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NOTE

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Delegations
Subject:	Meeting of the Council "Competitiveness" (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space) on 26 and 27 February 2026: Room document

Delegations will find attached the room document in view of the presentation of the agenda in Coreper.

**COMPETITIVENESS COUNCIL (INTERNAL MARKET, INDUSTRY,
RESEARCH AND SPACE)⁽¹⁾**

BRUSSELS – 26-27 FEBRUARY 2026

MEETING ON THURSDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2026

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. (poss.) Approval of "A" items
 - a) Non-legislative list
 - b) Legislative list (Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

INTERNAL MARKET AND INDUSTRY

Legislative activities

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

3. Regulation on establishing the European Competitiveness Fund: a 
strategic resilience tool for SMEs and European value chains
Policy debate

Non-legislative activities

4. Conclusions on the Consumer Agenda 2025-2030
Approval
5. The 2026 Annual Single Market and Competitiveness Report
Exchange of views
6. Emergency plans for industrial resilience: follow-up to the Industrial Action Plans for Europe's steel, automotive and chemical industries within the Clean Industrial Deal
Exchange of views

Any other business

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Ministerial lunch

MEETING ON FRIDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2026

RESEARCH

Legislative deliberations

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

7. Horizon Europe Package: Framework Programme for Research and Innovation 2028-2034
- a) Framework Programme and its rules for participation and dissemination SC
 - b) Specific programme implementing Horizon Europe SC
Policy debate
8. Research Fund for Coal and Steel
- a) Council Decision laying down the measures necessary for the implementation of Protocol No 37 on the financial consequences of the expiry of the ECSC Treaty and on the Research Fund for Coal and Steel SC
General approach

Non-legislative activities

8. (continuation) Research Fund for Coal and Steel
- b) Council Decision on the adoption of the Research Programme of the Research Fund for Coal and Steel, on the multiannual technical guidelines for this programme, on the multiannual financial guidelines for managing the assets of the Research Fund for Coal and Steel SC
General approach

Any other business

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Ministerial lunch on “Promoting excellence and international cooperation in research and innovation, in the current geopolitical context”.

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- 1** First reading
 - S** Special legislative procedure
 - 2** Public debate proposed by the Presidency (Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)
 - C** Item based on a Commission proposal
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⁽¹⁾ This document does not represent the provisional agenda of the Council meeting in accordance with Article 3(1) of the Council's Rules of Procedure.