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MEETING ON THURSDAY 1 JUNE 2023

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Council adopted the agenda set out in 9747/23.

2. Approval of 'A' items

Non-legislative list

9804/23

The Council adopted all "A" items listed in the document above including all linguistic COR and REV documents presented for adoption. Statements to these items are set out in the Addendum.

TRANSPORT

Legislative deliberations

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

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3. **Directive on driving licences, amending Directive (EU) 2022/2561, Regulation (EU) 2018/1724 and repealing Directive 2006/126/EC and Regulation (EU) No 383/2012**  9190/23

Policy debate

The Council held a policy debate on road safety as regards the new proposal on driving licences.

4. **Directive amending Directive (EU) 2015/413 facilitating cross-border exchange of information on road-safety-related traffic offences**  8929/23

Progress report

The Council took note of the progress report on the proposal to amend the Directive on cross-border exchange of information on road-safety related traffic offences as set out in the document above.

Any other business

5. a) **Current legislative proposals (Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)** 
- i) **Fit for 55 Package:**
- a) **Regulation on the use of renewable and low-carbon fuels in maritime transport (FuelEU Maritime initiative)** 10327/1/21 REV 1
+ 10327/21 ADD 1
- b) **Regulation on the deployment of alternative fuels infrastructure (AFIR)** 10877/21+ ADD 1
- c) **Regulation on ensuring a level playing field for sustainable air transport (ReFuel Aviation initiative)** 10884/1/21 REV 1
+ 10884/21 ADD 1
- ii) **Regulations on Single European Sky 2 + (SES2+ package)** 10840/20 + ADD 1
10841/20 + COR 1
- iii) **Revision of the Directive on the framework for the deployment of Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS)** 15114/21 + ADD 1
- iv) **Revision of the Regulation on Union guidelines for the development of the trans-European transport network (TEN-T)** 15109/21
- v) **Directive on the Union-wide effect of certain driving disqualifications** 6796/23
Information from the Presidency

The Council took note of the information provided by the Presidency.

- b) **Developments in response to Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine – Solidarity Lanes Initiative and Sanctions** 9810/23
Information from the Commission

- c) **Preparation for the summer air travel season**  9655/23
Information from the Commission

The Council took note of the information provided by the Commission.

- d) **Addressing the environmental impact of private jet travels at EU level**  9527/23
Information from the Austrian, French, Irish and Netherlands delegations

The Council took note of the information provided by the Austrian, French, Irish and Netherlands delegations.

- e) **Invitation to the XXVII PIARC World Road Congress (Prague, 2-6 October 2023)**  9659/23
Information from the Czech delegation

The Council took note of the information provided by the Czech delegation.

- f) **The proposal on new vehicle emission standards EURO 7 and its impacts on mobility in the EU**  9761/23
Information from the Bulgarian, Czech, French, Hungarian, Italian, Polish, Romanian and Slovak delegations

The Council took note of the information provided by the Bulgarian, Czech, French, Hungarian, Italian, Polish, Romanian and Slovak delegations.

- g) **Free movement of goods along the Brenner motorway**  9385/23
Information from the German and Italian delegations

The Council took note of the information provided by the German and Italian delegations.

h) Presentation of the third Progress Report of the Platform on International Rail Passenger Transport (IRP)



9554/23

Information from the Austrian and Netherlands delegations

The Council took note of the information provided by the Austrian and Netherlands delegations.

i) Presentation of the Finnish candidature for the post of Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO)



9563/23

Information from the Finnish delegation

The Council took note of the information provided by the Finnish delegation.

j) Work programme of the incoming Presidency
Information from the Spanish delegation

MEETING ON FRIDAY 2 JUNE 2023

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Legislative deliberations

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

6. **Regulation on measures to reduce the cost of deploying gigabit electronic communications networks and repealing Directive 2014/61/EU (Gigabit Infrastructure Act)**  9111/23
Progress report

The Council took note of the progress report.

7. **Regulation laying down measures for a high level of public sector interoperability across the Union (Interoperable Europe Act)**  9110/23
Progress report

The Council took note of the progress report.

8. **Regulation on horizontal cybersecurity requirements for products with digital elements (Cyber Resilience Act)**  9060/23
Progress report

The Council took note of the progress report.

Non-legislative activities

9. The future of the connectivity sector 9112/23
Exchange of views

Any other business

10. a) **Current legislative proposals (Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)** 
- i) **Regulation on harmonised rules on fair access to and use of data (Data Act)** 6596/22

- ii) **Regulation establishing a framework for a European electronic identity (eID Regulation)** 9471/21 + ADD 1
- iii) **Regulation concerning the respect for private life and the protection of personal data in electronic communications (ePrivacy Regulation)** 5358/17
Information from the Presidency

The Council took note of the state of play of negotiations on this file.

- b) **Security of 5G and other connectivity infrastructures** 9713/23
Information from the Commission
- c) **International initiatives in the digital field (with a focus on Trade and Technology Councils and Digital Partnerships) - state of play** 9864/23
Information from the Commission
- d) **Conference on sustainable AI and AI for sustainability (Gothenburg, 2 and 3 May 2023)**  9756/23
Information from the Presidency

The Council took note of the information provided by the Presidency. The outcome of the conference was that AI systems should be developed in a way that is conscious of the environmental, societal and legal consequences.

- e) **Practices and initiatives addressing the use of AI**  9624/23
Information from the Danish delegation

The Council took note of the information provided by the Danish delegation and had a short exchange of views on the topic, with several delegations sharing their experiences on how to address the concerns and challenges related to the use of AI.

- f) **Setting a coordination mechanism within the EU and strengthening the relations between the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and the EU** 2 9335/23
Information from the Lithuanian, Polish and Portuguese delegations

The Council took note of the information provided by the Lithuanian, Polish and Portuguese delegations, with several delegations taking the floor in order to express agreement with the fact that assuring a higher level of coordination and engagement with ITU is crucial to the EU's internal and external engagement on digital matters.

- g) **Improving the Digital Economy and Society Index (DESI)** 2 9520/23
Information from the Polish delegation

The Council took note of the information provided by the Polish delegation on the need to improve DESI so that it is as helpful as possible in managing digital transformation.

- h) **Work programme of the incoming Presidency** 9883/1/23 REV 1
Information from the Spanish delegation

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