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The ESC considers that the timetable set by the Commission is unrealistic and that full implementation of the work programme will require a more extended timescale than that envisaged. The Committee welcomes the Commission's initiative and agrees in principle with the broad concept of its work programme. It has some reservations about how certain detailed concepts would work in practice and would urge the Commission to address these issues in consultation with the social partners and other interested bodies before bringing forward legislative proposals but criticisms of specific aspects should not be interpreted as calling into question the main thrust of the plan.