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At its meeting on 17 October 2024, the European Council approved the minutes of its meeting on 16 December 2021, as set out in this document, and decided to make them public.

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1. Exchange of views with the President of the European Parliament

The President of the European Parliament was heard by the European Council.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The European Council adopted its agenda as set out in document EUCO 23/21.

3. COVID-19

The European Council addressed the epidemiological and vaccine situation in the EU, as well as coordination efforts and international cooperation.

4. Crisis management and resilience

The European Council assessed work on strengthening the EU's collective preparedness, response capability and resilience to future crises. It invited the Council to take work forward and review progress regularly.

5. Energy prices

The European Council discussed energy prices.

6. Security and defence

The European Council provided guidance on the draft Strategic Compass and EU-NATO cooperation. The European Council will revert to security and defence at its meeting in March 2022, when it will be invited to endorse the Strategic Compass.

7. External aspects of migration

The European Council assessed the implementation of its conclusions of 24-25 June 2021 and of 21-22 October 2021 and provided further guidance. It invited the Council, under the direction of its Presidency, to monitor closely the swift and effective implementation of the EU's external migration policy, and to give further impetus as necessary. The European Council will revert to the matter.

8. External relations

The European Council reverted to the situation at the EU's border with Belarus. It also addressed Ukraine, the Southern Neighbourhood, Ethiopia, and the preparations of the European Union-African Union Summit.

9. Adoption of the conclusions

The European Council adopted the conclusions, reflecting the outcome of its discussions, as set out in document EUCO 22/21.
