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**DRAFT MINUTES**  
COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION  
**(Agriculture and Fisheries)**  
22 and 23 September 2025

## MEETING ON MONDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2025

### 1. Adoption of the agenda

The Council adopted the agenda set out in document 12847/25 + COR 1

### 2. Approval of "A" items

#### a) Non-legislative list

12941/1/25 REV 1

The Council adopted all "A" items listed in the document above including all linguistic COR and REV documents presented for adoption.

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

12942/25

## Agriculture

1. **Regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 1026/2012 on measures against countries allowing non-sustainable fishing**  
*Adoption of the legislative act*  
approved by Coreper, Part 1, on 17.09.2025



11677/25  
PE-CONS 19/25  
PECHE

The Council approved the European Parliament's position at first reading and the proposed act has been adopted pursuant to Article 294(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (legal basis: Articles 43(2) and 207 TFEU), with Denmark abstaining.

## Environment

2. **Regulation on preventing plastic pellet losses to reduce microplastic pollution**  
*Adoption of the Council's position at first reading and of the statement of the Council's reasons*  
approved by Coreper, Part 1, on 17.09.2025



12677/25 + ADD 1  
9047/25 + ADD 1  
ENV

The Council approved its position at first reading, in accordance with Article 294(5) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and the statement of the Council's reasons (legal basis: Article 192(1) TFEU), with Germany abstaining.

Statements on this item are set out in the Annex.

## FISHERIES

### **Non-legislative activities**

3. EU-UK: annual consultations on fishing opportunities for 2026  
*Exchange of views* 12706/25
4. EU-Norway and coastal states: annual consultations for 2026  
*Exchange of views* 12711/25

### **Legislative deliberations**

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

5. **Establishment of conditions for the implementation of Union support to the Common Fisheries Policy, the European Ocean Pact and of the Union maritime and aquaculture policy 2028- 2034** **1C** 12707/25  
*Presentation by the Commission* 11757/25  
*Policy debate* + COR 1  
+ COR 2 REV 1

The Council took note of the presentation by the Commission, of the comments by delegations and of the Commission's response.

## AGRICULTURE

### **Non-legislative activities**

6. **Post 2027 CAP proposals**
  - i) **Council Regulation amending the fixing Regulation as regards the EU school scheme** **2C** 11715/25  
*Presentation by the Commission*  
*Policy debate*

Item 6 i) was taken together with items 6 ii) and 6 iii).

## Legislative deliberations

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

### 6. (continuation) Post 2027 CAP proposals

- ii) **Regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 (CMO) as regards the school scheme, sectoral interventions, the protein sector, hemp, marketing standards, import duties, the availability of supplies and securities** 11722/25 + ADD 1
- iii) **Regulation establishing the conditions for the implementation of Union support under the CAP** 11733/25  
+ ADD 1  
+ ADD 1 COR 1

*Presentation by the Commission  
Policy debate*

The Council took note of the presentation by the Commission on the proposals for a common agricultural policy after 2027. The Council also held a policy debate on the proposals, and took note of delegations' comments.


## Any other business

### 7. Agriculture

- a) **Decommitment rule for rural development interventions in the CAP Strategic Plans** 12836/1/25 REV 1  
*Information from Latvia, supported by Bulgaria, Czechia, Estonia, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Spain*


The Council took note of the information provided by Latvia, supported by Bulgaria, Czechia, Estonia, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Spain. It also took note of delegations' reactions.

- b) Trade relations with Ukraine in view of the revised EU-Ukraine Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area (DCFTA)**  
*Information from Slovakia*

 12908/25


The Council took note of the information provided by Slovakia on trade relations with Ukraine in view of the revised EU-Ukraine Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area. The Council also took note of delegations' reactions.

- c) European wine market crisis**  
*Information from Germany*

 12887/25

The Council took note of the information provided by Germany on the European wine market crisis and of delegations' comments.

- d) Main outcomes of the 44th Session of the FAO Conference (Rome, 28 June – 4 July 2025)**  
*Information from the Presidency*

 12834/25

The Council took note of the information provided by the Presidency.

## **MEETING ON TUESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2025**

### **AGRICULTURE**

#### **Non-legislative activities**

8. Trade-related agricultural issues 12930/25  
*Information from the Commission*  
*Exchange of views*

#### **Any other business**

##### **9. Agriculture**


- a) **African swine fever (ASF) outbreaks and situation** [2] 12809/1/25 REV 1  
**overview in Estonia**  
*Information from Estonia, supported by Czechia,*  
*Luxembourg and Slovakia*

The Council took note of the information provided by Estonia, supported by Czechia, Hungary, Luxembourg and Slovakia, and of the delegations' comments. Hungary orally expressed support for the initiative and requested that to be registered in the Council's minutes.

- b) **Securing basic substances in plant protection** [2] 12864/25 + COR 1  
*Information from Germany supported by Austria, Czechia,*  
*France, Hungary, Luxembourg, Romania, Slovakia and*  
*Slovenia*


The Council took note of the information provided by Germany, supported by Austria, Czechia, France, Hungary, Luxembourg, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia, and of delegations' comments.

**c) European Water Resilience Strategy**  
*Information from the Commission*

 9932/25

The Council took note of the information provided by the Commission and by Germany, supported by Austria, Bulgaria, Hungary, Italy, Poland and Portugal. It also took note of the delegations' reactions.


**d) European Water Resilience Strategy - an agricultural perspective**  
*Information from Germany, supported by Austria, Bulgaria, Hungary, Italy, Poland and Portugal*

 12950/1/25 REV 1

Item 9 d) was taken together with item 9c).

**Fisheries**

**e) Need for measures to allow ecosystem-based hunting of cormorants, and to coordinate among Member States to take actions to protect sensitive fish stocks and strengthen biodiversity**

 12831/25

*Information from Sweden supported by Czechia, Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Romania and Slovakia*

The Council took note of the information provided by Sweden, supported by Czechia, Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Romania and Slovakia. The Council also took note of the comments by delegations and the Commission.



First reading



Item based on a Commission proposal



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

**Statements to the legislative "A" items set out in doc. 12942/25****Ad "A" item 2:****Regulation on preventing plastic pellet losses to reduce microplastic pollution***Adoption of the Council's position at first reading and of the statement of the Council's reasons***STATEMENT BY ESTONIA**

“Estonia supports the overall aim of the Regulation to prevent plastic pellet losses to the environment and protect ecosystems and human health. However, we consider it necessary to express the following concern.

In principle, Estonia does not support the introduction of sector-specific civil law rules in EU internal market legislation since such differences unduly complicate the legal system and may lead to a situation where persons, including injured persons or businesses operating in different sectors, are treated differently, which could pose problems regarding the principle of equal treatment manifested in our Constitution. This applies regarding the rules foreseen in the Regulation on the limitation periods of health damage claims, which have resulted due to infringements of the Regulation.

Although the current text states that Member States may establish limitation periods for such compensation claims, it still provides specific mandatory rules regarding the starting point of the limitation period. This means that the limitation period for health damage claim arising due to the infringement of the Regulation is different from the limitation period for other health damage claims, for which Estonian law provides a uniform limitation period, considering, that victims should not be treated differently depending on the wrongful act that caused the health damage.”



## STATEMENT BY LATVIA

“Latvia supports the main objectives of the Regulation to increase the level of environmental protection by preventing spills of plastic pellets from primary containment during routine handling, thus reducing the risk of spills to the lowest possible level. **Latvia can support position of the Council’s text with a view to the adoption.**

At the same time, **Latvia** still **has concerns** about the expansion of the scope of the Regulation, namely **the inclusion of maritime transport** therein.

Latvia is particularly concerned that **there has been no comprehensive impact assessment** regarding the inclusion of this particular sector in the scope of this Regulation. Moreover, the **practical implementation** of the Regulation may be complicated, given the regional nature of the Regulation. IMO Recommendations (MEPC.1/Circ.909) are voluntary for all IMO member states - they have a right to choose whether to implement these recommendations. By adopting IMO Recommendations in this Regulation, all EU Member States will be obliged to mandatory implement them.

Latvia believes that **this matter requires thorough consideration within the International Maritime Organization (IMO)**, with active participation of all stakeholders (including NGOs) in the decision-making process. We are of the view that EU Member States should collaborate within the IMO framework to promote the timely development and adoption of amendments to the IMO conventions that effectively address the issue on the carriage of plastic pellets by sea on a global scale.”

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