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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

Subject: *Preparation of the Council (Competitiveness (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space)) on 28-29 November 2024*
Draft Council conclusions on a potential Europe-wide R&I initiative on advancing sustainable natural resource management, food systems security and the deployment of the bioeconomy, harnessing the potential of Central and Eastern Europe
- Approval

In document ST 15304/24 INIT:

- on page 2, in paragraph 4, “Western Balkan countries” should be replaced by “Western Balkans”. Therefore paragraph 4 should read:

“4. Within this context, the Presidency proposed draft Council conclusions, with the aim to launch an assessment, in form of a gap analysis, on the need for, the feasibility, and impact of a potential new Europe-wide research and innovation (R&I) initiative on sustainable natural resource management, food systems security and the deployment of the bioeconomy, harnessing the potential of Central and Eastern European Member States, Western Balkans and EU candidate countries. This assessment should be carried out by the Commission and should consider all possible options of a potential new R&I initiative.”

instead of;

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– on page 7, in paragraph 8, “Western Balkan” should be replaced by “Western Balkans”. Therefore paragraph 8 should read:

“8. RECOGNISES the need to boost open and inclusive cooperation in bioeconomy related R&I among all EU Member States, while fostering open cooperation with the Western Balkans (WB) and candidate countries. TAKES NOTE of the proposal of the BIOEAST declaration signed by 10 Member States to set up a potential Europe-wide R&I initiative on carbon, water, nutrition, and energy cycles, in the context of sustainable natural resource management, food systems security and the deployment of the bioeconomy, harnessing the potential of CEE Member States, WB and candidate countries, as that could address local needs through the adoption and adaptation of excellent research results and innovative solutions. The BIOEAST signatories advocate that such a potential initiative could further increase European competitiveness in the area of the bioeconomy, including biomanufacturing and biotechnology, while contributing to the protection and efficient use of natural resources, accessing private and public funds to boost innovative bio-based solutions.”

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