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COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION
(Competitiveness (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space))
28 and 29 May 2026

MEETING ON THURSDAY 28 MAY 2026

1. Adoption of the agenda



The Council adopted the agenda set out in document 9460/26.

INTERNAL MARKET AND INDUSTRY

Legislative deliberations

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

2. Industrial Accelerator Act: how best to leverage access to the Single Market through European preference and low-carbon requirements

  9116/1/26 REV 1

Policy debate

The Council held a policy debate.

Non-legislative activities

3. Conclusions on building a sustainable and competitive tourism for the future

 9065/26

Approval

The Council approved the conclusions on building a sustainable and competitive tourism for the future.

4. Addressing the impact of the crisis in the Middle East on the EU tourism sector

8960/26

Exchange of views

5. Approval of "A" items

Non-legislative list

9494/26

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

Legislative deliberations

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


6. **Regulation on the 28th Regime Corporate Legal Framework – EU Inc.**   8598/26
Policy debate

The Council held a policy debate.

Any other business

7. a) **Meeting of the ministerial alliance for Energy-Intensive Industries: tackling the risks of circumvention to strengthen Europe’s strategic industries**  9631/26
Information from France


The Council took note of the information provided by France.

- b) **Impact of the EU ETS on Energy-Intensive Industries**  9498/2/26 REV 2
Information from Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Greece, Poland, Romania and Slovakia


The Council took note of the information provided by Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Greece, Poland, Romania and Slovakia.

- c) **Revision of the Merger Guidelines**  9629/26
Information from the Commission


The Council took note of the information provided by the Commission.

- d) **Undertakings in Difficulty under the General Block Exemption Regulation**  9630/26
Information from the Netherlands

The Council took note of the information provided by the Netherlands, supported by the Czech Republic, Germany, Latvia, Luxembourg, Poland, Slovakia and Spain.

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| e) | General Block Exemption Regulation (GBER) Review - Clarifying the incentive effect practical application to improve conditions for increasing competitiveness
<i>Information from Portugal</i> | 9038/1/26 REV 1 |
| f) | Communication on A Simpler, Clearer and Better Enforced EU Rulebook
<i>Information from the Commission</i> |  8435/26 + ADD 1-2 |

The Council took note of the information provided by the Commission.

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| g) | Current legislative proposals (Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union) |  |
| | i) Supplementary Protection Certificates (SPCs) | |
| | - Regulation on the unitary supplementary protection certificate for medicinal products | 8869/23 + ADD 1-2 |
| | - Regulation on the unitary supplementary protection certificate for plant protection products | 8851/23 |
| | - Regulation on the supplementary protection certificate for medicinal products (recast) | 8894/23 + ADD 1-3 |
| | - Regulation on the supplementary protection certificate for plant protection products (recast) | 8887/23 + ADD 1 |
| | ii) Regulation on establishing the European Competitiveness Fund | 11770/1/25 REV 1 (en) |
| | iii) Regulation amending Critical Raw Materials Regulation | 16460/25 |
| | iv) Regulation on a public interface connected to the Internal Market Information System for the declaration of posting of workers and amending Regulation (EU) No 1024/2012
<i>Information from the Presidency</i> | 15620/24 |

The Council took note of the information provided by the Presidency.

- h) One year of the Single Market Strategy: stocktaking and next steps** 9357/26
Information from the Commission

The Council took note of the information provided by the Commission.

- i) Joint non-paper on the strategic necessity of extending the Your Europe Advice (YEA) support for the SOLVIT network** 9230/1/26 REV 1
Information from Poland, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden

The Council took note of the information provided by Poland, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden.

- j) The European Product Act as cornerstone of the Single Market** 9568/1/26 REV 1
Information from the Netherlands, Finland, France, Poland, Portugal and Sweden

The Council took note of the information provided by the Netherlands, Finland, France, Poland, Portugal and Sweden.

- k) Work programme of the incoming Presidency**
Information from Ireland

MEETING ON FRIDAY 29 MAY 2026

RESEARCH

Legislative deliberations

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


8. **Horizon Europe Package: Framework Programme for Research and Innovation 2028-2034** 9509/26

a) **Framework Programme and its rules for participation and dissemination** 

b) **Specific programme implementing Horizon Europe** 
Policy debate

The Council held a policy debate.

Non-legislative activities


9. **Council Recommendation on a European Union framework for science diplomacy**  8931/26 + ADD 1
(Legal basis proposed by the Commission: Article 292 TFEU, in conjunction with Article 182, paragraph 5)
Adoption
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The Council adopted the Council Recommendation on a European Union framework for science diplomacy.

SPACE

Legislative deliberations

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

10. **Regulation on the safety, resilience and sustainability of space activities in the Union (EU Space Act)**  8861/26
Progress report


The Council took note of the progress report.

Non-legislative activities

11. Space for economic security 8867/26
Exchange of views

Any other business



Research

12. a) **The 2026 Nicosia Call for Climate Action –
Implementing Climate Action in the Eastern
Mediterranean and Middle East: Regional
Cooperation Empowered by Science and Innovation**  9519/26
Information from the Presidency

The Council took note of the information provided by the Presidency.

- b) Work programme of the incoming Presidency
Information from Ireland

Space¹

- c) **Current legislative proposals (Public deliberation in
accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on
European Union)**  
- i) **Regulation on establishing the European
Competitiveness Fund (Chapter VII, Section 3 on
Space Systems and Space Policy Implementation)** 11770/1/25 REV 1
(en)
- ii) **Regulation on the EU Space Services Agency** 7998/26
Information from the Presidency

The Council took note of the information provided by the Presidency.

- d) **International Space Summit organised in Paris on
9 - 10 September 2026**  9077/26
Information from France

The Council took note of the information provided by France.

¹ In the presence of the Executive Director of the European Union Space Programme Agency (EUSPA).

- e) Work programme of the incoming Presidency
Information from Ireland
- f) ESA European Resilience from Space (ERS) Programme² 9078/26
Information from the Presidency

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- ① First reading
- Ⓢ Special legislative procedure
- ② Public debate proposed by the Presidency (Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)
- Ⓒ Item based on a Commission proposal
- (*) Item on which a vote may be requested
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² Presentation by the Director General of the European Space Agency (ESA).