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Subject: *Preparation of the Council (Competitiveness (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space)) on 28-29 May 2026*
Council Recommendation on a European Union framework for science diplomacy
- Adoption

1. On 4 March 2026, the Commission published a proposal for a Council Recommendation on a European Union framework for science diplomacy¹.
2. The proposal replies to a call from the Council on the Commission and the European External Action Service to develop a European science diplomacy Agenda².
3. After a presentation by the Commission on 4 March 2026, the proposal for the Council Recommendation was examined by the Research Working Party at its meetings of 25 March and 4 May 2026. On the basis of delegations' input, two compromise Presidency texts were submitted for discussion.

¹ 6868/26.
² 12301/21.

4. The final draft text was agreed upon by the Research Working Party following an informal silence procedure, concluded on 7 May 2026.
5. Against this background, the Committee of Permanent Representatives is invited to:
 - (a) confirm the agreement reached at technical level on the text of the draft Council Recommendation on a European Union framework for science diplomacy, as set out in the addendum to this note (doc. 8931/26 ADD 1),

and
 - (b) recommend to the Council (Competitiveness/Research) to adopt the Council Recommendation on a European Union framework for science diplomacy, as set out in the addendum to this note (doc. 8931/26 ADD 1), at its session of 29 May 2026, in view of its subsequent publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.
