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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee
Subject: Attendance of the European Court of Auditors at the AHWP MFF - National and Regional Partnerships on 11 March 2026

1. On 24 February 2026, the European Court of Auditors (ECA) published its opinion No 9/2026 concerning the Commission's proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the European Fund for economic, social and territorial cohesion, agriculture and rural, fisheries and maritime, prosperity and security for the period 2028-2034 and amending Regulation (EU) 2023/955 and Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509.
2. The Presidency intends to invite representatives of ECA to the meeting of the Ad hoc Working Party on the Multiannual Financial Framework (AHWP MFF) - National and Regional Partnerships on 11 March 2026 to present the opinion mentioned above and to provide delegations with the opportunity to exchange views on it.
3. The Presidency considers that this invitation is in the interest of the Council and in line with the framework applicable to the occasional presence of third parties at meetings of the Council or of its preparatory bodies.

4. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to approve the attendance of the ECA representatives at the meeting of the AHWP MFF - National and Regional Partnerships on 11 March 2026 for the specific agenda item related to the opinion mentioned above, in accordance with its responsibilities under the Council's Rules of Procedure.
