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1. Adoption of the agenda

The Council adopted the agenda set out in 9412/1/21 REV 1.

2. Approval of "A" items

Non-legislative list

9416/21

The Council adopted the "A" items listed in 9416/21 including COR and REV documents presented for adoption.

For the following item the documents should read as follows:

Environment

1. Council Decision authorising the Commission to negotiate, on behalf of the Union, amendments to the Bern Convention ☐ 9358/21
8931/21
+ COR 1 (sk)
+ ADD 1
ENV
Adoption
approved by Coreper, Part 1, on 09.06.2021

Non-legislative activities

3. **Conclusions on forging a climate-resilient Europe – the new EU Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change** ☐ 9419/21 + ADD 1
Approval

The Council approved the conclusions as set out in 9694/21 and agreed to enter into the minutes of the meeting the statement by Poland as set out in the Annex to this document.

Legislative deliberations


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

4. **Regulation concerning batteries and waste batteries, repealing Directive 2006/66/EC and amending Regulation (EU) No 2019/1020** ☐☐ 9052/1/21 REV 1
13944/20 + ADD 1
Progress report

The Council took note of the Presidency's progress report on the above-mentioned proposal, as contained in 9052/1/21 REV 1. During the discussion, in which all delegations participated, Ministers, outlining that there are still a number of outstanding issues, welcomed the efforts and the progress achieved during the Portuguese Presidency as a good basis for further work.

Non-legislative activities

5. **Communication on the EU Action Plan on Zero Pollution**

 9032/21
8753/21 + ADD 1

The Council held an exchange of views on the Zero Pollution EU Action Plan on the basis of questions prepared by the Presidency as set out in 9032/21.

Any other business

6. a) **Transport Decarbonisation Alliance: Speeding up the transition to a fair and zero carbon transport system via TDA and by ensuring the quality of exported used vehicles**

 9217/21

Information from the Dutch delegation

The Council took note of the information provided by the Dutch delegation, as well as the intervention by other delegations and the Commission.

b) **Preventing fraud in relation to biofuels (biodiesel)**

 9125/2/21 REV 2

Information from the Dutch delegation, supported by the Belgian, Irish, French, and Luxembourg delegations

The Council took note of the information provided by the Dutch delegation, supported by the Belgian, Irish, French and Luxembourg delegations, as well as the intervention by other delegations and the Commission.

c) **Implications of the EU taxonomy for the transition to a sustainable economy**

9455/21

Information from the Czech delegation, supported by the Bulgarian, Greek, Cyprus, Hungarian, Romanian and Slovak delegations

d) **Reversing the decline of pollinators**

 9415/21

Information from the Swedish delegation, supported by the French and Luxembourg delegations

The Council took note of the information provided by the Swedish delegation, supported by the French and Luxembourg delegations, as well as the intervention by other delegations and the Commission.

- e) **Current legislative proposals** 1C
(Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)
- i) **Regulation amending Aarhus Regulation (EC) No 1367/2006** 11853/20
- ii) **Decision on the 8th Environment Action Programme (EAP)** 11987/20
Information from the Presidency
- The Council took note of the information on the state of play on the above-mentioned files.
- f) **Ninth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention MOP9) (Geneva (hybrid), 29 September - 1 October 2021)** 2 9087/21
Information from the Estonian delegation
- The Council took note of the information provided by the Estonian delegation.
- g) **Work programme of the incoming Presidency** 2
Information from the Slovenian delegation
- The Council took note of the information provided by the Slovenian delegation as incoming Presidency.



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 "B" items set out in doc. 9412/1/21 REV 1

Ad "B" item 3: **Conclusions on forging a climate-resilient Europe – the new EU
Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change**
Approval

STATEMENT BY POLAND – 9419/21 ADD 1

“Equality between women and men is enshrined in the treaties of the European Union as a fundamental right. Poland ensures equality between women and men within the framework of the Polish national legal system in accordance with international human rights treaties and within the framework of the fundamental values and principles of the European Union. For these reasons, Poland will interpret the expression ‘gender’ as ‘sex’, in accordance with Article 10, Article 19(1) and Article 157(2) and (4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and references to gender equality as equality between women and men in accordance with Article 2 of the Treaty on European Union, Articles 8 and 10 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and Article 23 of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights.”
