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1. Adoption of the agenda

The Council adopted the agenda set out in 15918/22.

Legislative deliberations

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

2. Regulation on nature restoration


 15473/22

Policy debate

The Council held a policy debate based on questions prepared by the Presidency, as set out in 15473/22.

Any other business

3. a) EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030 - State of implementation and upcoming assessments

 15957/22
8219/20 + ADD 1

Information from the Commission

The Council took note of the information provided by the Commission, as well as the interventions from other delegations.

b) Reports on main recent international meetings

i) 34th Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (MOP 34) (Montreal, Canada, 31 October-4 November 2022) 15987/22


ii) 27th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Climate Change Conference (COP 27) (Sharm El-Sheik, 6-20 November 2022) 16016/22

iii) 19th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 19) to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)
(Panama City, 14-25 November 2022) 15955/22

iv) First session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC-1) to Develop an International Legally Binding Instrument on Plastic Pollution (Punta del Este, Uruguay, 28 November-2 December 2022) 15978/22

v) Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)
(Montreal, Canada, 7-19 December 2022)
- COP 15 to the CBD
- COP-MOP 10 serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety
- COP-MOP 4 serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing

Information from the Presidency and the Commission

c) **Current legislative proposals (Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)** 

i) **Regulation on fluorinated greenhouse gases** 15764/22
8042/22 + ADD 1

ii) **Regulation on substances that deplete the ozone layer** 15764/22
8048/22 + ADD 1

iii) **Revision of Directive 2010/75/EU on industrial emissions and Directive 1999/31/EC on the landfill of waste** 16017/22 + ADD 1
8064/22
+ REV 1 (en)
+ ADD 1
+ ADD 1 REV 1 (en)

iv) **Regulation on shipments of waste** 16021/22
Information from the Presidency 14135/21

The Council took note of the information provided by the Presidency, as well as the interventions from the Commission and other delegations.

v) **Zero pollution package**

a) **Directive on air quality (recast)** 14217/22 + ADD 1

b) **Directive amending the water framework Directive, the groundwater Directive and the environmental quality standards Directive** 14265/22 + ADD 1

c) **Directive on urban wastewater treatment (recast)** 14223/22 + ADD 1

Presentation by the Commission

The Council took note of the presentation by the Commission of the above-mentioned recently adopted proposals, as well as the interventions from other delegations.

vi) **Circular economy package**

a) **Regulation establishing a Union certification framework for carbon removals** 15557/22 + ADD 1

b) **Regulation on packaging and packaging waste, amending Regulation (EU) 2019/1020 and Directive (EU) 2019/904, and repealing Directive 94/62/EC** 15581/22 + ADD 1

Presentation by the Commission

The Council took note of the presentation by the Commission of the above-mentioned recently adopted proposals, as well as the interventions from other delegations.

d) **Communication on the EU policy framework for biobased, biodegradable and compostable plastics**  15570/22
Presentation by the Commission

The Council took note of the presentation provided by the Commission, as well as the interventions from other delegations.

e) **International workshop - “Light Pollution 2022” (Brno, Czech Republic, 26 October 2022)**  15972/22
Information from the Presidency

The Council took note of the information provided by the Presidency, as well as the interventions from the Commission and other delegations.




- f) **UN 2023 Water Conference**
(New York, 22-24 March 2023)
(co-hosted by the Republic of Tajikistan and the
Kingdom of the Netherlands)

 15938/22

Information from the Dutch delegation

The Council took note of the information provided by the Dutch delegation, as well as the interventions from the Commission and other delegations.

- g) **Work programme of the incoming Presidency**
Information from the Swedish delegation

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-  First reading
-  Public debate proposed by the Presidency (Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)
-  Item based on a Commission proposal
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