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Czech Presidency of the Council
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Revised Industry Working Party Flash

26 September 2022

Dear colleagues,

The Czech Presidency would like to invite you to the meeting of an **extended Working Party on Competitiveness and Growth (G.1), Industry**, which will take place on **Monday 26 September 2022 afternoon** in physical format (1+3).

This Working Party will be dedicated to **the financial aspects of the Chips Act** and budget and research attachés are invited to join this meeting.

To guide the discussion, the Presidency prepared **a background document** with questions for Member States. The Commission will also make a **presentation on the financial architecture** in the beginning of the meeting.

The main aim of the meeting is to **provide Presidency with guidance** in the form of Member States views on the financial architecture and sources rather than proposed amounts. To do this most efficiently the Presidency encourages Member States to **coordinate internally** amongst the industry, budget and research policy field.

After the discussion on the Chips Act, the Working Party will examine a planned **Memorandum of Understanding to establish a partnership on sustainable raw materials, batteries and renewable hydrogen value chains with Kazakhstan**. Delegations will be invited to express if they can support that **the Commission starts to negotiate this non-binding instrument on behalf of the EU**. Details will be provided in the information note of the Commission. In case of a positive outcome of the debate, the item would be put on the agenda of the Coreper I on 28/9. Subsequently, after the authorisation to negotiate was given and the Memorandum was negotiated, the Working Party/Coreper would examine the authorisation to sign the final text by the Commission on behalf of the EU.

We are looking forward to seeing you on 26 September.

The Czech Chips Team

