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## 1. Adoption of the agenda

The Council adopted the agenda set out in 5225/1/20 REV 1.

## 2. Approval of "A" items

### a) Non-legislative list

5240/20

The Council adopted the "A" items listed in 5220/20 including COR and REV documents presented for adoption.

For the following items the documents should read as follows:

#### Environment

10. 16th Ministerial meeting of the International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine (ICPR) - Ministerial Declaration  
*Authorisation to adopt the Ministerial Declaration on behalf of the European Union*  
approved by Coreper, Part 2, on 22.01.2020

5339/20  
+ **COR 1 (fr)**  
ENV

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

5241/20

#### Justice and Home Affairs


1. **Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 862/2007 on statistics on migration and international protection**  
*Political agreement*  
approved by Coreper, Part 2, on 15.01.2020



15244/1/19 REV 1  
+ COR 1 + ADD 1  
STATIS


The Council adopted a political agreement on the text of the revised Migration Statistics Regulation, contained in the Annex of doc. 15244/1/19 REV 1. Malta and Slovakia presented a joint statement, as set out in the Annex.

## Agriculture

2. **Regulation regarding financial discipline as from 2021 and flexibility between pillars for 2020**  5181/20 + COR 1  
*Adoption of the legislative act* PE-CONS 95/19  
approved by SCA on 20.01.2020 AGRI

The Council approved the European Parliament's position at first reading and the proposed act has been adopted, with the United Kingdom delegation abstaining, pursuant to Article 294(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (Legal basis: Article 43(2) TFEU).

## Non-legislative activities

3. **Work programme of the Presidency**   
*Presentation by the Presidency*

The Chair presented the Work Programme of the Croatian Presidency concerning the Agriculture and Fisheries sectors.

## AGRICULTURE

4. **European Green Deal - agricultural aspects**  5174/20  
*Presentation by Commission* 15051/19 + ADD 1  
*Exchange of views*

Based on the Presidency paper set out in doc. 5174/20, the Council exchanged views on the agricultural aspects of the European Green Deal and took note of the presentation by the Commission.

## Legislative deliberations

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

5. **Regulation on CAP transitional rules**  5071/20  
*Exchange of views*

The Council took note of the views expressed by delegations and the Commission on the basis of the questions prepared by the Presidency in doc. 5071/20.

## **Any other business**

6. a) **Animal welfare labelling** [2] 5346/1/20 REV 1  
*Information from the German delegation, supported by the Belgian, Danish, French, Italian and Lithuanian delegations*

The Council took note of the information provided by the German delegation supported by the Belgian, Danish, French, Italian, and Lithuanian delegations<sup>1</sup> on an EU animal welfare label. The Council also took note of the comments made by several delegations and of the Commission's response.

- b) **Outcome of the high-level international conference** [2] 5423/20  
**"The future of global pork production under the threat of African swine fever" (Berlin, 17 January 2020)**  
*Information from the Commission*

The Council took note of the information provided by the Commission on the outcome of the high-level international conference "The future of global pork production under the threat of African swine fever" held in Berlin on 17 January 2020. The Council also took note of the comments made by several delegations and of the Commission's response.


- c) **Joint Statement of the Ministers of Agriculture of Germany, Spain and France on future CAP in the context of the European Green Deal** [2] 5404/20  
*Information from the French delegation*

The Council took note of the information provided by the German, Spanish and French delegations on the future CAP in the context of the European Green Deal set out in doc. 5404/20, of the reactions of other Member States and of the Commission's comments.

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<sup>1</sup> In addition, the Spanish delegation indicated its full support to the revised note by Germany after it was issued.

**d) Origin labelling of honey blends**

 5389/20

*Information from the Portuguese and Slovenian delegations, supported by the Bulgarian, Czech, Cypriot, Estonian, French, Greek, Hungarian, Italian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Polish, Romanian, Slovakian and Spanish delegations*

The Council took note of the information provided by the Portuguese and Slovenian delegations about a joint declaration agreed among several delegations on origin labelling of honey blends. The Council also took note of the comments from other delegations and from the Commission.



First reading



Item based on a Commission proposal



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

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**Statements to the "A" items set out in 5241/20**

**Ad "A" item 1:**      **Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 862/2007 on statistics on migration and international protection**  
*Political agreement*

**JOINT STATEMENT BY MALTA AND SLOVAKIA**

"Reference is being made to Item 18 on the COREPER II Agenda of 15 January 2020, on the Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 862/2007 on statistics on migration and international protection.

Malta and Slovakia would like to submit another joint declaration on this item to be entered in the minutes of COREPER II and the Council:

We acknowledge the efforts of the Presidency to reach a compromise with the European Parliament on the draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 862/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council on Community statistics on migration and international protection.

However, we cannot accept the compromise as stated in doc. 15244/1/19.

Our concerns on this draft regulation, as already expressed during several Council Working Parties on Statistics, and during the COREPER meetings of 20 November 2019 and 4 December 2019, and also through the silence procedure that was launched, have not been addressed. The lack of real and relevant justification for the additional data and their added value for policy making persists, and the double-reporting problem has not been adequately catered for but left unclear. Furthermore, the change to recital 11, wherein requesting the prioritization of the inclusion of data requirements in the legal architecture of the regulation, has exacerbated our problem on the process since this is enabling the circumvention of an appropriate impact assessment vis-à-vis their policy-needs and creating unsubstantiated high resource and administrative constraints for Member States."