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#### 'I' ITEM NOTE

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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
Subject:	Draft REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL establishing Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, laying down its rules for participation and dissemination, and repealing Regulations (EU) No 1290/2013 and (EU) No 1291/2013 <b>(first reading)</b>  - Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption of the Council's position at first reading and of the statement of the Council's reasons

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1. On 7 June 2018 the Commission sent its proposal<sup>1</sup>, based on Articles 173(3), 182(1), 183 and the second paragraph of Article 188 TFEU, to the Council. An amended proposal was presented on 4 June 2020<sup>2</sup>.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinions on 17 October 2018<sup>3</sup> and 16 July 2020<sup>4</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> 9865/18 + ADD1 to ADD6.

<sup>2</sup> 8555/20

<sup>3</sup> OJ C 62, 15.2.2019, p. 33–39.

3. The Committee of the Regions delivered its opinion on 9 October 2018<sup>5</sup>.
4. The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on 17 April 2019<sup>6</sup>.
5. On 17 December 2020, the European Parliament's Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE) endorsed the final compromise text reached in trilogues on the above draft Regulation.
6. On 18 December 2020, the Permanent Representatives Committee confirmed the final compromise text.
7. On 21 January 2021, the Chair of the European Parliament's Committee on Industry, Research and Energy sent a letter to the Chair of COREPER, the European Parliament should, at second reading, approve the Council's position at first reading without amendment.
8. Due to the special circumstances, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to decide, in accordance with the first subparagraph of Article 12(1) of the Council's Rules of Procedure and Article 1 of Council Decision (EU) 2021/26 <sup>7</sup>, that the Council uses the written procedure to agree:
  - to the adoption of its position at first reading on the draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, laying down its rules for participation and dissemination, and repealing Regulations (EU) No 1290/2013 and (EU) No 1291/2013, as set out in document 7064/21, and the Statement of reasons, as set out in document 7064/21 ADD 1 + COR 1;
  - to the approval of the Council Statements, as set out in ADD 1 to this note; and

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<sup>4</sup> OJ C 364, 28.10.2020, p. 124–131.

<sup>5</sup> OJ C 461, 21.12.2018, p. 79–124.

<sup>6</sup> 8571/19.

<sup>7</sup> Council Decision (EU) 2021/26 of 12 January 2021 further extending the temporary derogation from the Council's Rules of Procedure introduced by Decision (EU) 2020/430, and extended by Decisions (EU) 2020/556, (EU) 2020/702, (EU) 2020/970, (EU) 2020/1253 and (EU) 2020/1659, in view of the travel difficulties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic in the Union (OJ L 11, 14.1.2021, p. 19–20)

– to the approval of the Joint Political Statement, as set out in ADD 2 to this note and its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union* together with the Commission statements, as set out in ADD 3 to this note.

9. Additional statements by the Commission are set out in ADD 4 to this note.

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