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SUMMARY RECORD
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE
22, 24 and 27 April 2026

I. Adoption of the agenda

8366/1/26 REV 1 OJ CRP1 16
8346/2/26 REV 2 + REV 2 ADD 1 OJ CRP2 15

The Committee adopted the agenda.

II. Approval of the "I" items

The Committee approved the "I" items as set out in the Annex.

III. Discussion items II

COREPER (PART 1)

Transport

44. Council Decision on the EU position in the International Maritime Organization (IMO) during the 84th session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 84) and its Intersessional Working Group on GHG concerning reduction of GHG emissions from ships
Preparation for the adoption

8235/26
8209/26 + ADD 1

The Committee prepared the adoption of this item for the Council. A joint statement by Greece, Malta and Italy is set out in document 8351/26 ADD 1. A statement by the Commission is set out in the ADD 1 to this document.

Employment and Social Policy

45. Revision of Regulations on coordination of social security systems (883/04 and 987/09)
Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the trilogue



The Committee took note of the debriefing by the Presidency on the outcome of the trilogue on 22 April.

Education, Youth, Culture and Sport

46. Meeting of the Council (Education, Youth, Culture and Sport) on 11 and 12 May 2026: agenda

The Committee took note of the main items to be included in the provisional agenda of the Council meeting as presented by the Presidency and agreed to take the following items in public session: Resolution on the revision of the EU Youth Strategy Work Plan 2025 -2027, Resolution on the outcomes of the 11th cycle of the EU Youth Dialogue, Conclusions on teachers in the era of artificial intelligence (AI), Conclusions on sport tourism as a contributor to sustainable development, as well as all the exchanges of views. The Committee also approved the attendance of representatives of the Cyprus Youth Council and the European Youth Forum for the Presidency AOB on the outcomes of the informal EU Youth Dialogue breakfast, of the Ukrainian Minister of Education and Science at the informal lunch of Education Ministers and of a former artistic gymnast and a professional football coach to the exchange of views on mental health in sport.

The Committee took note of the requests for an ‘Any other business’ from Poland on “A round table of culture ministers within the International Conference for the Reconstruction of Ukraine (URC), 25- 26 June in Gdańsk, Poland” and on “The impact of allowing athletes from Russia and Belarus to compete internationally under their national flags in the sporting events in Europe”, from Croatia on “Navigating the AI Era: how project brAIIn is upgrading Croatian education”, from the Netherlands on “Brain injury in sports”, from Slovenia on “Lipica conclusions”, from the Commission on “Strategy on intergenerational fairness” and on “Action plan on cyberbullying”, from Slovakia on “Coordinated Action for Child Online Safety” and from Germany on “Strengthening the independent and pluralistic European media landscape – futureproofing AVMSD rules” and decided to hold them in public session.

It also took note of the request from Latvia for an ‘Any other business’ on “Return of Russia to the 61st International Art Exhibition of La Biennale de Venezia and ensuring a common EU approach” and from the Commission on “Participation of Russian and Belarusian athletes in sport competitions in Europe: policy and security considerations”.

Agriculture

48. Regulation on the production and marketing of plant reproductive material
Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the trilogue




The Committee took note of the debriefing by the Presidency on the outcome of the trilogue on 21 April.


COREPER (PART 2)

WEDNESDAY, 22 APRIL 2026


General Affairs

2. Regulation establishing the European Competitiveness Fund (ECF), including the specific programme for defence research and innovation activities: access to funding
Guidance for further work  8276/26

The Committee provided guidance for further work.

3. Simplification of administrative burdens in environmental legislation (Omnibus VIII)  8254/26
- a) Regulation on speeding-up environmental assessments (Permitting)
- b) Directive on certain requirements for the establishment of the Infrastructure for Spatial Information (INSPIRE Directive)
- c) Directive suspending the application of the rules on extended producer responsibility for waste, waste electrical and electronic equipment and single use plastic waste
- d) Regulation suspending the application of the rules on extended producer responsibility for batteries and waste batteries and packaging and packaging waste
- e) Directive on simplification and reduction of administrative burden
- f) Regulation on simplification and reduction of administrative burden
State of play and guidance for further work

The Committee took note of the state of play and provided guidance for further work.

4. Omnibus VII: Regulation amending Regulations on the simplification of the implementation of harmonised rules on artificial intelligence (Digital Omnibus on AI)
Preparation for the trilogue  8260/26

The Committee prepared the forthcoming trilogue on 28 April 2026.

40. One Europe, One Market Roadmap
Preparation for the approval  8438/26

Decision to use the written procedure

The Committee prepared the approval of this item and decided to use the written procedure for the approval.

Foreign Affairs

5. Meeting of the Council (Foreign Affairs) on 21 April 2026:
Follow-up



The Committee took note of the main outcomes of the Council meeting.

6. Meeting of the Council (Foreign Affairs) on 11 May 2026:
Agenda

The Committee took note of the main items to be included in the provisional agenda of the Council meeting as presented by EEAS and approved the attendance of Ukraine's foreign minister for the item on Russian aggression against Ukraine, the six foreign ministers of the Western Balkan countries for an informal exchange, and the UK foreign secretary for an informal exchange.

7. Meeting of the Council (Foreign Affairs/Defence) on 12 May 2026: Agenda

The Committee took note of the main items to be included in the provisional agenda of the Council meeting as presented by EEAS and approved the attendance of Ukraine's minister of defence and the NATO Secretary-General for the item on EU support to Ukraine and the attendance of the President of the Aerospace, Security and Defence Industries Association of Europe in the item on defence readiness.

8. Implementation of the EU-US joint statement of 21 August 2025  



a) Regulation on the adjustment of customs duties and opening of tariff quotas related to the import of certain goods originating in the US

b) Regulation on the non-application of customs duties on imports of certain goods

Preparation for the trilogue

The Committee started preparations for the forthcoming trilogue on 6 May 2026 and will revert next week.

Economic and Financial Affairs

9. Council Implementing Decision approving assistance to Ukraine   8102/26 + ADD 1
in implementing the Ukrainian Financing Strategy
Preparation for the adoption
Decision to use the written procedure

The Committee prepared the adoption of this item and decided to use the written procedure for the adoption.

10. Meeting of the Council (Economic and Financial Affairs) on 5 May 2026: Preparation

- a) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Presidency.


MONDAY, 27 APRIL 2026

General Affairs

58. Informal meeting of Heads of State or Government (Cyprus, 23 - 24 April 2026)
Debriefing

The Committee took note of the debriefing from the informal meeting of Heads of State or Government provided by the Head of the Cabinet of the President of the European Council and held an exchange of views.

Foreign Affairs

59. Council Decision and Implementing Regulation concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine  8204/26
8206/26
8355/26
8356/26
Presentation
Exchange of views

The Committee took note of the presentation provided by the EEAS and the Commission and held an exchange of views.

60. EU-Armenia summit (5 May 2026, Yerevan)
Exchange of views

The Committee held an exchange of views.

IV. Any other business

COREPER (PART 1)

Communication on AccelerateEU - Energy Union Affordable
and Secure Energy through Accelerated Action
Information from the Commission

8482/26 + ADD 1

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

COREPER (PART 2)

WEDNESDAY, 22 APRIL 2026

Communication on ‘AccelerateEU - Energy Union Affordable and Secure Energy through
Accelerated Action’

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

MONDAY, 27 APRIL 2026

Incident with debris from Russian drones in Romania

The Committee took note of the information provided by Romania.

Non-discussion items "I"

COREPER (PART 1)

Institutional Affairs

Written questions

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| 49. | Reply to a question for written answer submitted to the Council by Members of the European Parliament
<i>Adoption by silence procedure</i> | ⌚ | 8273/26
PE-QE |
| | Lynn Boylan (The Left), Kathleen Funchion (The Left)
"Compliance of the ReArm Europe Plan/European Defence Readiness 2030 with international conventions" | | 7848/26 |
| 50. | Minutes of Council meetings
<i>Approval</i> | 📖 | PV CONS |
| a) | COMPET 26+27.2.2026 | | 6871/26 + ADD 1 |
| b) | TTE Energy 16.3.2026 | | 7356/26 + ADD 1 |

Appointments

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| 51. | Representatives of Member States as members and alternate members of the Management Board of the European Food Safety Authority
<i>Adoption</i> | | 7562/26
7564/26
DENLEG |
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EU positions for international negotiations

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| 52. | Council Decision on the EU position at the 59th session of the Committee of Experts for the Carriage of Dangerous Goods of the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF)
<i>Adoption</i> | Ⓒ | 7465/26
7463/26 + ADD 1
TRANS |
| 53. | Council Decision on the EU position in the International Maritime Organization (IMO) during the 84th session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 84) and the 111th session of the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC 111) on the adoption of amendments
<i>Adoption</i> | Ⓒ | 7985/26
7890/26
MAR |

Environment

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| 54. | Open Coalition on Compliance Carbon Markets
<i>Authorisation to sign a non-binding instrument</i> | | 8229/26
CLIMA |
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Telecommunications

55. Endorsement of the Commission joining on behalf of the European Union the Global Coalition on Telecommunications (GCOT) as a strategic partner
Approval of a non-binding instrument 8136/26
TELECOM

Employment and Social Policy

56. OECD Recommendation on AI in the labour market
Authorisation to negotiate a non-binding instrument 8364/26
EMPL


Foreign Affairs

57. PSC Decision EUAM Iraq/1/2026 - extension of the mandate of the Head of Mission
Decision to publish in the Official Journal  8300/26
8106/26
COPS
PSC DEC

COREPER (PART 2)


WEDNESDAY, 22 APRIL 2026

Institutional Affairs

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| 11. Minutes of Council meetings
<i>Approval</i> |  PV CONS |
| a) ECOFIN 10.03.2026 | 7160/26 + ADD 1 |
| Appointments | |
| 12. Nine members of the Committee of the Regions (PT)
<i>Adoption</i> | 7850/26
7849/26
CDR |
| 13. An alternate member of the Committee of the Regions (PL)
<i>Adoption</i> | 7927/26
7925/26
CDR |
| 14. An alternate member of the Committee of the Regions (NL)
<i>Adoption</i> | 7864/26
7863/26
CDR |
| 15. A member and an alternate member of the Committee of the Regions (DE)
<i>Adoption</i> | 7583/26
7581/26
CDR |
| Other | |
| 16. Attendance of a third party at the Simplification subgroup of the Antici Group on 24 April 2026
<i>Approval</i> | 8247/26
SIMPL |
| 17. Attendance of third parties at the Asylum Working Party on 30 April 2026
<i>Approval</i> | 7896/26
JAI |
| 18. Attendance of third parties at the Horizontal Working Party on Cyber Issues (Cyber) on 30 April 2026
<i>Approval</i> | 8055/26
CYBER |
| 19. Attendance of third parties at the High-Level subgroup of the Working Party on Competitiveness and Growth (COMP GRO) on 07 May 2026
<i>Approval</i> | 8234/26
COMPET |








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| 20. | Attendance of third parties at the Horizontal Working Party on Enhancing Resilience and Countering Hybrid Threats (HWP ERCHT) on 28 April 2026
<i>Approval</i> | 8117/26
HYBRID
DISINFO |
| 21. | Attendance of third parties at the Horizontal files in the field of external relations (Horizontal questions) subgroup of the Working Party of Foreign Relations Counsellors (RELEX) on 24 April 2026
<i>Approval</i> | 8239/26
GLOBAL
GATEWAY |

Transparency

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| 22. | Public access to documents
Confirmatory application No 11/c/01/26
<i>Approval</i> | 7403/26 + ADD 1
API |
| 23. | Public access to documents
Confirmatory application No 10/c/01/26
<i>Approval</i> | 7388/26
API |
| 24. | Public access to documents
Confirmatory application No 12/c/01/26
<i>Approval</i> | 7406/26
API |
| 25. | Public access to documents
Confirmatory application No 08/c/01/26
<i>Approval</i> | 6737/26
API |
| 26. | European Ombudsman inquiry 558/2026/SF
<i>Approval of a letter</i> |  7729/26
API |

Economic and Financial Affairs

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| 27. | New Croatian commemorative coin
<i>Information note</i> | 7881/26
UEM |
| 28. | Joint statement on the European Union Agency for Railways (ERA), the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA), the European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority (EIOPA), the European Medicines Agency (EMA) and the European Environment Agency (EEA)
<i>Approval</i> | 8271/26
8270/26
FIN |


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| 29. | Joint statement on the dates for the budgetary procedure and modalities for the functioning of the Conciliation Committee in 2026
<i>Approval</i> | | 8269/26
8268/26
FIN |
| 30. | Council Implementing Decision amending the Implementing Decision of 28 July 2021 on the approval of the assessment of the recovery and resilience plan for Slovenia
<i>Adoption</i> |  | 7859/26 + COR 1
7812/26 + ADD 1
ECOFIN |
| 31. | Council Decision approving the external auditors of the Bulgarian National Bank
<i>Adoption</i> | | 8012/26
8011/26
UEM |
| 32. | ECA SR No 13/2026 on single market for services
<i>Designation of a Working Party</i>
<i>Attendance of the European Court of Auditors at the working party meeting</i> |  | 8214/26
FIN |
| 33. | Payment Services Package |   | 8220/26
EF |
| | a) Payment Services Regulation (PSR) | | 8221/26 |
| | b) Payment Services Directive (PSD)
<i>Confirmation of the final compromise text with a view to agreement</i> | | 8222/26 |
| 41. | Council Regulation amending Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2020/2093 of 17 December 2020 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2021 to 2027
<i>Adoption</i>
<i>Decision to use the written procedure</i> |  
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5470/26
ECOFIN |

A statement by the Netherlands, Austria, Belgium, Germany, Denmark, Finland, France, Sweden is set out in the ADD 1 to this document.



General Affairs

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| 42. | Ad hoc Working Party on Drafting the Accession Treaty with Montenegro: establishment and mandate
<i>Approval</i> | | 8348/26
ACCTR
ELARG |
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Foreign Affairs

34. Council Decision and Implementing Regulation concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Myanmar/Burma
Adoption 7786/26
7783/26
7785/26
CORLX
35. Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations for the conclusion of a security of information agreement between the European Union and Armenia
Adoption 8114/1/26 **REV 1**
7974/26 + ADD 1
REV 1
CSC
36. Regulation addressing the effects of global overcapacity on the Union steel market  8242/26 + ADD 1
Confirmation of the final compromise text with a view to agreement POLCOM







A joint statement by Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania, and a joint statement by Sweden, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Finland, Denmark, and Estonia are set out in the ADD 1 to this document.

38. Commission's intention to negotiate on behalf of the EU a Connectivity Partnership with Armenia
Authorisation to negotiate a non-binding instrument
Decision to use the written procedure  8309/26
COEST
43. Russian aggression against Ukraine 
- a) Council Decision, Regulation and Implementing Regulation concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine 5329/2/26 REV 2
5324/26
5326/26
5328/26
CORLX
- b) Council Decision and Regulation concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine 5340/2/26 REV 2
5337/26 + ADD 1
5339/26 + ADD 1
CORLX
- c) Council Decision and Regulation concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Belarus and the involvement of Belarus in the Russian aggression against Ukraine 5348/2/26 REV 2
5342/26
5346/26 + ADD 1
CORLX
- d) Council Implementing Decision and Implementing Regulation concerning restrictive measures in respect of Belarus and the involvement of Belarus in the Russian aggression against Ukraine 5955/2/26 REV 2
5951/26
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CORLX
Adoption
Decision to use the written procedure

A statement by Greece is set out in the ADD 1 to this document.

Other items

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| 39. | Information assurance security policy on the approval and withdrawal process for cryptographic products for the protection of EU Classified Information
<i>Approval</i> | 8156/26
CSCI |
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-  First reading
 -  Special legislative procedure
 -  Silence procedure (Article 12(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)
 -  Procedural decision by Coreper (Article 19(3)&(7) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)
 -  Restricted item
 -  Item based on a Commission proposal
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