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COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION
(Environment)
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1. Adoption of the agenda

The Council adopted the agenda set out in document 16576/25.

At the request of France, the Netherlands and Spain, the Council agreed to add another “any other business” item on “Call for timely Revision of the Directive on Pyrotechnic Articles (2013/29/EU)” in public session.

2. Approval of "A" items

a) Non-legislative list


16614/25

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

Statements on these items are set out in the Addendum.

Non-legislative activities


3. EU Bioeconomy Strategy

 16252/25

Exchange of views

The Council held an exchange of views based on the note prepared by the Presidency, as set out in the document above.

4. Conclusions on Europe’s Environment 2030 - Building a more climate resilient and circular Europe

 16447/25

Approval

The Council approved the conclusions as set out in the outcome of proceedings (doc. 16856/25).

Any other business

5. a) Reports on main recent international meetings:

- i) **20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES CoP20)** (Samarkand, Uzbekistan, 24 November - 5 December 2025) 16410/1/25 REV 1
Information from the Presidency and the Commission

The Council took note of the information provided by the Presidency and the Commission, as well as the intervention by other delegations.

- b) **Proposals to increase price predictability and frontload ETS2 revenues** 16694/25
16105/25
Information from the Commission

The Council took note of the information provided by the Commission, as well as the intervention by delegations.

- c) **Impact of Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) on the technical and non-commercial electricity imports from Ukraine to EU Member States** 16728/25
Information from Poland, supported by Estonia and Lithuania

The Council took note of the information provided by Poland, supported by Estonia and Lithuania.

a) (continuation) Reports on main recent international meetings:

- ii) **30th Conference of the Parties (COP 30) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)** (Belém, Brazil, 10 - 21 November 2025) 16310/25
Information from the Presidency and the Commission

- d) **Simplification: the environment omnibus and the annual progress report on simplification, implementation and enforcement** ☐ 16753/25
16754/25
16755/25 + ADD 1
16771/25
+ ADD 1-2
16773/25
16778/25
15718/25
Information from the Commission

The Council took note of the information provided by the Commission.

- a) (continuation) Reports on main recent international meetings:
- iii) **Eight meeting of the parties to the Aarhus Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (MOP 8)** ☐ 16382/25
(Geneva, Switzerland, 17 - 21 November 2025)
 - iv) **Seventh session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-7)** ☐ 16402/25
(Nairobi, Kenya, 8 - 12 December 2025)
 - v) **Sixth Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury (COP 6)** ☐ 16701/25
(Geneva, Switzerland, 3 - 7 November 2025)
 - vi) **The 37th meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol (MOP37)** ☐ 16286/25
(Nairobi, Kenya, 3 - 7 November 2025)
Information from the Presidency and the Commission

The Council took note of the information provided by the Presidency and the Commission.

- e) **Urgent need for action at European level concerning the environmental and economic effects of ultra-fast fashion** ☐ 16784/1/25 REV 1
Information from Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Italy, Poland, Portugal and Slovenia

The Council took note of the information provided by Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Italy, Poland, Portugal and Slovenia, as well as the intervention by other delegations.

- f) **The dangers posed by lithium batteries and the feasibility and potential benefits of introducing an EU-wide battery deposit system** ☐ 16339/25
Information from Austria, supported by Germany and Lithuania

The Council took note of the information provided by Austria, supported by Germany and Lithuania, as well as the intervention by other delegations.

- g) **Strengthening the market surveillance and product compliance in the European Union market** ☐ 16785/1/25 REV 1
Information from Belgium, supported by Finland, France, Poland and Portugal

The Council took note of the information provided by Belgium, supported by Finland, France, Poland and Portugal.

- h) **Update on the Progress of the EU Missions on Climate-neutral and Smart Cities and on Adaptation to Climate Change under Horizon Europe** ☐ 16130/25
Information from the Commission

The Council took note of the information provided by the Commission.

- i) **Call for timely Revision of the Directive on Pyrotechnic Articles (2013/29/EU)** ☐ 16852/25
Information from the Netherlands, France and Spain

The Council took note of the information provided by the Netherlands, France and Spain, as well as the intervention by other delegations.

- j) **Work programme of the incoming Presidency**
Information from Cyprus

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