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**NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA**  
COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION  
(Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs)  
ECCL, Luxembourg  
17 October 2025 (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 violence against women and domestic violence: prevention, early detection and intervention [2]  
*Approval*

Combating hate, discrimination and violence against LGBTIQ persons [2]  
*Exchange of views*

Conclusions on the social inclusion of persons with disabilities through the promotion of independent living [2]  
*Approval*

Advancing disability rights in the EU: challenges, progress and future directions  
*Exchange of views*

[2]

**Any other business**

a) Gender Equality Index, including thematic focus on gender stereotypes<sup>1</sup>  
*Information from the Presidency*

[2]

b) Presidency events:

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i) High-level conferences

1. Equality policy

2. Social policy

ii) Informal meeting of Employment and Social affairs Ministers (Aalborg, 7-8 July 2025)  
*Information from the Presidency*

c) Initiative for a European Day of Sign Languages  
*Information from Hungary*

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d) 2025 Annual progress report on Simplification, Implementation and Enforcement  
*Information from the Commission*

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**p.m:**

**Ministerial lunch on “Combating sexual violence and promoting consent in sexual relationships”.**

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

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<sup>1</sup> In the presence of the Director of the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE).