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SUMMARY RECORD
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE
22, 23, 24 and 27 November 2023

I. Adoption of the agenda

15534/1/23 REV 1 OJ CRP1 39
15698/23 OJ CRP2 39 + COR 1

The Committee adopted the agenda.

II. Approval of the "I" items

The Committee approved the "I" items as set out in the Annex.

III. Discussion items II

COREPER (PART 1)

WEDNESDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2023

Competitiveness

2. Meeting of the Council (Competitiveness (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space))
on 7 and 8 December 2023: Preparation

1. Conclusions on the impact of Research and Innovation in policy making 15118/23 + ADD 1
Approval

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

Statement by Hungary

“Hungary recognises and promotes equality between men and women in accordance with the Fundamental Law of Hungary and the primary law, principles and values of the European Union, as well as commitments and principles stemming from international law. Equality between women and men is enshrined in the Treaties of the European Union as a fundamental value. In line with these and its national legislation, Hungary interprets the term ‘gender’ as a reference to ‘sex’ in the *Council Conclusions on strengthening the role and impact of research and innovation in the policy-making process in the Union*.

Furthermore, Hungary declares that the Commission’s Communication on ‘the European Commission’s Gender Equality Strategy 2020-2025’ mentioned in the *Council Conclusions on strengthening the role and impact of research and innovation in the policy-making process in the Union* should be interpreted with due regard to the national competences and the specific circumstances in each Member State.”

2. Council Recommendation on a European framework to attract and retain research, innovation and entrepreneurial talents in Europe
Political agreement

 15391/23
+ ADD 1-2

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

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Furthermore, Hungary declares that the Commission’s Communication on ‘the European Commission’s Gender Equality Strategy 2020-2025’ mentioned in the Council Recommendation on a European framework to attract and retain research, innovation and entrepreneurial talents in Europe should be interpreted with due regard to the national competences and the specific circumstances in each Member State.”

3. Research valorisation as a tool for economic and industrial recovery and resilience
Policy debate

15116/23

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting and agreed to hold the policy debate in public session.

4. Conclusions on “Space traffic management: state of play”
Approval

15231/23

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

5. The future EU policy on space in a changing world 15405/23
Exchange of views

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

Transport, Telecommunications and Energy

3. Meeting of the Council (Transport, Telecommunications and Energy) on 4 and 5 December 2023: Preparation

1. Regulation on measures to reduce the cost of deploying  15461/23
gigabit electronic communications networks and repealing
Directive 2014/61/EU (Gigabit Infrastructure Act)
General approach

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

2. Regulation laying down measures to strengthen solidarity  15392/23 + COR 1
and capacities in the Union to detect, prepare for and
respond to cybersecurity threats and incidents (Cyber
Solidarity Act)
Progress report

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

3. Technological leadership and competitiveness with a focus 15412/23
on investments in digital networks and infrastructures
Policy debate

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

Telecommunications

4. Regulation laying down measures for a high level of public sector  15347/1/23 REV 1
interoperability across the Union (Interoperable Europe Act)
Analysis of the final compromise text with a view to agreement

The Committee analysed and confirmed agreement on the final compromise text. The Committee also authorised the Chair to send a letter to inform the European Parliament with a view to an agreement at first reading.

Competitiveness

2. (continuation) Meeting of the Council (Competitiveness (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space)) on 7 and 8 December 2023: Preparation

6. Regulation on establishing a framework of measures for strengthening Europe's net-zero technology products manufacturing ecosystem (Net Zero Industry Act)
General approach 15440/23

The Committee started preparing this item for the Council meeting.

Internal Market and Industry

5. Directive on promoting the Right to Repair
Mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament 15408/23

The Committee agreed on a mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament and agreed to make the mandate public.

Transport, Telecommunications and Energy

3. (continuation) Meeting of the Council (Transport, Telecommunications and Energy) on 4 and 5 December 2023: Preparation

4. Directive amending Directive 2009/16/EC on port State control
General approach 15164/23

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

5. Directive amending Directive 2009/18/EC on the investigation of accidents in the maritime transport sector
General approach 13015/23

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

6. Directive amending Directive 2009/21/EC on compliance with flag State requirements
General approach 15161/23

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

7. Directive on driving licences, amending Directive (EU) 2022/2561, Regulation (EU) 2018/1724 and repealing Directive 2006/126/EC and Regulation (EU) No 383/2012
General approach 15402/23

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

8. Directive amending Directive (EU) 2015/413 facilitating cross-border exchange of information on road-safety-related traffic offences
General approach 15010/23

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

9. Directive amending Council Directive 96/53/EC on weights and dimensions for certain road vehicles
General approach 15015/1/23 REV 1

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting and agreed to change the aim to “Progress report”.

10. Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 561/2006 as regards breaks and rests in occasional passenger transport services
General approach 15208/23

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

Agriculture and Fisheries

6. Meeting of the Council (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 10 and 11 December 2023: Agenda

The Presidency presented the main items on the agenda. The Committee agreed to take the AOB requested by the Commission concerning the "animal welfare package " in public session.

Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs

9. Meeting of the Council (Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs) on 27 and 28 November 2023: Preparation

1. Conclusions on democracy at work 15162/23
Approval

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

2. Directive on European Disability Card and European Parking Card for persons with disabilities
General approach  15463/23 + ADD 1

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

3. Conclusions on transition of care systems
Approval 15421/23
+ ADD 1-2

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

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Furthermore, Hungary declares that the Commission’s Communication on ‘the European Commission’s Gender Equality Strategy 2020-2025’ mentioned in the Council Conclusions on the transition of care systems throughout life towards holistic, person-centred and community-based support models with a gender perspective, should be interpreted with due regard to the national competences and the specific circumstances in each Member State.”

Statement by Poland

“Equality between women and men is enshrined in the Treaties of the European Union as a fundamental right. Poland ensures equality between women and men within the framework of the Polish national legal system in accordance with international human rights treaties and within the framework of the fundamental values and principles of the European Union. In view of the above, Poland will interpret the expression ‘gender equality’ as ‘equality between women and men’, and other expressions referring to ‘gender’ as referring to ‘sex’, in accordance with Article 2 and Article 3(3) of the Treaty on European Union and Article 8, Article 153(1), point (i) and Article 157(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.”

4. Conclusions on ECA SR No 20/2023 on supporting people with disabilities
Approval 15364/23

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

5. EU action plan against racism 2020-2025 15471/23
Policy debate

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

6. Social investment 15415/23
Policy debate

- a) Social investment and EU fiscal rules 15415/23
Presentation by the Presidency

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

- b) Opinion of EMCO and SPC on social investment 15418/23
Endorsement

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

7. European Semester 2024

- a) 2024 Annual Sustainable Growth Survey (ASGS), 15627/23
Alert Mechanism Report (AMR), draft Joint 15628/23
Employment Report (JER) and draft 15438/23 + ADD 1
Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro 15630/23 + ADD 1
area
Presentation by the Commission

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

- b) Key messages from EMCO and SPC on the 15439/23 + ADD 1
implementation of the Council Recommendation on
ensuring a fair transition towards climate neutrality
Endorsement

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

Culture/Audiovisual Matters

10. Regulation on the European Media Freedom Act 15514/23
Preparation for the trilogue 

The Committee prepared revised mandates for the forthcoming trilogues.

Environment

11. Regulation on nature restoration  15390/23
Analysis of the final compromise text with a view to agreement

The Committee analysed and confirmed agreement on the final compromise text. The Committee also authorised the Chair to send a letter to inform the European Parliament with a view to an agreement at first reading.

Statement by the Commission

“The EU and its Member States are parties to the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters of 25 June 1998 (the ‘Aarhus Convention’).

Member States should ensure that members of the public concerned, who have a sufficient interest or that maintain the impairment of a right in accordance with national law, have access to a review procedure before a court of law, or an independent and impartial body established by law, to challenge the substantive or procedural legality of the national restoration plans and any failures to act of the competent authorities, regardless of the role members of the public concerned have played during the process for preparing and establishing such national restoration plans. This shall be in line with the relevant case law of the Court of Justice of the European Union related to access to justice in environmental matters and in full respect of the obligations Member States have undertaken as parties to the Aarhus Convention (1).’

(1) See also Communication on ‘Improving access to justice in environmental matters in the EU and its Member States’ (COM(2020)0643).”

14. Directive amending Directive 2010/75/EU on industrial emissions and Council Directive on the landfill of waste and
Regulation on reporting of environmental data from industrial installations and establishing an Industrial Emissions Portal  15399/23
Preparation for the trilogue + ADD 1
+ ADD 1 COR 1
+ ADD 2

The Committee prepared a revised mandate for the forthcoming trilogue.

Energy

15. Directive on common rules for the internal markets in renewable and natural gases and in hydrogen (recast)  15069/23 + ADD 1-
and
Regulation on the internal markets for renewable and natural gases and for hydrogen (recast)
Preparation for the trilogue

The Committee prepared revised mandates for the forthcoming trilogue.

Transport, Telecommunications and Energy

16. Meeting of the Council (Transport, Telecommunications and Energy) on 19 December 2023: Agenda

The Presidency presented the main items on the agenda. The Committee agreed to take the AOB requested by LT concerning "Persistent concerns over nuclear safety of the second Belarussian NPP unit" in non-public session.

Energy

8. Regulation amending Regulations (EU) 2019/943 and (EU) 2019/942 as well as Directives (EU) 2018/2001 and (EU) 2019/944 to improve the Union's electricity market design 
Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the trilogue

The Presidency debriefed on the trilogue which took place on 16 November 2023.

7. Regulation amending Regulations (EU) No 1227/2011 and (EU) 2019/942 to improve the Union's protection against market manipulation in the wholesale energy market 
Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the trilogue

The Presidency debriefed on the trilogue which took place on 16 November 2023.

Competitiveness

2. (continuation) Meeting of the Council (Competitiveness (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space)) on 7 and 8 December 2023: Preparation

6. Regulation on establishing a framework of measures for strengthening Europe's net-zero technology products manufacturing ecosystem (Net Zero Industry Act) 15440/1/23 REV 1
General approach

The Committee continued preparing this item for the Council meeting.

Employment and Social Policy

20. Directive on improving working conditions in platform work  15458/23 + COR 1
Preparation for the trilogue

The Committee prepared the forthcoming trilogue.

19. Revision of Regulations on Coordination of Social Security systems (883/04 and 987/09) 
Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the trilogue

The Presidency debriefed on the trilogue which took place on 21 November 2023.

Environment

12. Directive on air quality (recast) 
Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the trilogue

The Presidency debriefed on the trilogue which took place on 16 November 2023.

17. Directive amending Directive 2012/19/EU on waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) 
Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the trilogue

The Presidency debriefed on the trilogue which took place on 21 November 2023.

COREPER (PART 2)

THURSDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2023

General Affairs

36. Meeting of the Council (General Affairs) on 12 December 2023:
Agenda

The Presidency presented the main items on the agenda.

37. Meeting of the Council (General Affairs) on 12 December 2023:
Preparation

- a) Preparation of the European Council on 14-15 December 15005/23
2023: Guidelines
Exchange of views

The Committee took note of the information provided by the cabinet of the President of the European Council, the Commission and the EEAS and held an exchange of views.

38. Meeting of the Council (General Affairs/Cohesion) on
30 November 2023: Preparation

- a) Conclusions on the future of cohesion policy 15523/23
Approval

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

- b) Closure of the 2014-2020 programming period 15524/23
Exchange of views

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

- c) Cohesion policy and European strategic autonomy 15525/23
Exchange of views

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

- d) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

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

39. Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) 2021-2027 mid-term revision [SIC] 15699/23
Exchange of views

The Committee held an exchange of views.

40. Accession negotiations with Albania 13099/1/23 REV 1
Approval of a letter

The Committee agreed to revert at its next meeting.

Foreign Affairs

41. Informal videoconference of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs on 20 November 2023: Follow-up

The above-mentioned item was withdrawn.

42. Meeting of the Council (Foreign Affairs/Development) on 21 November 2023: Follow-up

The above-mentioned item was withdrawn.

43. Meeting of the Council (Foreign Affairs/Trade) on 27 November 2023: Preparation

- a) Preparation for the 13th Ministerial Conference (MC13)
State of play

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

- b) Preparation for the signature of the interim trade agreement with Chile
Information from the Presidency

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

- c) EU-US trade relations
State of play

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

- d) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

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

44. Meeting of the Council (Foreign Affairs) on 11 December 2023:
Agenda

The Committee took note of the draft agenda presented by the EEAS and agreed to the participation of Armenia's foreign minister at the breakfast session and Ukraine's foreign minister for the item on Russian aggression against Ukraine.

45. Framework on EU security commitments to Ukraine 15636/23
Exchange of views

The Committee took note of the information provided by the EEAS, held an exchange of views and agreed to submit the framework to the Council for endorsement as an A item.

46. EU-Canada summit (St. John's, 23-24 November 2023)
Exchange of views

The Committee held an exchange of views.

A statement by Poland is set out in ADD 1 to this document.

47. Comprehensive and strategic partnership with Egypt
Exchange of views

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Commission and EEAS and held an exchange of views.

48. Development cooperation with Palestine
Exchange of views

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Commission and EEAS and held an exchange of views.

49. Russian aggression against Ukraine

a) Council Decision and Regulation concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine  15245/23
15247/23 + ADD 1

b) Council Decision, Implementing Regulation and Regulation concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine  14896/23
14898/23
14902/23

Exchange of views

The Committee held an exchange of views and agreed to revert at its next meeting.

Justice and Home Affairs

50. Meeting of the Council (Justice and Home Affairs) on 4 and 5 December 2023: Preparation

- a) Council position and findings on the application of the
General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)
Approval 15507/23

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

- b) European e-Justice strategy 2024-2028
Approval 15509/23

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

- c) EU accession to the European Convention for the
Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms
(ECHR)
State of play 15134/23

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

- d) Other items in connection with the Council

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Presidency, agreed to remove the marking “possible” for the item on the EPPO, and approved the attendance of the European Prosecutor for this agenda item.

51. Revision of the long-term residents Directive 15239/1/23 REV 1 *Mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament*

The Committee approved the mandate for starting negotiations with the European Parliament.

Statements by Greece and Hungary are set out in ADD 1 to this document.

MONDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2023 (15.00)

Justice and Home Affairs

50. Meeting of the Council (Justice and Home Affairs) on
4 and 5 December 2023: Preparation

- e) Migration and asylum: external dimension¹
Progress report

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

- f) Countering security challenges: assessment by the
Intelligence Advisory Board
State of play

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

- g) Council Recommendation on a Blueprint regarding critical
infrastructure ☐ 15825/23
Progress report

The Committee prepared this item for the Council.

- d) Other items in connection with the Council

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Presidency, agreed to modify the provisional agenda (new title for the EPPO agenda item) and approved the presence of the Schengen Associated countries at the lunch session.

52. Pact on migration and asylum² ☐
State of play and guidance for further work

The Committee continued its exchange of views on the Pact with a view to preparing next trilogues. The Committee agreed to revert on 6 December 2023.

¹ Exceptionally, in the presence of the Schengen Associated States

² Exceptionally, in the presence of the Schengen Associated States

IV. Any other business

COREPER (PART 1)

TTE (Transport) Council on 4 December 2023:

PL, HU and SK delegations asked for a public AOB item concerning ‘The impact of the functioning of the Agreement between the European Union and Ukraine on the carriage of freight by road on the transport sector’.

COREPER (PART 2)

None.

Non-discussion items "I"**COREPER (PART 1)****WEDNESDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2023****Institutional Affairs****21. Minutes of Council meetings***Approval*

EPSCO 9.10.2023

13976/23 + ADD 1

TTE Energy 17.10.2023

14311/23 + ADD 1

Appointments**22. One member (LU) of the Advisory Committee on Safety and****Health at Work**

15299/23

Adoption

SOC

23. One alternate member (PT) of the Advisory Committee on**Safety and Health at Work**

15235/23

Adoption

SOC

24. Renewal of the Management Board of the European Agency for**Safety and Health at Work 2023 - 2027**

14506/23

Adoption

14504/23

SOC

Other**25. Appointment of the Chairperson of the Board of Appeal of the****Community Plant Variety Office: Selection procedure**

15159/23

Endorsement

AGRI

Transparency**26. Public access to documents: Request 23/3079***Decision to make the Council minutes public*

15501/23

API

Telecommunications

27. Regulation on harmonised rules on fair access to and use of data (Data Act)  15447/23
PE-CONS 49/23
Adoption of the legislative act TELECOM

Statement by the Commission

“While supporting the overall compromise, the Commission regrets the proposed wording of Article 1(6) of the Data Act concerning the relationship between the scope of application of that Act and the Member States’ responsibility for national security, in particular the use of the phrase ‘areas that fall outside the scope of Union law’. Such wording is not aligned with Article 4(2) TEU and the case-law of the Court of Justice which that provision codifies, according to which measures adopted by the Member States for the purposes of safeguarding national security, defence and public security are not excluded from the application of EU law and that Member States taking such measures must comply with that law.^[1] Since secondary EU legislation cannot modify what is stated in primary legislation, in the opinion of the Commission, the current wording of Article 1(6) will give rise to legal uncertainty, since it could be seen as implying that measures adopted for national security purposes within the context of the Data Act fall outside the scope of EU law.”

Fisheries

28. Regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2019/833 laying down conservation and enforcement measures applicable in the Regulatory Area of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organisation  15160/23
PE-CONS 58/23
Adoption of the legislative act PECHE

Agriculture

29. Council Decision on the conclusion of the Voluntary Partnership Agreement (VPA) with the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire on forest law enforcement, governance and trade in timber products  15401/23
12247/23
12902/23
Agreement in principle FORETS
Request for the consent of the European Parliament
30. Council Decision on the signing of the Voluntary Partnership Agreement (VPA) with the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire on forest law enforcement, governance and trade in timber products  15401/23
12245/23
12902/23
Adoption FORETS

Environment

31. Commission's intention to support the Climate Club statement on behalf of the European Union in the margins of COP28 15540/23
Authorisation to negotiate an NBI CLIMA

Internal Market and Industry

32. Directive amending and correcting Directive 2005/36/EC as regards the recognition of professional qualifications of nurses responsible for general care trained in Romania
Mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament
-  15585/23
MI

Energy

33. COP28 Global Renewables and Energy Efficiency Pledge
Authorisation to sign an NBI
- 15559/23
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A statement by the Commission is set out in ADD 1 to this document. A statement by Austria is set out in ADD 1 to this document.

Delegated or Implementing Acts

Internal Market and Industry

34. Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) .../... of 27.9.2023 amending and correcting Delegated Regulation (EU) No 134/2014 as regards certain references to Regulations of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and the availability of certain pure gases
Delegated act - Intention not to raise objections
- 15464/23
13579/23 + ADD 1
ENT

FRIDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2023

Institutional Affairs

Other

93. Attendance of a third party at the informal videoconference of the members of the Working Party on International Environment Issues (WPIEI Desertification) on 29 November 2023
Approval
- 15706/23
WPIEI

Fisheries

35. Regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2017/2107 applicable in the Convention area of the ICCAT and Regulation (EU) 2023/2053 establishing a multiannual management plan for bluefin tuna in the eastern Atlantic and the Mediterranean
Confirmation of the final compromise text with a view to agreement
-  15564/23
15566/23
PECHE

COREPER (PART 2)

THURSDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2023

Judicial Affairs

53. Case T-386/22 (QF v. Council) 15519/23
Information note JUR

Institutional Affairs

Appointments

54. Two members and four alternate members (ES) of the 14963/23
Committee of the Regions 14952/23
Adoption CDR
55. A member and an alternate member (EE) of the Committee of 15075/23
the Regions 15076/23
Adoption CDR
56. A member (DE) of the Committee of the Regions 15359/23
Adoption 15318/23
CDR

Other

57. Attendance of a third party at the Working Party on Tax 15358/23
Questions (High Level) on 23 November 2023 FISC
Approval
58. Attendance of a third party at the Working Party on External 15288/23
Aspects of Asylum and Migration (EMWP) on MIGR
28 November 2023
Approval
59. Attendance of third parties at the Working Party on Financial 15469/23
Services and Banking Union on 28 November 2023 EF
Approval
60. Attendance of third parties at the Working Party on Financial 15454/23
Services and Banking Union on 29 November 2023 EF
Approval

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| 61. | Attendance of a third party at the Working Party on Public International Law on 29 November 2023
<i>Approval</i> | 15498/23
COJUR |
| 62. | Attendance of a third party at the Working Party on Human Rights (COHOM) on 29 November 2023
<i>Approval</i> | 15453/23
COHOM |
| 63. | Attendance of a third party at the Law Enforcement Working Party (Police) on 1 December 2023
<i>Approval</i> | 15434/23
ENFOPOL |
| 64. | Attendance of a third party at the meeting of the Horizontal Working Party on Enhancing Resilience and Countering Hybrid Threats (HWP ERCHT) on 8 December 2023
<i>Approval</i> | 15329/23
HYBRID |

Transparency

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| 65. | Public access to documents
Confirmatory application No 34/c/06/23
<i>Approval</i> | 14222/23
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Economic and Financial Affairs

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| 66. | Review of Central Securities Depositories Regulation (CSDR)
<i>Adoption of the legislative act</i> |  15215/23 + ADD 1
PE-CONS 47/23
EF |
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Statements by the Czech Republic and Lithuania are set out in document 15215/23 ADD 1.

A statement by Bulgaria is set out in document 15191/1/23 REV 1 ADD 1.

Statement by Croatia, Denmark and Luxembourg

“Croatia, Denmark and Luxembourg strongly support the objectives of the proposal to provide easier and more structured access to publicly available information and thus facilitate the decision making process for investors and stakeholders.

However, we regret that the scope of the ESAP makes it more akin to a repository than a focused tool for investment information in capital markets. Moreover, we regret the inefficiencies that may arise from changes in reporting lines by allowing for different collection bodies than envisaged in sectoral legislation today as well as by requiring direct reporting to EU level bodies.

We believe it is important that the ESAP remains simple, avoids double roles and tasks at the EU and national levels as well as has a strong focus on cost-efficiency. Further committed reflection on how to ensure an appropriate and sustainable funding structure for the functioning of ESAP will also need to be considered during its implementation, in particular before any expansion of the scope of the ESAP is considered. Therefore, we insist that during the practical implementation of the ESAP all efforts will be made to ensure an efficient set-up, in respect of the principles laid down in the ESAP regulation and its nature as a tool for investment activity. We underline that the technical information for the implementation process has to be fully available by the deadlines set in the regulation. Costs and burdens to collection bodies should be minimized, including but not limited to avoiding double storage and unnecessary backlog. We also expect the Commission’s report on the implementation, functioning and effectiveness of the ESAP to include a fully-fledged cost-benefit analysis of not only the ESAP at EU-level but the entire setup, including all collection bodies as well as an assessment of the relevance of any potential new information to be made accessible after the review, also taking into careful consideration possible funding gaps. Where appropriate we would expect the Commission to present a legislative proposal to streamline the scope of the ESAP in light of the outcome of the cost-benefit analysis. This would be important to ensure an efficient use of resources and to preserve trust in capital markets and market integrity.”

68. European Single Access Point (ESAP) amending omnibus Directive
Adoption of the legislative act



15192/1/23 REV 1
PE-CONS 43/23
EF

A statement by Bulgaria is set out in document 15192/2/23 REV 2 ADD 1.

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However, we regret that the scope of the ESAP makes it more akin to a repository than a focused tool for investment information in capital markets. Moreover, we regret the inefficiencies that may arise from changes in reporting lines by allowing for different collection bodies than envisaged in sectoral legislation today as well as by requiring direct reporting to EU level bodies.

We believe it is important that the ESAP remains simple, avoids double roles and tasks at the EU and national levels as well as has a strong focus on cost-efficiency. Further committed reflection on how to ensure an appropriate and sustainable funding structure for the functioning of ESAP will also need to be considered during its implementation, in particular before any expansion of the scope of the ESAP is considered. Therefore, we insist that during the practical implementation of the ESAP all efforts will be made to ensure an efficient set-up, in respect of the principles laid down in the ESAP regulation and its nature as a tool for investment activity. We underline that the technical information for the implementation process has to be fully available by the deadlines set in the regulation. Costs and burdens to collection bodies should be minimized, including but not limited to avoiding double storage and unnecessary backlog. We also expect the Commission’s report on the implementation, functioning and effectiveness of the ESAP to include a fully-fledged cost-benefit analysis of not only the ESAP at EU-level but the entire setup, including all collection bodies as well as an assessment of the relevance of any potential new information to be made accessible after the review, also taking into careful consideration possible funding gaps. Where appropriate we would expect the Commission to present a legislative proposal to streamline the scope of the ESAP in light of the outcome of the cost-benefit analysis. This would be important to ensure an efficient use of resources and to preserve trust in capital markets and market integrity.”

69. European Single Access Point (ESAP) amending omnibus Regulation
Adoption of the legislative act



15193/23
PE-CONS 44/23
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A statement by Bulgaria is set out in document 15193/1/23 REV 1 ADD 1.

Statement by Croatia, Denmark and Luxembourg

“Croatia, Denmark and Luxembourg strongly support the objectives of the proposal to provide easier and more structured access to publicly available information and thus facilitate the decision making process for investors and stakeholders.

However, we regret that the scope of the ESAP makes it more akin to a repository than a focused tool for investment information in capital markets. Moreover, we regret the inefficiencies that may arise from changes in reporting lines by allowing for different collection bodies than envisaged in sectoral legislation today as well as by requiring direct reporting to EU level bodies.

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70. Regulation amending Regulation on European statistics
Mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament



14676/23 + ADD 1
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A statement by Portugal supported by the Czech Republic is set out in document 14676/23 ADD 1.

Statements by Malta and Poland supported by the Czech Republic are set out in ADD 1 to this document.

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| 71. | ECA SR No 26/2023 on the Recovery and Resilience Facility's performance monitoring framework
<i>Designation of a Working Party</i>
<i>Attendance of the European Court of Auditors at the working party meeting</i> |  14907/23
FIN |
| 72. | ECA SR No 24/2023 on smart cities
<i>Designation of a Working Party</i>
<i>Attendance of the European Court of Auditors at the working party meeting</i> |  15506/23
FIN |

General Affairs

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| 73. | Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations on behalf of the European Union of an agreement with the United States laying down security procedures for the launch of Galileo satellites from United States' territory
<i>Adoption</i> | 15172/23
12805/23 + ADD 1
CSC |
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A statement by the Commission supported by France is set out in ADD 1 to this document.

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| 74. | Conclusions on accelerating the localisation of the sustainable development goals
<i>Approval</i> | 15484/23
SUSTDEV |
| 75. | Conclusions on the Commission's staff working document on regional trends for growth and convergence in the EU
<i>Approval</i> | 15223/23
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Justice and Home Affairs

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| 76. | Conclusions on released prisoners and terrorism threats
<i>Approval</i> | 15404/23
CT |
| 77. | Conclusions on victims of terrorism
<i>Approval</i> | 15407/23
CT |
| 78. | Conclusions on a way forward for crime prevention in Europe
<i>Approval</i> | 15327/23
ENFOPOL |

Foreign Affairs

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| 79. | (poss.) PSC Decision EUCAP Somalia/1/2023: extension of the mandate of the head of mission
<i>Decision to publish in the Official Journal</i> |  15212/23
14772/23
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| 80. Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and New Zealand
<i>Adoption</i> | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">C</div> 15504/23 + ADD 1
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Statements by Bulgaria and Hungary are set out in document 15504/23 ADD 1.

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| 81. Interim Agreement on Trade (iTA) between the European Union and the Republic of Chile | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">C</div> 15324/23 + COR 1
POLCOM |
| a) Council Decision on the signing
<i>Adoption</i> | 11666/23
11668/23
+ ADD 1-2 |
| b) Council Decision on the conclusion
<i>Request for the consent of the European Parliament</i> | 11667/23
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A statement by Belgium and France is set out in document 15324/1/23 REV 1 ADD 1.

A statement by the Commission is set out in ADD 1 to this document.

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| 82. Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS)-EU Joint Statement for the COP 28
<i>Approval of an NBI</i> | 15512/23
ACP |
| 83. Getting ahead of disasters: a charter for a better future
<i>Approval of an NBI</i> | 15579/23
COHAFA |
| 84. Climate, relief, recovery and peace declaration
<i>Approval of an NBI</i> | 15580/23
COHAFA |
| 85. Accra call for cyber resilient development
<i>Authorisation to sign an NBI</i> | 14725/23
CYBER |
| 86. Restrictive measures in view of the situation in Myanmar: coordination with third countries
<i>Approval</i> | 15422/23
COASI |
| 87. Council Decision and Regulation concerning restrictive measures in order to insert provisions on humanitarian exceptions
<i>Adoption</i> | 15113/23
15110/23
15112/23
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| 88. | Council Decision in support of strengthening biological safety and security in Ukraine in line with the implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004) on non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery
<i>Adoption</i> | 15175/23
15174/23
CORLX |
| 89. | Democratic Republic of the Congo restrictive measures: UN pre-notifications
<i>Approval</i> | 13675/1/23 REV 1
CORLX |
| 90. | Council Decision on an assistance measure under the European Peace Facility to support military actors and navies of coastal states involved in maritime security operations in the Gulf of Guinea
<i>Adoption</i> | 13809/23
13808/23
CORLX |
| 91. | Council Decision on an assistance measure under the European Peace Facility to support the Somali National Army with equipment designed to deliver lethal force
<i>Adoption</i> | 14892/23 + ADD 1
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CORLX |
- Statements by Austria, Ireland and Malta are set out in document 14892/23 ADD 1.
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| 92. | Libya restrictive measures: letter of reply
<i>Approval of a letter</i> | 15549/23
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First reading



Special legislative procedure



Procedural decision by Coreper (Article 19(3)&(7) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)



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Item based on a Commission proposal
