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**DRAFT MINUTES**  
COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION  
(General Affairs)  
16 December 2025

1. **Adoption of the agenda**

The Council adopted the agenda set out in document 16672/25.

2. **Approval of 'A' items**

(a) **Non-legislative list**

16682/25

The Council adopted all "A" items listed in the document above, including all linguistic COR and REV documents presented for adoption.

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

16683/25

**General Affairs**

1. **Regulation establishing European Competitiveness Fund (ECF), including specific programme for defence research and innovation**



15864/25  
COMPET

*Progress report*

approved by Coreper, Part 2, on 03.12.2025

The Council took note of the progress report set out in the document above.

2. **Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) 2028-2034**



16031/25  
CADREFIN

*Progress report*

approved by Coreper, Part 2, on 10.12.2025

The Council took note of the progress report set out in the document above.

3. **Regulation establishing Global Europe**



16400/25  
CADREFIN

*Progress report*

approved by Coreper, Part 2, on 10.12.2025

The Council took note of the progress report set out in the document above.

4. **Regulation on National and Regional Partnership Plans (NRPP)**



16312/25  
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*Progress report*

approved by Coreper, Part 2, on 10.12.2025

The Council took note of the progress report set out in the document above.

## **Foreign Affairs**

5. **Council Decision amending Decision (EU) 2021/1764 on the Association of the Overseas Countries and Territories with the EU including relations between the EU on the one hand, and Greenland and Denmark on the other** [S][C] 16340/25  
PTOM  
*Progress report*  
approved by Coreper, Part 2, on 10.12.2025

The Council took note of the progress report set out in the document above.

## **Economic and Financial Affairs**

6. **Council Regulation concerning the collection of statistical information by the European Central Bank** [S] 16067/25 +  
COR 1-2  
16026/25 +  
REV 1 (en)  
STATIS  
*Adoption*  
approved by Coreper, Part 2, on 10.12.2025

The Council adopted a Council Regulation concerning the collection of statistical information by the European Central Bank.

### **Legislative deliberations**

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

3. **Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) 2028-2034** [S][C] 16344/25  
*Information from the Presidency*  
*Policy debate*

The Council took note of the information provided by the Presidency and held a policy debate on the first draft negotiating box.

4. **Any other business**





None.

## Non-legislative activities

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| 5. | Preparation of the European Council on 18-19 December 2025:<br>conclusions<br><i>Exchange of views</i>   | 14795/25   |
| 6. | Simplification   | 16131/1/25 REV1  |
| a) | 2025 Annual Overview Report on simplification,<br>implementation and enforcement   | 14498/1/25 REV 1   |
| b) | Annual Progress Reports on simplification, implementation,<br>and enforcement<br><i>Presentation by the Commission</i><br><i>Exchange of views</i> |  |
| 7. | Conclusions on enlargement<br><i>Approval</i>  | 16732/25   |
| 8. | <b>Legislative programming: joint declaration on EU legislative<br/>priorities for 2026</b><br><i>Approval</i>                                     |  16737/25 + COR 1 |

The Council approved the text of the joint declaration on EU legislative priorities for 2026.

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| 9.  | European Semester 2026: roadmap<br><i>Presentation by the Presidency and the incoming Presidency</i>                   | 13566/1/25 REV 1 |
| 10. | Any other business   |                  |
| a)  | European Union strategy for the macro-atlantic region<br>(EUSMAR)<br><i>Information from Spain, France and Ireland</i> |                  |

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|  | First reading  |
|  | Special legislative procedure                                    |
|  | Public debate (Article 8(3) of the Council's Rules of Procedure) |
|  | Item based on a Commission proposal                              |