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(Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs)
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¹ Attended by the respective chairs of the Employment Committee (EMCO) and the Social Protection Committee (SPC) as concerns the items under “non-legislative activities” and “any other business”.

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Council adopted the agenda set out in document 6576/25.

Non-legislative activities

2. **European Semester 2025: Challenges of the silver transformation – Incentives and systemic solutions for promoting voluntary, extended professional activity of older persons** ☐ 6350/25
Policy debate

The Council held a policy debate on the ‘Challenges of the silver transformation: Incentives and systemic solutions for promoting voluntary, extended professional activity of older persons’, on the basis of a Presidency steering note set out in the document above.

- a) **Employment and social aspects of the 2025 Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area** 6274/25
Approval

The Council approved the Employment and social aspects of the 2025 Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area.

- b) **2025 Joint Employment Report** 6435/1/25 REV 1
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Adoption

The Council adopted the 2025 Joint Employment Report.

- c) **Conclusions on the 2025 Joint Employment Report** 6460/25
Approval

The Council approved the Conclusions on the 2025 Joint Employment Report.

- d) **Medium-Term Fiscal-Structural Plans: Letter from the Chairs of the Employment Committee and the Social Protection Committee** 6498/25
Presentation by the respective chairs

The Council took note of the presentation by the Chairs of the Employment Committee and the Social Protection Committee of their letter on the Medium-Term Fiscal-Structural Plans.

Any other business

3. a) **Presidency events** [2] 6459/25
Information from the Presidency

The Council took note of the information provided by the Presidency on the Presidency events.

- b) **Tripartite social summit** [2] 6439/25
Information from the Presidency and the Commission

The Council took note of the information provided by the Presidency and the Commission on the Tripartite social summit.

- c) **Employment Committee and Social Protection Committee work programmes for 2025** [2] 5977/25
Information from the respective chairs 6048/25

The Council took note of the information provided by the Chairs of the Employment Committee and the Social Protection Committee on the work programmes of the Committees for 2025.

- d) **Union of Skills** [2] 6463/25
Information from the Commission

The Council took note of the information provided by the Commission on the Union of Skills.

- e) **Pact for European Social Dialogue** ☐² 6464/25
Information from the Commission

The Council took note of the information provided by the Commission on the Pact for European Social Dialogue.

- f) **Directive 79/7 on the progressive implementation of the principle of equal treatment for men and women in matters of social security: Need of updating** ☐² 6466/25
Information from Spain

The Council took note of the information provided by Spain on the need to update Directive 79/7 on the progressive implementation of the principle of equal treatment for men and women in matters of social security.

- g) **Current legislative proposals (public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)**

- Directive on implementing the principle of equal treatment (Article 19)** ☐¹☐^S 6836/25
Information from Belgium, Estonia, France, Ireland, Luxembourg, Malta, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and the Netherlands

The Council took note of the information provided by Belgium, Estonia, France, Ireland, Luxembourg, Malta, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and the Netherlands on the Directive on implementing the principle of equal treatment (Article 19). Greece and Lithuania also expressed their support for the directive orally during the meeting.

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- ☐¹ First reading
☐² Public debate proposed by the Presidency (Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)
☐^S Special legislative procedure