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NOTE

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Delegations
Subject:	GAC on 27.05.2025 - Antici note

Delegations will find attached the Presidency Antici Note for the GAC on 27.05.2025.

GENERAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL

Brussels, 27 May 2025

Antici Note

9.15 – 10.15

Breakfast of the Ministers for the Future

Ministers will have an exchange of views on the topic of resilience, based on the background note prepared by the Presidency and the Commission.

10.30 – 12.00

Preparation of the European Council on 26-27 June 2025: Annotated draft agenda

The Council will exchange views on the preparation of the June European Council based on the annotated draft agenda.

12.00 – 12.10

Regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2023/956 as regards simplifying and strengthening the carbon border adjustment mechanism

The Council will be invited to approve the general approach on the simplification of the CBAM Regulation with a view to starting negotiations with the European Parliament.

This item will be taken in a public session.

12.10 – 12.55

Council Regulation amending Regulation No 1 determining the languages to be used by the European Economic Community

The Council will be invited to adopt amendments to Regulation No 1 determining the languages to be used by the European Economic Community.

12.55 – 13.15

Conclusions on strengthening EU democratic resilience

The Council will be invited to approve conclusions on strengthening EU democratic resilience.

13.30 – 14.30

Lunch on EU democratic resilience

The Commission will provide a short information on the ongoing preparation of the European Democracy Shield, a non-legislative

initiative planned for Q3 2025. Ministers will be invited to discuss different elements of the EU's democratic resilience, including countering disinformation and foreign information manipulation and interference, ensuring fairness and integrity of elections, strengthening free media and civil society organisations, supporting societal resilience and preparedness and fostering citizens' participation.

14:45 – 15:00

AOB by CZ on termination of financing of Radio Free Europe

CZ will provide an update on the current situation regarding the financing of Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty and possible further steps.

15:00 – 16:30

Values of the Union in Hungary/Article 7(1) TEU reasoned proposal

The Council will hold a hearing of Hungary in accordance with the Article 7(1) TEU procedure.

16:30 – 18:30

Annual rule of law dialogue: country-specific discussion

The Council will hold 4 country-specific discussion rounds (30 minutes each) on rule of law developments in the following order: Slovakia, Finland, Sweden and Belgium.



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