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Delegations will find attached the Presidency Follow-up note of the ECOFIN Council on 6.12.2022.



# Follow up note to the Council Meeting of the Ministers of the Economy and Finance

## Brussels, 6 December 2022

Following last-minute changes to the agenda concerning the measures for the protection of the Union budget against breaches of the principles of the **rule of law in Hungary**, the Presidency requested an updated assessment from the Commission based on Article 241 TFEU, to be delivered by 9 December (cob).

The Council adopted one of the elements of the package for financing to Ukraine, the amendment to the **Financial Regulation**, allowing the financing of the macro-financial assistance to take place within the so-called diversified funding strategy.

The Council held a policy debate on the **Revision of the Energy Taxation Directive**, welcomed the progress made and expressed its commitment to continuing work towards reaching an agreement as soon as possible.

The Council took note of the report prepared by the Presidency on **the state of play of new own resources**.

The Commission presented the state of play of the **Implementation of the Recovery and Resilience Facility**.

The Council exchanged views on the **Commission's Communication on the economic governance review** published on 9 November.

In the context of the **European Semester 2023**, the Commission presented the Annual Sustainable Growth Survey 2023, the Alert Mechanism Report 2023 and the Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area.

The European Court of Auditors presented the **annual report on the implementation of the budget of the European Union for the financial year 2021**. The report will be examined next year by the Budget Committee and Coreper so that the Council in March can adopt the Council's recommendation on a discharge granted to the Commission for the implementation of EU funds in 2021.

Under **Follow-up to the adoption of the 2023 budget**, the Presidency presented the "Unilateral Statement by the Council on Heading 7" to be included in the minutes of the meeting.

The Council approved the list of **non-legislative "A" items**.