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## 1. Adoption of the agenda

The Council adopted the agenda set out in 14840/1/22 REV 1.

## 2. Approval of "A" items

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

14841/1/22 REV 1

The Council adopted the "A" item listed in 14841/1/22 REV 1 including COR and REV documents presented for adoption.

For the following item the documents should read as follows:

### Economic and Financial Affairs

#### **Joint text on the general budget of the European Union for 2023**

*Approval*

Following Council (ECOFIN/Budget) on 14.11.2022



14783/22

+ COR 1 REV 2

+ ADD 1–5

+ ADD 3 REV 2

(en, bg, el, et, fi, lt, lv, pt, sk, se)

+ ADD 3 REV 3

(lv)

+ ADD 4 REV 1 (it, lv)

+ ADD 5 REV 1

(bg)

FIN

The Council approved the joint text on the budget for 2023 as set out in the Annex and addenda 1 to 5 to document 14783/22. (Legal basis: Article 314(5) TFEU). Statements to this item are set out in the Annex.

### **Non-legislative activities**

#### 3. Long-term impacts of cohesion policy on EU regions

14479/22

*Exchange of views*

Conclusions on cohesion policy

14481/22

*Approval*

#### 4. Any other business

**Statements to the legislative "A" item set out in doc. 14841/1/22 REV 1**

**Ad "A" item:**                      **Joint text on the general budget of the European Union for 2023**  
*Approval*

**JOINT STATEMENT BY THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL**  
**on payment appropriations**

“The European Parliament and the Council call on the Commission to continue closely and actively monitoring during the year 2023 the implementation of the programmes of the current and previous MFFs (particularly in sub-heading 2a and Rural Development). To that end, the European Parliament and the Council invite the Commission to present, in a timely manner, updated figures concerning the state of affairs and estimates regarding 2023 payment appropriations (taking into account the improved forecasts accuracy of the Member States where applicable). If the figures show that the appropriations entered in the 2023 budget are insufficient to cover the needs, the European Parliament and the Council invite the Commission to present as soon as possible an appropriate solution, *inter alia* a draft amending budget, with a view to allowing the European Parliament and the Council to take any necessary decisions as soon as possible without undue delay for justified needs. Where applicable, the European Parliament and the Council will take into account the urgency of the matter, shortening the eight-week period for a decision if deemed necessary. The same applies *mutatis mutandis* if the figures show that the appropriations entered in the 2023 budget are higher than needed.”

**JOINT STATEMENT BY THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE COUNCIL AND  
THE COMMISSION**

## on the financing of the european chips act and the secure space connectivity programme

“The three institutions acknowledge that the financing of the European Chips Act and the Secure space connectivity programme will depend on the final outcome of the ongoing legislative negotiations. In view of the final text of the approved Regulations and the accompanying Legislative Financial Statements, the European Parliament and the Council invite the Commission to submit to the budgetary authority the necessary transfers or a draft amending budget without delay, in order to ensure that an adequate amount of appropriations is made available for use in the financial year 2023.

Should agreement on the financing of the European Chips Act be reached between the European Parliament and the Council including the use of appropriations to be made available again based on Article 15(3) of the Financial Regulation for Horizon Europe, such a modification will be included in a draft amending budget.”

# **JOINT STATEMENT BY THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE COUNCIL AND THE COMMISSION**

## **on cybersecurity**

“Robust and coordinated cybersecurity is of critical importance to the business continuity of the EU institutions and bodies, particularly in the run up to the European Parliament elections in 2024. The three institutions recognise the necessity of a central capacity to address cybersecurity threats and incidents. A co-ordinated approach is the most cost effective and can offer a high level of protection to all, including the most vulnerable.

The three institutions acknowledge the need for adequate cybersecurity resources, within each institution and, particularly, in the interinstitutional Computer Emergency Response Team for the EU institutions, bodies and agencies (CERT-EU).

The Commission, in close cooperation with CERT-EU and the other institutions, is asked to draw up an assessment, by mid-2023, of the needs for cybersecurity posts within CERT-EU and across all the institutions as well as of the mandate of CERT-EU.

The budgetary authority invites the EU Institutions to collaborate to strengthen cybersecurity across all EU institutions. Following the Commission’s assessment, the resources for cybersecurity foreseen in the 2023 budget for all EU institutions should be made available in a co-ordinated manner to maximise the protection of the Institutions, notably but not exclusively through a reinforcement of the central cybersecurity capacity.

This is without prejudice to any use of human and budgetary resources by CERT-EU from the participating institutions resulting from the agreement on the Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down measures for a high common level of cybersecurity at the institutions, bodies, offices and agencies of the Union (COM(2022) 122 final).”

## **STATEMENT BY THE COMMISSION**

### **on the review of the multiannual financial framework**

“The Commission will assess the sustainability of the expenditure ceilings and sub-ceilings of all headings of the multiannual financial framework (MFF) 2021-2027 in the context of the midterm review of the MFF Regulation, which it plans to carry out by mid-2023, as set out in the Commission work programme for 2023.”