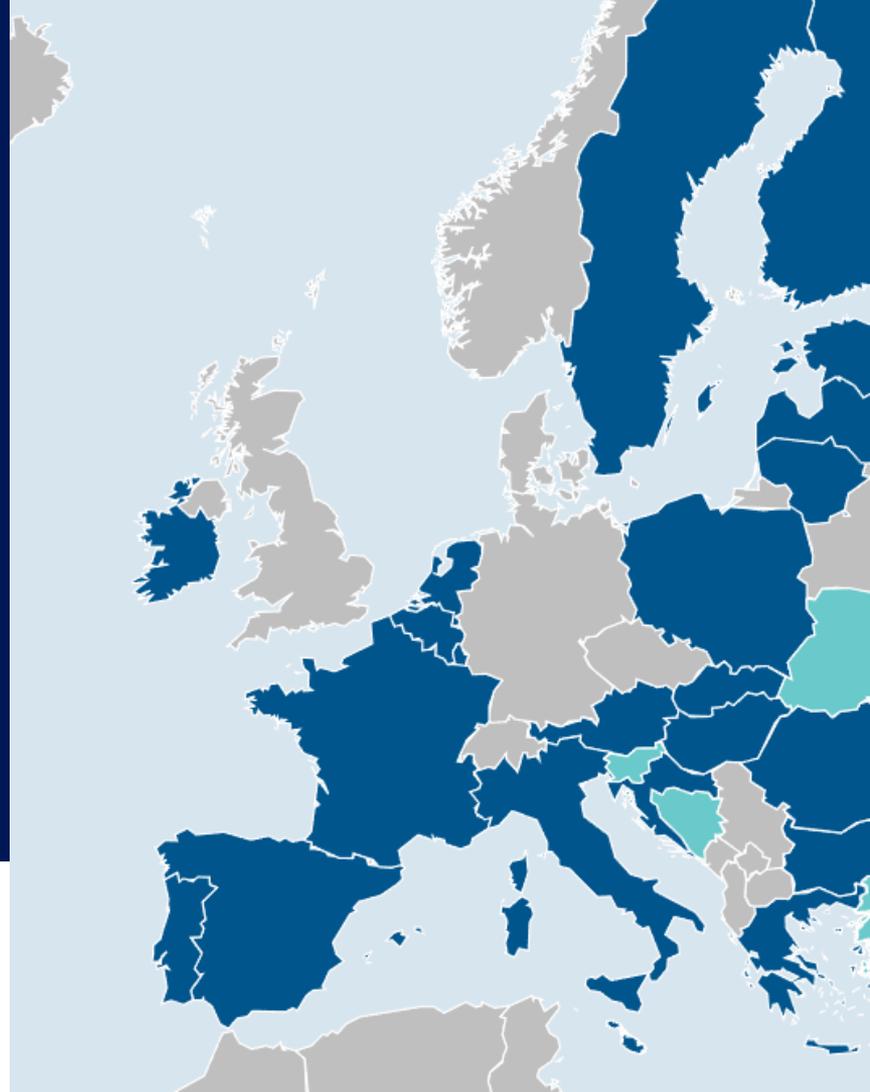
Relevant initiatives for Land Registers

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POLICY AREAS AND TYPES OF INITIATIVES

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POLICY AREAS – VDL II European Commission Political Priorities

TYPES OF INITIATIVES

- *1. A new plan for Europe's sustainable prosperity and competitiveness*
- *2. A new era for European Defence and Security*
- *3. Supporting people, strengthening our societies and our social model*
- *4. Sustaining our quality of life: food security, water and nature*
- *5. Protecting our democracy, upholding our values*
- *6. A global Europe: Leveraging our power and partnerships*
- *7. Delivering together and preparing our Union for the future*

- **NEW initiatives:** 32
- **REFIT initiatives:** 20
- **Pending priority proposals:** 130
- **Withdrawn initiatives:** 25



NEW INITIATIVES by political priorities

1. A new plan for Europe's sustainable prosperity and competitiveness

ENERGY

at the centre of the EU agenda, focusing on autonomy, competitiveness, and accelerating the clean energy transition

❖ **Political priority n.1:**

strengthen the EU's energy independence and competitiveness, with a strong focus on the green transition

❖ **Initiatives:**

a) Update of the governance of the Energy Union and Climate Action including the phase-out of fossil fuels subsidies (legislative, Arts. 192 and 194 TFEU, **Q4 2026**)

- **Objective:** a revision of the governance framework for the Energy Union and Climate Action
- **Content:** strengthen the internal energy market - shift to clean technologies + increased coherence between National Energy and Climate Plans (NECPs) and other strategic sectors (industry, transport, agriculture, etc.).
- **Phase-out of fossil fuel subsidies:** accelerate European energy independence

1. A new plan for Europe's sustainable prosperity and competitiveness



b) Energy Union package for the decade ahead

- Development of the CO2 transportation infrastructure and markets (legislative, Art.194 TFEU, **Q3 2026**)
New rules are planned for the necessary infrastructure to transport carbon dioxide
- Setting-up of the energy efficiency framework (legislative, Art. 194 TFEU, **Q3 2026**)
prioritize energy efficiency + a legislative proposal to update the Energy Efficiency Directive
- Setting-up of the renewable energy framework (legislative, Art.194 TFEU, **Q3 2026**)
renewable sources, with a legislative proposal to update the Renewable Energy Directive

c) Omnibus to simplify energy product legislation (legislative, Articles 192 and 194 TFEU, **Q2 2026**)

Objective: simplifying the legislation related to energy products.

Impact: The entry into force, scheduled for the second quarter of 2026, aims to alleviate bureaucratic burdens for businesses and consumers, with an estimated saving of over €8 billion from the simplification measures.

1. A new plan for Europe's sustainable prosperity and competitiveness



❖ **Capital Markets Union:**

- Update Shareholder Rights. Legislative, arts. 50 y 114 TFEU, Q4 2026.

❖ **Better Regulation:**

- Communication on Better Regulation. Non-legislative, Q2 2026.

3. Supporting people, strengthening our societies and our social model



AFFORDABILITY/HOUSING

part of the European Affordable Housing Plan

❖ **Political priority n. 3:**

comprehensive initiative from the European Commission to address the growing housing crisis in Europe, particularly in high-pressure urban areas

❖ **Initiatives:**

a) Initiative on short term rentals (legislative/non-legislative, **Q2 2026**)

Objective: To provide national, regional, and local authorities with the necessary tools to effectively regulate short-term rentals in urban areas suffering from severe housing stress, while balancing the benefits of tourism.

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Content and Measures: introduce "proportionate and data-driven" measures to address speculation and the growing expansion of tourist rentals. These measures may include:

- Ceilings on the maximum number of nights rented
- Seasonal restrictions
- Temporary freezes on the issuance of new licenses
- Data Collection: gathering data on the transformation of housing units into investment assets, with the goal of defining transparency and fiscal policies

b) Construction Services Act (legislative, Articles 114, 153, 191-193, and 194 TFEU, **Q4 2026**)

Objective: Facilitate cross-border activity in the construction sector within the Single Market - Safeguard standards and workers' rights - Modernize the sector and establish common standards for construction materials.

Related Strategy: The initiative is accompanied by actions to reduce bureaucracy (such as the digitalisation of authorisation procedures) and to promote innovation, for example through the New European Bauhaus, to ensure that housing construction is economically accessible, sustainable, and of high quality.

5. Protecting our democracy, upholding our values

❖ **Consumer protection:**

- Digital Fairness Act. Legislative, art. 114 TFEU. Q4 2026.

❖ **Antifraud:**

- Anticorruption package:
 - Anticorruption Strategy. Non-legislative. Q3 2026.
 - Anticorruption package, review of antifraud architecture. Non-legislative and legislative.



REFIT INITIATIVES

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- ❑ European Business Statistics Regulation. Q3 2026.
- ❑ Shareholders Rights Directive. Q4 2026.
- ❑ Whistleblower protection Directive Q4 2026



PENDING PRIORITY PROPOSALS

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- ❑ Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation (EU) 2021/1119 establishing the **framework for achieving climate neutrality**
- ❑ Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on the **registration documents for vehicles and vehicle registration data recorded in national vehicle registers** and repealing Council Directive 1999/37/EC
- ❑ Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on **non-financial commercial real estate statistic**
- ❑ Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on the **protection of animals during transport and related operations**, amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1255/97 and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005
- ❑ Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on the **welfare of dogs and cats and their traceability**

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- ❑ Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on **combating late payment in commercial transactions**
- ❑ Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL **on European Union designs (codification)**
- ❑ Proposal for a COUNCIL DIRECTIVE **on Business in Europe: Framework for Income Taxation (BEFIT)**
- ❑ Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL **harmonising certain aspects of insolvency law**
- ❑ Proposal for a COUNCIL REGULATION on jurisdiction, applicable law, **recognition of decisions and acceptance of authentic instruments in matters of parenthood and on the creation of a European Certificate of Parenthood**
- ❑ Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on jurisdiction, applicable law, recognition and enforcement of measures and **cooperation in matters relating to the protection of adults**



WITHDRAWN INITIATIVES

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- ❖ Proposal for a COUNCIL DIRECTIVE laying down rules to prevent the **misuse of shell entities for tax purposes** and amending Directive 2011/16/EU
- ❖ Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on **European cross-border associations**
- ❖ Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on a **monitoring framework for resilient European forests**

CONCLUSIONS: key issues for EU Land Registrars in 2026



- ❑ 1. Housing Crisis: statistics, tourist rentals and construction.
- ❑ 2. Energy efficiency: buildings and legislation review.
- ❑ 3. Anti-money Laundering: implementation of the access point to LR information in each country.
- ❑ 4. Digitalization initiatives (AI, Wallet and omnibus digitalization).



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