



**COUNCIL OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION**

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COMPET 71
RECH 89**

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

for : 2583rd meeting of the COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION
"COMPETITIVENESS" (INTERNAL MARKET, INDUSTRY AND
RESEARCH)
date : Monday 17 (15.00) and Tuesday 18 (9.30) May 2004

MONDAY 17 MAY 2004 (15.00)

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Approval of the list of "A" items
9531/04 PTS A 23
3. Competitiveness and innovation
 - Information on the informal Ministerial meeting held in Ireland from 25 to 27 April 2004
 - Commission Communication: "Fostering structural change: an industrial policy for an enlarged Europe"
8875/04 COMPET 57 IND 53 MI 136 ECO 92

- Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council and the European Economic and Social Committee: "Life sciences and biotechnology – a strategy for Europe – second progress report and future orientations"
8440/04 RECH 70 ENV 230 CONSOM 33 SAN 63 DEVGEN 87
MI 123 IND 47 AGRI 97 SOC 178 RELEX 140 EDUC 88
+ ADD 1 (en)
- Commission Communication: "A pro-active Competition Policy for a Competitive Europe"
8923/04 RC 11 COMPET 58
- State Aid Scoreboard: Spring 2004 update
8922/04 RC 10 COMPET 59 ECO 96
- = Council conclusions
(Public debate)
9476/04 COMPET 72 IND 64 MI 162 RECH 94

4. Better regulation

- Council conclusions
(Public debate)
9442/04 COMPET 69 INST 148

5. REACH

- Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH), establishing a European Chemicals Agency and amending Directive 1999/45/EC and Regulation (EC) (on Persistent Organic Pollutants) (LA)
- Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directive 67/548/EEC in order to adapt it to Regulation (EC) of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the registration, evaluation, authorisation and restriction of chemicals (LA)
- = Policy debate
15409/03 COMPET 75 ENV 651 CHIMIE 3 CODEC 1692 (x)
+ ADD 1 (x)
+ ADD 2 (x)
+ ADD 3 (x)
+ ADD 4 (x)
+ ADD 5 (x)
+ ADD 6 (x)
9234/1/04 COMPET 65 ENV 271 CHIMIE 31 CODEC 685 REV 1

6. ITER
- Information from the Commission on the state of play
7. Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament on the presentation of a proposal for a Directive and two proposals for recommendations on the admission of third-country nationals to carry out scientific research in the European Community
- Exchange of views
7815/04 MIGR 18 VISA 57 RECH 65 COMPET 46
9096/04 RECH 86 COMPET 64
8. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on cooperation between national authorities responsible for the enforcement of consumer protection laws ("the Regulation on consumer protection cooperation") (LA)
- Information from the Presidency
11830/03 CONSOM 89 MI 187 CODEC 1060 (x)
9212/04 CONSOM 42 MI 147 CODEC 679
9. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning unfair business-to-consumer commercial practices in the Internal Market and amending Directives 84/450/EEC, 97/7/EC and 98/27/EC (the Unfair Commercial Practices Directive) (LA)(*) (Legal basis proposed by the Commission: Article 95 of the Treaty)
- Political agreement
(Public deliberation)
10904/03 CONSOM 72 MI 159 CODEC 915 (x)
+ ADD 1 (x)
9475/04 CONSOM 49 MI 161 CODEC 717
10. Amended proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning sales promotions in the Internal Market (LA)(*) (Legal basis proposed by the Commission: Article 95 of the Treaty)
- Political agreement
(Public deliberation)
13637/02 CONSOM 98 MI 225 CODEC 1352 (x)
9474/04 CONSOM 48 MI 160 CODEC 716

11. Community patent
- (a) Proposal for a Council Regulation on the Community patent (LA)(*)
(Legal basis proposed by the Commission: Article 308 of the Treaty)
- Political agreement
 - 10786/00 PI 49 (x)
 - 7119/04 PI 28 (x)
 - 9399/04 PI 42
- (b) Proposed amendments to the European Patent Convention
- 7120/04 PI 29
 - + ADD 1
12. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the patentability of computer-implemented inventions (LA)(*)
(Legal basis proposed by the Commission: Article 95 of the Treaty)
- Political agreement
(Public deliberation)
 - 6580/02 PI 10 CODEC 242 (x)
 - 11503/03 CODEC 995 PI 70 (x)
 - 9277/04 PI 41 CODEC 693
 - + ADD 1
13. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the recognition of professional qualifications (LA)(*)
(Legal basis proposed by the Commission: Article 40, Article 47(1), first and third sentences of Article 47(2) and Article 55 of the Treaty)
- Political agreement
(Public deliberation)
 - 7239/02 ETS 1 CODEC 350 (x)
 - 6017/04 CODEC 161 ETS 8 (x)
 - 8722/04 ETS 33 CODEC 614
 - 8855/04 JUR 218 ETS 35 CODEC 628 (x)
 - 9324/04 ETS 39 CODEC 699
 - + ADD 1
 - + ADD 2
 - + ADD 3
 - 9352/1/04 ETS 40 CODEC 702 REV 1

14. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92 establishing the Community Customs Code (LA)(*)
(Legal basis proposed by the Commission: Articles 26, 95, 133 and 135 of the Treaty)
- Political agreement
(Public deliberation)
11837/03 UD 77 ENFOCUSTOM 31 MI 188 COMER 117 TRANS 198
CODEC 1062 (x)
9392/04 UD 71 ENFOCUSTOM 32 MI 156 COMER 108 TRANS 193
CODEC 707
+ ADD 1
+ ADD 2
15. Other business
- (a) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on services in the internal market (LA)
- Information note from the Presidency
6174/04 COMPET 18 SOC 58 JUSTCIV 23 CODEC 192 (x)
+ ADD 1 (en) (x)
9302/04 COMPET 67 ETS 38 SOC 242 JUSTCIV 73 CODEC 697
- (b) European Consumer Day Conference on building consumer confidence in the European online marketplace
- Information note from the Presidency
9466/04 CONSOM 47 TELECOM 96
- (c) Conference on Competitiveness and Sustainability of European Tourism (Dublin, 5 April 2004)
- Information note from the Presidency
9534/04 TOUR 8 COMPET 74
- (d) Consumer problems caused by modem hijackers
- Written information from the Swedish delegation
9454/04 COMNSOM 46 TELECOM 95
- (e) Future of policy to support research and development in the Union
- Information from the Commission

(LA) Legislative act

(*) Item on which a vote may be requested

(x) Out of stock