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NOTE

From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Delegations
Subject: Draft agendas for Council meetings during the first semester of 2026
(Cyprus Presidency)

In accordance with Article 2(7) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, delegations will find attached the indicative agendas¹ for Council meetings for the period from 1 January 2026 up to 30 June 2026. These have been drawn up by the Cyprus Presidency, and the European External Action Service (EEAS) as regards the Foreign Affairs Council (FAC).

In accordance with Article 3(6) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, items for which approval by the Council is possible without discussion are entered as "A" items. As a general rule, "A" items do not appear on the attached provisional Council agendas.

In accordance with Annex V, para 6 of the Council's Rules of Procedure, no item is placed on the Council agenda simply for presentation by the Commission or by a Council member, except where a debate on new major initiatives is planned.

¹ In accordance with the Treaty of Lisbon, on all agendas for the various Council configurations a distinction has to be made between legislative and non-legislative acts, in the case of both "A" items and "B" items.

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The Cyprus Presidency – 1st semester 2026
Draft work programme for Council meetings

Prepared by Coreper (Part 2)

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	January	February	March	April	May	June
GENERAL AFFAIRS	26	24 26 (Cohesion)	17		26	16
FOREIGN AFFAIRS	29	11 (Defence) 23	16 25, 29 (Trade)	21	11 12 (Defence) 18 (Development) 22 (Trade)	15
ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS	20	17	10		5	12
JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS			5-6			4-5

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COUNCIL	DATE					
	January	February	March	April	May	June
EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL POLICY, HEALTH AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS			9 (Employment and Social Policy)			16 (Health) 29 (Employment and Social Policy)
COMPETITIVENESS (INTERNAL MARKET, INDUSTRY, RESEARCH AND SPACE)		26 (Internal Market and Industry) 27 (Research)			28 (Internal Market and Industry) 29 (Research and Space)	
TRANSPORT, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY			16 (Energy)			8 (Transport) 9 (Telecom) 26 (Energy)
AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES	26	23	30	27	26	22 Poss. 23
ENVIRONMENT			17			25
EDUCATION, YOUTH, CULTURE AND SPORT					11 (Education and Youth) 12 (Culture and Sport)	

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**GENERAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL
BRUSSELS - 26 JANUARY 2026**

Adoption of the agenda

(poss.) Approval of "A" items

- a) Non-legislative list
- b) Legislative list (Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

Legislative deliberations

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

European Democracy Shield

①C

Policy debate

Any other business

Non-legislative activities

Priorities of the Cyprus Presidency

③

Presentation by the Presidency

Exchange of views

Annual rule-of-law dialogue: country-specific discussion

Exchange of views

Any other business

① First reading

③ Public debate (Article 8(3) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)

C Item based on a Commission proposal

**GENERAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL
BRUSSELS - 24 FEBRUARY 2026**

Adoption of the agenda

(poss.) Approval of "A" items

a) Non-legislative list

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

Legislative deliberations

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

Amendment to the European Electoral Act

[S]

Adoption

Any other business

Non-legislative activities

Preparation of the European Council on 19-20 March 2026:
annotated draft agenda

Exchange of views

Omnibus simplification legislative packages

Exchange of views

Any other business

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p.m.: Lunch on the Future of Europe

[S] Special legislative procedure

**GENERAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL – COHESION
BRUSSELS – 26 FEBRUARY 2026**

Adoption of the agenda

(poss.) Approval of "A" items

a) Non-legislative list

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

Non-legislative activities

Mid-term revision of cohesion policy 2021-2027: lessons learned for the future

Exchange of views

Conclusions on the EU agenda for cities

Approval

Any other business

**GENERAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL
BRUSSELS - 17 MARCH 2026**

Adoption of the agenda

(poss.) Approval of "A" items

- a) Non-legislative list
- b) Legislative list (Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

Legislative deliberations

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

Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) 2028-2034

SC

a) National and Regional Partnerships Regulations

OC

b) European Competitiveness Fund Regulation

OC

c) Global Europe Instrument Regulation

OC

Policy debate

Any other business

Non-legislative activities

Preparation of the European Council on 19-20 March 2026:
conclusions

Exchange of views

Future of Europe

Exchange of views

European Semester 2026

- a) Synthesis report
Exchange of views
- b) Updated roadmap
Presentation by the Presidency
- c) Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area
Transmission to the European Council

Any other business

- I** First reading
- S** Special legislative procedure
- C** Item based on a Commission proposal

**GENERAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL
BRUSSELS – 26 MAY 2026**

Adoption of the agenda

(poss.) Approval of "A" items

- a) Non-legislative list
- b) Legislative list (Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

Legislative deliberations

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

Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) 2028-2034

SC

Policy debate

Omnibus simplification legislative packages

OC

Progress report

Any other business

Non-legislative activities

Preparation of the European Council on 18-19 June 2026: annotated draft agenda

Exchange of views

EU-UK relations

State of play

Annual rule-of-law dialogue: country-specific discussion

Exchange of views

Any other business

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p.m.: Lunch of the Ministers of the Future

- ① First reading
- S Special legislative procedure
- C Item based on a Commission proposal

**GENERAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL
LUXEMBOURG – 16 JUNE 2026**

Adoption of the agenda

(poss.) Approval of "A" items

- a) Non-legislative list
- b) Legislative list (Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

Legislative deliberations

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

National and Regional Partnerships Regulation

① C

Partial general approach

European Competitiveness Fund Regulation

① C

Partial general approach

Global Europe Instrument Regulation

① C

Partial general approach

Any other business

Non-legislative activities

Preparation of the European Council on 18-19 June 2026: conclusions

Exchange of views

European Semester 2026: horizontal note on the integrated country-specific recommendations

Approval

Transmission to the European Council

Values of the Union in Hungary/Article 7(1) TEU reasoned proposal

Hearing

Any other business

① First reading

C Item based on a Commission proposal

**FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL
BRUSSELS – 29 JANUARY 2026**

Adoption of the agenda

(poss.) Approval of "A" items

- a) Non-legislative list
- b) Legislative list (Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

Non-legislative activities

Current affairs

Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine

Exchange of views

Situation in the Middle East

Exchange of views

Situation in the Great Lakes region

Exchange of views

Any other business

**FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL - DEFENCE
BRUSSELS – 11 FEBRUARY 2026**

Adoption of the agenda

(poss.) Approval of "A" items

a) Non-legislative list

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

Non-legislative activities

EU military support to Ukraine

Exchange of views

Defence readiness and preparedness

Exchange of views

Any other business

**FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL
BRUSSELS – 23 FEBRUARY 2026**

Adoption of the agenda

(poss.) Approval of "A" items

a) Non-legislative list

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

Non-legislative activities

Current affairs

Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine

Exchange of views

Situation in the Middle East

Exchange of views

EU-US relations

Exchange of views

Any other business

**FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL
BRUSSELS – 16 MARCH 2026**

Adoption of the agenda

(poss.) Approval of "A" items

a) Non-legislative list

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

Non-legislative activities

Current affairs

Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine

Exchange of views

Situation in the Middle East

Exchange of views

Hybrid threats

Exchange of views

South Caucasus, including the Black Sea strategy

Exchange of views

Any other business

**FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL - TRADE
CAMEROON² – 25 - 29 MARCH 2026**

Adoption of the agenda

(poss.) Approval of "A" items

- a) Non-legislative list
- b) Legislative list (Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

Non-legislative activities

14th World Trade Organisation Ministerial Conference
(Cameroon, 26 to 29 March 2026)

Exchange of views

Any other business

² Subject to a Coreper decision authorising that the Council meeting is held outside Brussels.

**FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL
LUXEMBOURG – 21 APRIL 2026**

Adoption of the agenda

(poss.) Approval of "A" items

a) Non-legislative list

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

Non-legislative activities

Current affairs

Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine

Exchange of views

Situation in the Middle East

Exchange of views

Western Balkans

Exchange of views

Sudan

Exchange of views

Any other business

**FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL
BRUSSELS – 11 MAY 2026**

Adoption of the agenda

(poss.) Approval of "A" items

- c) Non-legislative list
- d) Legislative list (Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

Non-legislative activities

Current affairs

Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine

Exchange of views

Situation in the Middle East

Exchange of views

EU-India relations

Exchange of views

Any other business

**FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL - DEFENCE
BRUSSELS – 12 MAY 2026**

Adoption of the agenda

(poss.) Approval of "A" items

a) Non-legislative list

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

Non-legislative activities

EU military support to Ukraine

Exchange of views

Defence readiness and preparedness

Exchange of views

Any other business

**FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL - DEVELOPMENT
BRUSSELS – 18 MAY 2026**

Adoption of the agenda

(poss.) Approval of "A" items

a) Non-legislative list

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

Non-legislative activities

Strengthening our international relations through comprehensive and strategic partnerships

Exchange of views

Global Gateway in our foreign policy

Exchange of views

Any other business

**FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL - TRADE
BRUSSELS – 22 MAY 2026**

Adoption of the agenda

(poss.) Approval of "A" items

- a) Non-legislative list
- b) Legislative list (Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

Legislative deliberations

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

Any other business

- a) Current legislative proposals

Information from the Presidency

Non-legislative activities

EU-US trade relations

State of play

Ongoing bilateral trade negotiations

State of play

Any other business

- a) Trade aspects of economic security

Information from the Presidency

**FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL
LUXEMBOURG – 15 JUNE 2026**

Adoption of the agenda

(poss.) Approval of "A" items

a) Non-legislative list

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

Non-legislative activities

Current affairs

Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine

Exchange of views

Situation in the Middle East

Exchange of views

Sahel

Exchange of views

EU-China relations

Exchange of views

Any other business

ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL
BRUSSELS – 20 JANUARY 2026

Adoption of the agenda

(poss.) Approval of "A" items

- a) Non-legislative list
- b) Legislative list (Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

Legislative deliberations

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

Any other business

a) Current financial services legislative proposals

Information from the Presidency

Non-legislative activities

Presidency work programme



Presentation by the Presidency

Economic and financial impact of Russia's aggression against Ukraine

Exchange of views



Economic recovery in Europe

Council Implementing Decisions under the Recovery and Resilience

Facility

Adoption

European Semester 2026:

Conclusions on the Alert Mechanism Report 2026

Approval



Implementation of the economic governance framework

Council Decisions and Recommendations under the Excessive Deficit

Procedure

Adoption

Any other business

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p.m.:

Monday, 19 January 2025

15:00 Eurogroup in regular format

Tuesday, 20 January 2025

09:00 Breakfast

Public debate (Article 8(3) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)

Item based on a Commission proposal

ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL
BRUSSELS – 17 FEBRUARY 2026

Adoption of the agenda

(poss.) Approval of "A" items

- a) Non-legislative list
- b) Legislative list (Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

Legislative deliberations

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

Savings and Investments Union: supplementary pensions package

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- a) Directive amending Directives (EU) 2016/2341 and 2016/97 as regards the strengthening of the framework for occupational retirement provision
- b) Regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2019/1238 on a pan-European Personal Pension Product (PEPP)

Policy debate

Any other business

- a) Current financial services legislative proposals

Information from the Presidency

Non-legislative activities

Council Recommendation on the discharge to be given to the Commission in respect of the implementation of the budget for 2024
Adoption

Conclusions on the budget guidelines for 2027

Approval

Economic and financial impact of Russia's aggression against Ukraine
Exchange of views

Economic recovery in Europe
Council Implementing Decisions under the Recovery and Resilience Facility
Adoption

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European Semester 2026:
Council Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area
Approval

Preparation of the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meeting in February 2026: EU terms of reference

Approval

Conclusions on the revised EU list of non-cooperative jurisdictions for tax purposes

Approval

Any other business

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p.m.:

Monday, 16 February 2025

15:00 Eurogroup in regular format

Tuesday, 17 February 2025

09:00 Breakfast

① First reading

C Item based on a Commission proposal

ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL

BRUSSELS – 10 MARCH 2026

Adoption of the agenda

(poss.) Approval of "A" items

- a) Non-legislative list
- b) Legislative list (Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

Legislative deliberations

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

Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism Regulation: downstream products and anti-circumvention measures (*proposal pending*)

①C

General approach

Council Regulation on access of EPPO and OLAF to VAT

SC

information at EU level

Political agreement

Any other business

- a) Current financial services legislative proposals

Information from the Presidency

Non-legislative activities

Economic and financial impact of Russia's aggression against Ukraine

Exchange of views

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Economic recovery in Europe

Council Implementing Decisions under the Recovery and Resilience

Facility

Adoption

International meetings

- a) Follow-up to the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meeting in February 2026

Information from the Presidency and the Commission

- b) Preparation of the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meeting and IMF spring meetings

i) G20 EU terms of reference

ii) Statement to the IMFC

Guidance for further work

Any other business

- a) Status of the implementation of financial services legislation

Information from the Commission

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p.m.:

Monday, 9 March 2025

11:00 Macroeconomic dialogue at political level (MEDPOL)

15:00 Eurogroup in regular format

Tuesday, 10 March 2025

09:00 Breakfast

- ①** First reading
- S** Special legislative procedure
- C** Item based on a Commission proposal

ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

BRUSSELS – 5 MAY 2026

Adoption of the agenda

(poss.) Approval of "A" items

a) Non-legislative list

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

Legislative deliberations

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

Council Directive on VAT rules on the abolition of the €150 threshold and on customs warehouses S|C

Political agreement

Any other business

a) Current financial services legislative proposals

Information from the Presidency

Non-legislative activities

Economic and financial impact of Russia's aggression against Ukraine

Exchange of views

Economic consequences of EU legislation

Exchange of views

Economic recovery in Europe

Council Implementing Decisions under the Recovery and Resilience

Facility

Adoption

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Follow-up to the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meeting in April 2026

Information from the Presidency and the Commission

Exchange of views

Any other business

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p.m.:

Monday, 4 May 2025

15:00 Eurogroup in regular format

Tuesday, 5 May 2025

08:30 Annual Economic and Financial Dialogue with Regional Partners

10:00 Breakfast

S Special legislative procedure
C Item based on a Commission proposal

ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

LUXEMBOURG – 12 JUNE 2026

Adoption of the agenda

(poss.) Approval of "A" items

- a) Non-legislative list
- b) Legislative list (Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

Legislative deliberations

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

Council Directive on administrative cooperation in the field of taxation (DAC10) *(proposal pending)*

[S]C

Policy debate

Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR)

[1]C

General approach

Council Directive on the structure and rates of excise duty applied to tobacco and tobacco-related products

[S]C

Political agreement

Regulation establishing the Union Customs Code and the European Union Customs Authority

[1]C

Adoption

Market integration and supervision package

[1]C

Policy debate

Any other business

- a) Current financial services legislative proposals

Information from the Presidency

Non-legislative activities

Economic and financial impact of Russia's aggression against Ukraine

Exchange of views

Economic recovery in Europe

Council Implementing Decisions under the Recovery and Resilience Facility

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Adoption

European Semester 2026: Spring Package

Presentation by the Commission

ECOFIN report on tax issues

Approval

Conclusions on the progress achieved by the Code of Conduct Group

Approval

Any other business

a) Work programme of the incoming Presidency

Presentation by Ireland

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p.m.:

Thursday, 11 June 2025

15:00 Eurogroup in regular format

Friday, 12 June 2025

09:00 Breakfast

① First reading

S Special legislative procedure

C Item based on a Commission proposal

JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS COUNCIL

BRUSSELS - 5-6 MARCH 2026

MEETING ON THURSDAY, 5 MARCH 2026

Adoption of the agenda

(poss.) Approval of "A" items

- a) Non-legislative list
- b) Legislative list (Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

HOME AFFAIRS

Legislative deliberations

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

Regulation on the Union Civil Protection Mechanism and Union support for Health Emergency Preparedness and Response

①C

Policy debate

Regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2021/1232 as regards the extension of its period of application

①C

Political agreement

Any other business

- a) Current legislative proposals

Information from the Presidency

Non-legislative activities

Overall state of the Schengen area:

- a) Schengen Barometer
- b) Implementation of the priorities of the annual Schengen Council cycle

Exchange of views

Implementation of interoperability

State of play

External dimension of migration

Exchange of views

EU strategic framework on drugs

Exchange of views

The future of Europol

Exchange of views

EU agenda on preventing and countering terrorism and violent extremism

Exchange of views

The impact of the current geopolitical environment on the EU's internal security

Exchange of views

Implementation of the Pact on Migration and Asylum

Exchange of views

Any other business

MEETING ON FRIDAY, 6 MARCH 2026

JUSTICE

Legislative deliberations

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

Directive on combating the sexual abuse and the sexual exploitation of children

Political agreement

①C

Regulation on the protection of adults

①C

General approach

Any other business

a) Current legislative proposals

Information from the Presidency

Non-legislative activities

Conclusions on the mid-term review of the Charter of Fundamental Rights strategy

Approval

Rule-of-law developments in the field of justice

Exchange of views

Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine: fight against impunity

State of play

Any other business

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In the margins of the Council:

Meeting of the MIXED COMMITTEE (“Schengen Council”)

Overall state of the Schengen area:

- b) Schengen Barometer
- c) Implementation of the priorities of the annual Schengen Council cycle

Exchange of views

Implementation of interoperability

State of play

① First reading

C Item based on a Commission proposal

JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS COUNCIL

LUXEMBOURG – 4-5 JUNE 2026

MEETING ON THURSDAY, 4 JUNE 2026

Adoption of the agenda

(poss.) Approval of "A" items

- a) Non-legislative list
- b) Legislative list (Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

HOME AFFAIRS

Legislative deliberations

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

Regulation establishing rules to prevent and combat sexual abuse of children

①C

Political agreement

Regulation establishing a common system for the return of third-country nationals staying illegally in the Union

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Political agreement

Digital travel application:

- a) Regulation for establishing an EU digital travel application
- b) Council Regulation on the issuance of and technical standards for digital travel credentials based on identity cards

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Political agreement

Regulation establishing the Union support for European integrated border management and for the common policy on visas for the period 2028 to 2034

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Partial general approach

Regulation establishing the Union support for asylum, migration and integration for the period 2028 to 2034

①C

Partial general approach

Regulation establishing the Union support for internal security for the period 2028 to 2034

①C

Partial general approach

Regulation on the Union Civil Protection Mechanism and Union support for Health Emergency Preparedness and Response

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Partial general approach

Any other business

- a) Current legislative proposals

Information from the Presidency

Non-legislative activities

Overall state of the Schengen area:

- a) Commission state of Schengen report 2026
- b) Priorities for the Schengen Council cycle 2026-2027

Exchange of views

Conclusions on the EU visa strategy

Approval

Implementation of interoperability

State of play

External dimension of migration

Exchange of views

EU strategic framework on drugs: way forward

Exchange of views

European internal security strategy

State of play

Access to data for effective law enforcement

State of play

The impact of the current geopolitical environment on the EU's internal security

Exchange of views

Any other business

- a) Implementation of the Pact on Migration and Asylum

Information from the Commission

- b) Work programme of the incoming Presidency

Presentation by Ireland

MEETING ON FRIDAY, 5 JUNE 2026

JUSTICE

Legislative deliberations

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

Directive on minimum rules to prevent migrant smuggling **① C**
Political agreement

Regulation on protection of adults **① C**
Political agreement

Regulation establishing the Justice programme for the period 2028-2034 and repealing Regulation (EU) 2021/693 **① C**
Partial general approach

Directive on firearms trafficking (*proposal pending*) **① C**
General approach

Any other business
a) Current legislative proposals
Information from the Presidency

Non-legislative activities

Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine: fight against impunity
State of play

European Public Prosecutors' Office
State of play

Access to data for effective criminal investigations
State of play

Any other business
a) Work programme of the incoming Presidency
Presentation by Ireland

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In the margins of the Council:

Meeting of the MIXED COMMITTEE (“Schengen Council”)

Overall state of the Schengen area:

- a) Commission state of Schengen report 2026
- b) Priorities for the Schengen Council cycle 2026-2027

Exchange of views

Conclusions on the EU visa strategy

Exchange of views

Implementation of interoperability

State of play

Digital travel application:

- a) Regulation for establishing an EU digital travel application
- b) Council Regulation on the issuance of and technical standards for digital travel credentials based on identity cards

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Policy debate

Regulation establishing the Union support for European integrated border management and for the common policy on visas for the period 2028 to 2034

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Policy debate

Directive on minimum rules to prevent migrant smuggling

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Policy debate

█ 1 First reading

█ S Special legislative procedure

█ C Item based on a Commission proposal

EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL POLICY, HEALTH AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS COUNCIL
BRUSSELS - 9 MARCH 2026

Adoption of the agenda

(poss.) Approval of "A" items

- a) Non-legislative list
- b) Legislative list (Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

Legislative deliberations

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

Any other business

- a) Current legislative proposals

- i) Regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2021/691 as regards support to workers affected by imminent job displacement in enterprises undergoing restructuring

Information from the Presidency

①C

Non-legislative activities

Conclusions on Investing in children: Strengthening child well-being, social inclusion, and combatting child poverty in the Union

Approval

European Semester 2026

Exchange of views

- a) Employment and social aspects of the 2026 Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area

Approval

- b) 2026 Joint Employment Report

Adoption

- c) Conclusions on the 2026 Joint Employment Report

Approval

- d) Recommendation on human capital in the European Union

Adoption

Employment Committee review of the implementation of the Youth Guarantee: key messages

Endorsement

Any other business

- a) Employment Committee and Social Protection Committee work programmes for 2026

Information from the respective chairs

- b) Gender equality strategy 2026-2030 (*initiative pending*)

Information from the Commission

- c) Anti-racism strategy (*initiative pending*)

Information from the Commission

- d) Presidency events

Information from the Presidency



First reading



Item based on a Commission proposal

EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL POLICY, HEALTH AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS COUNCIL
LUXEMBOURG – 16 JUNE 2026

Adoption of the agenda

(poss.) Approval of "A" items

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

Legislative deliberations

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

Regulation on simplifying rules for medical and in-vitro diagnostic devices

[1]C

Progress report

Policy debate

European biotech Act

[1]C

Progress report

Policy debate

Any other business

a) Current legislative proposals

[1]C

i) Critical medicines Act

Information from the Presidency

Non-legislative activities

Any other business

a) Negotiations for an international agreement on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response

Information from the Presidency and the Commission

b) Negotiations for one or more agreement(s) with the Kingdom of Norway, the Republic of Iceland and the Principality of Liechtenstein on health emergency measures in the area of medical countermeasures

Information from the Presidency and the Commission

c) Work programme of the incoming Presidency
Information from Ireland

① First reading
C Item based on a Commission proposal

EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL POLICY, HEALTH AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS COUNCIL
LUXEMBOURG – 29 JUNE 2026

Adoption of the agenda

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Legislative deliberations

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

Directive on implementing the principle of equal treatment
(Article 19)

[S]C

General approach

Any other business

a) Current legislative proposals

[1]C

i) Traineeships Directive

ii) Directive on sixth revision of the carcinogens, mutagens and reprotoxic substances

iii) Revision of the Regulations on the coordination of social security systems (883/04 and 987/09)

Information from the Presidency

Non-legislative activities

Conclusions on the prevention and combating of cyber violence against girls

Approval

Conclusions on delivering affordable housing for all: implementation of the European Affordable Housing Plan

Approval

European Semester 2026

Exchange of views

a) Spring package

Presentation by the Commission

b) Assessment of the country-specific recommendations for 2026 and implementation of the country-specific recommendations for 2025: Opinion of the Employment Committee and the Social Protection Committee

Endorsement

c) Contribution on the employment and social policies aspects of the country-specific recommendations: Recommendations on the economic, social, employment, structural and budgetary policies of each Member State

Approval

Any other business

a) Council Recommendation on a reinforced quality framework for traineeships

C

Information from the Presidency

b) Presidency events

Information from the Presidency

c) Work programme of the incoming Presidency

Information from Ireland

① First reading

S Special legislative procedure

C Item based on a Commission proposal

**COMPETITIVENESS COUNCIL (INTERNAL MARKET, INDUSTRY,
RESEARCH AND SPACE)**

BRUSSELS – 26-27 FEBRUARY 2026

MEETING ON THURSDAY, 26 FEBRUARY 2026

Adoption of the agenda

(poss.) Approval of "A" items

- a) Non-legislative list
- b) Legislative list (Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

INTERNAL MARKET AND INDUSTRY

Legislative deliberations

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

Regulation on establishing the European Competitiveness Fund

①C

Policy debate

Any other business

- a) Current legislative proposals

- i) Industrial accelerator Act

Presentation by the Commission

①C

Non-legislative activities

Conclusions on the Consumer Agenda 2025-2030

Approval

The 2026 Annual Single Market and Competitiveness Report

Exchange of views

Emergency plans for industrial resilience: follow-up to the Industrial Action Plans for Europe's steel, automotive and chemical industries within the Clean Industrial Deal

Exchange of views

Any other business

MEETING ON FRIDAY, 27 FEBRUARY 2026

RESEARCH

Legislative deliberations

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

Horizon Europe Package: Framework Programme for Research and Innovation 2028-2034

- a) Framework Programme and its rules for participation and dissemination **①C**
- b) Specific programme implementing Horizon Europe *Policy debate* **SC**

Any other business

- a) Current legislative proposals

Non-legislative activities

Research Fund for Coal and Steel **SC**
General approach

Any other business

- ①** First reading
- S** Special legislative procedure
- C** Item based on a Commission proposal

**COMPETITIVENESS COUNCIL (INTERNAL MARKET, INDUSTRY,
RESEARCH AND SPACE)**

BRUSSELS – 28-29 MAY 2026

MEETING ON THURSDAY, 28 MAY 2026

Adoption of the agenda

(poss.) Approval of "A" items

- a) Non-legislative list
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INTERNAL MARKET AND INDUSTRY

Legislative deliberations

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

Industrial Accelerator Act (*proposal pending*)

①C

Policy debate

28th regime (*proposal pending*)

①C

Policy debate

Supplementary Protection Certificates (SPCs)

①C

– Regulation on the unitary supplementary protection certificate for medicinal products

– Regulation on the unitary supplementary protection certificate for plant protection products

– Regulation on the supplementary protection certificate for medicinal products (recast)

– Regulation on the supplementary protection certificate for plant protection products (recast)

Progress report

Regulation on establishing the European Competitiveness Fund

①C

Progress report

Any other business

a) Current legislative proposals

i) Chips Act 2.0
Information from the Commission

OC

Non-legislative activities

Conclusions on the evaluation of the European Agenda for Tourism
2030: building a sustainable future-proof tourism policy

Approval

Any other business

a) EU strategy for sustainable tourism (*initiative pending*)
Presentation by the Commission

b) Work programme of the incoming Presidency
Information from Ireland

MEETING ON FRIDAY, 29 MAY 2026

RESEARCH

Legislative deliberations

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

Horizon Europe Package: Framework Programme for Research and Innovation 2028-2034

a) Framework Programme and its rules for participation and dissemination **[1]C**

b) Specific programme implementing Horizon Europe **[SC]**
Partial general approach

European innovation Act (*proposal pending*) **[1]C**
Progress report

Any other business

a) Current legislative proposals

Non-legislative activities

Council Recommendation on science diplomacy **[C]**
Adoption

Any other business

a) Work programme of the incoming Presidency **[C]**
Information from Ireland

SPACE

Legislative deliberations

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

European Union Space Programme Agency Act (*proposal pending*)

① C

Progress report

Policy debate

EU Space Act

① C

Progress report

Any other business

a) Current legislative proposals

Non-legislative activities

Any other business

a) Work programme of the incoming Presidency

Information from Ireland

① First reading

S Special legislative procedure

C Item based on a Commission proposal

TRANSPORT, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY COUNCIL
BRUSSELS - 16 MARCH 2026

Adoption of the agenda

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- a) Non-legislative list
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Legislative deliberations

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

European grids package



- a) Regulation on guidelines for trans-European energy infrastructure (TEN-E)
- b) Directive amending Directives (EU) 2018/2001, (EU) 2019/944, (EU) 2024/1788 as regards acceleration of permit-granting procedures

Policy debate

Any other business

- a) Current legislative proposals

Non-legislative activities

Clean energy investment strategy (*initiative pending*)

Exchange of views

Support package for energy efficiency financing (*initiative pending*)

Exchange of views

Any other business

- a) Winter preparedness 2024/2025 and security of supply

Information from the Commission

b) Recent developments in the field of external energy relations

Information from the Commission

① First reading

C Item based on a Commission proposal

TRANSPORT, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY COUNCIL
LUXEMBOURG – 8-9 JUNE 2026

MEETING ON MONDAY, 8 JUNE 2026

Adoption of the agenda

(poss.) Approval of "A" items

- a) Non-legislative list
- b) Legislative list (Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

TRANSPORT

Legislative deliberations

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

Horizontal issues

Regulation on military mobility

OC

Policy debate

Directive on greening corporate fleets

OC

Progress report

Any other business

a) Current legislative proposals

OC

- i) Directive amending Council Directive 96/53/EC laying down for certain road vehicles the maximum authorised dimensions and the maximum authorised weights
- ii) Regulation on enforcement of passenger rights in the Union
- iii) Regulation on passenger rights in the context of multimodal journeys

- iv) Directive on periodic roadworthiness tests amending Directive 2014/45/EU and on technical roadside inspection amending Directive 2014/47/EU
- v) Directive on vehicle registration documents and vehicle registration data (repealing Directive 1999/37/EC)
- vi) Regulation on air passengers' rights
- vii) Regulation establishing the Connecting Europe Facility
- viii) Directive amending Directive 1999/62/EC (Eurovignette)

Information from the Presidency

Non-legislative activities

Decarbonisation efforts in the transport sector beyond 2030

Exchange of views

Conclusions on maritime industrial strategy

Approval

Conclusions on ports strategy

Approval

Any other business

a) Work programme of the incoming Presidency

Information from Ireland

MEETING ON TUESDAY, 9 JUNE 2026

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Legislative deliberations

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

Digital networks Act (*proposal pending*)

[O]C

Progress report

Policy debate

Cloud and AI development Act (*proposal pending*)

[O]C

Progress report

European business wallets

[O]C

General approach

Revision of the Regulation on the Cybersecurity Act (*proposal pending*)

[O]C

Progress report

Any other business

a) Current legislative proposals

[O]C

i) Digital Omnibus

ii) Regulation establishing the European Competitiveness Fund

Information from the Presidency

Non-legislative activities

Any other business

a) Work programme of the incoming Presidency

Information from Ireland

[O] First reading

[C] Item based on a Commission proposal

TRANSPORT, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY COUNCIL
LUXEMBOURG - 26 JUNE 2026

Adoption of the agenda

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Legislative deliberations

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

European grids package

①C

- a) Regulation on guidelines for trans-European energy infrastructure (TEN-E)
- b) Directive amending Directives (EU) 2018/2001, (EU) 2019/944, (EU) 2024/1788 as regards acceleration of permit-granting procedures

General approach

Security of supply framework (*proposal pending*)

①C

Progress report

Any other business

- a) Current legislative proposals

Non-legislative activities

Electrification Action Plan and Strategic roadmap for digitalisation and Artificial Intelligence (AI) for the energy sector

Exchange of views

Decarbonisation efforts in the area of energy post-2030

Exchange of views

Any other business

a) Work programme of the incoming Presidency
Information from Ireland

① First reading
C Item based on a Commission proposal

AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES COUNCIL
BRUSSELS - 26 JANUARY 2026

Adoption of the agenda

(poss.) Approval of "A" items

- a) Non-legislative list
- b) Legislative list (Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

Non-legislative activities

Work programme of the Presidency

Presentation by the Presidency



AGRICULTURE

SCA ITEMS

Legislative deliberations

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

Regulation amending the organic farming Regulation



Policy debate

Any other business

- a) Current legislative proposals

Non-legislative activities

EU bioeconomy strategy: agriculture, forestry and fisheries issues

Presentation by the Commission

Exchange of views

Report on the evaluation of the Unfair Trading Practices Directive

(communication pending)

Presentation by the Commission

Exchange of views

① First reading

C Item based on a Commission proposal

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

AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES COUNCIL
BRUSSELS - 23 FEBRUARY 2026

Adoption of the agenda

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AGRICULTURE

SCA ITEMS

Legislative deliberations

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

Post 2027 Common Agricultural Policy proposals

①C

Policy debate

Any other business

a) Current legislative proposals

Non-legislative activities

Market situation, in particular following the invasion of Ukraine

Information from the Commission and the Member States

Exchange of views

FISHERIES

COREPER ITEMS

Energy transition in the EU fisheries and aquaculture sectors

(communication pending)

Presentation by the Commission

Exchange of views

① First reading

C Item based on a Commission proposal

AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES COUNCIL
BRUSSELS – 30 MARCH 2026

Adoption of the agenda

(poss.) Approval of "A" items

a) Non-legislative list

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

AGRICULTURE

Legislative deliberations

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

Any other business

a) Current legislative proposals

SCA ITEMS

Non-legislative activities

Trade-related agricultural issues

Information from the Commission

Exchange of views

The role of agriculture in fire preventions

Information from the Commission

Exchange of views

Vision for agriculture and food: one year of implementation

Information from the Commission

Exchange of views

AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES COUNCIL
LUXEMBOURG – 27 APRIL 2026

Adoption of the agenda

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AGRICULTURE

SCA ITEMS

Legislative deliberations

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

Post 2027 Common Agricultural Policy proposals

OC

Policy debate

Any other business

- a) Current legislative proposals

Non-legislative activities

Market situation, in particular following the invasion of Ukraine

Information from the Commission and the Member States

Exchange of views

① First reading

C Item based on a Commission proposal

AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES COUNCIL
BRUSSELS - 26 MAY 2026

Adoption of the agenda

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AGRICULTURE

Legislative deliberations

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

Any other business

- a) Current legislative proposals

SCA ITEMS

Non-legislative activities

Trade-related agricultural issues

Information from the Commission

Exchange of views

Any other business

- a) Outcome of the meeting of CAP Directors
(Cyprus, 28-30 April 2026)
Information from the Presidency

COREPER ITEMS

Any other business

- b) Meeting of Directors General for forests
(Cyprus, 27-29 April 2026)
Information from the Presidency

AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES COUNCIL
LUXEMBOURG - 22- (poss.) 23 JUNE 2026

Adoption of the agenda

(poss.) Approval of "A" items

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

FISHERIES

COREPER ITEMS

Non-legislative activities

Sustainable fishing in the EU: state of play and orientations for 2027

[2]

Presentation by the Commission

Exchange of views

Evaluation of the Common Fisheries Policy

[2]

Presentation by the Commission

Exchange of view

Any other business

- a) Information on the outcome of the preparatory meeting for a new Medfish4Ever declaration

Information from the Commission

AGRICULTURE

Legislative deliberations

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

Any other business

- a) Current legislative proposals

[1C]

- i) Regulation on production and marketing of plant reproductive material in the Union: state of play
- ii) Regulation on the protection of animals during transport and related operations: state of play

Information from the Presidency

SCA ITEMS

Legislative deliberations

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

Post 2027 Common Agricultural Policy proposals

①C

Progress report

Any other business

a) Current legislative proposals

Non-legislative activities

Any other business

a) Outcome of the Conference of Directors of EU Paying Agencies
(Cyprus, 25-27 May 2026)

Information from the Presidency

① First reading

C Item based on a Commission proposal

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

**ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL
BRUSSELS – 17 MARCH 2026**

Adoption of the agenda

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Legislative deliberations

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

Revision of the regulation on CO₂ standards for new passenger cars and vans

①C

Policy debate

Any other business

- a) Current legislative proposals

Non-legislative activities

Decarbonisation efforts in the area of climate post-2030

Exchange of views

Conclusions on bioeconomy strategy

Approval

Any other business

- a) Outcomes of the IPBES 12th Plenary in Manchester (February 2026)

Information from the Presidency and the Commission

① First reading

C Item based on a Commission proposal

ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL
LUXEMBOURG - 25 JUNE 2026

Adoption of the agenda

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

Legislative deliberations

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

Revision of the Regulation on CO₂ standards for new passenger cars and vans

① C

Progress report

Revision of the Regulation on Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) (*proposal pending*)

① C

Policy debate

Any other business

- a) Current legislative proposals

Non-legislative activities

Any other business

- a) Work programme of the incoming Presidency

Information from Ireland

- b) Outcomes of the COP15 on the Conservation of Migratory Species (Brazil, March 2026)

Information from the Presidency

① First reading

C Item based on a Commission proposal

EDUCATION, YOUTH, CULTURE AND SPORT COUNCIL
BRUSSELS – 11-12 MAY 2026

MEETING ON MONDAY, 11 MAY 2026

Adoption of the agenda

(poss.) Approval of "A" items

- a) Non-legislative list
- b) Legislative list (Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

YOUTH

Non-legislative activities

Youth friendliness of EU policies

Exchange of views

Revision of the Resolution on the EU Youth Strategy Work Plan
2025 -2027

Approval

Resolution on the outcomes of the 11th cycle of the EU Youth
Dialogue

Approval

Any other business

- a) Intergenerational fairness strategy (*initiative pending*)
Presentation by the Commission

- b) Work programme of the incoming Presidency
Information from Ireland

EDUCATION

Legislative deliberations

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

Regulation on Erasmus+
Partial general approach

OC

Any other business

- a) Current legislative proposals

Non-legislative activities

Basic skills and the European Education Area: building bridges for the future

Exchange of views

Conclusions on teachers in the era of AI

Approval

Any other business

- a) Work programme of the incoming Presidency

Information from Ireland

MEETING ON TUESDAY, 12 MAY 2026

CULTURE, AUDIOVISUAL AND MEDIA

Legislative deliberations

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

Regulation on AgoraEU



Partial general approach

Any other business

- a) Current legislative proposals

- i) European Capitals of Culture post-2033 (*proposal pending*)



Presentation by the Commission

Non-legislative activities

A Culture Compass for Europe: EU work plan for culture 2027-2030

Exchange of views

Any other business

- a) Work programme of the incoming Presidency

Information from Ireland

SPORT

Non-legislative activities

Mental health of athletes in sport

Exchange of views

Conclusions on sport tourism as a driver for sustainable development

Approval

Any other business

a) Work programme of the incoming Presidency

Information from Ireland

First reading

Item based on a Commission proposal
