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1. Adoption of the agenda

The Council adopted the agenda set out in 9519/1/20 REV 1.

2. Approval of "A" items

a) Non-legislative list

9525/20

The Council adopted the "A" items listed in 9525/20 including COR and REV documents presented for adoption.

For the following items the documents should read as follows:

Delegated or Implementing Acts

Agriculture

1. Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) .../... of 6.7.2020 amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/592 on temporary exceptional measures derogating from certain provisions of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council to address the market disturbance in the fruit and vegetables and wine sectors caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and measures linked to it
Delegated act - Intention not to raise objections
Approved by SCA on 13.07.2020

9475/20

9409/20

+ **COR 1 (mt)**

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DELECT

Transport

4. Amended proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the Air Transport Agreement between the EU and USA (Irish language version)
Adoption
Approved by Coreper, Part 1, on 15.07.2020

C 8772/20 + ADD 1
13419/16
+ **COR 1 (cs)**
AVIATION

Foreign Affairs

14. EU-China agreement on geographical indications
- a) Council Decision on the signing
Adoption

8355/20 + ADD 1
WTO

C 8356/20
8361/20 **REV 1**

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

9526/20

Economic and Financial Affairs

1. Directive on Crowdfunding



9424/20 + ADD 1
6799/20 + ADD 1
EF

Adoption of the Council's position at first reading and of the statement of the Council's reasons

Approved by Coreper, Part 2, on 14.07.2020

The Council approved its position at first reading, in accordance with Article 294(5) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and the statement of the Council's reasons, with the Austrian delegation voting against. (Legal basis: Article 53(1) TFEU).

A statement to this item is set out in the Annex.

2. Regulation on Crowdfunding



9425/20 + ADD 1
6800/20 + ADD 1
EF

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The Council approved its position at first reading, in accordance with Article 294(5) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and the statement of the Council's reasons, with the Austrian delegation voting against. (Legal basis: Article 114 TFEU).

A statement to this item is set out in the Annex.

Non-legislative activities

3. Work programme of the Presidency




Presentation by the Presidency

The Chair presented the Work Programme of the German Presidency concerning the Agriculture and Fisheries sectors.

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Non-legislative activities

4. Farm to Fork Strategy

 9274/1/20 REV1

Exchange of views



Based on the Presidency paper set out in document 9274/1/20 REV 1, the Council exchanged views on the Farm to Fork Strategy.

The Presidency took note of delegations' and the Commission's comments and would further reflect on them, with a view to start working on Council conclusions on the Farm to Fork Strategy.

Legislative deliberations

(Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

5. Post 2020 CAP reform package

  9463/20

- a) Regulation on CAP Strategic Plans
- b) Regulation on financing, management and monitoring of the CAP
- c) Regulation on common market organisation (CMO) of agricultural products

Exchange of views

Based on the Presidency's discussion paper (document 9463/20), the Council exchanged views on the green architecture of the future Common Agricultural Policy. The Presidency took note of delegations' and the Commission's comments and would further reflect on them.

The Council took note of the information provided by the Czech delegation, on behalf of Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Slovakia, on the reform of the Common Agricultural Policy in the light of the European Green Deal, the Farm to Fork and Biodiversity Strategies and the COVID-19 pandemic.

Non-legislative activities

6. Agricultural market situation

9599/20

Presentation by the Commission

Exchange of views

Any other business

7. a) **Current legislative proposals**

(Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

Post 2020 CAP reform package:

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Joint Declaration of the Ministers of Agriculture of the Visegrad Group (Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia), Bulgaria and Romania on the Reform of the Common Agricultural Policy in the light of the European Green Deal, the "Farm to Fork" and "Biodiversity" Strategies and the COVID19 pandemic

Information from the Czech delegation on behalf of the Bulgarian, Czech, Hungarian, Polish, Romanian and Slovak delegations

Item 7 was addressed under item 5.



First reading



Item based on a Commission proposal



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

Statements to the legislative "A" items set out in 9526/20

Ad "A" item 1:

Directive on Crowdfunding

Adoption of the Council's position at first reading and of the statement of the Council's reasons

Ad "A" item 2:

Regulation on Crowdfunding

Adoption of the Council's position at first reading and of the statement of the Council's reasons

STATEMENT BY AUSTRIA

"Austria has serious concerns that the harmonised legal framework for European crowdfunding service providers as envisaged would prove excessively burdensome for many of the small national providers in particular, and would jeopardise their viability. It is for this reason that Austria has repeatedly called for an exemption for crowdfunding service providers which do not carry out cross-border activities to allow those providers to continue operating under their current national regimes and take into account the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality. As such an exemption has not been included, the present compromise texts must be rejected."
