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COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION
(Agriculture and Fisheries)
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1. Adoption of the agenda

The Council adopted the agenda set out in document 9141/26.

2. Approval of "A" items

a) Non-legislative list

9493/26 + COR 1


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.

Non-legislative activities

AGRICULTURE

3. Availability and affordability of fertilisers in the EU – Supporting farmers and promoting resilient food systems *Exchange of views*

 8756/26

Item 3 was taken together with item 5(a).

The Council exchanged views and took note of the information provided by the Commission on their action plan on fertilisers.


4. Trade-related agricultural issues *Information from the Commission* *Exchange of views*

9396/26


Any other business

5. Agriculture

a) Communication on the Fertiliser Action Plan: Partnership for ensuring the availability, affordability and strategic autonomy in home-grown EU fertilisers *Information from the Commission*

 9437/26 + ADD 1


Item 5(a) was taken together with item 3.

- b) **Meeting of Common Agricultural Policy Directors (Cyprus, 28-30 April 2026)**  9310/26
Information from the Presidency


The Council took note of the information from the Presidency and of delegations' comments.

- c) **Unprecedented situation in Slovak agriculture caused by extreme drought Information from Slovakia**  9301/26
Information from Slovakia


The Council took note of the information provided by Slovakia and of delegations' comments

- d) **EU agriculture under massive pressure – EU must act**  9389/26
Information from Austria, France and Italy

The Council took note of the information provided by Austria, France and Italy, and supported by Bulgaria, Croatia, Finland, Greece, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia and Spain. It also took note of the comments made by delegations.

- e) **Classification of soya under the ILUC methodology: Ensuring coherence of EU policies and safeguarding domestic protein production**  9325/26
Information from Austria

The Council took note of the information provided by Austria, supported by Hungary, Poland and Romania. The Council also took note of the comments made by delegations.

- f) **Continuing difficult situation in the Lithuanian dairy sector**  9300/26
Information from Lithuania

The Council took note of the information provided by Lithuania and of comments made by delegations.

- g) **Request for the introduction of a derogation from the N+2 rule under the CAP Strategic Plan for Agriculture and Rural Development for the period 2023–2027**  9236/26
Information from Bulgaria

The Council took note of the information provided by Bulgaria, supported by Czechia, Greece, Hungary, Romania and Slovakia. It also took note of delegations' comments.

- h) **Avoid duplication of criteria and indicators and the introduction of thresholds or ranges for sustainable forest management**  9263/26
Information from Sweden, Austria, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Latvia, and Slovenia

The Council took note of the information provided by Sweden, on behalf of Austria, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Latvia, Slovenia and Sweden, and supported by Croatia, Czechia, Estonia, Luxembourg, Portugal, Romania and Slovakia. It also took note of the comments made by delegations.

- i) **Meeting of Directors-General for Forests (Paphos, 27–29 April 2026)**  8859/26
Information from the Presidency

The Council took note of the information from the Presidency and of delegations' comments.

Fisheries

- j) **Call for a Joint Approach to Address the Impacts of Fish-eating Predators, in Particular the Great Cormoran**
Information from the Czechia

9449/1/26 REV 1

The Council took note of the information provided by Czechia, supported by Croatia, Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Sweden. It also took note of the comments made by delegations.

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