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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  
8 and 9 December 2022 (9.30, 9.30)

**Meeting format: 2+2 (+2 in listening room)**

**MEETING ON THURSDAY 8 DECEMBER 2022 (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)

**EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL POLICY**

**Legislative deliberations**

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

Directive on improving working conditions in platform work  
*General approach*

 14450/21

## **Non-legislative activities**

European Semester 2023  
*Policy debate*



a) 2023 Annual Sustainable Growth Survey (ASGS), Alert Mechanism Report (AMR), draft Joint Employment Report (JER) and draft Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area  
*Presentation by the Commission*

b) Implementation of the Recommendation on the integration of the long-term unemployed into the labour market: EMCO Key Messages  
*Endorsement*

Council Recommendation on adequate minimum income ensuring active inclusion  
(Legal basis proposed by the Commission: Article 292, in conjunction with Article 153(1), point (j) TFEU)  
*Political agreement / Progress report*

  12866/22  
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Conclusions on the inclusion of persons with disabilities in the labour market  
*Approval*

 14495/22  
+ ADD 1

## **Legislative deliberations**

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

Directive on the protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to asbestos at work  
*General approach*

  12863/22

## **Non-legislative activities**

European CARE Strategy<sup>1</sup>  
*Policy debate*



Council Recommendation on access to affordable high-quality long-term care  
(Legal basis proposed by the Commission: Article 292 in conjunction with Article 153(1), point (k) TFEU)  
*Adoption*

  14650/22  
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<sup>1</sup> In the presence of a representative of EIGE.

Council Recommendation on early childhood education and care: The Barcelona targets for 2030  
(Legal basis proposed by the Commission: Article 292 in conjunction with Article 153(1), point (i) TFEU)  
*Adoption*

 12003/22  
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Conclusions on gender equality in disrupted economies:  
Focus on the young generation  
*Approval*

 14588/22  
+ ADD 1

### **Legislative deliberations**

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

Directive on equal treatment (Article 19)  
*Progress report*

 13070/22

### **Any other business**

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



i) Decision on the European Year of Skills 2023  
*Information from the Presidency*

13365/22 + COR 1

b) The European Platform on Combatting Homelessness - state of play  
*Information from the Commission*



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



ii) Directive on strengthening the role and independence of equality bodies  
*Information from the Commission*

c) Presidency conferences  
*Information from the Presidency*



d) Work programme of the incoming Presidency  
*Information from the Swedish delegation*

## MEETING ON FRIDAY 9 DECEMBER 2022 (9:30)

### HEALTH

#### Non-legislative activities

COVID-19 vaccine procurement<sup>2</sup> ☒ 14607/22  
*Exchange of views*

Council Recommendation on strengthening prevention through early detection: A new EU approach on cancer screening replacing Council Recommendation 2003/878/EC ☒☒ (\*)  
(Legal basis proposed by the Commission: Article 168(6) TFEU)  
*Adoption*

Conclusions on vaccination as one of the most effective tools for preventing disease and improving public health ☒  
*Approval*

#### Legislative deliberations

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

Regulation on the European Health Data Space ☑☒ 8751/22 + ADD 1  
*Progress report*

Regulation on standards of quality and safety for substances of human origin intended for human application and repealing Directives 2002/98/EC and 2004/23/EC ☑☒ 11396/22  
*Progress report*

#### Any other business

- a) Implementation of the Medical Device Regulation (MDR) ☒  
*Information from the Commission*
- b) Revision of Pharmaceutical legislation ☒  
*Information from the Commission*
- c) Negotiations for an international agreement on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response, as well as complementary amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005) ☒  
*Information from the Presidency and the Commission*

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<sup>2</sup> In the presence of the Director of the ECDC and the Executive Director of EMA.

- d) European Union Global Health strategy  
*Information from the Commission* ☐<sup>2</sup>
- e) State of Health Preparedness Report  
*Information from the Commission* ☐<sup>2</sup>
- f) Presidency conferences  
*Information from the Presidency* ☐<sup>2</sup>
- g) Work programme of the incoming Presidency  
*Information from the Swedish delegation*

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- ❶ First reading
  - ☐<sup>S</sup> Special legislative procedure
  - ☐<sup>2</sup> Public debate proposed by the Presidency (Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)
  - ☐<sup>C</sup> Item based on a Commission proposal
  - (\*) Item on which a vote may be requested

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