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1. **Adoption of the agenda**

The Council adopted the agenda set out in 13324/19.

Non-legislative activities

JOINT POLICY DEBATE WITH PARTICIPATION OF THE MINISTERS OF FINANCE AND EDUCATION

2. **A strong economic base for Europe: Pursuing effectiveness, efficiency and quality of education and training** [2] 13295/19

The Council held a policy debate on the above topic on the basis of a discussion paper prepared by the Presidency (13295/19).

During the debate ministers highlighted that investing in education promotes employability, equal opportunities, social cohesion and competitiveness and reduces future spending in other areas such as health care and social services. Ministers also highlighted the importance of life-long learning, from early childhood education and care to adult learning, including upskilling and reskilling and acknowledged the need to promote the teaching profession through adequate remuneration and social recognition.

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3. **Approval of "A" items**

Non-legislative list

13499/19

The Council adopted the "A" items listed in 13499/19 including COR and REV documents presented for adoption. Statements related to these items are set out in the Addendum.

For the following items the documents should read as follows:

Employment and Social Policy

14. Council Recommendation on access to social protection for workers and the self-employed

Adoption

approved by Coreper, Part 1, on 16.10.2019

[C] 13785/19 + ADD 1
+ **ADD 2**
12753/19
+ **REV 2 (pt)**
SOC

Fisheries

15. Council Decision on the signing and provisional application of the Fisheries Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between the European Union and Mauritania
Adoption
approved by Coreper, Part 1, on 06.11.2019
16. Council Decision on the conclusion of the Fisheries Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between the European Union and Mauritania
Agreement in principle
Request for the consent of the European Parliament
approved by Coreper, Part 1, on 06.11.2019
17. Regulation on the allocation of fishing opportunities under the Protocol on the implementation of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement with Mauritania
Adoption
approved by Coreper, Part 1, on 06.11.2019
4. **Conclusions on "The key role of lifelong learning policies in empowering societies to address the technological and green transition in support of inclusive and sustainable growth"**
Adoption
- The Council adopted the conclusions as contained in 13521/19 and agreed that they be published in the Official Journal.
5. **Resolution on further developing the European Education Area to support future-oriented education and training systems**
Adoption
- The Council adopted the Resolution as contained in 13524/19 and agreed that it be published in the Official Journal.

13529/19
+ **REV 1 (sk)**
+ ADD 1
12924/19
12927/19
PECHE

13529/19
+ **REV 1 (sk)**
+ ADD 1
12928/19
PECHE

13529/19
+ **REV 1 (sk)**
+ ADD 1
12929/19
PECHE

13282/19

13298/19 + COR 1

6. **Artificial intelligence in education and training**

 13297/19

Policy debate

The Council held a policy debate on the above topic on the basis of a discussion paper prepared by the Presidency (13297/19).

During the debate ministers recognised both the positive aspects of artificial intelligence (AI), such as potential for more inclusive, more stimulating and more individually tailored education, as well as challenges, related to ethics, equality, data protection and challenges for the teaching profession. There was a broad consensus that the objective should be to develop trustworthy and responsible integration of AI into education and training.

Any other business

7. a) **International Research Centre on Artificial Intelligence (IRCAI) under the auspices of UNESCO**
Information from the Slovenian delegation

 13173/19


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

b) **Work programme of the incoming Presidency**
Information from the Croatian delegation



The Council took note of the information provided by the HR delegation on the work programme in the field of education during its forthcoming Presidency.

 Public debate proposed by the Presidency (Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)

 Item based on a Commission proposal