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**NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA**  
COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION  
(Competitiveness (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space))  
Europa building, Brussels  
26 and 27 February 2026 (09:30, 10:00)

**Format: 2+2 (+2 in listening room)**

**MEETING ON THURSDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2026 (9:30)**

Adoption of the agenda

(poss.) Approval of "A" items

- a) Non-legislative list
- b) Legislative list (Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

**INTERNAL MARKET AND INDUSTRY**

**Legislative deliberations**

**(Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)**

Regulation on establishing the European Competitiveness Fund:  
a strategic resilience tool for SMEs and European value chains  
*Policy debate*

  11770/1/25 REV 1  
(en)

## **Non-legislative activities**

Conclusions on the 2030 Consumer Agenda  
*Approval*

The 2026 Annual Single Market and Competitiveness Report  
*Exchange of views*

Emergency plans for industrial resilience: follow-up to the Industrial  
Action Plans for Europe's steel, automotive and chemical industries  
within the Clean Industrial Deal  
*Exchange of views*



## **Any other business**

EU bioeconomy strategy  
*Information from the Commission*

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## **p.m.:**

**Ministerial lunch on “Taking joint ownership for removing barriers from the Single Market”.**

## **MEETING ON FRIDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2026 (10:00)**

### **RESEARCH**

#### **Legislative deliberations**

**(Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)**

Horizon Europe Package: Framework Programme for Research and Innovation 2028-2034

- a) Framework Programme and its rules for participation and dissemination [1]C 11765/1/25 REV 1 (en)
- b) Specific programme implementing Horizon Europe [S]C 11749/25  
*Policy debate*

Research Fund for Coal and Steel

- a) Council Decision laying down the measures necessary for the implementation of Protocol No 37 on the financial consequences of the expiry of the ECSC Treaty and on the Research Fund for Coal and Steel [S]C 16710/25  
*General approach*

#### **Non-legislative activities**

(continuation) Research Fund for Coal and Steel

- b) Council Decision on the adoption of the Research Programme of the Research Fund for Coal and Steel, on the multiannual technical guidelines for this programme, on the multiannual financial guidelines for managing the assets of the Research Fund for Coal and Steel [2]C  
*General approach*

#### **Any other business**

**p.m.:**

**Ministerial lunch on “Promoting excellence and international cooperation in research and innovation, in the current geopolitical context”.**

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- ①** First reading
  - S** Special legislative procedure
  - ②** Public debate proposed by the Presidency (Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)
  - C** Item based on a Commission proposal

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