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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION
(Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs)
ECCL, Luxembourg
19 October 2026 (09:30)

Format: 2+2 (+2 in listening room)

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Approval of "A" items
 - a) Non-legislative list 14363/26
 - b) Legislative list (Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union) 14364/26

Non-legislative activities

3. Conclusions on equality as a driver for economic growth and competitiveness in the EU
Approval  14386/26 +
ADD 1-3
4. Delivering equality in the European Union: our values in practice
Exchange of views  13685/26

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| 5. | Council Recommendation on fighting housing exclusion, including homelessness ¹
(Legal basis proposed by the Commission: Article 292 TFEU, in conjunction with Article 153(1), point (j), thereof)
<i>Adoption</i> | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">C</div>
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(*) | 14355/26 + ADD 1 |
| 6. | Quality Jobs Act: social Europe at the workplace ¹
<i>Exchange of views</i> | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">21</div> | 13885/26 |
| 7. | European Semester 2026 | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">21</div> | |
| a) | Key employment challenges: key messages from the Employment Committee based on the Annual Employment Performance Report and the Employment Performance Monitor | | 13806/26 |
| b) | Key social challenges: key messages from the Social Protection Committee based on the Review of the Social Protection Performance Monitor
<i>Endorsement</i> | | 13807/26 |

Any other business

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| 8. | a) Current legislative proposals (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)
<i>Information from the Presidency</i> | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">S</div>
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">C</div> | 10817/24 |
| b) | Presidency events | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">21</div> | 14414/26 |
| i) | Equality events | | |
| c) | 2026 Annual progress report on Simplification, Implementation and Enforcement (Equality)
<i>Information from the Commission</i> | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">21</div> | 14251/26 |

¹ Attended by the Chairs of the Employment Committee (EMCO) and the Social Protection Committee (SPC) as observers.

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| d) | European Disability Card and European Parking Card for persons with disabilities - Overcoming challenges in the implementation process and addressing QR code colour requirements and interoperability
<i>Information from Italy, Belgium, Estonia, Finland, Lithuania, the Netherlands, and Slovakia</i> | ☐ ² 14417/1/26 REV 1 |
| b) | (continuation) Presidency events | ☐ ² 14414/26 |
| | ii) Employment and social policy events ²
<i>Information from the Presidency</i> | |
| e) | Tripartite Social Summit ²
<i>Information from the Presidency and the Commission</i> | ☐ ² 14289/26 |
| f) | 2026 Annual progress report on Simplification, Implementation and Enforcement (Social Rights and Skills, Quality Jobs and Preparedness) ²
<i>Information from the Commission</i> | ☐ ² 13835/26 |

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| ☐ ^S | Special legislative procedure |
| ☐ ^C | Item based on a Commission proposal |
| ☐ ² | Public debate proposed by the Presidency (Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure) |
| (*) | Item on which a vote may be requested |
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