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1. Adoption of the agenda

The Council adopted the agenda set out in 10710/21, with the addition, at the request from the German delegation, of 2 items under "Any other Business" (new items 6(h) and 6(i)).

2. Approval of "A" items

a) Non-legislative list

10712/21

The Council adopted the "A" items listed in 10712/21 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:

Transport

4. Council Decision on the conclusion of the Protocol to amend the Air Transport Agreement between the United States of America and the European Community and its Member States
Agreement in principle
Request for the consent of the European Parliament
approved by Coreper, Part 1, on 14.07.2021

☐ 6365/1/21 REV 1
6385/21
9913/10 + COR 3-4
+ COR 5 (ro)
+ REV 1 COR 1 (fi)
+ REV 2 COR 1 (fr)
AVIATION

General Affairs

11. Conclusions on disinformation affecting the EU: tackled but not tamed (CoA SR No 09/2021)
Approval
approved by Coreper, Part 2, on 07.07.2021

10314/21
+ REV 1 (et)
HYBRID
DISINFO

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

10713/21

Economic and Financial Affairs

1. **Council Decision amending Decision 2003/77/EC laying down multiannual financial guidelines for managing the assets of the ECSC in liquidation and, on completion of the liquidation, the Assets of the Research Fund for Coal and Steel** **S****C** 10419/21 + ADD 1 + **ADD 1 COR 1 (cs)** 9391/21 ECOFIN
- Adoption*
approved by Coreper, Part 2, on 14.07.2021

The Council adopted the the Council Decision amending Decision 2003/77/EC laying down multiannual financial guidelines for managing the assets of the ECSC in liquidation and, on completion of the liquidation, the Assets of the Research Fund for Coal and Steel, as set out in ST 9391/21, revised by legal-linguistic experts. A statement by the Commission is set out in the Annex.

Research

2. **Council Decision establishing the measures necessary for the implementation of the Protocol, annexed to the Treaty establishing the European Community, on the financial consequences of the expiry of the ECSC Treaty and on the Research Fund for Coal and Steel** **S****C** 10310/21 + ADD 1 9399/1/21 REV 1 RECH
- Adoption*
approved by Coreper, Part 1, on 14.07.2021

The Council adopted Council Decision amending Decision 2003/76/EC establishing the measures necessary for the implementation of the Protocol, annexed to the Treaty establishing the European Community, on the financial consequences of the expiry of the ECSC Treaty and on the Research Fund for Coal and Steel, as finalised by the lawyer-linguists and set out in. 9399/1/21. A statement by the Commission is set out in the Annex.

Economic and Financial Affairs

3. **Council position on DAB No 1/2021: Brexit Adjustment Reserve** SC 10509/21
Adoption 10510/21
approved by Coreper, Part 2, on 14.07.2021 FIN

The Council adopted its position on draft amending budget No 1/2021, as set out in 10509/21/21 and 10510/21.

Non-legislative activities

3. **Work programme of the Presidency** 2
Presentation by the Presidency
- The Chair presented the Work Programme of the German Presidency concerning the Agriculture and Fisheries sectors.

AGRICULTURE

4. **Conclusions on the Commission Communication on the organic action plan** 2 10788/21
Approval

The Council adopted conclusions on the Commission's action plan for the development of EU organic production as set out in document 10788/21. It took note of the comments of the Commission and of Member States on organic farming and on the content of the action plan for the development of the Union's organic production.

5. Trade-related agricultural issues 10784/21
Information from the Commission
Exchange of views

Any other business

6. a) Situation in the livestock sector with regard to the cost of feed 10809/21
Information from the Croatian delegation
- b) Joint proposal on supporting the health conditions of bee colonies through the national apiculture programmes 10795/21
Information from the Hungarian delegation, supported by the Croatian, French, Greek, Italian and Romanian delegations
- c) Recent wildfire that caused serious damage to the environment and the agricultural sector 10722/21
Information from the Cyprus delegation
- d) Significant reduction in the fruiting of olive trees due to extreme weather conditions 10808/21
Information from the Greek delegation
- e) **Communication on the European Citizens' Initiative (ECI) "End the Cage Age"** 10343/21
Information from the Commission

The Council took note of:

- the information provided by the Commission on the Communication on the European Citizens' Initiative "End the Cage Age", as set out in document 10343/21, and of comments by some delegations;
- the information provided by the Austrian delegation, supported by the Belgian, Cyprus, German, Luxembourg and Slovak delegations, on improving animal welfare for turkey husbandry in line with the Farm to Fork strategy, as set out in document 10344/1/21 REV 1; and of the additional comments made by some other delegations and the response by the Commission; and
- the information provided by the French and German delegations, on behalf of the Austrian, French, German, Irish, Luxembourg, Portuguese and Spanish delegations, on prohibition of the systematic killing of male chicks in the laying hens sector, as set out in document 10670/1/21 REV 1; and of the additional comments made by some other delegations and the response by the Commission.

- f) **Improving animal welfare for turkey husbandry in line with the Farm to Fork strategy** 10344/1/21 REV 1
Information from the Austrian delegation, supported by the Belgian, Cyprus, German, Luxembourg and Slovak delegations
- Item 6(f) was addressed under item 6(e).
- g) **Prohibition of the systematic killing of male chicks in the laying hens sector** 10670/1/21 REV 1
Information from the French and German delegations, on behalf of the Austrian, French, German, Irish, Luxembourg, Portuguese and Spanish delegations
- Item 6(g) was addressed under item 6(e).
- h) (New item) 10992/21
Catastrophic floods following extreme rainfall
Information from the German delegation
- i) (New item) 10986/21
African swine fever in kept porcine animals
Information from the German delegation

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- S** Special legislative procedure
- C** Item based on a Commission proposal
- 10344** 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 doc. 10713/21

Ad "A" item 1:

Council Decision amending Decision 2003/77/EC laying down multiannual financial guidelines for managing the assets of the ECSC in liquidation and, on completion of the liquidation, the Assets of the Research Fund for Coal and Steel

Adoption

Ad "A" item 2:

Council Decision establishing the measures necessary for the implementation of the Protocol, annexed to the Treaty establishing the European Community, on the financial consequences of the expiry of the ECSC Treaty and on the Research Fund for Coal and Steel
Adoption

STATEMENT BY THE COMMISSION

“Given the objective pursued by the legislator, the Commission understands that the term ‘revenue generated by selling part of the assets’ (or variations of the same expression) in recital 12 and article 4(1) of the amended Council Decision 2003/76, and in recital 3 and article 1, of the amended Council Decision 2003/77, and points 1 and 5 of the Annex to amended Council Decision 2003/77, is to be intended as the cash amount generated by selling part of the assets.”