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<sup>1</sup> Deliberations on Union legislative acts (Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union), other deliberations open to the public and public debates (Article 8 of the Council's Rules of Procedure).

**NON-LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES - PUBLIC DEBATES**  
*(Public debate pursuant to Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of procedure)*

**3. European Social Fund in the implementation of the Europe 2020 Strategy**

- Policy debate  
14224/11 SOC 772 ECOFIN 583 EDUC 235 REGIO 74

In view of the forthcoming submission by the Commission of its Cohesion Package, the Council held a comprehensive debate on the future role of the European Social Fund (ESF) in the framework of the EU 2020 Strategy, based on a Presidency background paper (14224/11).

The Council discussions concentrated on the following questions :

- how the ESF could contribute to the implementation of the EU 2020 objectives and headline targets in the areas of employment, educational attainment, social inclusion and poverty reduction;
- the goals of the various flagship initiatives to which the ESF should provide priority support;
- how to reorient the ESF towards a more result-based approach and how to simplify procedures, in particular for the beneficiaries;
- possible ways for actors at EU, national, regional and local levels, to improve the effectiveness of the ESF and how the ESF could be made more efficient in delivering on these targets.

**4. Preparation of the Tripartite Social Summit**

- Report from the Presidency

The Council took note of the information provided by the Presidency on the preparation of the next Tripartite Social Summit taking place on 17 October.

**5. The role of voluntary activities in social policy**

- Adoption of Council conclusions  
14061/1/11 SOC 759 JEUN 47 CULT 57 REV 1  
+ COR 1  
+ REV 2 (lv)  
+ REV 3 (sl)

The Council adopted the conclusions as set out in doc. 14552/11.

6. **Managing demographic challenges : Institutional cooperation of the Member States on Demographic issues and reconciliation of work and family life - towards compatibility of career and family**

- Adoption of conclusions  
14064/11 SOC 760
  - + COR 1 (cz)
  - + COR 2 (de)
  - + REV 1 (it)

The Council agreed with an amendment, as suggested by SE, regarding paragraph 26 of the draft Conclusions and adopted the Conclusions as set out in doc. 14553/11.

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