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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

7 and 8 December 2026 (09:30, 10:00)

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

MEETING ON MONDAY 7 DECEMBER 2026 (09:30)

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)

EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL POLICY

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

Council Directive on implementing the principle of equal treatment (Article 19) SC
Progress report

Regulation on European Social Security Pass (ESSPASS) — 1 C — 12914/26 + ADD 1
General approach

Decision on enhanced cooperation between Public Employment Services — 1 C — 14813/26
General approach

Non-legislative activities

Conclusions on reducing the disability employment gap for a more inclusive and competitive EU[1] — 2
Approval

Advancing inclusion and full participation of persons with disabilities through digital and assistive technologies[1] — 2
Exchange of views

European Semester — 2
Financing of Social Protection systems in the context of demographic challenges, economic uncertainty and labour market changes
Exchange of views

a) Autumn Package
Presentation by the Commission
Exchange of views

b) Implementation of the Council Recommendation on strengthening social dialogue: key messages from the Employment Committee
Endorsement

c) Implementation of the Council Recommendation on individual learning accounts: key messages from the Employment Committee
Endorsement

[1] Attended by the Chairs of the Employment Committee (EMCO) and the Social Protection Committee (SPC) as observers.

Any other business

a)	Current legislative proposals (Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)[2]	1 C	
	i) Regulation amending the Regulation establishing a European Labour Authority		13131/26
	ii) Traineeships Directive		10570/25
	Information from the Presidency		
b)	Presidency events	2	
	i) Equality events		
	ii) Employment and social policy events[2]		
	Information from the Presidency		
c)	Ukraine Recovery Conference 2027: A recovery that works for people	2	16183/26
	Information from Estonia		
d)	Work programme of the incoming Presidency		
	Information from Lithuania		

[2] Attended by the Chairs of the Employment Committee (EMCO) and the Social Protection Committee (SPC) as observers.

MEETING ON TUESDAY 8 DECEMBER 2026 (10:00)

HEALTH

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

Regulation to simplify rules on medical and in vitro diagnostic devices *General approach*	1 C	16919/25 + ADD 1
Regulation on European Biotech Act I *Progress report* *Policy debate*	1 C	16945/25 + ADD 1

Non-legislative activities

Council Recommendation on cardiovascular health checks (Legal basis proposed by the Commission: Article 168(6) TFEU) *Adoption*	2 C (*)	13701/26 + ADD 1

Any other business

a)	Current legislative proposals (Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)	1 C	
	Directive on European Biotech Act I *Information from the Presidency*		17103/25
b)	2026 Annual Progress Report on Simplification, Implementation and Enforcement (health) *Information from the Commission*	2	13857/26
c)	Ukraine Recovery Conference 2027: A recovery that works for people *Information from Estonia*	2	16165/26
d)	Negotiations for one or more agreement(s) with Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein on health emergency measures *Information from the Presidency and the Commission*		15623/26
e)	Negotiations for an international agreement on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response *Information from the Presidency and the Commission*		

f) Presidency events 🅿2
Information from the Presidency

g) Work programme of the incoming Presidency
Information from Lithuania

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p.m.:

Ministerial lunch on "Advancing women's health in Europe: from evidence gaps to better outcomes"

🅾1 First reading

🅂 Special legislative procedure

🅒 Item based on a Commission proposal

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

(*) Item on which a vote may be requested

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