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From: Presidency/General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)
Subject: Mandate of three subgroups of the Ad hoc Working Party on the
Multiannual Financial Framework
- Approval

1. On 2 July 2025, the Permanent Representatives Committee approved the setting-up of the Ad hoc Working Party on the Multiannual Financial Framework (AHWP MFF) and its mandate.¹ It is recalled that that mandate provides that the general governance framework and structure of the different programmes will be part of the bracketing exercise to be examined by the AHWP MFF.
2. On 16 July 2025, the Commission presented its proposals for a Council Regulation laying down the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) for the years 2028 to 2034, for an Own Resources Decision and for an Interinstitutional Agreement on budgetary discipline. These proposals will be examined by the AHWP MFF as set out in doc. 10989/25.
3. That proposal was accompanied by a number of sectoral proposals, including the following, of a more horizontal nature: National and Regional Partnership Plans, a European Competitiveness Fund and a Global Europe Instrument. The provisions of these proposals which have been “bracketed” by the Presidency will be examined by the AHWP MFF. The examination of the remaining provisions will require specific expertise, while maintaining an

¹ 10989/25.

overall coordinated approach given the novelty of the architecture that the Commission has proposed for the next MFF.

4. The Danish Presidency, in agreement with the future Cyprus and Irish Presidencies, therefore proposes to establish three subgroups of the AHWP MFF. These will examine the provisions of these three Commission proposals which have not been “bracketed” by the Presidency. The subgroups will work in close consultation with relevant sectoral Council preparatory bodies. The Presidency will regularly report to the AHWP MFF on the progress achieved by these subgroups. Depending on the sub-group, the Presidency foresees a 1+2 format to allow for the attendance of one permanent delegate and one or more sectoral experts depending on the subject matter under discussion.
5. Other Council configurations are not prevented from discussing aspects falling under their responsibility provided that this does not overlap with the responsibilities of the General Affairs Council for the conduct of the work on the MFF.
6. Delegations and the Commission are invited to inform the Presidency and the GSC of the name and contact details of their representative in the following three sub-groups before 25 August at the following addresses:
 - for the sub-group “National and Regional Partnerships” on the National and Regional Partnership Plans: nationalandregionalpartnerships@consilium.europa.eu (delegations can nominate up to 3 persons);
 - for the subgroup “European Competitiveness Fund” on the European Competitiveness Fund: competitiveness.fund@consilium.europa.eu (delegations can nominate up to 3 persons);
 - for the subgroup “Global Europe Instrument” on the Global Europe Instrument: global.europe@consilium.europa.eu (delegations can nominate up to 3 persons).
7. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to decide to set up the three subgroups to the AHWP MFF listed in paragraph 6 as set out in the **Annex 1**.

Ad Hoc Working Party on the Multiannual Financial Framework (AHWP MFF) - Subgroups

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Council configuration The subgroups to the Ad Hoc Working Party on the Multiannual Financial Framework operates under:

- General affairs
- Foreign affairs
- Economic and financial affairs²
- Justice and home affairs³
- Employment, social policy, health and consumer affairs
- Competitiveness (internal market, industry, research and space)⁴
- Transport, telecommunications and energy
- Agriculture and fisheries
- Environment
- Education, youth, culture and sport⁵

Sub-areas or Subgroup(s) The ad hoc Working Party on the Multiannual Financial Framework has the following subgroups:

- National and Regional Partnerships
- European Competitiveness Fund
- Global Europe Instrument

Policy area(s) The Subgroup “National and Regional Partnerships” is responsible for the examination of the provisions of the Commission’s proposal on the National and Regional Partnership Plans which are not examined by the AHWP MFF.

The Subgroup “European Competitiveness Fund” is responsible for the examination of the provisions of the Commission’s proposal on the European Competitiveness Fund which are not being examined by the AHWP MFF.

The Subgroup “Global Europe Instrument” is responsible for the examination of the provisions of the Commission’s proposal on the Global Europe Instrument which are not being examined by the AHWP MFF.

² Including budget
³ Including civil protection
⁴ Including tourism
⁵ Including Audio-visual affairs

Type of work The Working Party is mainly in charge of the following:

- Work on Union legal acts (i.e. legislative acts and other legal acts); and/or
- Policy preparation

In particular, the Working Party is in charge of:

- legislative act(s):
(Add reference to a specific policy area or sub-area)
- other Union legal acts:
(Add reference to a specific policy area or sub-area)
- external documents or instruments:
(Add reference to a specific policy area or sub-area, or to specific international organisations/fora)
- policy document(s):
(Please choose from Commission/EEAS communications, action plans, strategies, declarations, conclusions or please indicate other policy documents)
- other:
(Please insert references to other types of work, if applicable)

Chairing arrangement The Working Party is chaired by:

- the six-monthly Presidency
- a representative of the High Representative
- other, namely:
(For example if the preparatory body has a fixed chair (GSC, or elected chair), please indicate so. If applicable, please also include a reference to the relevant Coreper/Council Decision)

Observations

- Date of establishment:
23 July 2025
- If applicable, duration of the mandate and/or expiry date:
The mandate will expire when the MFF Regulation and linked legislation is adopted.
- If applicable, evolution of the mandate and last update:
(Please insert, and if applicable, include the references to the relevant Coreper/Council decisions)
- If applicable, main links with other Working Parties:
The subgroups will work in close consultation with relevant sectoral Council preparatory bodies.