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NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA
COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION
(Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs)
Justus Lipsius building, Brussels
6 and 7 December 2021 (9.30, 10.00)

MEETING ON MONDAY 6 DECEMBER 2021

Meeting format: 1+1 (+1 in listening room)

Adoption of the agenda

(poss.) Approval of "A" items

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

EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL POLICY

Legislative deliberations

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

Directive on adequate minimum wages in the European Union
General approach

OC 12477/20

Directive on binding pay transparency measures
(poss.) *General approach*

OC 6750/21
+ COR 1 REV 1

Directive on equal treatment (Article 19)
Progress report

CS 11531/08

Non-legislative activities

European Semester 2022
Policy debate



a) 2022 Annual Sustainable Growth Survey (ASGS), Alert Mechanism Report (AMR), draft Joint Employment Report (JER) and draft Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area
Presentation by the Commission

b) EMCO Review of the implementation of the Youth Guarantee - key messages
Endorsement

c) Update on the national plans under the Council Recommendation on Access to Social Protection for workers and the self-employed
Presentation by the Chair of the Social Protection Committee

14150/21

Towards a Europe of Equality
Policy debate



Conclusions on sustainable work over the life course
Approval



13994/1/21 REV 1

Conclusions on the impact of artificial intelligence on gender equality in the labour market
Approval



Any other business

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



i) Revision of Regulations on coordination of social security systems (883/04 and 987/09)

15642/16
+ ADD 1
+ ADD 1 REV 1

ii) Revision of Directive on carcinogens and mutagens at work (fourth batch)

11188/20
+ ADD 1

iii) Directive on gender balance on company boards
Information from the Presidency on the state of play

16433/12

- b) ALMA (Aim, Learn, Master, Achieve) ☐
Information by the Commission
- c) High Level Group on the future of social protection and the welfare state ☐
Information by the Commission
- d) Presidency conferences ☐
- i) High level conference Quality Work for Life Quality (virtual, 7 October 2021)
- ii) Conference: Child Guarantee - equal chances for every child (virtual, 9 November 2021)
- iii) Conference: Human Rights for All Ages: Promoting a Life Course Perspective and Intergenerational Cooperation to Combat Ageism (virtual, 18 November 2021)
- iv) Conference: Empowering persons with disabilities to fully participate in society, by increasing their mobility (virtual, 20 November 2021)
- v) Webinar: Building safe digital spaces for women and girls – Click off cyber violence! (virtual, 25 November 2021)
Information from the Presidency
- e) Work programme of the incoming Presidency
Information from the French delegation

MEETING ON TUESDAY 7 DECEMBER 2021

HEALTH

Non-legislative activities

Council Regulation on the emergency framework regarding medical countermeasures
(Legal basis proposed by the Commission: Art. 122(1) TFEU)
(*poss.*) *Political agreement*



COVID-19 – Current and future response to the pandemic
Exchange of views



Conclusions on Strengthening the European Health Union
Approval



Any other business

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



i) Regulation on a reinforced role for the European Medicines Agency in crisis preparedness and management for medicinal products and medical devices

12971/20

ii) Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 851/2004 establishing a European Centre for disease prevention and control

12972/20

iii) Regulation on serious cross-border threats to health and repealing Decision No 1082/2013/EU

12973/20 + ADD 1

iv) Regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2017/746 as regards transitional provisions for certain in vitro diagnostic medical devices and deferred application of requirements for in-house devices

12884/21

Information from the Presidency on the state of play

b) Report on the implementation of Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 concerning biocidal products
Information from the Commission



c) Pharmaceutical strategy for Europe and other upcoming initiatives
Information from the Commission



- d) Europe's Beating Cancer Plan ☐²
Information from the Presidency and the Commission
- e) Special session of the World Health Assembly on pandemic preparedness and response ☐²
(virtual, 29 November - 1 December 2021)
Information from the Presidency and the Commission
- f) WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco control (FCTC): ☐²
Ninth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP9)
(virtual, 8 - 13 November 2021)
Information from the Presidency and the Commission
- g) Work programme of the incoming Presidency
Information from the French delegation

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- ① First reading
- Ⓢ Special legislative procedure
- ☐² Public debate proposed by the Presidency (Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)
- Ⓒ Item based on a Commission proposal
- (*) Item on which a vote may be requested

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