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NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA
COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION
(Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs)
Europa building, Brussels
2 and 3 December 2024 (09:30, 10:00)

Format: 2+2 (+2 in listening room)

MEETING ON MONDAY 2 DECEMBER 2024 (9:30)

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, SOCIAL POLICY

Legislative deliberations

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

Directive on traineeships
General approach



8148/1/24 REV 1
(en)

Non-legislative activities

European Semester 2025: Priorities in employment and social policy
Policy debate



- a) Council Decision on guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States
(Legal basis proposed by the Commission: Article 148(2) TFEU)
Adoption



11462/1/24 REV 1
(en) + ADD 1



- b) Assessment of the Social Convergence Framework as implemented on a pilot basis in the 2024 European Semester cycle
Presentation by the Chairs of the Employment Committee and the Social Protection Committee



- c) EMCO review of the implementation of the Recommendation on individual learning accounts: Key messages
Endorsement



Comprehensive solutions to demographic challenges: Supporting parents and unlocking the untapped potential of young and older generations
Policy debate



Council Recommendation on a reinforced Quality Framework for Traineeships
Progress report



8155/24

Conclusions on labour and skills shortages in the EU: Mobilising untapped labour potential in the European Union
Approval



Conclusions on fostering social inclusion of persons with disabilities through employment, reasonable accommodation and rehabilitation
Approval



Conclusions on improving access to enabling services and employment services in order to promote the social inclusion of people at risk of poverty or social exclusion, including Roma, by reducing territorial inequalities
Approval



Conclusions on ensuring work-life balance and gender equality for all generations in the context of demographic challenges
Approval



Conclusions on strengthening women's and girls' mental health by promoting gender equality
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 European Union labour market statistics on businesses
Information from the Presidency

12258/23 + ADD 1

ii) Regulation on a public interface connected to the Internal Market Information System for the declaration of posting of workers and amending Regulation (EU) No 1024/2012
Information from the Commission

15620/24

b) Presidency events



i) Informal meeting of Employment and Social affairs Ministers

ii) Informal meeting of Ministers responsible for Demography

ii) High-level conferences
Information from the Presidency

c) Tripartite social summit
Information from the Presidency and the Commission



d) Equal treatment and intersectional discrimination
Information from the Presidency



e) Commission reports on the implementation of equality strategies



i) Report on the Implementation of the EU Anti-racism Action Plan 2020-2025

13819/24

ii) Report on the implementation of the national Roma strategic frameworks

13899/24

iii) Report on the implementation of the LGBTIQ equality strategy 2020-2025

13898/24

Information from the Commission

f) Work programme of the incoming Presidency
Information from Poland

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Ministerial lunch

MEETING ON TUESDAY 3 DECEMBER 2024 (10:00)

HEALTH

Legislative deliberations

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

Pharmaceutical package:

  14955/24

a) Directive on the Union code relating to medicinal products for human use 8759/23 + ADD 1

b) Regulation laying down Union procedures for the authorisation and supervision of medicinal products for human use and establishing rules governing the European Medicines Agency 8758/23 + ADD 1

Progress report

Non-legislative activities

Council Recommendation on smoke-and aerosol-free environments
(Legal basis proposed by the Commission: Article 168(6) TFEU)
Adoption   15059/24 + ADD 1
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The European Health Union in light of the report on ‘The future of European Competitiveness’
Exchange of views  15278/24

Conclusions on the improvement of cardiovascular health in the European Union
Approval  15315/24

Conclusions on enhancing organ donation and transplantation
Approval  14697/24

Any other business

a) Presidency conferences
Information from the Presidency 

b) Negotiations for an international agreement on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response, as well as complementary amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005)
Information from the Presidency and the Commission

- c) Work programme of the incoming Presidency
Information from Poland

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Ministerial lunch on “Short- and long-term actions for the security of supply of medicines beyond the proposed pharmaceutical package”



First reading



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



Item based on a Commission proposal

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Item on which a vote may be requested

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