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**Annex I – New initiatives:**

<b>Subject matter</b>	<b>Type of initiative</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Remark</b>
Circular Economy Package	Legislative   Non-legislative	The aim is to address economic and environmental concerns by maximizing efficiency in the use of resources, covering the whole value chain (including sustainable consumption, production, waste management) and through innovation, thereby enabling the development of new markets and business models. The package will consist of a broad action plan, including actions on monitoring effective progress, and a waste proposal with long-term targets.	Important for FIEC. Expecting measures to be intensified since original package withdrawn last year.
Next steps for a sustainable European future	Non-legislative	This initiative will set out a new approach to ensure Europe's economic growth and social and environmental sustainability beyond the 2020 timeframe, taking into account the Europe 2020 review and the internal and external implementation of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.	Potentially important for FIEC. Possibly includes issues for ECO / SOC / TEC. Needs further analysis.
Energy Union Package	Legislative   Non-legislative	Following up on the Framework Strategy, the Package is composed of: legislative proposals on electricity market design and the regulatory framework, including the review of the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER), and the revision of the Regulation on security of electricity supply; the revision of the Regulation on security of gas supply and the revision of the Decision on inter-governmental agreements; the effort sharing decision and integration of the Land Use, Land-Use Change and Forestry sector (LULUCF) into the 2030 climate framework; a renewable energy package (REFIT), including sustainability criteria for biomass, and an energy efficiency package, including energy efficiency for buildings (REFIT).	Renewable energy package and energy efficiency in buildings important for TEC-3.

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Follow-up to Single Market Strategy	Legislative   Non-legislative	The Single Market Strategy will be taken forward through guidance on how EU law applies to collaborative economy business models; action to help SMEs and start-ups grow; initiatives on the regulation of professions; a legislative initiative framing a new approach to business failure and insolvency; legislative initiatives to facilitate cross-border provision of services, tackle regulatory barriers in key business services and construction services, and address discrimination based on nationality or place of residence; review of the EU intellectual property enforcement framework (REFIT); action on standardisation including service standards; proposals for market information tools and an improved notification procedure under the Services Directive; and an action plan to increase awareness of the mutual recognition principles in the goods sector.	Includes also issues to be followed by ECO / SOC. TEC: proposed action on standardisation and in particular whether implications of service standards (TEC-1). (incl. issues related to the "Construction 2020" Action Plan on competitiveness)  <i>Note: There are more details in the new Single Market Strategy presented by the EC on 28/10/2015!</i>
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**Annex II – REFIT Initiatives**

Title	Type of Initiative	Description of scope and objectives	Remark
REACH	Legislative / Evaluation	Actions include a Commission Implementing Regulation on simplification of the authorisation procedure under REACH, a Commission Implementing Regulation on transparency and cost sharing in substance information exchange fora (SIEF) under REACH, and the launching of an evaluation to be completed in 2017 in view of the obligation stemming from Article 117(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 for the Commission to report by 1 June 2017 on the implementation of REACH.	Needs to be assessed further in TEC-3 (perhaps with TEC-1).
Lifts (Directive 95/16/EC)	Evaluation	The evaluation will cover the scope, the essential health and safety requirements and their links with the related conformity assessment procedure.	Probably of marginal interest, but needs to be assessed for any implications for installers (TEC-1).

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European Pollutant Release and Transfer Register (E-PRTR) Regulation	Evaluation follow up	This initiative would follow on an evaluation under the Commission's REFIT programme and a report regarding the implementation of the E-PRTR Regulation for the period 2010 to 2013.	Probably not relevant, but will check (TEC-3).
Environmental Reporting Initiative	Evaluation	Fitness Check to identify opportunities to simplify and alleviate reporting obligations stemming from EU environmental law with a view to develop a more modern, efficient and effective system for regulatory monitoring.	Probably not relevant, but will check (TEC-3).
Energy Union Reporting initiative	Evaluation	Fitness Check / evaluations in the area of Energy and Climate Policy in order to assess the consistency and administrative burden of reporting obligations.	Probably not relevant, but will check (TEC-3).

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**Annex III – Priority Pending Proposals**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Reference</b>	<b>Full Title</b>	<b>Remark</b>
Reduction of national emissions (NEC)	2013/0443/COD	Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on the reduction of national emissions of certain atmospheric pollutants and amending Directive 2003/35/EC	Need to assess for any implications for contractors (TEC-3).

**Annex V – List of envisaged repeals:**

<b>Policy Area</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Reasons for repeal</b>	<b>Remark</b>
Environment	Council Directive of 23 December 1991 standardizing and rationalizing reports on the implementation of certain Directives relating to the environment (91/692/EEC)	In 2016 the Commission intends to prepare a Communication which sets out the strategy and the ambition level of the Fitness Check of monitoring and reporting obligations in environment policy and documents some early actions in this field, among other things the state of play of the Standardised Reporting Directive and related questionnaires, including a possible proposal for its repeal.	Seems to relate to item 9 on Annex II (TEC-3).

**Annex VI – Legislation that becomes applicable in 2016:**

<b>Policy Area</b>	<b>Date of application</b>	<b>Title</b>	
Environment	01 January 2016	Regulation (EU) No 660/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 amending Regulation (EC) No 1013/2006 on shipments of waste	TEC-3.
Internal Market	19 April 2016	Directive 2014/33/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to lifts and safety components for lifts	TEC-1.