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## 1. Adoption of the agenda

The Council adopted the agenda set out in 6134/20 and agreed to withdraw item 3 ("(poss.) Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027") when adopting the agenda.

## 2. Approval of "A" items

### a) Non-legislative list

6135/20

The Council adopted the "A" items listed in 6135/20 including COR and REV documents presented for adoption.

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

6136/20

## Energy

### 1. Regulation on tyre labelling



5994/20

*Adoption of the Council's position at first reading and of the statement of the Council's reasons*  
approved by Coreper, Part 1, on 19.02.2020

14649/19 + ADD 1  
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The Council approved its position at first reading, in accordance with Article 294(5) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and the statement of the Council's reasons.  
(Legal basis: Article 114 and Article 194(2) TFEU)

## Economic and Financial Affairs

### 2. Excise duties

- a) Directive on general arrangements for excise duty (recast)
- b) Regulation on administrative cooperation of the content of electronic register



5931/20

14107/19



14108/19

FISC

*Approval of the Irish language version*  
approved by Coreper, Part 2, on 19.02.2020

The Council approved the Irish language versions of the Directive and the Regulation, as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts and set out in doc. 14107/19 and 14108/19.

## Legislative deliberations

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

3. (poss.) Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027 S C  
*Information from the Presidency*

This item was withdrawn.

## Non-legislative activities

4. Preparation of the European Council on 26-27 March 2020: 5807/20 + COR 1  
Annotated Draft Agenda  
*Exchange of views*

5. **Legislative programming** E  
a) **Commission's Work Programme for 2020** 5820/20  
*Presentation by the Commission* 5652/20 + ADD 1  
*Exchange of views*  
b) **Joint Declaration on legislative priorities and  
multiannual programming**  
*Exchange of views*

The Commission gave a presentation on its work programme for 2020. The Council held an exchange of views on the Commission's Work Programme, and the Joint Declaration on legislative priorities and multiannual programming.

6. Enlargement and Stabilisation and Association Process  
*Presentation by the Commission*

7. EU-UK relations 6239/20  
a) Council Decision authorising the opening of the 5870/20  
negotiations for a new partnership with the United + ADD 1 REV 2  
Kingdom  
*Adoption*  
b) EU-UK relationship - next steps  
*Exchange of views*

8. Any other business

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- I** First reading  
**S** Special legislative procedure  
**E** Public debate (Article 8(3) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)  
**C** Item based on a Commission proposal
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