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## 1. Adoption of the agenda

The Council adopted the agenda set out in document 10307/23.

## 2. Approval of "A" items

### a) Non-legislative list

10309/23

The Council adopted the "A" items listed in the document above, including all linguistic COR and REV documents presented for adoption.

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

10559/23

## Justice and Home Affairs

### **Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Decision No 1313/2013/EU on a Union Civil Protection Mechanism**



9308/23 + COR 1  
+ ADD 1  
PROCIV

*General approach*

approved by Coreper, Part 2, on 14.06.2023

The Council reached a general approach and made an accompanying statement to the minutes, which is set out in the Annex (legal basis: Article 196 TFEU).

## Legislative deliberations

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

## 3. VAT in the digital age package



9749/23

*Policy debate*

The Council held a policy debate based on a discussion paper prepared by the Presidency.



## 4. Any other business

9979/1/23 REV 1

### **Current financial services legislative proposals**




*Information from the Presidency*

The Council took note of the information provided by the Presidency on the ongoing work on financial services legislative proposals.

5. **Economic governance review**
- a) **Regulation on the effective coordination of economic policies and multilateral budgetary surveillance**  8776/23 + ADD 1
- b) **Regulation on speeding up and clarifying the implementation of the excessive deficit procedure**  8777/23
- Policy debate*

The Council held a policy debate following a presentation by the Commission of its proposals.

### Non-legislative activities

6. **Economic governance review**  
**Directive on requirements for budgetary frameworks of the Member States**  8778/23  
*Policy debate*
- The Council held a policy debate following a presentation by the Commission of its proposals.
7. Council Implementing Decisions under the Recovery and Resilience Facility  9367/23 + ADD 1 REV 1  
 (Legal basis: Article 20(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/241 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Recovery and Resilience Facility)  
*Adoption*
8. European Semester 2023: Council Recommendations on the 2023 National Reform Programmes and delivering Council opinions on the updated Stability or Convergence Programmes  9900/23  
 9901/3/23 REV 3  
 9902/1/23 REV 1  
 9904/23  
*Approval*
9. Economic and financial impact of Russia's aggression against Ukraine  
*Exchange of views*
10. Preparation of the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meeting of 17-18 July 2023: G20 EU Terms of Reference  
*Guidance for further work*
11. Any other business

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- I** First reading
  - S** Special legislative procedure
  - FP** Public deliberation (Article 8(1) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)
  - C** Item based on a Commission proposal
  - (\*) Item on which a vote may be requested
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**Statements to the legislative "A" items set out in doc. 10559/23****Ad "A" item:****Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council  
amending Decision No 1313/2013/EU on a Union Civil Protection  
Mechanism***General approach***STATEMENT BY THE COUNCIL**

“The Council welcomes the Commission’s proposal of 14 April 2023 to amend Decision 1313/2013/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on a Union Civil Protection Mechanism (the Decision).

The Council fully supports the objective of extending the transitional period referred to in Article 35 of the Decision, to ensure that the Union can continue providing emergency support to Member States in fighting wildfires through the capacities developed under the ‘rescEU transition’, until the permanent European aerial forest firefighting fleet will become available.

The Council notes with concern the increasing wildfire risk in the Union and the development that wildfires are becoming more frequent and intense as a result of rising temperatures and prolonged periods of drought. Due to the impact of climate change, this trend is only expected to continue in the coming years.

In this light, the Council underlines the urgency and importance of the proposed modification of the Decision, to ensure that sufficient aerial firefighting capacities will be rapidly available beyond the 2024 wildfire season through “rescEU transition”. This requires the swift adoption of the amendment to the Decision, in any case before the end of the current legislative term.

For these reasons, the Council has decided to align its position with that of the Commission’s proposal and aims to solely amend Article 35 of the Decision.

The Council is fully committed to a swift conclusion of the legislative negotiations on this basis, and calls on the European Parliament to take a compatible approach.”