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NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA
COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION
(Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs)
Europa building, Brussels
9 March 2026 (10:00)

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

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)

Non-legislative activities

Conclusions on Investing in children: Strengthening child well-being,
social inclusion and combating child poverty in the Union
Approval



Breaking the Poverty Cycle: Developing person-centred enabling and
activation services
Exchange of views



European Semester 2026 [2]

From Innovation to Quality Jobs: using AI to strengthen quality employment and workers' rights¹

Exchange of views

a) Employment and social aspects of the 2026 Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area [2]

Approval

b) 2026 Joint Employment Report [2]

Adoption

c) Conclusions on the 2026 Joint Employment Report [2]

Approval

d) Recommendation on human capital in the European Union [2]

Adoption

Employment Committee review of the implementation of the Youth Guarantee: key messages [2]

Endorsement

Any other business

a) Current legislative proposals (Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

Regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2021/691 as regards support to workers affected by imminent job displacement in enterprises undergoing restructuring

Information from the Presidency

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b) Employment Committee and Social Protection Committee work programmes for 2026 [2]

Information from the respective chairs

c) Commission Strategies in the equality field [2]

i) Gender equality strategy 2026-2030

ii) Anti-Racism Strategy

Information from the Commission

¹ In the presence of a Professor of Economics and European Studies at the London School of Economics and the University of Cyprus.

- d) Presidency events [2]
Information from the Presidency
- e) Tripartite Social Summit [2]
Information from the Presidency and the Commission

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p.m.:

Ministerial lunch on “Building Futures: Housing solutions in a changing demographic landscape across Europe”.



First reading

Item based on a Commission proposal

Public debate proposed by the Presidency (Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)

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