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**DRAFT MINUTES**  
COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION  
(Environment)  
17 March 2026

## 1. Adoption of the agenda

The Council adopted the agenda set out in document 7178/26.

## 2. Approval of "A" items

### Non-legislative list


7181/26

The Council adopted all "A" items listed in the document above, including all linguistic COR and REV documents presented for adoption. A statement to these items is set out in the Addendum.

### Legislative deliberations

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

## 3. Amendment of the CO<sub>2</sub> emission standards for cars and vans Regulation *Policy debate*

 6639/26

The Council held a policy debate based on questions prepared by the Presidency, as set out in the document above.

### Non-legislative activities

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| 4. | Decarbonisation efforts in the area of climate post-2030<br><i>Exchange of views</i>   | 6653/1/26 REV 1 |
| 5. | Enhancing strategic EU collaboration in global environmental diplomacy: Strengthening partnerships and science-driven engagement in a shifting geopolitical world <sup>1</sup><br><i>Exchange of views</i> | 6757/26         |
| 6. | Conclusions on the EU Bioeconomy Strategy<br><i>Approval</i>   | 7156/26 + COR 1 |

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<sup>1</sup> In the presence of the UN Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

## Any other business

7. a) **Implementing the LULUCF Regulation** ☐ 7302/26  
*Information from Austria, Czechia, Estonia, France, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Portugal and Slovakia*

The Council took note of the information provided by Austria, Czechia, Estonia, France, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Portugal and Slovakia, as well as the interventions by other delegations.

- b) **Key principles for a balanced and effective EU Climate Resilience Framework** ☐ 7192/26  
*Information from Belgium*

The Council took note of the information provided by Belgium, as well as the interventions by other delegations.

- c) **Report on main recent international meeting**


**Twelfth Plenary Session of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)** ☐ 7203/26  
(Manchester, United Kingdom, 3 - 8 February 2026)  
*Information from the Presidency and the Commission*

The Council took note of the information provided by the Presidency and the Commission.

- d) **Communication on the New European Bauhaus** ☐ 5928/26  
*Information from the Commission*

The Council took note of the information provided by the Commission.


e) **Accelerating permitting procedures: Call for a comprehensive cross-sectoral approach within the environmental omnibus**

 7275/1/26 REV 1

*Information from Belgium, Czechia, France, Ireland, Latvia and Slovakia*

The Council took note of the information provided by Belgium, Czechia, France, Ireland, Latvia and Slovakia, supported by Luxembourg, as well as the interventions by other delegations and the Commission.


f) **Joining the future intergovernmental organisation Mercator**

 7241/26

*Information from France*

The Council took note of the information provided by France.


g) **Environmental and safety implications of the Belarusian Nuclear Power Plant in Ostrovets**


 7201/1/26 REV 1


*Information from Lithuania*

The Council took note of the information provided by Lithuania, supported by Estonia, Latvia and Poland.

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 First reading

 Item based on a Commission proposal

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