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Subject:	Draft agendas for Council meetings during the second semester of 2026 (Irish Presidency)
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In accordance with Article 2(7) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, delegations will find attached the indicative agendas¹ for Council meetings for the period from 1 July 2026 to 31 December 2026. These have been drawn up by the incoming Irish Presidency, and the European External Action Service (EEAS) as regards the Foreign Affairs Council (FAC).

In accordance with Article 3(6) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, items for which approval by the Council is possible without discussion are entered into the Council agenda as "A" items. As a general rule, "A" items do not appear in the attached indicative Council agendas.

In accordance with Annex V para 6 of the Council's Rules of Procedure, no item is placed on the Council agenda simply for presentation by the Commission or by a Council member, except where a debate on new major initiatives is planned.

¹ In accordance with the Treaty of Lisbon, on all agendas for the various Council configurations a distinction has to be made between legislative and non-legislative acts, in the case of both "A" items and "B" items.

The Irish Presidency – 2nd semester 2026
Draft work programme for Council meetings

Prepared by Coreper (Part 2)

COUNCIL	DATE					
	July	August	September	October	November	December
GENERAL AFFAIRS	14		22	13	19 23 (Cohesion)	15
FOREIGN AFFAIRS	13		28 (Defence)	12	16 17 (Defence) 30 (Trade)	1 (Development) 14
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JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS				1-2		3-4

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COUNCIL	DATE					
	July	August	September	October	November	December
EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL POLICY, HEALTH AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS				19 (Employment and Social Policy)		7 (Employment and Social Policy) 8 (Health)
COMPETITIVENESS (INTERNAL MARKET, INDUSTRY, RESEARCH AND SPACE)			24 (Internal Market and Industry)			3 (Internal Market and Industry) 4 (Research and Space)
TRANSPORT, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY				29 (Energy)	30 (Transport)	1 (Telecoms) 10 (Energy)
AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES	13		28-29	26-27	23- poss. 24	14-15
ENVIRONMENT				12		11
EDUCATION, YOUTH, CULTURE AND SPORT					19 (Education and Youth) 20 (Culture and Sport)	

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GENERAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL

BRUSSELS - 14 JULY 2026

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)

Legislative deliberations

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

Any other business

- a) Multiannual Financial Framework 2028-2034
Information from the Presidency

SC

Non-legislative activities

Priorities of the Irish Presidency
Presentation by the Presidency
Exchange of views

B

Simplification: state of play and future orientation
Exchange of views

Any other business

S

Special legislative procedure

B

Public debate (Article 8(3) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)

C

Item based on a Commission proposal

GENERAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL
BRUSSELS - 22 SEPTEMBER 2026

Adoption of the agenda

(poss.) Approval of "A" items

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

Legislative deliberations

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

Multiannual Financial Framework 2028-2034

[S][C]

Policy debate

Any other business

- a) Omnibus simplification packages: state of play

[1][C]

Information from the Presidency

Non-legislative activities

Preparation of the European Council on 15-16 October 2026:
annotated draft agenda

Exchange of views

Legislative programming: letter of intent

[3]

Presentation by the Commission

Exchange of views

Annual rule-of-law dialogue: horizontal discussion

Exchange of views

General trend of the rule-of-law situation in selected candidate
countries

Exchange of views

Any other business



First reading



Special legislative procedure



Public debate (Article 8(3) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)



Item based on a Commission proposal

GENERAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL
LUXEMBOURG – 13 OCTOBER 2026

Adoption of the agenda

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Legislative deliberations

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

Multiannual Financial Framework 2028-2034

[S][C]

Policy debate

Any other business

- a) Omnibus simplification packages: state of play
Information from the Presidency

[1][C]

Non-legislative activities

Preparation of the European Council on 15-16 October 2026

- a) Conclusions
Exchange of views
- b) Joint declaration on the EU legislative priorities for 2026 and One Europe, One Market Roadmap
State of play

Values of the Union in Hungary/Article 7(1) TEU reasoned proposal
State of play

Conclusions on democratic resilience
Approval

Any other business

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- [1] First reading
 - [S] Special legislative procedure
 - [C] Item based on a Commission proposal

GENERAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL
BRUSSELS – 19 NOVEMBER 2026

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)

Legislative activities

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

Any other business

- a) Omnibus simplification packages: state of play
Information from the Presidency



Non-legislative activities

Preparation of the European Council on 17-18 December 2026:
annotated draft agenda
Exchange of views

EU-UK relations
State of play

Legislative programming: Commission work programme 2027
Presentation by the Commission
Exchange of views



Annual rule-of-law dialogue: country-specific discussion
Exchange of views

Any other business



First reading



Public debate (Article 8(3) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)



Item based on a Commission proposal

GENERAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL - COHESION
BRUSSELS – 23 NOVEMBER 2026

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

Cohesion policy: a foundation for competitiveness

Exchange of views

Any other business

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

Preparation of the European Council on 17-18 December 2026

- a) Conclusions
Exchange of views
- b) Joint declaration on the EU legislative priorities for 2026 and One Europe, One Market Roadmap
State of play

Conclusions on enlargement

Approval

Legislative programming

Joint declaration on the EU legislative priorities for 2027

Approval



Simplification

- a) 2026 Annual Overview Report on simplification, implementation and enforcement
- b) Annual Progress Reports on simplification, implementation, and enforcement

Presentation by the Commission

Exchange of views

European Semester 2027: roadmap

Presentation by the Presidency and the incoming Presidency

Any other business



Public debate (Article 8(3) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)

FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL

BRUSSELS – 13 JULY 2026

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

Current affairs

Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine

Exchange of views

Situation in the Middle East

Exchange of views

Black Sea

Exchange of views

Any other business

Adoption of the agenda

(poss.) Approval of "A" items

- a) Non-legislative list
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Non-legislative activities

EU support to Ukraine

Exchange of views

Middle East

Exchange of views

Any other business

FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL
LUXEMBOURG – 12 OCTOBER 2026

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

Current affairs

Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine
Exchange of views

Situation in the Middle East
Exchange of views

EU-Georgia relations
Exchange of views

Sudan/Horn of Africa
Exchange of views

Any other business

FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL
BRUSSELS – 16 NOVEMBER 2026

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

Current affairs

Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine

Exchange of views

Situation in the Middle East

Exchange of views

Western Balkans

Exchange of views

Sahel

Exchange of views

Any other business

FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL - DEFENCE
BRUSSELS – 17 NOVEMBER 2026

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

EU support to Ukraine
Exchange of views

Maritime security
Exchange of views

Any other business

FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL - TRADE

BRUSSELS – 30 NOVEMBER 2026

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

EU-US trade relations

State of play

EU-China trade relations

State of play

Any other business

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Lunch on ongoing trade negotiations

FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL - DEVELOPMENT

BRUSSELS – 1 DECEMBER 2026

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

Strategic orientation to leverage partnerships

Exchange of views

Future of development cooperation

Exchange of views

Any other business

FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL
BRUSSELS – 14 DECEMBER 2026

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

Current affairs

Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine
Exchange of views

Situation in the Middle East
Exchange of views

South Caucasus
Exchange of views

Any other business

Adoption of the agenda

(poss.) Approval of "A" items

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Legislative deliberations

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

Market integration and supervision package



- a) Directive on further development of capital market integration and supervision within the Union
- b) Regulation on further development of capital market integration and supervision within the Union
- c) Settlement Finality Regulation
Policy debate

Any other business

- a) Current financial services legislative proposals
Information from the Presidency



Non-legislative activities

Presidency work programme
Presentation by the Presidency
Exchange of views



Economic and financial impact of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine
Exchange of views

Economic recovery in Europe

- a) Implementation of the Recovery and Resilience Facility
State of play
Exchange of views
- b) Council Implementing Decisions under the Recovery and Resilience Facility
Adoption

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European Semester 2026

- a) Integrated country-specific recommendations
Adoption
- b) Conclusions on the 2026 in-depth reviews under the macroeconomic imbalance procedure
Approval

Implementation of the economic governance framework
Council Decisions and Recommendations under the excessive deficit procedure
Adoption

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- a) Medium-term fiscal-structural plans: Council Recommendations
- b) Council Decision and Recommendation under the excessive deficit procedure
Adoption

Convergence reports from the Commission and the European Central Bank
Exchange of views

Preparation of the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meeting on 31 August-1 September 2026: EU terms of reference
Approval

Any other business

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p.m.:

Thursday, 9 July 2026

15:00 Eurogroup in regular format

Friday, 10 July 2026

09:00 Breakfast

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- ①** First reading
 - ③** Public debate (Article 8(3) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)
 - C** Item based on a Commission proposal
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(POSS.) ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL - BUDGET
BRUSSELS – 27 JULY 2026

Adoption of the agenda

Legislative deliberations

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

Council position on the draft Union budget for 2027

SC

Political agreement

Any other business

This Council will be convened in case an agreement has not been reached before at Coreper level. The formal adoption of the Council's position will be done in early September, after the end of the eight-week period foreseen in Protocol No 1 on the role of national parliaments in the European Union.

S Special legislative procedure

C Item based on a Commission proposal

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)

Legislative deliberations

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

Market integration and supervision package



- a) Directive on further development of capital market integration and supervision within the Union
- b) Regulation on further development of capital market integration and supervision within the Union
- c) Settlement Finality Regulation
General approach

Tobacco taxation package



- a) Council Directive on the structure and rates of excise duty applied to tobacco
- b) Council Directive as regards the general arrangements for excise duty in respect of tobacco
Political agreement

Any other business

- a) Current financial services legislative proposals
Information from the Presidency



Non-legislative activities

Report on the competitiveness of the banking sector

Exchange of views

Economic and financial impact of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine

Exchange of views

Economic recovery in Europe

Implementation of the Recovery and Resilience Facility

State of play

Exchange of views

European Semester 2026: lessons learnt

Exchange of views

Conclusions on the revision of the EU list of non-cooperative jurisdictions for tax purposes

Approval

International meetings

a) Follow-up to the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meeting on 31 August-1 September 2026

Information from the Presidency and the Commission

b) Preparation of the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meeting and the IMF annual meetings

i) EU terms of reference

ii) Statement to the IMFC

Approval

Conclusions on climate finance in view of the 2026 UN Climate Change Conference (COP31) (Antalya, 9-20 November 2026)

Approval

Any other business

a) Status of the implementation of financial services legislation

Information from the Commission

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p.m.:

Thursday, 8 October 2026

15:00 Eurogroup in regular format

Friday, 9 October 2026

09:00 Breakfast

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- First reading
 - Special legislative procedure
 - Item based on a Commission proposal
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ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

BRUSSELS – 9 NOVEMBER 2026

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)

Legislative deliberations

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

Regulation establishing the Temporary Decarbonisation Fund
General approach



Any other business

- a) Current financial services legislative proposals
Information from the Presidency



Non-legislative activities

Economic and financial impact of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine
Exchange of views

Conclusions on EU statistics
Approval

Economic recovery in Europe
Implementation of the Recovery and Resilience Facility
State of play
Exchange of views

Follow-up to the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meeting on 15 October 2026
Information from the Presidency and the Commission
Exchange of views

Simplification and economic consequences

- a) Economic consequences of EU legislation
- b) Commission 2026 overview report and annual progress reports on simplification, implementation and enforcement

Presentation

Exchange of views

Any other business

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p.m.:

Monday, 9 November 2026

09:00 Eurogroup in regular format

First reading

Item based on a Commission proposal

Adoption of the agenda

(poss.) Approval of "A" items

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

Legislative deliberations

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

Union budget for 2027: preparation of the meeting of the conciliation committee with the European Parliament **SC**

Any other business

The Council takes place on the same day as the conciliation committee with the European Parliament, which should conclude the conciliation period of 21 days foreseen by the TFEU.

S Special legislative procedure

C Item based on a Commission proposal

ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

BRUSSELS – 11 DECEMBER 2026

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)

Legislative deliberations

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

Council Directive on administrative cooperation in the field of taxation (recast) (DAC) SC
Political agreement

Any other business

- a) Current financial services legislative proposals OC
Information from the Presidency

Non-legislative activities

Economic and financial impact of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine
Exchange of views

Economic recovery in Europe
Implementation of the Recovery and Resilience Facility
State of play
Exchange of views

European Semester 2027

- a) Alert Mechanism Report 2027
- b) Council Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area
Presentation by the Commission
Exchange of views

Implementation of the Stability and Growth Pact
Council Decisions and Recommendations under the excessive deficit
procedure
Presentation by the Commission
Exchange of views



Annual report of the European Fiscal Board
Exchange of views

European Court of Auditors' annual report on the implementation of
the budget of the European Union for the financial year 2025
Presentation
Exchange of views

ECOFIN report on tax issues
Approval

Conclusions on the progress achieved by the Code of Conduct Group
Approval

Any other business

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p.m.:

Thursday, 10 December 2026

11:00 Macroeconomic Dialogue at Political Level (MEDPOL)

15:00 Eurogroup in regular format

Friday, 11 December 2026

08:30 Breakfast

10:00 Ministerial dialogue between the EU and EFTA countries

Special legislative procedure

Item based on a Commission proposal

**JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS COUNCIL
LUXEMBOURG 1-2 OCTOBER 2026**

MEETING ON THURSDAY, 1 OCTOBER 2026

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)

HOME AFFAIRS

Legislative deliberations

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

Any other business

- a) Current legislative proposals
Information from the Presidency



Non-legislative activities

Overall state of the Schengen area:

- a) Schengen Barometer
- b) Implementation of the Schengen Council cycle priority actions
Exchange of views

Implementation of interoperability: revised roadmap
Approval

Implementation of the Pact on Migration and Asylum
State of play

External dimension of migration
Exchange of views

The impact of the current geopolitical environment on EU internal security
Exchange of views

Countering security challenges: assessment by the European domestic intelligence and security services

State of play

Implementing the EU drugs strategic framework

Exchange of views

Annual progress report on simplification, implementation and enforcement

Exchange of views

Any other business

MEETING ON FRIDAY, 2 OCTOBER 2026

JUSTICE

Legislative deliberations

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

Eurojust Regulation (*proposal pending*)

Policy debate

Directive on firearms trafficking

General approach



Any other business

a) Current legislative proposals

Information from the Presidency



Non-legislative activities

Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine: fight against impunity

State of play

European Public Prosecutors' Office

State of play

Rule-of-law developments in the field of justice

Exchange of views

Annual progress report on simplification, implementation and enforcement

Exchange of views

Conclusions on combating racism and upholding fundamental rights
and European values

Approval

Any other business

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In the margins of the Council:

Meeting of the MIXED COMMITTEE (“Schengen Council”)

Overall state of the Schengen area:

- a) Schengen Barometer
- b) Implementation of the Schengen Council cycle priority actions
Exchange of views

Implementation of interoperability: revised roadmap
Exchange of views

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- First reading
 - Item based on a Commission proposal
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JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS COUNCIL
BRUSSELS – 3-4 DECEMBER 2026

MEETING ON THURSDAY, 3 DECEMBER 2026

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)

HOME AFFAIRS

Legislative deliberations

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

Revision of the European Border and Coast Guard (EBCG) Regulation **IC**
(proposal pending)
Policy debate

Europol Regulation *(proposal pending)* **IC**
Policy debate

Any other business

a) Current legislative proposals **IC**
Information from the Presidency

Non-legislative activities

EU drugs situation

a) Implementation of the EU drugs framework
State of play

Overall state of the Schengen area
Implementation of Schengen Council cycle priority actions
Exchange of views

Implementation of interoperability
State of play

Council Implementing Decision on the establishment of the Annual Solidarity Pool for 2027
Political agreement



External dimension of migration
Exchange of views

EU-Latin American Committee on Internal Security (CLASI) cooperation
Exchange of views

The impact of the current geopolitical environment on EU internal security
Exchange of views

Access to data for effective law enforcement
Exchange of views

Any other business

- a) EU-Western Balkans ministerial forum (Montenegro, 5-6 November 2026)
Information from the Presidency
- b) Work programme of the incoming Presidency
Presentation by Lithuania

MEETING ON FRIDAY, 4 DECEMBER 2026

JUSTICE

Legislative deliberations

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

Regulation on the cross-border establishment and recognition of parenthood
Policy debate



Directive amending Directive 2014/41 regarding the European Investigation Order in criminal matters (*proposal pending*)
Policy debate



Regulation amending the EU Data Protection Regulation (EUDPR)
(proposal pending)
General approach



Any other business

- a) Current legislative proposals
Information from the Presidency



Non-legislative activities

Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine: fight against impunity
State of play

Access to data for effective criminal investigations
Exchange of views

EU drugs situation

- a) Implementation of the EU drugs framework
State of play
- b) Fighting cross-border illicit drug trafficking: final report of the
11th round of mutual evaluations
Presentation
Exchange of views

Conclusions on the rights of the child
Approval

Any other business

- a) EU-Western Balkans ministerial forum (Montenegro, 5-6
November 2026)
Information from the Presidency
- b) Work programme of the incoming Presidency
Presentation by Lithuania

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In the margins of the Council:

Meeting of the MIXED COMMITTEE (“Schengen Council”)



Overall state of the Schengen area

- a) Implementation of Schengen Council cycle priorities action
Exchange of views

Implementation of interoperability
State of play

Revision of the European Border and Coast Guard (EBCG)
Regulation (*proposal pending*)
Policy debate



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-  First reading
-  Item based on a Commission proposal
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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)

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)
General approach [S][C]

Any other business

- a) Current legislative proposals [O][C]

Non-legislative activities

Council Recommendation on fighting housing exclusion
Adoption [C][P2]

Conclusions on equality as a driver for economic reform, growth and
competitiveness in the EU [P2]
Approval

Striving for a Union of Equality: implementation of current equality
strategies [P2]
Exchange of views

Quality jobs Roadmap and Act: priorities and next steps
Exchange of views

European Semester 2026

- a) Council Decision on guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States C¹
Adoption
- b) Key employment challenges: key messages from the Employment Committee based on the Annual Employment Performance Report and the Employment Performance Monitor
Endorsement
- c) Key social challenges: key messages from the Social Protection Committee based on the Review of the Social Protection Performance Monitor
Endorsement

Any other business

- a) Tripartite Social Summit P¹
Information from the Presidency and the Commission
- b) Presidency events P¹
Information from the Presidency
- c) 2026 Annual progress report on simplification, implementation and enforcement P¹
Information from the Commission

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- 1** First reading
 - S** Special legislative procedure
 - P¹** 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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MEETING ON MONDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2026

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)

European Social Security Pass (ESSPASS) (*proposal pending*) [1][C]
General approach

Regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2019/1149 establishing a European Labour Authority (*proposal pending*) [1][C]
General approach

Any other business

- a) Current legislative proposals [1][C]

Non-legislative activities

Council Recommendation on a Reinforced Quality Framework for traineeships [C][2]
Adoption

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

Advancing disability rights in the EU: EU strategy for the rights of persons with disabilities 2021-2030

Exchange of views



European Semester 2026

Exchange of views



a) Autumn package

Presentation by the Commission

Exchange of views



b) Implementation of the Recommendation on the integration of the long-term unemployed into the labour market: key messages from the Employment Committee

Endorsement



Any other business

a) Presidency events

Information from the Presidency



b) Work programme of the incoming Presidency

Information from Lithuania

MEETING ON TUESDAY, 8 DECEMBER 2026

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 **1****C**
General approach

European Biotech Act I Regulation **1****C**
Progress report

Any other business

a) Current legislative proposals

i) European Biotech Act I Directive **1****C**
Information from the Presidency

Non-legislative activities

Council Recommendation on health checks for cardiovascular diseases **2****C**
(proposal pending)
Adoption

Any other business

a) 2026 Annual progress report on simplification, implementation
and enforcement (health)
Information from the Commission

b) Work programme of the incoming Presidency
Information from Lithuania



First reading



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



Item based on a Commission proposal

**COMPETITIVENESS COUNCIL (INTERNAL MARKET, INDUSTRY,
RESEARCH AND SPACE)**

BRUSSELS – 24 SEPTEMBER 2026

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)

Legislative deliberations

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

Regulation on a European Chips Act 2.0



Policy debate

Regulation on establishing a framework of measures for the acceleration of industrial capacity and decarbonisation in strategic sectors (Industrial Accelerator Act)



Policy debate

Regulation on 28th regime for company law



Policy debate

Any other business

a) Current legislative proposals



i) European Competitiveness Fund

ii) Critical Raw Materials Centre (*proposal pending*)

Information from the Presidency

Non-legislative activities

Review of merger control guidelines

Exchange of views

Any other business



First reading



Item based on a Commission proposal

**COMPETITIVENESS COUNCIL (INTERNAL MARKET, INDUSTRY,
RESEARCH AND SPACE)**

BRUSSELS – 3-4 DECEMBER 2026

MEETING ON THURSDAY, 3 DECEMBER 2026

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)

Critical Raw Materials Centre (*proposal pending*)
Policy debate



European Products Act (*proposal pending*)
Policy debate



Procurement package (*proposal pending*)
Progress report



Any other business

a) Current legislative proposals



i) European Competitiveness Fund
Information from the Presidency

Non-legislative activities

Single Market Strategy: Terrible Ten barriers
Exchange of views

Any other business

- a) 2026 Annual progress report on simplification, implementation and enforcement
Information from the Commission
- b) 2026 Report of the network of SME envoys to the Competitiveness Council
Information from the Commission
- c) Consumer Summit/Ministerial (19-20 November, Dublin)
Information from the Presidency
- d) Work programme of the incoming Presidency
Information from Lithuania

MEETING ON FRIDAY, 4 DECEMBER 2026

RESEARCH

Legislative deliberations

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

European Innovation Act (*proposal pending*)
Progress report



European Research Area Act (*proposal pending*)
Policy debate



Non-legislative activities

Any other business

- a) Work programme of the incoming Presidency
Information from Lithuania

SPACE

Legislative deliberations

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

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| Regulation on an EU Space Act
<i>Progress report</i> | ①C |
| Regulation on EU Space Services Agency
<i>Progress report</i> | ①C |
| Any other business | |
| a) Current legislative proposals | ①C |

Non-legislative activities

- Any other business
- a) Work programme of the incoming Presidency
Information from Lithuania

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- ① First reading
- ② Item based on a Commission proposal
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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)

Legislative deliberations

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

Energy security of supply Framework (*proposal pending*)
Policy debate



Network charges (*proposal pending*)
Policy debate



Any other business

- a) Current legislative proposals



Non-legislative activities

Any other business

- a) Winter preparedness
Information from the Commission

First reading

Item based on a Commission proposal

MEETING ON MONDAY, 30 NOVEMBER 2026

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)

TRANSPORT

Legislative deliberations

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

Aviation

Air services Regulation (*proposal pending*)
Progress report



Land

Regulation on clean corporate vehicles
General approach



Regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2016/796 on the European Union Agency for Railways (*proposal pending*)
Progress report



Horizontal issues

Passenger Package



- a) Regulation on multimodal booking
- b) Regulation on rail ticketing
- c) Regulation as regards the protection of passengers with single tickets
Progress report

Shipping

Revision of Directive 2017/2397 on the recognition of professional qualifications in inland navigation (*proposal pending*)
General approach



Any other business

a) Current legislative proposals



- i) MFF 2028-2034: Regulation establishing the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF III)
- ii) Regulation on passenger rights in the context of multimodal journeys
- iii) Roadworthiness package
 - Directive on periodic roadworthiness tests and on technical roadside inspection
 - Directive on vehicle registration documents and vehicle registration data
- iv) Directive on weights and dimensions
- v) Regulation on establishing a framework of measures to facilitate the transport of military equipment, goods and personnel across the Union

Information from the Presidency

Non-legislative activities

Aviation strategy
Exchange of views

Any other business


- a) 2026 Annual progress report on simplification, implementation and enforcement
Information from the Commission
- b) Work programme of the incoming Presidency
Information from Lithuania

MEETING ON TUESDAY, 1 DECEMBER 2026


TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Legislative deliberations

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

Regulation on mobile satellite services
General approach 

Regulation on a digital networks Act
Progress report 

Regulation on a cloud and AI development Act
Progress report 


Any other business


a) Current legislative proposals

i) Cybersecurity Package 

a) Regulation on the Cybersecurity Act 2 (CSA2)

b) Directive amending Directive (EU) 2022/2555 as regards simplification measures and alignment with the Cybersecurity Act 2

ii) Regulation on European Business Wallets 

iii) Digital Omnibus 
Information from the Presidency

Non-legislative activities

Any other business

- a) 2026 Annual progress report on simplification, implementation and enforcement
Information from the Commission
- b) Work programme of the incoming Presidency
Information from Lithuania



First reading



Item based on a Commission proposal

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)

Legislative deliberations

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

Energy security of supply Framework (*proposal pending*)



General approach

Post-2030 framework (Renewable Energy Directive/Energy Efficiency Directive/Governance Regulation) (*proposals pending*)



Policy debate

Network charges (*proposal pending*)

General approach

Any other business

- a) Current legislative proposals



Non-legislative activities

Energy-Security nexus

Exchange of views

Any other business

- a) 2026 Annual progress report simplification, implementation and enforcement

Information from the Commission

- b) Work programme of the incoming Presidency

Information from Lithuania



First reading



Item based on a Commission proposal

AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES COUNCIL

BRUSSELS – 13 JULY 2026

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

Work programme of the Presidency
Presentation by the Presidency



AGRICULTURE

Livestock Strategy and Protein Plan
Presentation by the Commission
Exchange of views



SCA ITEMS

Non-legislative activities

Trade-related agricultural issues
Information from the Commission
Exchange of views

Women in agriculture
Exchange of views



First reading



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



Item based on a Commission proposal

AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES COUNCIL
BRUSSELS – 28-29 SEPTEMBER 2026

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)

AGRICULTURE

SCA ITEMS

Legislative deliberations

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

Post-2027 Common Agricultural Policy proposals
Policy debate



Any other business

- a) Current legislative proposals



Non-legislative activities

Market situation, in particular following the invasion of Ukraine
Information from the Commission and the Member States
Exchange of views

COREPER ITEMS

FISHERIES

Non-legislative activities

EU-UK: annual consultations on fishing opportunities for 2027
Exchange of views

EU-Norway, EU-Norway-UK and coastal states: annual consultations
for 2027
Exchange of views

Any other business

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Ⓒ Item based on a Commission proposal
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AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES COUNCIL
LUXEMBOURG – 26-27 OCTOBER 2026

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)

AGRICULTURE

SCA ITEMS

Legislative deliberations

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

Post-2027 Common Agricultural Policy proposals
Policy debate



Any other business

- a) Current legislative proposals



Non-legislative activities

Trade-related agricultural issues
Information from the Commission
Exchange of views

Any other business

- a) 2026 Annual progress report on simplification, implementation and enforcement (Agriculture)
Information from the Commission

COREPER ITEMS

FISHERIES

Legislative deliberations

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

Regulations amending Fisheries Multiannual Plans Regulations
(*proposals pending*)
Policy debate



Non-legislative activities

Council Regulation fixing for 2027 the fishing opportunities applicable
in the Baltic Sea
Political agreement



Annual meeting of the International Commission for the Conservation
of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) (Vilamoura, Portugal, 16-23 November
2026)
Exchange of views

Any other business

- a) 2026 Annual progress report on simplification, implementation
and enforcement (Fisheries)
Information from the Commission



First reading



Item based on a Commission proposal

AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES COUNCIL

BRUSSELS – 23- (poss.) 24 NOVEMBER 2026

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)

AGRICULTURE

SCA ITEMS

Legislative deliberations

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

Post 2027 Common Agricultural Policy proposals
Policy debate



Any other business

- a) Current legislative proposals



Non-legislative activities

Market situation, in particular following the invasion of Ukraine
Information from the Commission and the Member States
Exchange of views

Any other business

COREPER ITEMS

Non-legislative activities

Any other business

- a) 2026 Annual progress report on simplification, implementation and enforcement (animal health and welfare, plants and plant health, food and feed safety)
Information from the Commission

FISHERIES

Non-legislative activities

Council Regulation fixing for 2027 and for certain stocks for 2028 the fishing opportunities in the Atlantic and the North Sea ☐C
Presentation by the Commission
Exchange of views

Council Regulation fixing for 2027 the fishing opportunities in the Mediterranean and the Black Seas ☐C
Presentation by the Commission
Exchange of views

Communication(s) on the Vision 2040 for fisheries and aquaculture and the external dimension of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP)
(initiative(s) pending)
Presentation by the Commission
Exchange of views

Any other business



First reading



Item based on a Commission proposal

AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES COUNCIL
BRUSSELS – 14-15 DECEMBER 2026

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)

AGRICULTURE

SCA ITEMS

Legislative deliberations

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

Amending Directive on Unfair Trading Practices (UTP) (*proposal pending*)
Policy debate



Any other business

a) Current legislative proposals



- i) Post 2027 Common Agricultural Policy proposals: state of play
Information from the Presidency

COREPER ITEMS

Legislative deliberations

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

Any other business

a) Current legislative proposals



- ii) Regulation on the protection of animals during transport and related operations: state of play
Information from the Presidency

FISHERIES

Non-legislative activities

Council Regulation fixing for 2027 and for certain stocks for 2028 the fishing opportunities in the Atlantic and the North Sea
Political agreement

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Council Regulation fixing for 2027 the fishing opportunities in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea
Political agreement

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Any other business

❶ First reading

☐ Item based on a Commission proposal

ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL
LUXEMBOURG – 12 OCTOBER 2026

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)

Legislative deliberations

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

Emission Trading System (ETS) revision: *(proposals pending)*



- a) Directive amending Directive 2003/87/EC establishing a system for greenhouse gas emission allowance trading within the Union
- b) Decision amending Decision (EU) 2015/1814 concerning the establishment and operation of a market stability reserve for the Union greenhouse gas emission trading scheme

Policy debate

Any other business

- a) Current legislative proposals



Non-legislative activities

Conclusions on the UN Biodiversity Conference
(Yerevan, Armenia, 19-30 October 2026)

- a) Preparation of COP 17 to the Convention on biological diversity
- b) Preparation of COP-MOP 12 serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on biosafety
- c) Preparation of COP-MOP 6 serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on access and benefit sharing

Approval

Conclusions on the preparations for the 31st Conference of the Parties
(COP 31) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate
Change (UNFCCC)

(Antalya, Türkiye, 9-20 November 2026)

Approval

Any other business



First reading



Item based on a Commission proposal

ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL
BRUSSELS - 11 DECEMBER 2026

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)

Legislative deliberations

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

Revision of the Regulation on CO₂ standards for new passenger cars and vans 🗳️
General approach

Emission Trading System (ETS) revision: *(proposals pending)* 🗳️

- a) Directive amending Directive 2003/87/EC establishing a system for greenhouse gas emission allowance trading within the Union
- b) Decision amending Decision (EU) 2015/1814 concerning the establishment and operation of a market stability reserve for the Union greenhouse gas emission trading scheme

General approach

Post-2030 package (national targets and international carbon credits) 🗳️
(proposals pending)
Policy debate

Circular economy Act *(proposal pending)* 🗳️
Policy debate

European integrated framework for climate resilience *(proposal pending)* 🗳️
Policy debate

Any other business

- a) Current legislative proposals 🗳️

Non-legislative activities

Any other business

- a) Reports on main recent international meetings:
 - i) UN Biodiversity Conference
(Yerevan, Armenia, 19-30 October 2026)
 - a) Preparation of COP 17 to the Convention on biological diversity
 - b) Preparation of COP-MOP 12 serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on biosafety
 - c) Preparation of COP-MOP 6 serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on access and benefit sharing

Information from the Presidency and the Commission
 - ii) 31st Conference of the Parties (COP 31) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)
(Antalya, Türkiye, 9-20 November 2026)
Information from the Presidency and the Commission
 - iii) UN Water Conference (United Arab Emirates, 2-4 December 2026)
Information from the Presidency and the Commission
- b) 2026 Annual progress report simplification, implementation and enforcement
Information from the Commission
- c) Work programme of the incoming Presidency
Information from Lithuania

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MEETING ON THURSDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 2026

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)

EDUCATION

Legislative deliberations

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

Any other business

- a) Current legislative proposals



- i) Regulation on Erasmus+
Information from the Presidency

Non-legislative activities

Conclusions on science, technology, engineering and mathematics
(STEM) Education
Approval

Conclusions on skills and competences for the era of Artificial
Intelligence (AI)
Approval

The role of education and training in the European Semester
Exchange of views

Any other business

- a) Work programme of the incoming Presidency
Information from Lithuania

YOUTH

Non-legislative activities

Conclusions on empowering young people in an evolving information environment

Approval

Conclusions on promoting safe spaces for young people in Europe

Approval

Future role of youth work in Europe

Exchange of views

Any other business

a) Outcomes of the discussion at the informal EU Youth Dialogue breakfast meeting

Information from the Presidency

b) Work programme of the incoming Presidency


Information from Lithuania


MEETING ON FRIDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 2026


CULTURE, AUDIOVISUAL AND MEDIA

Legislative deliberations


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

Revision of the audiovisual media services Directive (*proposal pending*) 
Progress report

Decision establishing a Union action for the European Capitals of Culture post-2033 (*proposal pending*) 
Progress report

Revision of the Decision establishing a European Union action for the European Heritage Label (*proposal pending*) 
Progress report

Any other business

- a) Current legislative proposals 
- i) Regulation on the AgoraEU Programme
Information from the Presidency

Non-legislative activities

Resolution on an EU work plan for culture 2027-2030
Approval

Online safety of children and young people
Exchange of views

Any other business

- a) Work programme of the incoming Presidency
Information from Lithuania

SPORT

Non-legislative activities

Conclusions on traditional sports and games

Approval

Any other business

- a) Work programme of the incoming Presidency
Information from Lithuania

1 First reading

C Item based on a Commission proposal