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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

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for : 2832nd MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION  
"COMPETITIVENESS" (INTERNAL MARKET, INDUSTRY AND  
RESEARCH)  
date : Thursday 22 (9:30) and Friday 23 (10:00) November 2007

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**MEETING ON THURSDAY 22 (9:30) NOVEMBER 2007**

1. Adoption of the provisional agenda
  
2. Approval of the list of "A" items  
15392/07 PTS A 51

### 3. Competitiveness/Integrated Approach

- (a) Communication from the Commission - "Mid-Term review of Industrial Policy - a contribution to the EU's growth and jobs strategy"  
11686/07 COMPET 217 IND 70 MI 181 ECO 103 (x)
- (b) Communication from the Commission - "E-skills for the 21st Century, fostering Competitiveness, Growth and Jobs (E-skills strategy)"  
12795/07 COMPET 239 EDUC 136 SOC 311 TELECOM 115 (x)  
+ COR 1 (x)
- (c) Communication from the Commission - "Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises - Key for delivering more growth and jobs. A mid-term review of Modern SME Policy"  
13664/07 COMPET 277 IND 86 MI 236 ECO 119
- (d) Communication from the Commission - "The European Interest: Succeeding in the age of globalisation"
- (e) Communication from the Commission - "European Competitiveness Report 2007"
  - Adoption of Council conclusions
  - Exchange of views  
14794/07 COMPET 370  
14774/07 COMPET 364 IND 104 EDUC 201 MI 276 ECO 140 SOC 433

### 4. Better Regulation

- Progress report
- Exchange of views  
14625/07 COMPET 334

### 5. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the protection of consumers in respect of certain aspects of timeshare, long-term holiday products, resale and exchange (LA)

- Progress report
- Exchange of views  
[Public deliberation, pursuant to Article 8(1)(c) CRP]  
10686/07 CONSOM 82 JUSTCIV 168 CODEC 657  
15277/07 CONSOM 130 JUSTCIV 307 CODEC 1269

### 6. Communication from the Commission - "Agenda for a sustainable and competitive European tourism"

- Presentation by the Commission
- Adoption of Council conclusions  
14248/07 COMPET 296 TOUR 3  
14677/07 COMPET 340 TOUR 8

7. Communication from the Commission - "A simplified business environment for companies in the areas of company law, accounting and auditing"
  - Adoption of Council conclusions
    - 11771/07 DRS 34
    - 15222/07 DRS 48
  
8. Communication from the Commission - "Enhancing the patent system in Europe"
  - Progress report
  - Exchange of views
    - 8302/07 PI 11
    - 14492/07 PI 42
    - 15162/07 PI 45

**MEETING ON FRIDAY 23 (10:00) NOVEMBER 2007**

9. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and the Council establishing the European Institute of Technology (EIT) (LA) (\*)  
[Legal basis Article 157 (3)]
- Political agreement  
[Public deliberation, pursuant to Article 8(1)(b) CRP]  
14871/06 EIT 1 EDUC 219 RECH 294 COMPET 303 (x)  
+ COR 1 (x)  
+ REV 2 (x)  
14699/07 EIT 19 EDUC 196 RECH 329 COMPET 352 CODEC 1291
10. Joint Technology Initiatives
- (a) Proposal for a Council Regulation on the establishment of the "ARTEMIS Joint Undertaking" to implement a Joint Technology Initiative in Embedded Computing Systems (LA)  
9685/07 RECH 141 COMPET 148 (x)  
14767/07 RECH 336 COMPET 358
  - (b) Proposal for a Council Regulation - Setting up the "ENIAC Joint Undertaking" (LA)  
10149/07 RECH 168 COMPET 179 (x)  
14768/07 RECH 337 COMPET 359
  - (c) Proposal for a Council Regulation - Setting up The Clean Sky Joint Undertaking (LA)  
10148/07 RECH 167 COMPET 178 (x)  
14769/1/07 RECH 338 COMPET 360 REV 1
  - (d) Proposal for a Council Regulation setting up the Innovative Medicines Initiative Joint (LA) Undertaking (IMI)  
9686/07 RECH 142 COMPET 149 (x)  
+ REV 1 (pl) (x)  
14789/07 RECH 346 COMPET 369
  - General approach  
15018/07 RECH 362 COMPET 382
11. Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the participation by the Community in a research and development programme aimed at enhancing the quality of life of older people through the use of new Information and Communication Technologies (ICT), undertaken by several Member States (Ambient Assisted Living) (LA)
- General approach  
[Public deliberation, pursuant to Article 8(1)(c) CRP]  
10959/07 RECH 193 COMPET 200 TELECOM 89 SOC 257 MI 164  
CODEC 994 (x)  
+ COR 1 (x)  
14772/07 RECH 341 COMPET 363 TELECOM 133 SOC 432 MI 275  
CODEC 1188

12. The Future of Science and Technology in Europe
- Adoption of Council conclusions
  - Exchange of views
    - 8322/07 RECH 99
    - 14687/07 RECH 323
- (x)
13. Communication from the Commission - "Scientific information in the digital age: access, dissemination and preservation"
- Adoption of Council conclusions
  - Exchange of views
    - 5748/07 RECH 26 ATO 36 COMPET 25 REGIO 6
    - 14690/1/07 RECH 325 ATO 145 COMPET 348 REGIO 43 REV 1
14. Modernising universities for Europe's competitiveness in a global knowledge economy
- Adoption of Council Resolution
    - 15007/07 RECH 358 EDUC 212 COMPET 378
15. Communication from the Commission on the progress made with the implementation of the nanosciences and nanotechnologies Action Plan for Europe
- Adoption of Council conclusions
    - 13090/07 RECH 244 COMPET 251
    - 14692/07 RECH 327 COMPET 350
16. Any other business
- (a) Review of the Single Market
- Information from the Commission
- (b) Free movement of goods
- Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down procedures relating to the application of certain technical rules to products lawfully marketed in another Member State and repealing Decision 3052/95/EC
  - Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council setting out the requirements for accreditation and market surveillance relating to the marketing of products
  - Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on a common framework for the marketing of products
    - = Information from the Presidency on the state of play

- (c) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures, and amending Directive 67/548/EEC and Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006
- Information from the Presidency on the state of play  
13894/07 COMPET 283 ENV 516 CHIMIE 28 MI 240 ENT 123  
CODEC 1065
- (d) Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the participation by the Community in a research and development programme aimed at supporting research and development performing SMEs undertaken by several Member States (EUROSTARS) (LA)
- Presentation of the progress report by the Presidency  
13088/07 RECH 243 COMPET 250 MI 216 (x)  
+ COR 1 (x)  
14776/07 RECH 342 COMPET 366 MI 277 CODEC 1292
- (e) The Internet of Things - RFID
- Outcome of the Conference on "RFID - The next step to The Internet of Things" (Lisbon, 15-16 November 2007)  
= Information from the Presidency  
14681/07 COMPET 344 IND 115 RECH 319 TELECOM 143
- (f) Product safety: outcome of the stocktaking exercise
- Information from the Commission  
15424/07 CONSOM 138 COMPET 397
- (g) Services of general interest
- Information from the Commission  
= Requested by the Luxembourg delegation
- (h) Trade defence instruments
- Information from the Commission  
= Requested by the German delegation
- (i) Proposal for a Council Regulation setting up the Fuel cells and Hydrogen Joint Undertaking"
- Presentation by the Commission
- (j) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 98/71/EC on the legal protection of designs
- Information from the Presidency on the state of play

- (k) Events during the Portuguese Presidency in the field of Industry, Internal Market, Consumer Protection
- Forum "Financing Innovation - From Ideas to Market"  
(Estoril 8-9 October 2007)
  - VI European Tourism Forum (Algarve, 25-27 October 2007)
  - Conference "Towards a European Collective Redress?"  
(Lisbon, 9-10 November 2007)  
15423/07 CONSOM 137 COMPET 396
  - Conference "ICT Uptake for SMEs Competitiveness"  
(Lisbon, 13 November 2007)  
= Information from the Presidency
- (l) Events during the Portuguese Presidency in the field of Research
- High Level Meeting on Modernising Universities in Europe  
(Lisbon, 6 November 2007)
  - High Level Conference on Nanotechnologies (Braga, 20-21 November 2007)
  - Conference on The Future of Science and Technology in Europe  
(Lisbon, 8-10 October 2007)  
= Information from the Presidency
- (m) Work programme of the Slovenian Presidency
- Information from the Slovenian delegation
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(LA) Legislative Act.

(\*) Item on which a vote may be requested.