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**SUMMARY RECORD**  
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE  
31 May and 5 June 2023

**I. Adoption of the agenda**

9754/1/23 REV1 OJ CRP1 20  
9559/23 + ADD 1 OJ CRP2 20

The Committee adopted the agenda.

**II. Approval of the "I" items**

The Committee approved the "I" items as set out in the Annex, with the exception of item 35.

**III. Discussion items "II"**

**COREPER (PART 1)**

**Transport, Telecommunications and Energy**

2. Meeting of the Council (Transport, Telecommunications and Energy) on 19 June 2023:  
Agenda

The Presidency presented the main items on the agenda.

**Energy**

3. Regulation amending Regulations (EU) No 1227/2011 and (EU) 2019/942 to improve the Union's protection against market manipulation in the wholesale energy market and  
9467/23  
Regulation amending Regulations (EU) 2019/943 and (EU) 2019/942 as well as Directives (EU) 2018/2001 and (EU) 2019/944 to improve the Union's electricity market design  
*Guidance for further work*

The Committee provided guidance for further work.

## **Internal Market and Industry**

4. Directive concerning financial services contracts concluded at distance 9716/23 + ADD 1  
*Preparation for the trilogue*

The Committee prepared a mandate for the forthcoming trilogue.

## **Environment**

5. Meeting of the Council (Environment) on 20 June 2023: Agenda

The Presidency presented the main items on the agenda. The Committee agreed to take all AOBs, apart from the presentation of the incoming Presidency's programme, on the agenda at this stage and additional AOB items requested by Italy and the Czech Republic in public session.

## **Fisheries**

6. Regulation amending various Regulations as regards fisheries control  
*Presidency debriefing on the outcome of the trilogue*

The Presidency debriefed on the trilogue which took place on 30 May 2023.

## **Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs**

7. Meeting of the Council (Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs) on 12 and 13 June 2023: Preparation

The Committee agreed to take an AOB requested by BE, NL, LU, AT and IE in public session. The Committee also agreed to invite the interim Executive Director of EU-OSHA to participate in the ministerial lunch for the employment and social policy segment of the Council.

1. Directive on improving working conditions in platform work 9795/23  
*General approach*

The Committee started preparing this item for the Council meeting.

2. European Semester 2023 9608/23  
*Policy debate* 9481/23 + ADD 1  
*Presentation by the respective chairs of the Employment Committee and the Social Protection Committee of the key messages on the Social Convergence Framework*

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

3. Directive amending Directives 98/24/EC and 2004/37/EC as regards the limit values for lead and its inorganic compounds and diisocyanates  
*General approach* 9607/23 + ADD 1

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

4. Council Recommendation on strengthening social dialogue in the European Union  
*Adoption* 9613/23

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

5. Directive on standards for equality bodies (Article 19)  
*General approach* 9442/23

The Committee started preparing this item for the Council meeting.

6. Directive on standards for equality bodies (Article 157)  
*General approach* 9443/23

The Committee started preparing this item for the Council meeting.

7. Directive on equal treatment (Article 19)  
*Policy debate* 9544/23  
*Progress report* 9043/23

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting. The Committee agreed to invite the Director of the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights for this agenda item.

8. Conclusions on mainstreaming a gender equality perspective in policies, programmes, and budgets  
*Approval* 9026/23 + ADD 1  
9298/1/23 REV 1

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

#### Statement by Hungary

“Hungary believes that the Presidency’s approach towards gender equality is based on a delicately balanced compromise therefore we support the current approach of the Council Conclusions on mainstreaming a gender equality perspective in policies, programmes and budgets.

Hungary is committed to promoting work-life balance and encouraging women's participation in the labour market, especially in areas where women are underrepresented compared to men, since providing adequate opportunities for women and men play a vital role in economic growth, prosperity and competitiveness. However we consider it important that we provide the Member States with the necessary flexibility with regard to financial matters and by bearing in mind the feasibility of the measures to avoid creating unnecessary administrative burdens.

Hungary is supporting women and men in vulnerable situations caused by crises and considers it important to promote gender equality in the context of the post- pandemic recovery from COVID-19 also defined as a priority in the Council Conclusions on mainstreaming a gender equality perspective in policies, programmes and budgets.

Hungary recognises and promotes equality between men and women in accordance with the Fundamental Law of Hungary and the primary law, principles and values of the European Union, as well as commitments and principles stemming from international law. Equality between women and men is enshrined in the Treaties of the European Union as a fundamental value. In line with these and its national legislation, Hungary interprets the term ‘gender’ as a reference to ‘sex’ in the Council Conclusions on mainstreaming a gender equality perspective in policies, programmes and budgets.

Furthermore, Hungary declares that the Commission’s Communication on ‘A Union of Equality: Gender Equality Strategy 2020-2025’ referred to in the Council Conclusions on mainstreaming a gender equality perspective in policies, programmes and budgets should be interpreted with due regard to the national competences and the specific circumstances in each Member State.”

#### Statement by Poland

“Równość kobiet i mężczyzn została zapisana w Traktatach Unii Europejskiej jako podstawowe prawo. Polska zapewnia równość kobiet i mężczyzn w ramach polskiego krajowego systemu prawnego zgodnie z międzynarodowymi traktatami praw człowieka oraz w ramach podstawowych wartości i zasad Unii Europejskiej. Z tych powodów, wyrażenie "gender equality" Polska będzie interpretowała jako równość kobiet i mężczyzn, zgodnie z art. 2 i 3 Traktatu o Unii Europejskiej oraz art. 8 i 157 para 3 Traktatu o Funkcjonowaniu Unii Europejskiej. W związku z powyższym, pozostałe wyrażenia zawierające termin "gender", Polska będzie interpretowała jako płeć ("sex"), zgodnie z art. 10, art. 19 para 1 oraz art. 157 para 2 i 4 Traktatu o Funkcjonowaniu Unii Europejskiej.”

#### Courtesy translation

“Equality between women and men is enshrined in the Treaties of the European Union as a fundamental right. Poland ensures equality between women and men within the Polish national legal system in accordance with international human rights treaties and within the framework of the fundamental values and principles of the European Union. For these reasons, the expression "gender equality" will be interpreted by Poland as equality between women and men, in accordance with Article 2 and 3 of the Treaty on European Union and Article 8 and 157 para 3 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. In connection with the above, the remaining expressions containing the term "gender" will be interpreted by Poland as "sex", in accordance with Article 10, Article 19 para 1 and Article 157 para 2 and 4 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.”

9. Council Recommendation on stepping up EU actions to combat antimicrobial resistance in a One Health Approach  
*Adoption*

9579/23

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

10. Regulation on fees and charges payable to EMA 9277/23  
*General approach*

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

11. Regulation on the European Health Data Space 9368/23  
*Progress report*

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

12. Regulation on standards of quality and safety for substances of human origin intended for human application 9120/23  
*Progress report*

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

13. Strengthening the pharmaceutical ecosystem in support of competitiveness and equitable access to medicines 9580/23  
*Exchange of views*

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

### **Employment and Social Policy**

8. Social Convergence Framework 9337/23  
*Guidance for further work*

The Committee provided guidance for further work.

## **COREPER (PART 2)**

**WEDNESDAY 31 MAY 2023**

### **General Affairs**

17. Meeting of the Council (General Affairs) on 30 May 2023:  
Follow-up

The above-mentioned item was withdrawn.

### **Foreign Affairs**

18. Russian aggression against Ukraine

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| a) | Council Decision and Regulation concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine   | 8770/23<br>7888/23<br>8769/23 + ADD 1    |
| b) | Council Decision, Implementing Regulation and Regulation concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine | 9028/23<br>8493/23<br>8495/23<br>9027/23 |
- Preparation for the adoption*

The Committee held an exchange of views and agreed to revert to this item at its meeting on 7 June 2023.

### **Economic and Financial Affairs**

19. Meeting of the Council (Economic and Financial Affairs) on 16 June 2023: Preparation  
Other items in connection with the Council meeting

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Presidency and agreed to revert to the preparation of this Council meeting at its meetings on 7 and 14 June 2023.

### **Justice and Home Affairs**

20. Meeting of the Council (Justice and Home Affairs) on 8 and 9 June 2023: preparation

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| a) | Overall state of the Schengen area<br><i>Exchange of views</i> | 9504/23<br>9534/1/23 REV 1 |
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The Committee agreed to revert to this item on 5 June 2023.

- b) Visa policy: monitoring of visa free regimes  
*Exchange of views*

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

- c) Asylum and Migration Management Regulation<sup>1</sup> 9711/23  
*General approach* 9712/23

The Committee held an exchange of views and agreed to revert to this item on 5 June 2023.

- d) Asylum Procedure Regulation<sup>2</sup> 9710/23  
*General approach* 9712/23

The Committee held an exchange of views and agreed to revert to this item on 5 June 2023.

- e) External dimension of migration including the situation in Tunisia  
*State of play*

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

- f) Conclusions on strengthening whole-of-society resilience in the context of civil protection, including preparedness to Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) threats 9798/23  
*Approval*

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

- g) European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) 7065/23  
*State of play*

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

- h) Russia's aggression against Ukraine: investigation and prosecution of violations of EU restrictive measures 9315/23  
*Exchange of views*

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

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<sup>1</sup> Exceptionally, in the presence of the Schengen Associated States

<sup>2</sup> Exceptionally, in the presence of the Schengen Associated States

- i) Judicial aspects of the fight against organised crime:  
effective investigations and fundamental rights  
*Exchange of views* 9720/23

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

- j) Conclusions on the safety of LGBTIQ persons in the  
European Union 9656/23  
*Approval*

The Committee approved the change to the agenda title (removal of the letter ‘Q’) and agreed to revert to this item on 7 June 2023.

- k) EU accession to the European Convention on Human  
Rights 9292/23  
*State of play*

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

- l) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Presidency and approved the attendance of the that EU agency for asylum (EUAA) for the agenda item on Russia’s aggression against Ukraine.

Slovenia requested an AOB on the diplomatic conference for the adoption of the Mutual Legal Assistance (MLA) Convention in Ljubljana on 15 to 26 May 2023.

21. The external dimension of migration: MOCADDEM action files  
on Iraq, Tunisia and Egypt  
*Exchange of views*

The Committee held an exchange of views on the action files on Tunisia and Egypt and will update Iraq’s action file.

22. Regulation to prevent and combat child sexual abuse 8285/23  
*Exchange of views*

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Presidency and Commission and held an exchange of views.



## MONDAY, 5 JUNE 2023

### Justice and Home Affairs

#### 20. Continuation from Wednesday's meeting

Meeting of the Council (Justice and Home Affairs) on 8 and 9 June 2023: preparation

- a) Overall state of the Schengen area  
*Exchange of views*

9504/23  
9534/2/23 REV 2

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

- c) Asylum and Migration Management Regulation<sup>3</sup>  
*General approach*

9711/1/23 REV 1  
10065/23

The Committee held an exchange of views and agreed to revert to this item at its next meeting on 7 June 2023.

- d) Asylum Procedure Regulation<sup>4</sup>  
*General approach*

9710/1/23 REV 1  
10065/23

The Committee held an exchange of views and agreed to revert to this item at its next meeting on 7 June 2023.

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<sup>3</sup> Exceptionally, in the presence of the Schengen Associated States

<sup>4</sup> Exceptionally, in the presence of the Schengen Associated States

**IV. Any other business**

**COREPER (PART 1)**

None.

**COREPER (PART 2)**

None

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**Non-discussion items "I"****COREPER (PART 1)****Institutional Affairs****Appointments**

9. Renewal of the Advisory Committee on Safety and Health at Work 2022 - 2025  
*Adoption* 8862/23  
8861/23  
SOC

**Other**

10. Attendance of third parties at the Working Party on Research on 1 June 2023  
*Approval* 9612/23  
RECH
11. Attendance of a third party at the Working Party on Space on 13 June 2023  
*Approval* 9564/23  
ESPACE
40. Attendance of a third party at an informal meeting in the margins of the Working Party on International Environment Issues (UNECE Aarhus) on 1 June 2023  
*Approval* 9956/23  
ENV

**Fisheries**

13. Council Regulation fixing for 2023 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and, for Union fishing vessels, in certain non-Union waters, as well as fixing for 2023 and 2024 such fishing opportunities for certain deep-sea fish stocks (2nd amendment)  
*Adoption* ☐ 9614/23 + COR 1  
+ ADD 1  
9262/23  
PECHE

Statement by Germany, Spain, France, Estonia, Lithuania, Latvia, Poland and Portugal is set out in the ADD 1 to the document 9614/23.

14. Draft Written Record EU-UK in-year consultation on sprat 7.d and 7.e  
*Approval of the specification of the Union's position* 9721/23  
PECHE

## Transport

15. Conclusions on ECA SR No 08/2023 on “Intermodal freight transport: EU still far from getting freight off the road”  
*Approval*

9662/23  
TRANS

## **COREPER (PART 2)**

### **Institutional Affairs**

#### **Letters**

23. Letter to EP President  
*Approval* 9727/23  
AG

#### **Appointments**

24. A member and three alternate members (LV) of the Committee  
of the Regions 8821/23  
*Adoption* 8820/23  
CDR

#### **Other**

25. Attendance of a third party at the Politico-Military Group on 5  
June 2023 9809/23  
*Approval* POLMIL
26. Attendance of third parties at the Horizontal Working Party on  
Enhancing Resilience and Countering Hybrid Threats on  
6 June 2023 9805/23  
*Approval* HYBRID  
DISINFO
27. Attendance of a third party at the Working Party on Atomic  
Questions on 14 June 2023 9726/23  
*Approval* ATO

### **Economic and Financial Affairs**

28. ECA SR No 13/2023 on Authorised Economic Operators 9744/23  
*Designation of a Working Party* FIN  
*Attendance of the European Court of Auditors at the working  
party meeting*
29. Decision on providing macro-financial assistance to North 9388/23  
Macedonia ECOFIN  
*Confirmation of the final compromise text with a view to  
agreement*

A joint statement by Germany, Austria, Finland, and Ireland is set out in the ADD to this document.

## General Affairs

30. Statute of the Court of Justice  
*General approach*
- 9742/23  
15936/22  
7321/1/23 REV 1  
JUR  
COUR

## Justice and Home Affairs

31. Directive amending Council Decision 2005/671/JHA, as regards its alignment with Union rules on the protection of personal data  
*Confirmation of the final compromise text with a view to agreement*
- 9708/23  
9707/23  
COPEN

## Foreign Affairs

32. Memorandum of Understanding on enhanced cooperation between the European Union and the Government of the Faroe Islands  
*Authorisation to negotiate an NBI*
- 9817/23  
FEROE
33. Council of Baltic Sea states Ministerial Session: declaration  
*Approval*
- 9688/23  
9692/23  
COEST
34. Statement of the 30th ASEAN Regional Forum on Strengthening Maritime Non-traditional Security Cooperation  
*Authorisation to negotiate an NBI*
- 9737/23  
COASI
35. Council Decision on signing and provisional application of the EU-OACPS Partnership (“post-Cotonou”) Agreement  
*Adoption*  
*Decision to use the written procedure*
- 8280/1/23 REV 1  
8371/23 DCL 1  
8372/23 DCL 1  
ACP
36. Council Decision and Implementing Regulation concerning restrictive measures against ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaeda and persons, groups, undertakings and entities associated with them  
*Adoption*
- 8301/23  
8298/23  
8300/23  
9905/23  
CORLX
37. Council Decision on the European Union Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo (EULEX KOSOVO)  
*Adoption*  
*Decision to use the written procedure*
- 8605/23  
8603/23  
CORLX
38. Council Decision and Implementing Regulation concerning restrictive measures against serious human rights violations and abuses  
*Adoption*  
*Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption*
- 8574/23  
8571/23  
8573/23  
CORLX

39. Council Decision and Regulation concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine  
*Adoption*  
*Decision to use the written procedure*
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7488/23  
7485/23  
7487/23  
CORLX