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MEETING ON THURSDAY 3 JUNE 2021

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Council adopted the agenda set out in 8876/21.

TRANSPORT

Legislative deliberations

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

Aviation

2. Single European Sky 2 +



a) Regulation on the implementation of the Single European Sky (recast)

9162/21 + ADD 1-4
+ ADD1 COR1

b) Regulation amending EASA Basic Regulation *General approach*

The Council agreed on a General Approach on the draft Regulation on the implementation of Single European Sky (recast) and on the draft Regulation amending the EASA Basic Regulation as set out in doc. 9162/21 + ADD 1-4 + ADD1 COR1.

Land

3. Mobility Package I Directive amending Directive 2006/1/EC on the use of hired vehicles



8639/21

General approach

The Council agreed on a General Approach on the proposal for amending the Directive on the use of vehicles hired without drivers for the carriage of goods by road as set out in doc. 8639/21.

Inland waterways

4. Directive amending Directive 2017/2397 concerning recognition of third country certificates



8604/1/21 REV 1

General approach

The Council agreed on a General Approach on recognition of third country certificates in inland navigation as set out in doc. 8604/1/21 REV 1.

Non-legislative activities

Land

5. Conclusions on "Putting rail at the forefront of smart and sustainable mobility" 8790/21
Approval

6. Approval of "A" items

Non-legislative list 9113/21

The Council adopted the "A" items listed in 9113/21 including COR and REV documents presented for adoption. Statements to these items are set out in the Addendum.

For the following items the documents should read as follows:

EU positions for international negotiations

3. Council Decision on the EU position within the International Cocoa Council as regards the extension of the International Cocoa Agreement 2010 [C] 9026/21 + ADD 1
8691/21
+ COR 1 (It)
PROBA
Adoption
approved by Coreper, Part 2, on 02.06.2021

Economic and Financial Affairs


8. Transfer No DEC 08/2021 (Section III - Commission) [C] 8909/21
8524/21
+ REV 1 (es)
FIN
Approval
approved by Coreper, Part 2, on 02.06.2021
9. Transfer No DEC 10/2021 (Section III - Commission) [C] 8912/21
8526/21
+ REV 1 (es)
FIN
Approval
approved by Coreper, Part 2, on 02.06.2021
10. Mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF/2020/005 BE/Swissport) [C] 8902/21
+ COR 1 (et)
8904/21
FIN
Approval
approved by Coreper, Part 2, on 02.06.2021
13. Mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF/2020/007 FI/Finnair) [C] 8913/21
+ COR 1 (et)
8914/21
FIN
Approval
approved by Coreper, Part 2, on 02.06.2021

Foreign Affairs

17. Council Decision amending Joint Action 2008/124/CFSP on the European Union Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo* (EULEX KOSOVO*)
Adoption
approved by Coreper, Part 2, on 02.06.2021
- 8058/21
7790/21
+ COR 1 (es)
CORLX

Non-legislative activities

Horizontal

7. Conclusions on the Commission Strategy for sustainable and smart mobility
Approval
- 8824/21 + ADD 1
8. **Sustainable and smart mobility strategy — the way forward**  8695/21
Exchange of views

The Council exchanged views on the basis of a background paper with questions prepared by the Presidency as set out in document 8695/21.

Any other business

9. a) Air Connectivity and the recovery post pandemic
Information from the Cyprus delegation, on behalf of the Cyprus, Estonian, Greek, Hungarian, Lithuanian, Polish, Romanian and Slovak delegations
- 8858/1/21 REV 1
- b) Achieving an interoperable electronic freight information exchange system in Europe
Information from the Estonian delegation, supported by the Finnish, Hungarian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Maltese, Polish and Romanian delegations
- 9004/1/21 REV 1

* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 (1999) and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.

- c) **Current legislative proposal**
(Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

Mobility Package I

 8679/21

Directive amending Directive 1999/62/EC on Eurovignette (road charging Directive)

Information from the Presidency on the state of play

The Council took note of the of the information provided by the Presidency on the state of play of the negotiations on the proposed revision of the Eurovignette Directive.

- d) Update on the ePLF project 9031/21
Information from the Commission
- e) Forced landing of a civilian aircraft 9286/21
Information from the Lithuanian delegation, supported by the Estonian, Greek and Latvian delegations
- f) C-ITS Roadshow event in Brno (virtual on 4 June 2021) 8820/21
Information from the Czech delegation
- g) Presentation of the Progress Report of the Platform on International Rail Passenger Transport (IRP) 8749/21
Information from the Dutch and Austrian delegations
- h) Initiatives to prevent container loss by ships 8739/21
Information from the Dutch delegation, supported by the Danish delegation
- i) Transition to zero-emission light-duty vehicles 9006/21
Information from the Danish delegation, supported by the Greek, Irish, Luxembourg, Maltese, the Netherlands and Austrian delegations
- j) Work programme of the incoming Presidency 9002/21
Information from the Slovenian delegation

MEETING ON FRIDAY 4 JUNE 2021

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Legislative deliberations

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

10. **Regulation on European data governance (Data Governance Act)**  8724/21
Progress report

The Council took note of the progress report set out in doc. 8724/21.


11. **Directive on measures for high common level of cybersecurity across the Union**  8640/21
Progress report

The Council took note of the progress report set out in doc. 8640/21.

Non-legislative activities

12. 2030 Digital Compass: How to chart the way towards the EU's digital future? 8646/21
Policy debate

Any other business

13. a) **Current legislative proposals** 
(Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

- i) Regulation concerning the respect for private life and the protection of personal data in electronic communications (ePrivacy Regulation) 5358/17

- ii) Regulation on roaming on public mobile communications networks within the Union (Roaming Regulation) 6532/21 + ADD 1
Information from the Presidency

iii) Regulation laying down harmonised rules on artificial intelligence (Artificial Intelligence Act)

8115/21 + ADD 1

iv) Regulation on a framework for a European digital identity

Information from the Commission

The Council took note of the information provided by the Presidency and the Commission.

b) Common Union Toolbox for Connectivity

Information from the Commission on the state of play

c) Digital Assembly 2021

Information from the Presidency

d) ITU elections - Presentation of the LT candidate for the post of Deputy Secretary-General

8832/21

Information from the Lithuanian delegation

e) Work programme of the incoming Presidency

8757/1/21 REV 1

Information from the Slovenian delegation



First reading



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



Item based on a Commission proposal

Statements to the legislative "B" items set out in doc. 8876/21**Ad "B" item 2:** **Single European Sky 2 +**
*General approach***STATEMENT BY FINLAND, IRELAND, MALTA AND SPAIN**

“The SES 2+ legislative package is a complex file with a challenging legal and operational environment and a wide range of stakeholders. Change in such circumstances is always difficult. Recognising this, and in the light of these extraordinary times caused by the coronavirus pandemic and the undoubted complexities involved, the parties to this Joint Statement - Finland, Spain, Ireland and Malta - recognise the efforts undertaken by the Presidency in trying to make progress at an especially difficult period for European aviation. Therefore, in order to make further progress on this file, the parties to this Joint Statement will vote in favour of the proposed general approach put before Council.

However, as we move through the next phase in the legislative process, and to continue building on the work done so far on SES 2+, we look forward to advocating for agreement between Council and Parliament on further structural and procedural reforms to help nurture a more environmentally friendly, resilient, and globally competitive Single European Sky. In terms of how this might be brought about, we see scope for further development of the economic regulation of air navigation service provision and its supervision, an enhanced role for the Network Manager, better coordination of the European airspace network, and the greater uptake of digital ATM technologies to further improve service performance and to reduce aviation’s environmental impact.

In seeking through these objectives to maximise the value offered by a competitive air traffic management system, this essential actor in the aviation value chain can, in partnership with an environmentally conscious and responsible airline community, play its part in building back a more sustainable and “greener” aviation sector, while at the same time facilitating the wider connectivity and economic development that aviation generates for the broader European economy. It is therefore essential to ensure that Europe’s ATM system, airlines, and airports, are all acting in unison in striving to achieve these common goals to address any unwelcome return to previously experienced capacity constraints and the increasingly urgent environmental concerns facing us all.

We therefore anticipate the trilogue negotiations between Council and Parliament as an opportunity to take something positive out of Covid-19, rather than being defined by it. Whilst understandably the impact of the present global pandemic has drawn attention away from what was a burning airspace capacity crisis in 2019, there is an underlying medium-term capacity constraint in European airspace and an environmental imperative that needs to be addressed. If history teaches us anything, the time to address these matters is not when the system is near to collapse or when the environmental situation deteriorates further, but now.”
