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1. Adoption of the agenda

The Council adopted the agenda set out in document 6477/25.

Non-legislative activities

2. For a more competitive European industry – Competitiveness
Compass and Clean Industrial Deal
Policy debate 6360/25
3. **Towards a horizontal strategy for a modernised Single
Market: A need for an action plan for services**  6362/25
Policy debate
The Council held a policy debate.
4. **Omnibus simplification packages**  6361/25
Policy debate
The Council held a policy debate.
5. A competitive and decarbonised EU industry in the context of
the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism 6359/25
Exchange of views

Any other business

6. a) **A blueprint for new Horizontal Single Market Strategy**  6879/1/25 REV 1
Information from Croatia, Czechia, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, the Netherlands, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden

The Council took note of the information provided by Croatia, Czechia, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, the Netherlands, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden.

- b) **Action Plan on automotive sector**  6843/25
Information from the Commission

The Council took note of the information provided by the Commission.
It also took note of delegations' comments.

- c) **Revitalising Europe's industrial future: strengthening competitiveness and resilience**  6893/25
Information from Portugal, Spain, Slovakia and Slovenia

The Council took note of the information provided by Portugal, Spain, Slovakia and Slovenia.
It also took note of delegations' and the Commission's comments.

- d) **The alarming situation of the European chemicals industry, a strategic sector that needs a dedicated EU Critical Chemicals Act**  6901/25
Information from Czechia, France, Hungary, the Netherlands, Romania, Slovakia and Spain

The Council took note of the information provided by Czechia, France, Hungary, the Netherlands, Romania, Slovakia and Spain.
Italy also expressed its support orally during the meeting.

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