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## Weekly Policy News Summary

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Year 2018 – week 1

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### **Bulgarian Presidency**

On January 1, 2018, a decade after its accession to the EU, Bulgaria took over the rotating Presidency of the Council of the EU for the first time and will be the main driving force for the tasks on the agenda of the Union; it will perform the functions of an honest mediator, a political leader, a representative and a coordinator. At the traditional Pre-Presidency Informal Meeting of the State Secretaries and Secretaries-General of the EU Member States, in Sofia, [Priorities](#) of the Bulgarian Presidency were presented:

- The Future of Europe and the Young People – Economic Growth and Social Cohesion
- European Perspective and Connectivity of the Western Balkans
- Security and Stability in a Strong and United Europe
- Digital Economy and Skills needed for the Future.

### **EC RAPID - Joint Declaration on the EU's legislative priorities for 2018-2019**

By signing Joint Declaration, the Presidents of the three EU Institutions have agreed to deliver a positive agenda for a more inclusive and more united Union and to prepare a new financial framework for the years after 2020 which ensures the right balance between EU policies in the interest of citizens. The Joint Declaration sets out seven priority areas:

1. Better protecting the security of citizens ;
2. Reforming and developing migration policy in a spirit of responsibility and solidarity;
3. Giving a new boost to jobs, growth and investment ;
4. Addressing the social dimension of the European Union;
5. Delivering on commitment to implement a connected Digital Single Market ;
6. Delivering on objective of an ambitious Energy Union and a forward looking climate change policy ; and
7. Further developing the democratic legitimacy at EU level.

[Joint Declaration on the EU's legislative priorities for 2018](#)

### **More transparency in EU decision-making: new register of delegated acts**

To help the public and interested parties to follow this part of the EU decision-making process, a new common online register is being launched by the Parliament, the Council and the Commission, so that anyone can easily search and find delegated acts linked to a certain topic or piece of legislation. The new Interinstitutional Register of Delegated Acts offers a complete overview of the lifecycle of this process. It allows users to search and follow the development of delegated acts from the planning stage conducted by the European Commission, up until the final publication in the Official Journal. The register also illustrates the various steps taken by the European Parliament and the Council as well as the work of Commission expert groups involved in the preparation of delegated acts. [Register of Delegated Acts](#)

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