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## MEETING ON MONDAY 9 DECEMBER 2019

### 1. Adoption of the agenda

The Council adopted the agenda set out in 14572/1/19 REV 1.

### 2. Approval of "A" items

#### Non-legislative list

14737/1/19 REV 1

The Council adopted the "A" items listed in 14737/1/19 REV 1 including COR and REV documents presented for adoption. Statements related to these items are set out in the Annex.

For the following items the documents should read as follows:

#### EU positions for international negotiations

3. Council Decision on the EU position in the Energy Community  
*Adoption*  
approved by Coreper, Part 1, on 27.11.2019

☐ 14375/19  
14381/19  
**+ REV 1**  
**(fr,de,nl,el,fi,sv,cs,e**  
**t,lt,sk,sl)**  
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#### Delegated or Implementing Acts

##### Internal Market and Industry


7. Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) .../... of 29.10.2019 amending Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures as regards information relating to emergency health response  
*Delegated act - Intention not to raise objections*  
approved by Coreper, Part 1, on 04.12.2019

14466/19 + COR 1  
**+ ADD 1**  
13598/19  
**+ COR 1 (sk)**  
**+ ADD 1**  
COMPET

**Non-legislative activities**

3. **Economy of Wellbeing - next steps in investing in health as its key component**  14303/19  
*Policy debate*



The Council held a policy debate on the basis of the Presidency questions set out in 14303/19.

4. **European pharmaceutical policy – strengthened cooperation and coordination with the aim to improve access to medicines**  14307/19  
*Policy debate*


The Council held a policy debate on the basis of the Presidency questions set out in 14307/19.

**Any other business**

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

Regulation on health technology assessment and amending   14619/19  
Directive 2011/24/EU 5844/18  
*Information from the Presidency*

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

- b) **State of health in the EU**  14714/1/19 REV 1  
*Information from the Commission*

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

- c) **State of play in the implementation of Regulation (EU) 2017/745 on medical devices and of Regulation (EU) 2017/746 on *in vitro* diagnostic medical devices**   
*Information from the Commission*

The Council took note of the information provided by the Commission and of interventions by the BE, CZ, DK, DE, EE, IE, ES, FR, IT, CY, LV, LT, LU, HU, MT, NL, AT, PT, SK, SI and SE delegations.

- d) **Outcomes of conferences organised by the Finnish Presidency** 14738/19  
*Information from the Presidency*

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

- e) **Work programme of the incoming Presidency** 14738/19  
*Information from the Croatian delegation*

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

## **MEETING ON TUESDAY 10 DECEMBER 2019**

### **EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL POLICY**

#### **Non-legislative activities**

6. **Future gender equality policies and gender mainstreaming in the EU** 14251/19  
*Policy debate*

The Council held a policy debate on future gender equality policies in the EU, guided by a Presidency note (14251/19).


7. **Conclusions on gender equal economies in the EU: The way forward taking stock of 25 years of implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action** 14254/19  
+ ADD 3 REV 1  
*Adoption*

The Council adopted the conclusions as set out in 14938/19.

DE and PL statements related to this item are set out in the Annex.

8. **Conclusions on a new EU Strategic Framework on Health and Safety at Work: Enhancing the implementation of occupational safety and health in the EU** 14630/19  
*Adoption*

The Council adopted the conclusions as set out in 14942/19.


9. **Future of the EU social acquis relating to employment and industrial relations**  14340/19  
*Policy debate*

The Council held a policy debate on the future of the EU social acquis relating to employment and industrial relations, guided by a Presidency note (14340/19).

10. **Conclusions on inclusive labour markets: Improving employment of people in a vulnerable position in the labour market**  14646/19  
+ ADD 1  
*Adoption*






The Council adopted the conclusions as set out in 14945/19.

PL statement related to this item is set out in the Annex.


11. **EMCO Review of the implementation of the Youth Guarantee - key messages**  14704/19  
+ ADD 1-3  
*Endorsement*

The Council endorsed the key messages of the EMCO Review as set out in 14704/19.

#### **Any other business**

12. a) **Current legislative proposals**  
(Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)
- i) Directive on equal treatment (Article 19)  11531/08
  - ii) Directive on gender balance on company boards  16433/12
  - iii) Revision of Regulations on Coordination of Social Security systems (883/04 and 987/09)  15642/16 + ADD 1
  - iv) Decision amending Decision No 573/2014/EU on cooperation between Public Employment Services (PES)  12137/19
  - v) Regulation on the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF)  9701/18
- Information from the Presidency on the state of play*

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

- b) **Preventing domestic violence with men and boys, Mutual Learning Seminar (Stockholm,16-17 September 2019)**  14516/19  
*Information from the Swedish delegation*

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

- c) **Housing situation in the EU: Review of tackling homelessness and housing exclusion**  14671/19  
*Information from the Chair of the Social Protection Committee*

The Council took note of the information provided by the Chair of the Social Protection Committee.

- d) **Recommendation on access to social protection for workers and the self-employed**   7416/18  
*Information from the Presidency on the state of play*





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

- e) **Presidency conferences**  14515/19  
*Information from the Presidency*

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

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

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

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

Statements to the legislative "B" items set out in 14572/1/19 REV 1

**Ad "B" item 7:**        **Conclusions on gender equal economies in the EU: The way forward taking stock of 25 years of implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action**  
*Adoption*

**STATEMENT BY THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY**

"The Federal Republic of Germany supports the Council conclusions on 'Gender-Equal Economies in the EU: The Way Forward' on the assumption that paragraph 22(e) does not prejudge the draft Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on improving the gender balance among non-executive directors of companies listed on stock exchanges and related measures."

**STATEMENT BY POLAND**

"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 instruments and within the framework of the fundamental values and principles of the European Union.

For these reasons, where the conclusions refer to gender equality, Poland will interpret it as equality between women and men."

**Ad "B" item 10:**        **Conclusions on inclusive labour markets: Improving employment of people in a vulnerable position in the labour market**  
*Adoption*

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**Ad "A" item 7:** **Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) .../... of 29.10.2019 amending Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures as regards information relating to emergency health response**  
*Delegated act - Intention not to raise objections*

#### **STATEMENT BY GERMANY**

"Germany assumes that the German version of the document will be corrected as follows:  
Document C(2019) 7611 final (13598/19):

The statement of reasons under point 2 will be changed in para. 8 (page 2) as follows:

- in the second sentence, the word ‘anzumeldendes’ will be replaced by ‘mitteilungspflichtiges’, and the word ‘angemeldet’ will be replaced by ‘mitgeteilt’;
- in the third sentence, the word ‘angemeldet’ will be replaced by ‘mitgeteilt’, and the word ‘Anmeldung’ will be replaced by the word ‘Mitteilung’;
- in the fourth sentence, the word ‘Anmeldungen’ will be replaced by ‘Mitteilungen’ and the word ‘angemeldet’ will be replaced by the word ‘mitgeteilt’;

The legal act will be amended in Article 1(2) as follows:

- the words ‘dafür optieren,’ will be deleted, and the word ‘darzustellen’ will be replaced by ‘darstellen’.

Document C(2019) 7611 final, ANNEX (13598/19 ADD 1):

- in point (2)(b), the word ‘Bezeichnung’ will be replaced by ‘Name’, and the word ‘beschaffen’ will be replaced by ‘erhalten’;
- in point (2)(d), the word ‘gegebenenfalls’ will be replaced by ‘falls verfügbar,’; the word ‘gelieferten’ will be replaced by the words ‘in Verkehr gebrachten’; and the words ‘wird dies begründet’ will be replaced by ‘sind die Gründe dafür anzugeben’.
- in point (2)(i), the word ‘vorhanden’ will be replaced by ‘verfügbar’;
- in point (2)(n), the words ‘einer der Gefahrenkategorien gemäß Abschnitt expression.4.1 aufgeführt’ will be replaced by ‘eine der im Abschnitt 3.4.1 angeführten Gefahrenkategorien eingestuft’;
- in point (3)(a), the word ‘Bezeichnung’ in the heading will be replaced by ‘Identifizierung’;
- in point (3)(b), in the second indent, the word ‘gegebenenfalls’ will be replaced by the words ‘falls verfügbar’; the word ‘gelieferten’ will be replaced by the words ‘in Verkehr gebrachten’; and the words ‘wird dies begründet’ will be replaced by ‘sind die Gründe dafür anzugeben’."