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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Draft DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on the Strategic Innovation Agenda of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) 2021-2027: Boosting the Innovation Talent and Capacity of Europe (first reading) - Adoption of the legislative act

1. On 11 July 2019 the Commission sent its proposal¹, based on Article 173(3) TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 30 October 2019².
3. The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on 27 April 2021. The outcome of voting in the European Parliament reflects the compromise agreement reached between the institutions and should, therefore, be acceptable to the Council³.

¹ 11227/19

² OJ C 47, 11.2.2020, p. 69–75

³ 8185/21

4. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore asked to confirm its agreement and to suggest that the Council :
- approve the European Parliament's position, as set out in PE-CONS 9/21, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting;
 - decide that the statements in the addendum to this note be entered in the minutes of that meeting.
5. At the same time, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to decide, in accordance with the first subparagraph of Article 12(1) of the Council's Rules of Procedure and Article 1 of Council Decision (EU) 2021/454⁴ , that the Council use the written procedure for the adoption of the abovementioned Decision if, due to the circumstances related to COVID-19, no Council meeting takes place before 12 May 2021.
6. If the Council approves the European Parliament's position, the legislative act will be adopted.

After being signed by the President of the European Parliament and the President of the Council, the legislative act will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

⁴ Council Decision (EU) 2021/454 of 12 March 2021, further extending the temporary derogation from the Council's Rules of Procedure introduced by Decision (EU) 2020/430, and extended by Decisions (EU) 2020/556, (EU) 2020/702, (EU) 2020/970, (EU) 2020/1253, (EU) 2020/1659 and (EU) 2021/26, in view of the travel difficulties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic in the Union (OJ L 89, 16.3.2021, p. 15–16).