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## NOTE

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
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Subject:	Draft agendas for Council meetings during the second semester of 2025 (Danish Presidency)

In accordance with Article 2(7) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, delegations will find attached the indicative agendas<sup>1</sup> for Council meetings for the period from 1 July 2025 up to 31 December 2025. These have been drawn up by the Danish Presidency, and the European External Action Service (EEAS) as regards the Foreign Affairs Council (FAC).

In accordance with Article 3(6) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, items for which approval by the Council is possible without discussion are entered as "A" items. As a general rule, "A" items do not appear on the attached provisional Council agendas.

In accordance with Annex V, para 6 of the Council's Rules of Procedure, no item is placed on the Council agenda simply for presentation by the Commission or by a Council member, except where a debate on new major initiatives is planned.

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<sup>1</sup> In accordance with the Treaty of Lisbon, on all agendas for the various Council configurations a distinction has to be made between legislative and non-legislative acts, in the case of both "A" items and "B" items.

**The Danish Presidency – 2<sup>nd</sup> semester 2025**  
**Draft work programme for Council meetings**

**Prepared by Coreper (Part 2)**

COUNCIL	DATE					
	July	August	September	October	November	December
<b>GENERAL AFFAIRS</b>	18		16	21 (Lux.)	17	16
<b>FOREIGN AFFAIRS</b>	14 (Trade) 15			6 (defence) 20 (Lux.)	10 21 (Develop.) 24 (Trade) 28 (defence)	15
<b>ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS</b>	8 22 (Budget)			10 (Lux.)	13 14 (Budget)	12
<b>JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS</b>				13-14 (Lux.)		8-9

**Prepared by Coreper (Part 1)**

COUNCIL	DATE					
	July	August	September	October	November	December
<b>EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL POLICY, HEALTH AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS</b>				17 (Employment & Social Policy)		1 (Employment & Social Policy) 2 (Health)
<b>COMPETITIVENESS (INTERNAL MARKET, INDUSTRY, RESEARCH AND SPACE)</b>			29 (Internal Market & Industry) 30 (Research)			8 (Internal Market & Industry) 9 (Research & Space)
<b>TRANSPORT, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY</b>				20 (Energy)		4 (Transport) 5 (Telecom) 15 (Energy)
<b>AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES</b>	14		22 and 23	27 and 28	17	11 and 12
<b>ENVIRONMENT</b>			18	21		16
<b>EDUCATION, YOUTH, CULTURE AND SPORT</b>					27 (Education & Youth) 28 (Culture & Sport)	

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**GENERAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL**  
**BRUSSELS - 18 JULY 2025**

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)

**Legislative deliberations**

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

Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) post-2027 (*proposal pending*)  
*Policy debate*



Any other business

**Non-legislative activities**

Any other business  
Handling of the simplification agenda during the Danish Presidency  
*Information from the Presidency*

- 
- Special legislative procedure
  - Item based on a Commission proposal

**GENERAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL**  
**BRUSSELS - 16 SEPTEMBER 2025**

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)

**Non-legislative activities**

Preparation of the European Council on 23-24 October 2025:  
annotated draft agenda

*Exchange of views*

Legislative programming: letter of intent



*Presentation by the Commission*

*Exchange of views*

Annual rule-of-law dialogue: horizontal discussion

*Exchange of views*

General trend of the rule-of-law situation in selected candidate countries

*Exchange of views*

Any other business



Public debate (Article 8(3) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)

**GENERAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL**  
**LUXEMBOURG – 21 OCTOBER 2025**

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)

**Legislative deliberations**

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

Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) post-2027 (*proposal pending*)  
*Policy debate*

**SC**

New European Democracy Shield (*initiative pending*)  
*Policy debate*

Omnibus simplification legislative packages  
*Progress report*

**IC**

Any other business

**Non-legislative activities**

Preparation of the European Council on 23-24 October 2025:  
conclusions  
*Exchange of views*

Values of the Union in Hungary/Article 7(1) TEU reasoned proposal  
*Hearing*

Any other business

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- I** First reading
  - S** Special legislative procedure
  - C** Item based on a Commission proposal

**GENERAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL**  
**BRUSSELS - 17 NOVEMBER 2025**

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)

**Legislative deliberations**

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

Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) post-2027 (*proposal pending*)  
*Policy debate*



**Non-legislative activities**

Preparation of the European Council on 18-19 December 2025:  
annotated draft agenda  
*Exchange of views*

EU-UK relations  
*State of play*

Legislative programming: Commission work programme for 2026  
*Presentation by the Commission*  
*Exchange of views*



Annual rule of law dialogue: country-specific discussion  
*Exchange of views*

Any other business



Special legislative procedure



Public debate (Article 8(3) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)



Item based on a Commission proposal

**GENERAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL**  
**BRUSSELS – 16 DECEMBER 2025**

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)

**Legislative deliberations**

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

Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) post-2027 (*proposal pending*)  
*Progress report*



Cohesion policy post-2027 (*proposal pending*)  
*Progress report*



Any other business

**Non-legislative activities**

Preparation of the European Council on 18-19 December 2025:  
conclusions  
*Exchange of views*

Simplification

- a) Annual progress report on enforcement and implementation
- b) Overview report on implementation and simplification

*Presentation by the Commission*  
*Exchange of views*

Conclusions on the enlargement and stabilisation and association  
process  
*Approval*

Legislative programming: joint declaration on EU legislative priorities  
for 2026  
*Approval*





European Semester 2026: roadmap  
*Presentation by the Presidency and the incoming Presidency*

Any other business

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- I** First reading
  - S** Special legislative procedure
  - 3** Public debate (Article 8(3) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)
  - C** Item based on a Commission proposal
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**FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL – TRADE**  
**BRUSSELS –14 JULY 2025**

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)

**Non-legislative activities**

EU-US trade relations

*State of play*

Ongoing bilateral trade negotiations

*State of play*

EU-China trade relations

*State of play*

Any other business

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**FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL**

**BRUSSELS – 15 JULY 2025**

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)

**Non-legislative activities**

Current affairs

Russian aggression against Ukraine

*Exchange of views*

Situation in the Middle East

*Exchange of views*

Mediterranean 2025: The Pact and the reform of the UfM

*Exchange of views*

Any other business

**FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL - DEFENCE**

**LUXEMBOURG – 6 OCTOBER 2025**

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)

**Non-legislative activities**

Current affairs

Support to Ukraine

*Exchange of views*

Defence readiness

*Exchange of views*

Any other business

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**FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL**  
**LUXEMBOURG – 20 OCTOBER 2025**

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)

**Non-legislative activities**

Current affairs

Russian aggression against Ukraine  
*Exchange of views*

Situation in the Middle East  
*Exchange of views*

Sahel  
*Exchange of views*

EU-Indo Pacific relations  
*Exchange of views*

Any other business

The Foreign Affairs Council (FAC) will keep the following issues under constant review for possible inclusion in the agenda should developments warrant a ministerial discussion:

- Black Sea
- Georgia
- Armenia/Azerbaijan
- Republic of Moldova
- Horn of Africa, including Sudan
- Great Lakes Region
- Belgrade-Pristina Dialogue
- Global Gateway

**FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL  
BRUSSELS – 10 NOVEMBER 2025**

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)

**Non-legislative activities**

Current affairs

Russian aggression against Ukraine

*Exchange of views*

Situation in the Middle East

*Exchange of views*

EU-ASEAN relations

*Exchange of views*

Any other business

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  - Georgia
  - Armenia/Azerbaijan
  - Republic of Moldova
  - Horn of Africa, including Sudan
  - Great Lakes Region
  - Belgrade-Pristina Dialogue
  - Global Gateway
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**FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL - DEVELOPMENT**

**BRUSSELS – 21 NOVEMBER 2025**

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)

**Non-legislative activities**

Development financing

*Exchange of views*

Any other business

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**FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL – TRADE**  
**BRUSSELS – 24 NOVEMBER 2025**

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)

**Non-legislative activities**

Ongoing bilateral trade negotiations

*State of play*

EU-US trade relations

*State of play*

Preparation for the 14th WTO ministerial conference (MC14)

*State of play*

Any other business

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**FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL - DEFENCE**

**BRUSSELS – 28 NOVEMBER 2025**

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)

**Non-legislative activities**

Current affairs

Support to Ukraine

*Exchange of views*

Defence readiness

*Exchange of views*

Any other business

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**FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL  
BRUSSELS – 15 DECEMBER 2025**

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)

**Non-legislative activities**

Current affairs

Russian aggression against Ukraine  
*Exchange of views*

Situation in the Middle East  
*Exchange of views*

EU-US relations  
*Exchange of views*

Any other business

The Foreign Affairs Council (FAC) will keep the following issues under constant review for possible inclusion in the agenda should developments warrant a ministerial discussion:

- Black Sea
  - Georgia
  - Armenia/Azerbaijan
  - Republic of Moldova
  - Horn of Africa, including Sudan
  - Great Lakes Region
  - Belgrade-Pristina Dialogue
  - Global Gateway
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## ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL

BRUSSELS – 8 JULY 2025

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)

### Legislative deliberations

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

Savings and Investment Union: Securitisation review



*Policy debate*

Single Currency Package



- a) Regulation on the establishment of the digital euro
- b) Regulation on provision of digital euro services by non-Euro area payment service providers
- c) Regulation on legal tender of euro banknotes and coins

*Policy debate*

Any other business

Current financial services legislative proposals

*Information from the Presidency*

### Non-legislative activities

Presidency work programme



*Presentation by the Presidency*

*Exchange of views*

Economic and financial impact of Russia's aggression against Ukraine

*Exchange of views*

Economic recovery in Europe



Council Implementing Decisions under the Recovery and Resilience Facility

*Adoption*

European Semester 2025

- a) Integrated country-specific recommendations  
*Adoption*
- b) Conclusions on the 2025 in-depth reviews under the macroeconomic imbalance procedure  
*Approval*

Implementation of the economic governance framework

☐C

- a) Medium-term fiscal-structural plans: Council Recommendations
- b) National escape clauses: Council Recommendations
- c) Council Decisions and Recommendations under the excessive deficit procedure

*Adoption*

Adoption of the euro by Bulgaria

☐C

- a) Council Decision on the adoption by Bulgaria of the euro on 1 January 2026
- b) Council Regulation on the introduction of the euro in Bulgaria
- c) Council Regulation on the conversion rate to the euro for Bulgaria

*Adoption*

Preparation of the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meeting on 17-18 July 2025: EU terms of reference

*Approval*

Any other business

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**p.m.:**

**Monday, 7 July 2025**

15:00 Eurogroup in regular format

20:00 Informal dinner of ECOFIN ministers hosted by the Presidency

**Tuesday, 8 July 2025**

09:00 Breakfast

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First reading

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Public debate (Article 8(3) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)

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Item based on a Commission proposal

**(POSS.) ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL - BUDGET**

**BRUSSELS – 22 JULY 2025**

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)

**Legislative deliberations**

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

Council's position on the draft Union budget for 2026

**SC**

*Political agreement*

Any other business

*This Council will be convened in case an agreement has not been reached before at Coreper level. The formal adoption of the Council's position will be done in early September, after the end of the eight-week period foreseen in Protocol No 1 on the role of national parliaments in the European Union.*

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Special legislative procedure

**C**

Item based on a Commission proposal

# ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL

LUXEMBOURG – 10 OCTOBER 2025

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)

## Legislative deliberations

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

New own resources (*proposals pending*)

SC

*Policy debate*

Any other business

Current financial services legislative proposals

*Information from the Presidency*

## Non-legislative activities

Savings and Investment Union

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Savings and investments account Recommendation  
(*proposal pending*)

*Policy debate*

Economic and financial impact of Russia's aggression against  
Ukraine

*Exchange of views*

Conclusions on the revision of the EU list of non-cooperative  
jurisdictions for tax purposes

*Approval*

Conclusions on climate finance in view of the 2025 UN Climate  
Change Conference (COP30) (Belém, 10-21 November 2025)

*Approval*

Economic recovery in Europe

C

Council Implementing Decisions under the Recovery and Resilience  
Facility (*proposals pending*)

*Adoption*

European Semester 2025: lessons learnt

*Exchange of views*

Implementation of the Stability and Growth Pact  
Medium-term fiscal-structural plans: Council Recommendations  
*Adoption*

International meetings

- a) Follow-up to the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meeting on 17-18 July 2025  
*Information from the Presidency and the Commission*
- b) Preparation of the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meeting and IMF annual meetings
  - i) G20 EU terms of reference
  - ii) Statement to the IMFC

*Approval*

Any other business

Status of the implementation of financial services legislation

*Information from the Commission*

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**p.m.:**

**Thursday, 9 October 2025**

15:00 Eurogroup in regular format

**Friday, 10 October 2025**

09:00 Breakfast



Special legislative procedure



Item based on a Commission proposal

## ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

BRUSSELS – 13 NOVEMBER 2025

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)

### Legislative deliberations

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

Revision of the energy taxation Directive

SC

*Political agreement*

Any other business

Current financial services legislative proposals

*Information from the Presidency*

### Non-legislative activities

Carbon border adjustment mechanism (CBAM): review and anti-avoidance strategy

C

*Policy debate*

Conclusions on economic consequences of EU legislation

*Approval*

Tax simplification and competitiveness in the EU

*Policy debate*

Economic and financial impact of Russia's aggression against Ukraine

*Exchange of views*

Economic recovery in Europe

Council Implementing Decisions under the Recovery and Resilience Facility (*proposals pending*)

C

*Adoption*

Annual report of the European Fiscal Board

*Exchange of views*

Conclusions on EU statistics

*Approval*



Follow-up to the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meeting on 15-16 October 2025

*Information from the Presidency and the Commission  
Exchange of views*

Any other business

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**p.m.:**

**Wednesday, 12 November 2025**

11:00    Macroeconomic dialogue at political level (MEDPOL)

15:00    Eurogroup in regular format

**Thursday, 13 November 2025**

08:30    Breakfast

09:00    Ministerial dialogue between the EU and EFTA countries



Special legislative procedure



Item based on a Commission proposal

## ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS – BUDGET

BRUSSELS – 14 NOVEMBER 2025

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)

### Legislative deliberations

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

Union budget for 2026: preparation of the meeting of the conciliation committee with the European Parliament

*Exchange of views*

Any other business

*The Council takes place on the same day as the conciliation committee with the European Parliament, which should conclude the conciliation period of 21 days foreseen by the TFEU.*

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**S** Special legislative procedure

**C** Item based on a Commission proposal

## ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

BRUSSELS – 12 DECEMBER 2025

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)

### Legislative deliberations

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

Savings and Investments Union



- a) EU rules to foster market integration and efficient supervision (Market Infrastructure Package) (*proposal pending*)  
*Policy debate*
- b) Recommendations on auto-enrolment, pension tracking systems and pension dashboards (IORPs and PEPP review) (*proposal pending*)  
*Policy debate*

Single Currency Package



- a) Regulation on the establishment of the digital euro
  - b) Regulation on the provision of digital euro services by non-euro area payment services providers
  - c) Regulation on legal tender of euro banknotes and coins
- General approach*

Council Directive on VAT rules on the abolition of the €150 threshold and on customs warehouses  
*General approach*



Customs Union reform package



Regulation establishing the Union Customs Code and the European Union Customs Authority  
*Adoption*

Any other business

Current financial services legislative proposals  
*Information from the Presidency*

## Non-legislative activities

Customs Union reform package



Council Regulation as regards the introduction of a simplified tariff treatment for the distance sales of goods and the elimination of the customs duty relief threshold

*Adoption*

Simplification

a) Annual progress report on enforcement and implementation

b) Overview report on implementation and simplification

*Presentation by the Commission*

*Exchange of views*

Economic and financial impact of Russia's aggression against Ukraine

*Exchange of views*

European Semester 2026

Alert Mechanism Report 2026 and Council Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area

*Presentation by the Commission*

*Exchange of views*

Implementation of the Stability and Growth Pact



Council Decisions and Recommendations under the excessive deficit procedure (*proposals pending*)

*Presentation by the Commission*

*Exchange of views*

Economic recovery in Europe



Council Implementing Decisions under the Recovery and Resilience Facility (*proposals pending*)

*Adoption*

ECOFIN report on tax issues

*Approval*

Conclusions on the progress achieved by the Code of Conduct Group

*Approval*

European Court of Auditors' annual report on the implementation of the budget of the European Union for the financial year 2024

*Presentation*

Any other business

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**p.m.:**

**Thursday, 11 December 2025**

15:00 Eurogroup in regular format

20.00 Informal dinner of ECOFIN ministers hosted by the Presidency

**Friday, 12 December 2025**

09:00 Breakfast

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- ①** First reading
  - S** Special legislative procedure
  - C** Item based on a Commission proposal

**JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS COUNCIL**  
**LUXEMBOURG 13-14 OCTOBER 2025**

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)

**JUSTICE**

**Legislative deliberations**

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

Any other business

Current legislative proposals

*Information from the Presidency*

**Non-legislative activities**

Rule of law developments in the field of justice

*Exchange of views*

Annual progress report on enforcement and implementation

*Presentation by the Commission*

*Exchange of views*

Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine: fight against impunity

*State of play*

The future role of the EU agencies in the light of the evaluation of the Eurojust Regulation

*Exchange of views*

Access to data for effective criminal investigations

*State of play*

Council Decision authorising Member States to sign the UN Convention against cybercrime (*proposal pending*)

*Adoption*



Council Decision authorising Member States to ratify the UN Convention against cybercrime (*proposal pending*)

*Agreement in principle*

*Request for the consent of the European Parliament*



## **HOME AFFAIRS**

### **Legislative deliberations**

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

Regulation establishing a common system for the return of third-country nationals staying illegally in the EU



*Policy debate*

Regulation to prevent and combat child sexual abuse



*Partial general approach*

Revision of the Union Civil Protection Mechanism (*proposal pending*)



*Policy debate*

Regulation enhancing police cooperation in the fight against migrant smuggling and trafficking in human beings



*Political agreement*

Any other business

Current legislative proposals

*Information from the Presidency*

### **Non-legislative activities**

Overall state of the Schengen area:

a) Schengen barometer

b) Future of Frontex

*Exchange of views*

External dimension of migration

*State of play*

Annual progress report on enforcement and implementation

*Presentation by the Commission*

*Exchange of views*

The impact of the current geopolitical environment on the EU's internal security

*Exchange of views*

Implementation of interoperability

*Exchange of views*

Access to data for effective law enforcement

*State of play*

Any other business

Annual Solidarity Pool

*Information from the Presidency*

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### **In the margins of the Council:**

### **Meeting of the MIXED COMMITTEE ("Schengen Council")**

Overall state of the Schengen area:

a) Schengen barometer

b) Future of Frontex

*Exchange of views*

Regulation establishing a common system for the return of third-country nationals staying illegally in the EU



*Policy debate*

Implementation of interoperability

*Exchange of views*



First reading



Item based on a Commission proposal



**JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS COUNCIL**  
**BRUSSELS – 8-9 DECEMBER 2025**

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)

**HOME AFFAIRS**

**Legislative deliberations**

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

Regulation establishing a common system for the return of third-country nationals staying illegally in the EU **1C**

*General approach*

Regulation establishing a list of safe countries of origin at Union level **1C**

*General approach*

Regulation amending the Asylum Procedure Regulation (APR) **1C**

*(proposal pending)*

*General approach*

Regulation establishing an EU digital travel application **1C**

*General approach*

Regulation establishing an EU talent pool **1C**

*Political agreement*

Revision of the Union Civil Protection Mechanism *(proposal pending)* **1C**

*Progress report*

Any other business

- a) Current legislative proposals  
*Information from the Presidency*
- b) Directive on minimum rules to prevent migrant smuggling **1C**  
*Information from the Presidency*

## Non-legislative activities

Overall state of the Schengen area:

Implementation of Schengen Council cycle priorities

*Exchange of views*

Implementation of interoperability

*Exchange of views*

Council Implementing Decision establishing the Annual Solidarity Pool (*proposal pending*)



*Adoption*

External dimension of migration

*Exchange of views*

EU agenda on preventing and countering terrorism and violent extremism

*Exchange of views*

The fight against drug trafficking and organised crime

*State of play*

EU strategic framework on drugs

*Exchange of views*

The impact of the current geopolitical environment on the EU's internal security

*Exchange of views*

Countering security challenges: assessment by European domestic security and intelligence services

*State of play*

Any other business

a) EU-Western Balkans ministerial forum on justice and home affairs (Sarajevo, October 2025)

*Information from the Presidency*

b) EU visa strategy (*initiative pending*)

*Information from the Commission*

c) A new European internal security governance

*Information from the Commission*

d) Implementation of the Pact on Migration and Asylum

*Information from the Commission*





e) Work programme of the incoming Presidency

*Presentation by Cyprus*

## **JUSTICE**

### **Legislative deliberations**

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

Directive harmonising certain aspects of insolvency law <i>Political agreement</i>	
Regulation on protection of adults <i>Policy debate</i>	
Directive on minimum rules to prevent migrant smuggling <i>Political agreement</i>	
Directive on combating the sexual abuse and the sexual exploitation of children <i>Political agreement</i>	
Any other business Current legislative proposals <i>Information from the Presidency</i>	

### **Non-legislative activities**

Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine: fight against impunity <i>State of play</i>	
The fight against drug trafficking and organised crime <i>State of play</i>	
EU accession to the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (ECHR) <i>State of play</i>	
Any other business	
a) EU-Western Balkans ministerial forum on justice and home affairs (Sarajevo, October 2025) <i>Information from the Presidency</i>	
b) Work programme of the incoming Presidency <i>Presentation by Cyprus</i>	

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**In the margins of the Council:**

**Meeting of the MIXED COMMITTEE (“Schengen Council”)**

Overall state of the Schengen area:  
Implementation of Schengen Council cycle priorities  
*Exchange of views*

Regulation on establishing a common system for the return of third-  
country nationals staying illegally in the EU  
*Policy debate*



Implementation of interoperability  
*Exchange of views*

Directive on minimum rules to prevent migrant smuggling  
*Policy debate*



Any other business  
EU visa strategy (*initiative pending*)  
*Information from the Commission*



First reading



Item based on a Commission proposal

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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)

**Non-legislative activities**

LGBTIQ equality  
*Exchange of views*



Future of EU policy on discrimination  
*Exchange of views*



Conclusions on violence against women and domestic violence:  
prevention, early detection and intervention  
*Approval*



Any other business

- a) Gender Equality Index, including thematic focus on stereotypes  
*Information from the Presidency*



- b) Presidency events
  - i) Informal meeting of Employment and Social affairs Ministers
  - ii) High-level conferences  
*Information from the Presidency*



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

**MEETING ON MONDAY 1 DECEMBER 2025**

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 the sixth revision of the carcinogens, mutagens and reprotoxic substances (*proposal pending*)

**1C**

*General approach*

Council Directive on implementing the principle of equal treatment (Article 19)

**SC**

*General approach*

Regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2021/691 (EGF) as regards support to workers affected by imminent job displacement in enterprises undergoing restructuring

**1C**

*General approach*

Any other business

Current legislative proposals

**1C**

- i) Directive on traineeships  
*Information from the Presidency*

## Non-legislative activities

Conclusions on the future Affordable Housing Plan [2]  
*Approval*

Conclusions on the social inclusion of persons with disabilities  
through the promotion of independent living [2]  
*Approval*

European Semester 2026 [2]

- a) Alert Mechanism Report 2026, draft Joint Employment Report  
and Council Recommendation on the economic policy of the  
euro area  
*Presentation by the Commission*  
*Exchange of views*

Annual progress report on enforcement and implementation  
*Presentation by the Commission*  
*Exchange of views*

Any other business

- a) New Action Plan on the implementation of the European Pillar  
of Social Rights (*initiative pending*) [2]  
*Information from the Commission*

- b) Quality Jobs Roadmap (*initiative pending*) [2]  
*Information from the Commission*

- c) Council Recommendation on a reinforced quality framework for  
Traineeships [2]  
*Information from the Presidency*

- d) Union of Skills  
*Information from the Commission*

- e) Presidency events  
*Information from the Presidency*

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

## **MEETING ON TUESDAY 2 DECEMBER 2025**

### **HEALTH**

#### **Legislative deliberations**

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

Critical Medicines Act  
*General approach*



Any other business

Current legislative proposals



- i) Pharmaceutical package
  - a) Directive on the Union code relating to medicinal product for human use
  - 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*Information from the Presidency*

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

Novel tobacco and nicotine products: impact on children and young people  
*Exchange of views*



Annual progress report on enforcement and implementation  
*Presentation by the Commission*  
*Exchange of views*

Any other business

- a) WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC): Eleventh Session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 11) (Geneva, 17-22 November 2025)  
*Information from the Presidency and the Commission*
- b) Presidency events  
*Information from the Presidency*





- c) Negotiations for an international agreement on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response  
*Information from the Presidency and the Commission*
- d) Work programme of the incoming Presidency  
*Information from Cyprus*

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- I** First reading
  - S** Special legislative procedure
  - 2** Public debate proposed by the Presidency (Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)
  - C** Item based on a Commission proposal
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**COMPETITIVENESS COUNCIL (INTERNAL MARKET, INDUSTRY,  
RESEARCH AND SPACE)**

**BRUSSELS – 29-30 SEPTEMBER 2025**

**MEETING ON MONDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2025**

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)

**INTERNAL MARKET AND INDUSTRY**

**Non-legislative activities**

Omnibus simplification packages

*Exchange of views*

Single Market Strategy

*Exchange of views*

Annual progress report on enforcement and implementation

*Presentation by the Commission*

*Exchange of views*



Any other business



## **MEETING ON TUESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2025**



### **RESEARCH**

#### **Legislative deliberations**

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

Horizon Europe Framework Programme for Research and Innovation  
in the next Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) (*proposal  
pending*)    
*Policy debate*

Specific Programme implementing Horizon Europe in the next  
Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) (*proposal pending*)    
*Policy debate*

Regulation amending the regulation on an EuroHPC initiative for  
start-ups in order to boost European leadership in trustworthy artificial  
intelligence (*proposal pending*)    
*Political agreement*



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

Conclusions on EU Startup and Scaleup Strategy  
*Approval*

Conclusions on EU Life Sciences Strategy (*initiative pending*)  
*Approval*

Any other business

Annual progress report on enforcement and implementation  
*Presentation by the Commission*

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-  First reading  
 Item based on a Commission proposal
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**COMPETITIVENESS COUNCIL (INTERNAL MARKET, INDUSTRY,  
RESEARCH AND SPACE)**

**BRUSSELS – 8-9 DECEMBER 2025**

**MEETING ON MONDAY 8 DECEMBER 2025**

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)

**INTERNAL MARKET AND INDUSTRY**

**Legislative deliberations**

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

Industrial Decarbonisation Accelerator Act (*proposal pending*)  
*Policy debate*



European Competitiveness Fund (*proposal pending*)  
*Policy debate*



Any other business

Current legislative proposals



- i) Omnibus simplification packages  
*Information from the Presidency*
- ii) Package Travel Directive  
*Information from the Presidency*

**Non-legislative activities**

Overview Report on Implementation and Simplification  
*Presentation by the Commission*  
*Exchange of views*

Any other business

- a) Report of the Network of SME Envoys to the Competitiveness Council  
*Presentation by the Commission*
- b) Work programme of the incoming Presidency  
*Information from Cyprus*

## **MEETING ON TUESDAY 9 DECEMBER 2025**

### **RESEARCH**

#### **Legislative deliberations**

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

Horizon Europe Framework Programme for Research and Innovation  
in the next Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) (*proposal  
pending*)  
*Progress report/Partial general approach*



Specific Programme implementing Horizon Europe in the next  
Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) (*proposal pending*)  
*Progress report/Partial general approach*



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

Any other business

Work programme of the incoming Presidency  
*Information from Cyprus*

## SPACE

### Legislative deliberations

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

Space aspects in the context of the next EU Multiannual Financial  
Framework (MFF) (*proposal pending*)  
*Policy debate*



EU Space Act  
*Progress report*



### Non-legislative activities

Any other business

Work programme of the incoming Presidency  
*Information from Cyprus*



First reading



Item based on a Commission proposal

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**TRANSPORT, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY COUNCIL**  
**LUXEMBOURG - 20 OCTOBER 2025**

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)

**Legislative deliberations**

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

REPowerEU regulation on phasing out Russian natural gas imports,  
improving monitoring of potential energy dependencies and amending  
Regulation (EU) 2017/1938



*General approach*

**Non-legislative activities**

Electrification

*Exchange of views*

Any other business

- a) Energy situation in Ukraine and Moldova  
*Presentation*
- b) Winter preparedness  
*Information from the Commission*
- c) Climate and energy diplomacy (*initiative pending*)  
*Information from the Commission*
- d) Follow up to National Energy and Climate Plans  
*Information from the Commission*
- e) Annual progress report on enforcement and implementation  
*Presentation by the Commission*

**TRANSPORT, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY COUNCIL**  
**BRUSSELS – 4-5 DECEMBER 2025**

**MEETING ON THURSDAY 4 DECEMBER 2025**

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)

**TRANSPORT**

**Legislative deliberations**

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

**Intermodal**

Regulation establishing the Connecting Europe Facility (*proposal pending*)  
*Progress report*



**Land**

Roadworthiness package:



- a) Directive on periodic roadworthiness tests for motor vehicles and their trailers and directive on the technical roadside inspection of the roadworthiness of commercial vehicles circulating in the Union
- b) Directive on registrations documents for vehicles and vehicle registration data recorded in national vehicle registers

*General approach*

Directive laying down for certain road vehicles the maximum authorised dimensions and the maximum authorised weights  
*General approach*





Any other business

Current legislative proposals



- i) Regulation on passenger rights in the context of multimodal journeys
- ii) Regulation on enforcement of passenger rights in the Union
- iii) Regulation on the accounting of greenhouse gas emissions of transport services
- iv) Regulation on the use of railway infrastructure capacity in the single European railway area
- v) Air passenger rights

*Information from the Presidency*

### **Non-legislative activities**

Annual progress report on enforcement and implementation

*Presentation by the Commission*

*Exchange of views*

Any other business

Work programme of the incoming Presidency

*Information from the Cyprus delegation*

## **MEETING ON FRIDAY 5 DECEMBER 2025**

### **TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

#### **Legislative deliberations**

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

Digital aspects in the context of the next Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) (*proposal pending*)  
*Progress report*



Simplification and digitalisation  
*Policy debate*



Any other business

Current legislative proposals



- i) Digital Networks Act (proposal pending)
  - ii) European Business Wallet (proposal pending)
  - iii) Digital Package (proposal pending)
  - iv) Cloud and AI Development Act (proposal pending)
- Information from the Presidency*

### **Non-legislative activities**

Conclusions on digital competitiveness and technological sovereignty  
in the context of the Digital Decade  
*Approval*

When cyber gets real: building resilience to cyberattacks  
*Exchange of views*

Any other business

- a) Council decision on the accession of Moldova to roam-like-at-home  
*Information from the Presidency*
- b) International initiatives in the digital field: state of play  
*Information from the Commission*
- c) WSIS +20 High Level Event: main outcomes  
*Information from the Commission*
- d) Outcomes of discussions during the informal TTE Council  
*Information from the Presidency*
- e) Annual progress report on enforcement and implementation  
*Presentation by the Commission*
- f) Work programme of the incoming Presidency  
*Information from Cyprus*



First reading



Item based on a Commission proposal

## TRANSPORT, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY COUNCIL

BRUSSELS - 15 DECEMBER 2025

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)

### Legislative deliberations

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

Regulation establishing the Connecting Europe Facility (*proposal pending*)  
*Progress report*



European grids package (*proposal pending*)  
*Policy debate*



### Non-legislative activities

White paper on deeper electricity market integration (*initiative pending*)  
*Exchange of views*

Any other business

- a) Follow up to the Action Plan for affordable energy  
*Information from the Commission*
- b) Recent developments in the field of external energy relations  
*Information from the Commission*
- c) Work programme of the incoming Presidency  
*Information from Cyprus*



First reading



Item based on a Commission proposal

## **AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES COUNCIL**

**BRUSSELS - 14 JULY 2025**

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)

### **Non-legislative activities**

Work programme of the Presidency

*Presentation by the Presidency*

## **AGRICULTURE**

### **SCA ITEMS**

### **Non-legislative activities**

Market situation, in particular following the invasion of Ukraine

*Information from the Commission*

*Exchange of views*

Proteins for food and feed: supply, production and sustainability

*Exchange of views*

### **COREPER ITEMS**

### **Non-legislative activities**

Any other business

Sixth African Union – European Union Agriculture Ministerial

Conference (Rome, 27 June 2025)

*Information from the Commission*



First reading



Item based on a Commission proposal

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**AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES COUNCIL**  
**BRUSSELS – 22- 23 SEPTEMBER 2025**

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)

**COREPER ITEMS**

**Legislative deliberations**

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

Any other business

**Agriculture**

Current legislative proposals



- i) Plant and veterinary aspects in the context of the next Multiannual Financial Framework (*proposal pending*)  
*Presentation by the Commission*
- ii) Maritime, fisheries and aquaculture aspects in the context of the next Multiannual Financial Framework (*proposal pending*)  
*Presentation by the Commission*

**Non-legislative activities**

**FISHERIES**

EU-UK: annual consultations on fishing opportunities for 2026  
*Exchange of views*

EU-Norway and coastal states: annual consultations for 2026  
*Exchange of views*

European Water Resilience Strategy  
*Presentation by the Commission*

Any other business

### Agriculture

- a) Outcome of the 45<sup>th</sup> FAO Conference  
(Rome, 28 June - 4 July 2025)  
*Information from the Commission*
- b) 2<sup>nd</sup> UN Food Systems Summit Stocktake (UNFSS+4)  
(Addis Ababa, 27-29 July 2025)  
*Information from the Presidency*

### SCA ITEMS

### AGRICULTURE

#### **Legislative deliberations**

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

Reform of the Common Agricultural Policy post 2027 (*proposal pending*)  
*Presentation by the Commission*  
*Policy debate*



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

Trade-related agricultural issues  
*Information from the Commission*  
*Exchange of views*

Any other business

- a) Generational Renewal Strategy (*initiative pending*)  
*Presentation by the Commission*
- b) Stocktaking of the third year of implementation of the strategic plans under the Common Agricultural Policy  
*Information from the Presidency*



First reading



Item based on a Commission proposal

**AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES COUNCIL**  
**LUXEMBOURG – 27-28 OCTOBER 2025**

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)

**Non-legislative activities**

Any other business

Agriculture and Fisheries

Annual progress report on enforcement and implementation  
*Presentation by the Commission*

**COREPER ITEMS**

**Non-legislative activities**

**FISHERIES**

Council Regulation fixing for 2026 the fishing opportunities applicable in the Baltic Sea  
*Political agreement*



ICCAT annual meeting (Seville, Spain, 17-24 November 2025)  
*Exchange of views*

**SCA ITEMS**

**Legislative deliberations**

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

**AGRICULTURE**

Reform of the Common Agricultural Policy post 2027 (*proposal pending*) – thematic discussion  
*Policy debate*



## **Non-legislative activities**

Market situation in particular following the invasion of Ukraine

*Information from the Commission*

*Exchange of views*



First reading



Item based on a Commission proposal

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**AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES COUNCIL**  
**BRUSSELS - 17 NOVEMBER 2025**

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)

COREPER ITEMS

**Non-legislative activities**

**FISHERIES**

Council Regulation fixing for 2026 and for certain stocks for 2027 the fishing opportunities in the Atlantic and the North Sea



*Presentation by the Commission*

*Exchange of views*

Council Regulation fixing for 2026 the fishing opportunities in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea



*Presentation by the Commission*

*Exchange of views*

**AGRICULTURE**

**Legislative deliberations**

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

Any other business

Current legislative proposals



- i) Simplification package on environmental and food safety regulation in relation to agriculture (*proposal pending*)  
*Presentation by the Commission*

## **Non-legislative activities**

Any other business

Outcome of the One Health Conference  
(Copenhagen, 5-6 November 2025)

*Information by the Presidency*

## **SCA ITEMS**

### **AGRICULTURE**

#### **Legislative deliberations**

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

Reform of the Common Agricultural Policy post 2027 (*proposal pending*) - thematic discussion



*Policy debate*

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

Trade-related agricultural issues  
*Information from the Commission*  
*Exchange of views*

Any other business

- a) Evaluation of Directive (EU) 2019/633 on unfair trading practices in the business-to-business relationships in the agricultural and food supply chain (*report pending*)  
*Presentation by the Commission*
- b) EU Digitalisation Strategy for Agriculture (*initiative pending*)  
*Presentation by the Commission*



First reading



Item based on a Commission proposal

**AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES COUNCIL**  
**BRUSSELS – 11-12 DECEMBER 2025**

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)

**COREPER ITEMS**

**Non-legislative activities**

**FISHERIES**

Council Regulation fixing for 2026 and for certain stocks for 2027 the fishing opportunities in the Atlantic and the North Sea



*Political agreement*

Council Regulation fixing for 2026 the fishing opportunities in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea



*Political agreement*

**Legislative deliberations**

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

Any other business

**Fisheries**

Current legislative proposals



- i) Financing of maritime, fisheries and aquaculture post 2027 (proposal pending): state of play  
*Information from the Presidency*

**Agriculture**

Outcome of the Animal Welfare Conference (Brussels, 1 December 2025)

*Information from the Presidency*

Current legislative proposals



- i) Regulation on the protection of animals during transport and related operation: state of play  
*Information from the Presidency*

## SCA ITEMS

### AGRICULTURE

#### Legislative deliberations

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

Reform of the Common Agricultural Policy post 2027 (*proposal pending*): thematic discussion  
*Policy debate*



#### Non-legislative activities

Simplification and better regulation in the agri-food sector  
*Information from the Presidency*  
*Exchange of views*

#### Any other business

- a) EU Bioeconomy Strategy in relation to the agri-food sector  
(*initiative pending*)  
*Presentation by the Commission*
- b) Outcome of the meeting of CAP Directors  
(Copenhagen, 1-3 October 2025)  
*Information from the Presidency*
- c) Outcome of the meeting of Directors of paying agencies  
(Copenhagen, 19-21 November 2025)  
*Information from the Presidency*



First reading



Item based on a Commission proposal

**ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL  
BRUSSELS – 18 SEPTEMBER**

**2025**

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)

**Legislative deliberations**

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

European Climate Law amendment (*proposal pending*)  
*General approach*



**Non-legislative activities**

EU submission of an updated Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)  
*Approval*

Any other business



First reading



Item based on a Commission proposal

**ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL**  
**LUXEMBOURG - 21 OCTOBER 2025**

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)

**Legislative deliberations**

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

Directive on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine  
Biological Diversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ  
Agreement)



*General approach*

Any other business

Current legislative proposals

**Non-legislative activities**

European Ocean Pact: preserving marine biodiversity  
*Exchange of views*

Conclusions on the preparations for the 30th Conference of the Parties  
(COP 30) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate  
Change (UNFCCC)  
(Belém, Brazil, 10 - 21 November 2025)  
*Approval*

Conclusions on the European Water Resilience Strategy  
*Approval*

Any other business

- a) Annual progress report on enforcement and implementation (climate)  
*Presentation by the Commission*
- b) Reports on main recent international meetings:
  - (i) 15th meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties to the Ramsar Convention  
(Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, 23 July - 31 July 2025)  
*Information from the Presidency*
  - (ii) Resumed fifth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC-5) to Develop an International Legally Binding Instrument on Plastic Pollution (INC-5.2)  
(Geneva, Switzerland 5 - 14 August 2025)  
*Information from the Presidency and the Commission*



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Item based on a Commission proposal

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**ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL**  
**BRUSSELS - 16 DECEMBER 2025**

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)

**Legislative deliberations**

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

Revision of the regulation on registration, evaluation, authorisation and restriction of chemicals (REACH) (*proposal pending*)  
*Policy debate*



Environmental aspects in the context of the next Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) (*proposal pending*)  
*Presentation by the Commission*  
*Policy debate*



Any other business

Current legislative proposals



- i) European Climate Law amendment  
*Information from the Presidency*

**Non-legislative activities**

EU Bioeconomy Strategy (*proposal pending*)  
*Presentation by the Commission*  
*Exchange of views*

Conclusions on Europe's Environment in 2025 and the way ahead towards 2030  
*Approval*



Annual progress report on enforcement and implementation  
(environment)

*Presentation by the Commission*

*Exchange of views*

Any other business

a) Reports on main recent international meetings:

- (i) The 6<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury (COP 6)  
(Geneva, Switzerland, 3 - 7 November)  
*Information from the Presidency and the Commission*
- (ii) 30th Conference of the Parties (COP 30) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)  
(Belém, Brazil, 10 - 21 November 2025)  
*Information from the Presidency and the Commission*
- (iii) The 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the parties to the Aarhus Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (MOP 8)  
(Geneva, Switzerland, 17 - 21 November)  
*Information from the Presidency and the Commission*
- (iv) The 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES CoP20) (Samarkand, Uzbekistan from Monday, November 24 to Friday, December 5, 2025).  
*Information from the Presidency and the Commission*
- (v) Seventh session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-7)  
(Nairobi, Kenya, 8 - 12 December 2025)  
*Information from the Presidency and the Commission*

b) Work programme of the incoming Presidency  
*Information from Cyprus*



First reading



Item based on a Commission proposal

**EDUCATION, YOUTH, CULTURE AND SPORT COUNCIL**  
**BRUSSELS - 27-28 NOVEMBER 2025**

**MEETING ON THURSDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2025**

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)

**YOUTH**

**Non-legislative activities**

Strengthening resilience among young people through the next generation of EU programmes

*Exchange of views*

Any other business

Work programme of the incoming Presidency

*Information from Cyprus*

**EDUCATION**

**Legislative deliberations**

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

Regulation on Erasmus+ (*proposal pending*)



*Progress report*

**Non-legislative activities**

Resolution on the review of the strategic framework for European cooperation in education and training towards the European Education Area and beyond

*Approval*

Competitiveness and the role of vocational education and training

*Exchange of views*

Any other business

- a) Annual progress report on enforcement and implementation  
*Presentation by the Commission*
- b) Work programme of the incoming Presidency  
*Information from Cyprus*

## **MEETING ON FRIDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2025**

### **CULTURE, AUDIOVISUAL AND MEDIA**

#### **Legislative deliberations**

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

Creative Europe Programme (*proposal pending*)  
*Progress report*  
*Policy debate*



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

A Culture Compass for Europe (*proposal pending*)  
*Presentation from the Commission*  
*Exchange of views*

Conclusions on the strategic role of culture and cultural heritage in  
upholding European values and democratic resilience  
*Approval*

Conclusions on access to reliable news as part of the European  
Democracy Shield  
*Approval*

Any other business

Work programme of the incoming Presidency  
*Information from Cyprus*

## SPORT

### Non-legislative activities

Resolution reviewing the EU Member States' representation and coordination for WADA

*Approval*

Democracy and transparency in sport

*Exchange of views*

Any other business

Work programme of the incoming Presidency

*Information from Cyprus*



First reading



Item based on a Commission proposal

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