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PRESIDENCY FLASH NOTE

WP ON COMPETITIVENESS AND GROWTH & WP ON TECHNICAL HARMONISATION – JUMBO MEETING

Monday, 12 January 2026, 10:00

Dear Colleagues,

Καλή Χρονιά (Kali Hronia)!

As we turn the page to 2026, we extend our warmest wishes to all of you for a happy, healthy, and successful year ahead. The beginning of a new year offers not only continuity, but also a valuable opportunity to pause and reflect on what we have achieved together over the past year.

The year behind us was marked by steady progress and constructive cooperation. In this context, we would like to express our sincere appreciation to the Polish and Danish Presidencies for their leadership and commitment, which helped advance our work and laid strong foundations for the period ahead. Building on these achievements, we now look forward with renewed energy and a shared sense of purpose.

In this light, the Cyprus Presidency warmly welcomes you as we begin a new phase of cooperation, one that offers the opportunity to deepen our collaboration, pursue our objectives

with ambition, and translate shared aspirations into tangible results for Europe. This spirit finds concrete expression in the visual identity of our Presidency. At its heart lies the idea of the thread, fragile on its own, yet strong and cohesive when woven together, serving as a metaphor for the strength that stems from unity. Like threads guided by a single needle, the contributions of Member States are interwoven into a unified and continuous design, symbolising harmony, a shared direction, and the European project itself: a single, resilient, and harmonious whole in which each thread retains its uniqueness, yet together they form a stronger and more coherent whole.

With this perspective in mind, our first meeting will open with a presentation of the priorities of the Cyprus Presidency, outlining the path we propose to follow in the coming months and providing key information. This will be followed by a presentation by the European Commission of its work programme and priorities for 2026, which will serve as a basis for our subsequent discussions and collective work.

As we move forward, let us continue to work together, thread by thread, idea by idea, strengthening our unity and shaping a semester defined by progress, growth, and shared achievements.

We look forward to advancing together on this shared journey in the months ahead.

With warm wishes and kind regards,

CY Presidency Team

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