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Working Party on Industry

Presidency Flash

24 July 2026 (Full Day) (10:00-18:30)

Chips Act 2.0

Dear Colleagues,

Following several Industry Working Parties on Chips 2.0, we now continue our work on the proposal for this last July meeting in the morning session. While the Monthly Flash for July outlined the focus of each Working Party session, we would also like to provide a brief recap of the meetings and share further information on the Working Party scheduled for 24 July.

As previously outlined, we will continue taking a pillar-by-pillar approach to the file. The initial examination of Pillar I was concluded on 8 July, followed by the conclusion of the initial examination of Pillar II on 17 July. The 24 July Working Party will now proceed to a first reading of Pillar III commencing with Articles 33 and 34, to be followed by Article 38, 47 and 49. If time allows, we will also discuss Articles 48 and 59.

To facilitate efficient discussions, Member States can submit questions ahead of each Working Party through Presidency/GSC for the Commission to aid in their preparation. These questions or comments can be sent to [redacted]. Please send your questions on the relevant articles 5 days prior to the upcoming Working Party to allow ample time for the Commission to prepare responses. Delegations can send questions relating to the relevant articles to be discussed at the upcoming Working Party on 24 July at this time.

As we progress with the file, it is our intention to seek written comments from Member States following the conclusion of each pillar. In the coming days, we will share the three-column table for the comments on Pillar I and II with a deadline of **COB on September 4th**. Our aim is to start drafting the first compromise text in the autumn.

The Irish Presidency Industry Team looks forward to working closely with all Member States over the coming months in order to make significant progress on this important file in an effective and timely manner.

Critical Raw Materials

For the afternoon session on 24 July, we will change the focus to critical raw materials policy and legislation.

We would firstly like to provide Member States with an update on the current state of play with regards to the proposal for targeted amendments to the Critical Raw Materials Act (CRMA). As delegates are aware, the Council already has a mandate for trilogue discussions.

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On a related point, the Commission will also provide an update on the Critical Raw Materials Centre proposal, which is a priority item in the 'One Europe, One Market' roadmap.

Finally, under AOB; the Commission will provide an update on forthcoming international negotiations on partnerships on raw materials value chains.

Date	Topic
24th July (AM Session)	**Chips Act 2.0** - Pillar III (Article 33, 34 and Article 38, 47, 49) *Time allowing also Article 48, 59 MS can comment on remaining articles in Pillar III if they wish which are not substantively different from Chips Act 1.
24th July (PM Session)	**Critical Raw Materials** – State of play report from the Presidency and the Commission on the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) 2024/1252 – Update from the Commission on the Critical Raw Materials Centre proposal AOB – Commission update on forthcoming negotiations on partnerships on raw materials value chains

As we continue the Industry Working Party under the Irish Presidency this edition's seanfhocal is:

Tá sé níos fearr teacht go mall ná gan teacht ar chor ar bith

Better late than never

With warm regards,

IE Presidency Industry Team

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