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**DRAFT MINUTES**

COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION  
(Competitiveness (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space))

24 September 2026

## 1. Adoption of the agenda

The Council adopted the agenda set out in document 13104/26.

### Non-legislative activities

2. Review of merger control guidelines 12886/26  
*Exchange of views*

## 3. Approval of "A" items

- a) Non-legislative list 13147/26

The Council adopted all "A" items listed in the document above, including all linguistic COR and REV documents presented for adoption. Statements to these items are set out in the addendum.

- b) Legislative list (Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union) 13148/26

### Foreign Affairs

1. Regulation on temporary trade liberalisation measures applicable to Armenian products  13136/26 + ADD 1  
*Adoption of the legislative act* PE-CONS 61/26  
*Decision to derogate from the eight-week period provided for in* POLCOM  
*Article 4 of Protocol 1 on the role of national parliaments in the* COEST  
*EU*  
approved by Coreper, Part 2, on 23.09.2026

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: Article 207(2) TFEU). The Council also decided to derogate from the eight-week period provided for in Article 4 of Protocol 1 on the role of national parliaments in the EU. A statement by Hungary to this item is set out in the addendum.

## **Legislative deliberations**

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

4. **Regulation on a European Chips Act 2.0**  
*Policy debate*

 12887/26

The Council held a policy debate.

## **Any other business**

5. a) **Call for a more responsive EU de minimis aid framework**  
*Information from Latvia and Bulgaria*

 13357/1/26 REV 1

The Council took note of the information provided by Latvia and Bulgaria.

- b) **Definition of Undertakings in Difficulty in the GBER revision**  
*Information from the Netherlands, Austria, Belgium, the Czech Republic, France, Germany, Italy, Latvia, Luxembourg, Poland and Slovakia*

 13433/26

The Council took note of the information provided by the Netherlands, Austria, Belgium, the Czech Republic, France, Germany, Italy, Latvia, Luxembourg, Poland and Slovakia.

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



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

7009/26 + ADD 1

- ii) **Regulation on 28th regime for company law (EU Inc.)**

7498/26 + ADD 1

- iii) **Regulation on establishing the European Competitiveness Fund**

11770/1/25 REV 1

*Information from the Presidency*

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

d) Strategic Projects under the Critical Raw Materials Act 13247/26  
*Information from the Commission*

e) **Review of the EU Emissions Trading System from a Competitiveness Perspective** [2] 13467/26  
*Information from Austria, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia*

The Council took note of the information provided by Austria, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia.

f) **Towards a European Action Plan for the Household Appliances Sector** [2] 13246/1/26 REV 1  
*Information from France, Germany, Italy, Poland, Slovakia and Spain*

The Council took note of the information provided by France, Germany, Italy, Poland, Slovakia and Spain.

g) **The meeting of the ministerial alliance for energy intensive industries** [2] 13250/26  
*Information from Germany*

The Council took note of the information provided by Germany.

h) **Advocating for a swift implementation of the key recommendations issued by the EU Critical Chemicals Alliance** [2] 13273/1/26 REV 1  
*Information from the Czech Republic, France, Hungary, Italy, the Netherlands, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Spain*

The Council took note of the information provided by the Czech Republic, France, Hungary, Italy, the Netherlands, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Spain.

- i) **Extended Producer Responsibility under the Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive as a barrier to the competitiveness of the European industries**  
*Information from Poland, the Czech Republic, Hungary and Slovakia*

 13418/1/26 REV 1

The Council took note of the information provided by Poland, the Czech Republic, Hungary and Slovakia.

- j) **The upcoming European Product Regulation**  
*Information from Belgium, France, the Netherlands and Poland*

 13201/1/26 REV 1

The Council took note of the information provided by Belgium, France, the Netherlands and Poland.

- k) **Influence of Regulation on packaging and packaging waste (PPWR) on the Single Market**  
*Information from Poland*

 13449/26

The Council took note of the information provided by Poland.



First reading



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



Item based on a Commission proposal

**Statements to the legislative "A" item set out in doc. 13148/26****Regulation on temporary trade liberalisation measures applicable to Armenian products****Ad "A" item 1):***Adoption of the legislative act**Decision to derogate from the eight-week period provided for in Article 4 of Protocol 1 on the role of national parliaments in the EU***STATEMENT BY HUNGARY**

“Hungary welcomes the European Union’s efforts to strengthen its trade and investment ties with the countries of the Eastern Partnership and the Caucasus region, including Armenia. We agree that the Union should show solidarity and support Armenia in view of the current difficult economic situation.

Nevertheless, we regret that no analysis or impact assessment was carried out prior to the submission of the proposal. The Regulation would liberalise trade in several fruit and vegetable products that are traditionally sensitive for the Hungarian agricultural sector. It would be important to establish a regular monitoring mechanism for trade in all sensitive products, including processed cucumbers, tomatoes and apples.

We welcome the safeguard mechanism included in the Regulation that allows the Commission to impose any measure necessary, where imports of a product under the regulation adversely affect the Union market or the market of one Member State.

We consider it important, and support the Commission’s commitment, to keep the Council and the European Parliament continuously informed about the impact of the regulation on trade flows and the Union market.”

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