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SUMMARY RECORD
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE
3 February 2021

I. Adoption of the agenda

5750/21 OJ CRP1 5
5824/1/21 REV 1 OJ CRP2 5

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

COREPER (PART 1)

Competitiveness

2. Informal videoconference of the Ministers of Research on 26 February 2021: Agenda

The Presidency presented the main items on the agenda of the informal videoconference of Ministers of Research.

Research

3. Regulation on European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT)
Decision on Strategic Innovation Agenda (SIA) of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT)
Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the trilogue

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Presidency on the outcome of the trilogue of 28 January 2021.

Education, Youth, Culture and Sport

4. Informal videoconference of the Ministers of Education on 19 February 2021: Agenda

The Presidency presented the main items on the agenda of the informal videoconference of the Ministers of Education.

Transport

5. Proposal for a Regulation on COVID-19 measures concerning the validity of certificates, licences, authorisations and postponement of checks and trainings 5709/21
Mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament

The Committee confirmed that should the European Parliament agree with the use of the urgent procedure and approve the Commission's proposal with the agreed amendments, the Council would approve the European Parliament's position, resulting in the adoption of the Regulation. The Committee authorised the Presidency to inform the European Parliament accordingly. The Committee authorised the Presidency to request the European Parliament to use the urgent procedure.

6. Directive amending Directive 1999/62/EC on Eurovignette (road charging Directive)
Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the trilogue

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Presidency on the outcome of the trilogue of 29 January 2021.

Agriculture and Fisheries

7. Informal videoconference of the Ministers of Fisheries on 22 February 2021: Agenda

The Presidency presented the main items on the agenda of the informal videoconference of the Ministers of Fisheries.

Competitiveness

8. Informal videoconference of the Ministers of Internal Market and Industry on 25 February 2021: Agenda

The Presidency presented the main items on the agenda of the informal videoconference of the Ministers of Internal Market and Industry.

Environment

9. Regulation on European Climate Law
Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the trilogue

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Presidency on the outcome of the trilogue of 2 February 2021.

COREPER (PART 2)

Justice and Home Affairs

24. Regulation establishing the Justice Programme for the period 2021-2027 5455/21

Analysis of the final compromise text with a view to agreement

The Committee endorsed the text of the final compromise and will inform the European Parliament. The Polish delegation recalled its statement from the Committee meeting on 30 November 2020.

Statement by Hungary

"Hungary has expressed concerns as regards the draft regulations establishing the Rights and Values programme and the Justice programme for the period 2021-2027 several times during the negotiations, and cannot support the text of the final political agreement reached with the European Parliament either.

Concerning the draft regulation establishing the Rights and Values programme for the period 2021–2027 and the draft regulation establishing the Justice programme for the period 2021-2027, Hungary is of the opinion that deficiencies as regards the legal basis (especially concerning the 'Union values' strand, as well as the 'Citizens engagement and participation' strand of the Rights and Values programme), the blurred scope not limited to the field of application of Union law (including references to international treaties not ratified by the Union), the focus on the support of one specific type of eligible entities (civil society organisations), instead of focusing on the substantial projects, as well as the reference to concepts which are not in line with the language of the Treaties would have made a substantial revision of the draft regulation necessary. Hungary is firmly committed to the protection of fundamental rights and European values, including the promotion of civil society and equal treatment.

Hungary maintains that basic requirements of legal certainty, principle of conferral and compliance with the Treaties in general shall be respected in order to prevent the impression that political and ideological views could have an impact, when defining the priorities of EU funding."

25. Regulation establishing the Rights and Values Programme for the period 2021-2027 5426/21
Analysis of the final compromise text with a view to agreement

The Committee endorsed the text of the final compromise and will inform the European Parliament.

Statement by Hungary

"Hungary has expressed concerns as regards the draft regulations establishing the Rights and Values programme and the Justice programme for the period 2021-2027 several times during the negotiations, and cannot support the text of the final political agreement reached with the European Parliament either.

Concerning the draft regulation establishing the Rights and Values programme for the period 2021–2027 and the draft regulation establishing the Justice programme for the period 2021-2027, Hungary is of the opinion that deficiencies as regards the legal basis (especially concerning the 'Union values' strand, as well as the 'Citizens engagement and participation' strand of the Rights and Values programme), the blurred scope not limited to the field of application of Union law (including references to international treaties not ratified by the Union), the focus on the support of one specific type of eligible entities (civil society organisations), instead of focusing on the substantial projects, as well as the reference to concepts which are not in line with the language of the Treaties would have made a substantial revision of the draft regulation necessary. Hungary is firmly committed to the protection of fundamental rights and European values, including the promotion of civil society and equal treatment.

Hungary maintains that basic requirements of legal certainty, principle of conferral and compliance with the Treaties in general shall be respected in order to prevent the impression that political and ideological views could have an impact, when defining the priorities of EU funding."

Economic and Financial Affairs

26. Informal videoconference of the Ministers of the Economy and Finance on 16 February 2021: Preparation
Other items in connection with the videoconference

The Presidency provided further information about the informal videoconference.

Foreign Affairs

27. Meeting of the Council (Foreign Affairs) on 22 February 2021:
Agenda

The EEAS presented the main items on the agenda.

28. ASEM13 Summit - (Phnom Penh, 1-2 June 2021) 5458/21
Orientation debate

The Committee held an exchange of views.

General Affairs

29. COVID-19 EU coordination - vaccines
Information from the Commission

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

30. Meeting of the Council (General Affairs) on 23 February 2021:
Agenda

The Presidency presented the main items on the agenda.

- a) Preparation of the Special European Council on 5664/21
25-26 February 2021: Annotated Draft Agenda
Exchange of views

The Committee held an exchange of views.

31. Conference on the Future of Europe- revised Council position 5767/21
Approval

The Committee approved the revised Council position.

IV. Any other business

COREPER (PART 1)

None.

COREPER (PART 2)

Appointments to the Court of Justice

The Committee took note of the information provided by the CLS on the ongoing replacement procedure.

"I" items approved**COREPER (PART 1)****Institutional Affairs****Appointments**

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| 10. One alternate member (DE) of the Management Board of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions
<i>Adoption</i> | 5523/21
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EU positions for international negotiations

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| 11. ICAO - EU Coordination for the 222nd session of the ICAO Council (Montreal, 22 February - 12 March 2021)
<i>Approval</i>
<i>Decision to use the written procedure</i> | 5638/21 + ADD 1
AVIATION |
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Judicial Affairs

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| 12. Case C-682/20 P (Les Mousquetaires et ITM Entreprises SAS)
<i>Information note for the Permanent Representatives Committee (Part I)</i> | 5644/21
JUR |
| 13. Case C-690/20 P (Casino, Guichard-Perrachon et Achats Marchandises Casino SAS (AMC))
<i>Information note for the Permanent Representatives Committee (Part I)</i> | 5646/21
JUR |
| 14. Case C-693/20 P (Intermarché Casino Achats)
<i>Information note for the Permanent Representatives Committee (Part I)</i> | 5651/21
JUR |
| 15. Case C-574/20
<i>Information note for the Permanent Representatives Committee (Part I)</i> | 5618/21
JUR
SOC |

Employment and Social Policy

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| 16. Implementation of the Council Recommendation on long-term unemployment: key messages
<i>Endorsement</i> | 5623/21 + ADD 1
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Internal Market and Industry

17. Conclusions on "The Commission's EU merger control and antitrust proceedings" (CoA SR No 24/2020) 5603/21
Approval 5602/21
Decision to use the written procedure RC

Research

18. Non-binding instrument (NBI) 'EU-CELAC 2021 – 2023 Strategic Roadmap for the implementation of the Brussels Declaration and EU-CELAC Action Plan on Science, Technology and Innovation' 5562/21
Approval of entering into negotiations RECH
Decision to use the written procedure

Energy

19. Reply to the letter of the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the European Union 5586/21
Approval of a letter ENER

Telecommunications

20. Directive on Network and Information Systems (NIS), repealing Directive (EU) 2016/1148 5573/21
Decision to consult an institution or body CYBER

Environment

21. Commission's intention to establish a "Global Alliance on Circular Economy and Resource Efficiency" (GACERE) on behalf of the EU at the First segment of the Fifth meeting of the UN Environment Assembly (22-23 February 2021) 5596/21
Authorisation to launch the Alliance 5117/21
Decision to use the written procedure ENV

Agriculture

22. Decision on the equivalence of field inspections and practices in the UK 5676/21
Approval of the Commission proposal text 5004/21 + ADD 1
AGRILEG
23. Decision on the equivalence of forest reproductive material produced in the UK to such material produced in the EU 5680/21
Approval of the Commission proposal text 5005/21 + ADD 1
FORETS

COREPER (PART 2)

Judicial Affairs

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| 32. | Case T-723/20 (Yevgeniy Viktorovich Prigozhin v. Council)
<i>Information note for the Permanent Representatives Committee</i>
<i>(Part 2)</i> | 5584/21
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Institutional Affairs

Appointments

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| 33. | Appointment of an official to a post of Director-General of the Directorate-General for General and Institutional Policy (GIP) at the General Secretariat of the Council
<i>Approval</i>
<i>Decision to use the written procedure</i> | 5208/21
STAT |
| 34. | Appointment of an official to a post of Director-General of the Directorate-General for External Relations (RELEX) at the General Secretariat of the Council
<i>Approval</i>
<i>Decision to use the written procedure</i> | 5220/21
STAT |
| 35. | A member and an alternate member (RO) of the Committee of the Regions
<i>Adoption by silence procedure</i> | 5679/21
5677/21
CDR |

Economic and Financial Affairs

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| 36. | ECA SR No 02/2021 on EU humanitarian aid for education
<i>Designation of a Working Party</i> | 5601/21
FIN |
| 37. | Regulation establishing the Pericles IV Programme
<i>Confirmation of the final compromise text with a view to agreement</i> | 5631/21 + ADD 1
GAF |

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| 38. | Regulation extending the Pericles IV Programme to non-participating Member States
<i>Request for the consent of the European Parliament</i>
<i>Decision to use the written procedure</i> | 5632/21
13255/1/20 REV 1
GAF |
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Statement by Germany

"In Bezug auf die Verordnung zur Ausdehnung der Anwendung des Pericles IV-Programms auf die nicht teilnehmenden Mitgliedstaaten weisen wir darauf hin, dass der deutsche Vertreter im Rat im förmlichen Annahmeverfahren zu dieser Verordnung erst dann zustimmen

kann, wenn ein nationales Zustimmungsgesetz in Kraft getreten ist. Wir werden die Präsidentschaft und das Ratssekretariat unverzüglich über den Abschluss des Gesetzgebungsverfahrens unterrichten und bitten, dass der förmliche Annahme-Prozess erst dann eingeleitet wird."

Courtesy translation

"As regards the Regulation extending the Pericles IV Programme to non-participating Member States we would like to draw the attention to the fact that the German representative in the Council will only be able to agree to this Regulation when a national parliamentary law which allows to agree to this Regulation has come into force. We will inform the Presidency as well as the General Secretariat of the Council accordingly and as soon as possible and would like to ask for the formal adoption procedure to be initiated only then."

General Affairs

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| 39. | Working methods - outcome of discussions | 5754/2/21 |
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Justice and Home Affairs

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| 40. | Regulation on preventing the dissemination of terrorist content online
<i>Confirmation of the final compromise text with a view to agreement</i> | 5634/21
12906/20
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| 41. | Bonn Agreement - Council Decision on the conclusion of the amendments to the Agreement
<i>Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption</i> | 5622/21
11487/20
11490/20
11493/20
PROCIV |
| 42. | Visa Information System (VIS)
a). Regulation amending the Visa Information System (VIS) Regulation
b). Regulation for consequential amendments of VIS
<i>Confirmation of the final compromise text with a view to agreement</i> | 5537/21
VISA |

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| 43. | Mandate for the ad hoc Working Party on the e-CODEX Regulation
<i>Approval</i> | 5652/21
ECODEX |
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Foreign Affairs

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| 44. | EU's endorsement of the Charter of the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI)
<i>Approval</i> | 5637/21
COASI |
| 45. | EU-Ukraine Association Council (Brussels, 11 February 2021)
<i>Establishment of the EU position</i>
<i>Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption</i> | 5272/1/21
COEST |
| 46. | Iran Human Rights restrictive measures - pre-notifications
<i>Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption</i> | 5643/21
CORLX |
| 47. | South Sudan restrictive measures - review
<i>Approval</i>
<i>Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption</i> | 5647/21
CORLX |
| 48. | Council Decision and Implementing Regulation on restrictive measures to combat terrorism - Common Position 2001/931/CFSP -review
<i>Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption</i> | 5560/21
5552/21
5549/21
5551/21
CORLX |
| 49. | Syria Restrictive measures: letter of reply
<i>Approval</i>
<i>Decision to use the written procedure</i> | 5770/21
CORLX |
| 50. | Ukraine undermining sovereignty delisting request - letter of reply
<i>Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption</i> | 5772/21
CORLX |