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MEETING ON THURSDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2020

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Council adopted the agenda set out in 6156/20.

INTERNAL MARKET AND INDUSTRY

Non-legislative activities

2. European Green Deal - a transition to climate neutral and circular EU industry

 5767/20

Presentation by the Commission

Policy debate

The Council listened to the presentation by the Commission and held a policy debate based on questions as set out in 5767/20.

3. Conclusions on Better Regulation "Ensuring competitiveness and sustainable, inclusive growth"

5964/20 + ADD 1

Adoption

4. Approval of "A" items

Non-legislative list

6157/20

The Council adopted the "A" items listed in 6157/20, including COR and REV documents presented for adoption.

5. European Semester - Single Market Performance Report

5963/20

Policy debate

15321/19

Any other business

6. a) Commission Work Programme 2020
(Internal Market and Industry aspects)
Presentation by the Commission 5652/20 + ADD 1
- b) The impact of COVID-19 on EU industry
Information from the Commission 6333/20
- c) Findings of the survey on barriers on the Single Market for
Czech businesses and conclusions from international
conference "The EU Single Market from the perspective
of SMEs" (Prague, 16 January 2020)
Information from the Czech delegation 6309/20
- d) Results of the business survey on the Single Market
barriers
Information from the Lithuanian delegation 6200/20

MEETING ON FRIDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2020

RESEARCH

Legislative deliberations

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

7. **Annex to the Strategic Innovation Agenda of the European
Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT)**  6137/20 + COR 1
Partial general approach 11227/19 ADD 1

The Council adopted a partial general approach as set out in doc. 6137/20 + COR 1.

A statement by the HU delegation is set out in doc. 6137/20 ADD 1 and annexed to these
Council minutes.

Non-legislative activities

8. Strategic approach to international cooperation in R&I 5798/20
Policy debate
9. Any other business



First reading



Item based on a Commission proposal



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

Statements to the legislative "B" items set out in 6156/20

Ad "B" item 7: **Annex to the Strategic Innovation Agenda of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT)**
Partial general approach

STATEMENT BY HUNGARY

"Hungary agrees that support for research and innovation should play a crucial role in the next MFF period. However, we are convinced that full exploitation of Europe's research and innovation potential can only be realized if balanced representation is properly addressed by Horizon Europe and its part, the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT).

We recognize the EIT's efforts to widen the participation and tackle the innovation gap within the Regional Innovation Scheme (RIS). The reinforced RIS needs to have an adequate budget in order to reach the desired impact. To this aim, we suggest allocating 20% of the Knowledge and Innovation Centres' (KICs) budget to countries eligible for the RIS scheme.

In our view, the RIS budget is linked to the MFF negotiations. Therefore, we reserve the right to come back to the issue of geographical balance after it has been discussed by the heads of state and government."