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1. Adoption of the agenda

The Council adopted the agenda set out in 9519/1/20 REV 1.

2. Approval of "A" items

Non-legislative list

9525/20

The Council adopted the "A" items listed in 9525/20 including COR and REV documents presented for adoption.

For the following items the documents should read as follows:

Delegated or Implementing Acts

Agriculture

1. Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) .../... of 6.7.2020 amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/592 on temporary exceptional measures derogating from certain provisions of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council to address the market disturbance in the fruit and vegetables and wine sectors caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and measures linked to it Delegated act - Intention not to raise objections Approved by SCA on 13.07.2020

9475/20 9409/20 + COR 1 (mt) **AGRI DELACT**

Transport

4. Amended proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the Air Transport Agreement between the EU and USA (Irish language version) Adoption Approved by Coreper, Part 1, on 15.07.2020

C 8772/20 + ADD 1 13419/16 + COR 1 (cs) **AVIATION**

Foreign Affairs

14. EU-China agreement on geographical indications 8355/20 + ADD 1 WTO

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Council Decision on the signing a) Adoption

8356/20 8361/20 REV 1

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

9526/20

Economic and Financial Affairs

1. Directive on Crowdfunding

Adoption of the Council's position at first reading and of the statement of the Council's reasons
Approved by Coreper, Part 2, on 14.07.2020

9424/20 + ADD 1 6799/20 + ADD 1 EF

<u>The Council</u> 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, with the <u>Austrian delegation</u> voting against. (Legal basis: Article 53(1) TFEU).

A statement to this item is set out in the Annex.

2. Regulation on Crowdfunding

Adoption of the Council's position at first reading and of the statement of the Council's reasons
Approved by Coreper, Part 2, on 14.07.2020



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<u>The Council</u> 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, with the <u>Austrian delegation</u> voting against. (Legal basis: Article 114 TFEU).

A statement to this item is set out in the Annex.

Non-legislative activities

3. Work programme of the Presidency



Presentation by the Presidency

The <u>Chair</u> presented the Work Programme of the German Presidency concerning the Agriculture and Fisheries sectors.

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Non-legislative activities

4. Farm to Fork Strategy

9274/1/20 REV1

Exchange of views

Based on the Presidency paper set out in document 9274/1/20 REV 1, the Council exchanged views on the Farm to Fork Strategy.

The <u>Presidency</u> took note of delegations' and the Commission's comments and would further reflect on them, with a view to start working on Council conclusions on the Farm to Fork Strategy.

Legislative deliberations

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

5. Post 2020 CAP reform package



O C 9463/20

- Regulation on CAP Strategic Plans a)
- Regulation on financing, management and monitoring of b)
- Regulation on common market organisation (CMO) of c) agricultural products

Exchange of views

Based on the Presidency's discussion paper (document 9463/20), the Council exchanged views on the green architecture of the future Common Agricultural Policy. The Presidency took note of delegations' and the Commission's comments and would further reflect on them.

The Council took note of the information provided by the Czech delegation, on behalf of Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Slovakia, on the reform of the Common Agricultural Policy in the light of the European Green Deal, the Farm to Fork and Biodiversity Strategies and the COVID-19 pandemic.

Non-legislative activities

6. Agricultural market situation Presentation by the Commission Exchange of views

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Any other business

7. **Current legislative proposals** a)

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

Post 2020 CAP reform package:

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Joint Declaration of the Ministers of Agriculture of the Visegrad Group (Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia), Bulgaria and Romania on the Reform of the Common Agricultural Policy in the light of the European Green Deal, the "Farm to Fork" and "Biodiversity" Strategies and the COVID19 pandemic Information from the Czech delegation on behalf of the Bulgarian, Czech, Hungarian, Polish, Romanian and Slovak delegations

Item 7 was addressed under item 5.

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

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Statements to the legislative "A" items set out in 9526/20

Ad "A" item 1: Directive on Crowdfunding

Adoption of the Council's position at first reading and of the statement of the

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Ad "A" item 2: Regulation on Crowdfunding

Adoption of the Council's position at first reading and of the statement of the

Council's reasons

STATEMENT BY AUSTRIA

"Austria has serious concerns that the harmonised legal framework for European crowdfunding service providers as envisaged would prove excessively burdensome for many of the small national providers in particular, and would jeopardise their viability. It is for this reason that Austria has repeatedly called for an exemption for crowdfunding service providers which do not carry out cross-border activities to allow those providers to continue operating under their current national regimes and take into account the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality. As such an exemption has not been included, the present compromise texts must be rejected."

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