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Exchange of views with the President of the European Parliament 1.

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.

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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).