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1. **Adoption of the agenda**

The Council adopted the agenda set out in 5311/18.

2. **Approval of "A" items**
Non-legislative list

5312/18

The Council adopted the "A" items listed in 5312/18. Statements related to these items are set out in the Addendum.

For the following item, the related documents should read as follows:

Delegated or Implementing Acts

Environment

23. Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) .../... of 28.11.2017 amending Annexes I and V to Regulation (EU) No 649/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the export and import of hazardous chemicals
Delegated act - Intention not to raise objections
approved by Coreper, Part 1, on 10.01.2018

15850/17
15278/17
+ COR 1 (cs)
+ ADD 1

Legislative deliberations

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

3. **Deepening of the EMU**
Policy debate

 15653/17
 15654/17
15655/17
15660/17
15663/17
15664/17 + ADD 1

The Commission presented its EMU package of 6 December 2017. Ministers expressed their views on the different initiatives.

On this basis, the Presidency concluded on the organisation of the work on the different dossiers going forward.

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| 4. | <u>Any other business</u> | 5231/18 |
| a) | Current financial services legislative proposals
<i>Information from the Presidency</i> | 5334/18
5335/18 |
| b) | VAT package:
– Simplification for SMEs
– Simplification of rates
<i>Presentation by the Commission</i> | |

The Council took note of the state of play in relation to financial services' legislative proposals.

The Commission presented its two latest legislative proposals to amend Directive 2006/112/EC.

Non-legislative activities

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| 5. | <u>Presentation of the Presidency Work Programme</u>
<i>Exchange of views</i> |  |
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The Presidency presented its priorities in the ECOFIN area.

The Council addressed the following non-legislative discussion items (items 6-8).

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| 6. | European Semester 2018 | |
| a) | Council conclusions on the Annual Growth Survey 2018
<i>Adoption</i> | 5156/18 |
| b) | Council conclusions on the Alert Mechanism Report 2018
<i>Adoption</i> | 5157/18 |
| c) | Council Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area
<i>Approval</i> | 5158/1/18 REV 1 |
| 7. | Implementation of the Action Plan to tackle non-performing loans in Europe
<i>State of play / Exchange of views</i> | 5213/18
5224/18 |
| 8. | Any other business | |

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|  | First reading |
|  | Item based on a Commission proposal |
|  | Public debate (Article 8(3) of the Council's Rules of Procedure) |