

European & External Affairs Committee

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Date:	9 March 2006
Time:	09.00 – 12.00
Venue:	National Assembly for Wales, Cardiff Bay
Title:	European Commission Work Programme 2006

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1. Background

The EC Work Programme 2006 was considered on 18 January 2006 and it was agreed that the Clerk would produce a summary paper identifying priorities to inform the Committee's forward work programme.

Subject Committees have all considered the EC Work Programme and their priority areas are listed below.

2. Suggested Priorities for European and External Affairs Committee

- EU Financial Perspectives 2007-2013
- Structural Funds Regulations
- Strategic Community guidelines on Cohesion
- White Paper on Communications Strategy
- Future of the EU Constitutional Treaty: Plan D
- Lisbon Strategy for Growth and Jobs
- State Aid Action Plan: Regional Aid Guidelines 2007-2013
- Services Directive

- Working Time Directive

3. Priorities identified by Subject Committees

Economic Development and Transport Committee

- Action Plan on Energy Efficiency
- Green Paper on European Maritime Policy
- Communication on Clean Coal Technologies
- Strategic Community Guidelines on Cohesion
- State Aid Action Plan: Regional Aid Guidelines 2007-2013
- Communication on Renewable Energy
- EU Framework Programmes for Research Funding (FP7)
- EU Regulatory Framework for the Registration, Evaluation and Authorisation of Chemicals (REACH)

Environment, Planning and Countryside Committee

- Green Paper on Adaptation to Climate Change
- Green Paper on future European Maritime Policy
- Review of health issues on animal by-products
- Proposals to combat Environmental Crime
- Marine Thematic Strategy
- Urban Thematic Strategy
- Waste Thematic Strategy
- Rural Development Plan

Education and Lifelong Learning Committee

- Recommendation for a European Qualifications Framework

Culture, Welsh Language and Sport Committee

- Issues related to Minority Languages
- The European Year of Intercultural Dialogue
- Digitisation of Cultural Heritage

Health and Social Services Committee

- Decision pending; awaiting outcome of discussions during the EEA Committee visit to Brussels

Local Government and Public Services Committee

- Directive on Purchasing Green / Clean Vehicles
- Emergency Planning – amending the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and Council establishing the European Union Solidarity Fund

Social Justice and Regeneration Committee

- Proposals for the full accomplishment of the Internal Market for Postal Services
- Communication on the Rights of the Child
- Green Paper on Drugs and Civil Society
- Commission Communication on an Alcohol Policy

4. Action

That the Committee agrees priority areas from the EC Work Programme 2006 and notes the priorities identified by subject committees.

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