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1. Adoption of the agenda

The Council adopted the agenda set out in 15848/22.

Non-legislative activities

2. Council Regulation establishing a market correction mechanism to protect citizens and the economy against excessively high prices
(Legal basis proposed by the Commission: Art. 122(1) TFEU)
Political agreement
Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption [C] 15855/22
15031/22

3. Approval of "A" items

a) Non-legislative list 15917/22

The Council adopted the "A" items listed in 15917/22 including COR and REV documents presented for adoption, except the item 2 which was withdrawn. Statements to these items, including the item 2, are set out in the Addendum.

For the following items the documents should read as follows:

Energy

1. Council Regulation on enhancing solidarity through better coordination of gas purchases, exchanges of gas across borders and reliable price benchmarks
Adoption
approved by Coreper, Part 1, on 10.12.2022 [C] 15715/22
14065/22
+ COR 1 (fr)
ENER

Internal Market and Industry

4. Council Regulation on Land Transport Enabling
Adoption
approved by Coreper, Part 1, on 13.12.2022 [C] 15786/22
13068/22
+ REV 2 (en)
RC

EU positions for international negotiations

26. Council Decision on the EU position to be taken in the Partnership Council under the EU-UK TCA regarding members of an arbitration tribunal under TCA
Adoption
approved by Coreper, Part 2, on 12.12.2022
- C** 15372/22
15401/22 + ADD 1
UK
+ COR 1 (sl)

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

15990/22

Transport

1. **Decision on CORSIA offsetting requirements**
Adoption of the legislative act
approved by Coreper, Part 1, on 13.12.2022
- 1 C** 15930/22
PE-CONS 61/22
AVIATION

The Council approved the European Parliament's position at first reading and the proposed act has been adopted, pursuant to Article 294(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (Legal basis: Article 192(1) TFEU).

2. **Decision repealing Council Directive 89/629/EEC**
Adoption of the legislative act
approved by Coreper, Part 1, on 13.12.2022
- 1 C** 15932/22
PE-CONS 67/22
AVIATION

The Council approved the European Parliament's position at first reading and the proposed act has been adopted, pursuant to Article 294(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (Legal basis: Article 100(2) TFEU).

3. Regulation on repealing Regulation (EEC) No 1108/70 on accounting system for expenditure in transport by rail, road and inland waterway



15931/22
PE-CONS 68/22
TRANS

Adoption of the legislative act

approved by Coreper, Part 1, on 13.12.2022

The Council approved the European Parliament's position at first reading and the proposed act has been adopted, pursuant to Article 294(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (Legal basis: Article 91 TFEU).

Legislative deliberations

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

4. Directive on common rules for the internal markets in renewable and natural gases and in hydrogen and



15754/22 + COR 1

Regulation on the internal markets for renewable and natural gases and for hydrogen (recast)

Progress report

The Council took note of the progress report prepared by the Presidency on these proposals.


5. Regulation on methane emissions reduction in the energy sector



16043/22


General approach

The Council reached a general approach, on the basis of the text submitted to the Council. A joint statement by Luxembourg, Austrian and Belgian delegations is annexed to these Council minutes.

6. **Directive amending Directive (EU) 2018/2001 on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources, Directive 2010/31/EU on the energy performance of buildings and Directive 2012/27/EU on energy efficiency (REPowerEU Directive)**  16041/22
General approach

The Council reached a general approach, on the basis of the text submitted to the Council. A joint statement by Austrian, Danish, Estonian, German, Greek, Luxembourg, Portuguese and Spanish delegations is annexed to these Council minutes.

Any other business

7. a) Security of supply issues related to the Janaf oil pipeline 16067/22
Information from the Hungarian delegation
- b) **Current legislative proposals** 
(Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)
- i) **Revision of the Energy Efficiency Directive** 10745/2/21 REV 2
(recast) + ADD 1 REV 1
- ii) **Revision of the Renewable Energy Directive** 10746/21 + ADD 1
Information from the Presidency
- The Council took note of the information provided by the Presidency.
- c) SET Plan Conference 16063/22
(Prague, 9 - 10 November 2022)
Information from the Presidency
- d) European Nuclear Energy Forum 16064/22
(Prague, 10 - 11 November 2022)
Information from the Presidency
- e) Electricity market design revision ~~16068/22~~
Information from the Commission [no document distributed]

- f) Recent developments in the field of external energy relations

16069/22

Information from the Commission

- g) Short-term energy savings potential in data centres

16065/22

Information from the Luxembourg delegation

- h) Work programme of the incoming Presidency

Information from the Swedish delegation



First reading



Item based on a Commission proposal

Statements to the legislative "B" items set out in 15848/22**Ad "B" item 5:****Regulation on methane emissions reduction in the energy sector**
*General approach***STATEMENT BY LUXEMBOURG, AUSTRIA AND BELGIUM**

“The signatories believe that the methane regulation could be a valuable tool to significantly contribute to the reduction of methane emissions in the energy sector. As confirmed by recent reports from the European Environment Agency and the International Energy Agency, a strong reduction of methane emissions is one of the most important measures the EU can take in the short term to slow down climate change, but also a key action to contribute to the security of gas supply. Therefore, the signatories regret the lack of ambition in the overall approach and calls for an increase in ambition during the trilogues in order to strengthen the EU's aspiration and credibility to be a leader in reducing methane emissions, one of the main objectives of the Regulation as well as of the EU's commitment under the Global Methane Pledge.”

Ad "B" item 6:**Directive amending Directive (EU) 2018/2001 on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources, Directive 2010/31/EU on the energy performance of buildings and Directive 2012/27/EU on energy efficiency (REPowerEU Directive)**
*General approach***STATEMENT BY AUSTRIA, DENMARK, ESTONIA, GERMANY, GREECE, LUXEMBOURG, PORTUGAL AND SPAIN**

“We the undersigned Member States,

Support the 2030 renewables target of 45% as proposed by the Commission in its REPowerEU proposal amending Directive (EU) 2018/2001 on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources.

Given the current energy crisis and the need for a swift reduction of the EU's dependency on fossil sources, in particular from Russia, while increasing security of supply, we think that an increase of the renewables target to 45% is indispensable.

To this end, we call for an increase in ambition during the tripartite meetings ('trilogues') between the Council, Parliament and the Commission in order to strengthen the EU's aspiration and ability to rapidly scale-up renewables.

We also acknowledge the need to improve permitting procedures for large-scale renewable energy projects. To this end we encourage the Commission to evaluate the effectiveness of the framework in due time, and if necessary submit proposals before 2024.

It is a requisite to regain control over energy prices rendering them affordable again for our consumers, to ensure Europe remains on track with its commitment under the Paris Agreement to protect our climate.”
