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1. **Exchange of views with the President of the European Parliament**
   The President of the European Parliament was heard by the European Council.

2. **Adoption of the agenda**
   The European Council adopted its agenda (doc. EUCO 1/11).

3. **Main issues**
   - **Energy**
     The European Council underlined the EU’s commitment to its ambitious energy and climate change objectives and agreed a number of operational conclusions pertaining to the internal energy market, energy efficiency, renewables and safe and sustainable low carbon technologies, and the coherence of the EU’s external energy relations.

   - **Innovation**
     The European Council called for the implementation of a strategic and integrated approach to boosting innovation and agreed on a number of priority actions concerning tackling societal challenges, completing the European Research Area, improving framework conditions, and prioritising expenditure.

   - **Economic situation**
     The European Council reviewed the economic situation and agreed on the way forward to the March European Council.

   - **External relations**
     The European Council adopted a declaration on Egypt and the region. It also endorsed the conclusions on Belarus adopted by the Foreign Affairs Council on 31 January.
4. **Conclusions**

The European Council approved its conclusions, setting out the outcome of its discussions (doc. EUCO 2/11).

5. **Minutes of the European Council meeting of 16-17 December 2010**

The European Council adopted the minutes of its meeting held on 16 and 17 December 2010 (doc. EUCO 34/10).