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COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION
(Agriculture and Fisheries)
29 April 2024

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Council adopted the agenda set out in document 9060/24.

2. Approval of 'A' items


(a) **Non-legislative list** 9061/24

The Council adopted all "A" items listed in the document above, including all linguistic COR and REV documents presented for adoption.

Statements to these items are set out in the Addendum.


(b) **Legislative list** (Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union) 9062/24

Agriculture

1. **Directive amending various 'breakfast directives'**  8836/24
Adoption of the legislative act PE-CONS 25/24
approved by SCA on 22 April 2024 AGRI

The Council approved the European Parliament's position at first reading and the proposed act has been adopted pursuant to Article 294(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (legal basis: Article 43(2) TFEU).

Internal Market and Industry

2. **Directive as regards the time limits for the adoption of sustainability reporting standards for certain sectors and for certain third-country undertakings**  8828/24
Adoption of the legislative act PE-CONS 28/24
approved by Coreper, Part 1, on 26 April 2024 DRS

The Council approved the European Parliament's position at first reading and the proposed act has been adopted, with Hungary abstaining, pursuant to Article 294(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (legal basis: Article 50(1) TFEU).

Telecommunications

3. **Gigabit Infrastructure Act** 🗳️ 9077/24
Adoption of the legislative act PE-CONS 55/24
approved by Coreper, Part 1, on 26 April 2024 TELECOM

The Council approved the European Parliament's position at first reading and the proposed act has been adopted pursuant to Article 294(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (legal basis: Article 114 TFEU).

Justice and Home Affairs

4. **Regulation amending Interim Regulation (EU) 2021/1232 on child sexual abuse** 🗳️ 8880/24
Adoption of the legislative act PE-CONS 52/24
approved by Coreper, Part 2, on 24 April 2024 JAI

The Council approved the European Parliament's position at first reading and the proposed act has been adopted pursuant to Article 294(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (legal basis: Articles 16(2) and 114(1) TFEU).

Economic and Financial Affairs

5. **Regulation on the effective coordination of economic policies and on multilateral budgetary surveillance** 🗳️ 8967/24 + ADD 1
Adoption of the legislative act PE-CONS 51/24
approved by Coreper, Part 1, on 26 April 2024 ECOFIN

The Council approved the European Parliament's position at first reading and the proposed act has been adopted, with Belgium abstaining, pursuant to Article 294(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (legal basis: Article 121(6) TFEU).

Statements to this item are set out in the Annex.

6. **Regulation on speeding up and clarifying the implementation of the excessive deficit procedure** 🗳️ 8687/24
Adoption 6919/24
approved by Coreper, Part 1, on 26 April 2024 ECOFIN

The Council adopted the Council Regulation as finalised by the legal/linguistic experts as set out in document 6919/24 (legal basis: Article 126(14), second subparagraph TFEU).


AGRICULTURE

Non-legislative activities

3. Rapid and structural responses to the current crisis situation in the agricultural sector: follow-up to roadmaps 9197/24
Information from the Presidency and the Commission
Exchange of views
4. Trade-related agricultural issues 9285/24
Information from the Commission
Exchange of views
5. CAP annual performance reports 9087/24
Information from the Commission
Exchange of views

Any other business


6. Agriculture

- a) Increase of ‘de-minimis’ aid in the agricultural, fishery and aquaculture sector 9320/24
Information from the German delegation, on behalf of the Austrian, Bulgarian, Croatian, Cyprus, Estonian, French, German, Hungarian, Latvian, Luxembourg, Maltese, Polish, Romanian, Slovak and Slovenian delegations
- b) **The bioeconomy must stand out at the core of the next European Commission’s work programme**  9098/1/24 REV 1
Information from the Finnish delegation, on behalf of the Austrian, Finnish, Slovenian and Swedish delegations, and supported by the Bulgarian, Czech, Estonian, Hungarian, Irish, Italian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian and Slovak delegations

The Council took note of the information provided by Finland, on behalf of Austria, Finland, Slovenia and Sweden, supported by Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Portugal, Romania and Slovakia, on the role of sustainable forest bioeconomy. The Council also took note of the comments made by other delegations on this subject, as well as of the intervention by the Commission.





Fisheries

- c) **Problems in implementation of the provisions of Article 14 of the Fisheries Control Regulation for permitted margin of tolerance (MOT) in pelagic fishery**

 9251/24

Information from the Latvian and Lithuanian delegations

The Council took note of the information provided by Latvia and Lithuania on problems with implementation of the provision of Art 14 of the Fisheries Control Regulation for permitted margin of tolerance (MOT) in pelagic fishery, as well as of comments made by other delegations and the Commission.

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-  First reading
 -  Item based on a Commission proposal
 -  Special legislative procedure
 -  Public debate proposed by the Presidency (Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)
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Statements to the legislative "A" item set out in doc. 9062/24

Ad "A" item 5: **Regulation on the effective coordination of economic policies and on
multilateral budgetary surveillance**
Adoption of the legislative act

STATEMENT BY BELGIUM

- “1. During the various stages of the negotiations on the reform of the economic governance framework, the Belgian authorities were unable to come to a national position.
2. Despite the absence of a national position, Belgium has constructively played its role as President of the Council of the European Union.
3. Before the final adoption of the legislative acts, the Belgian authorities consulted with one another again. The outcome of this consultation is that, in the absence of a final position, Belgium will neither approve nor oppose the adoption of the legislative package.”

STATEMENT BY HUNGARY

“Hungary takes note of the agreement between the Presidency and the European Parliament on the text of Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the effective coordination of economic policies and multilateral budgetary surveillance and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1466/97 (2023/0138 (COD)).

However, we consider the reference to the ‘Social Convergence Framework’ as stipulated in Recital 8, as well as the reference to ‘framework to identify risks to social convergence’ as stipulated in Article 3, Paragraph 3(b) legally unjustified. It seems evident, that the formulation of the main text refers to the Social Convergence Framework, which is currently not an approved analytical tool and has no legal background. Any reference to it in a Regulation prejudices inappropriately the future decisions of the Council.”
