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SUMMARY RECORD
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE
6 November 2024

I. Adoption of the agenda

15156/24 OJ CRP1 38
15138/24 OJ CRP2

The Committee adopted the agenda.

II. Approval of the "I" items

The Committee approved the "I" items as set out in the Annex with the exception of item 45, which was withdrawn.

III. Discussion items II

COREPER (PART 1)

Education, Youth, Culture and Sport

2. Meeting of the Council (Education, Youth, Culture and Sport) on 25 and 26 November 2024: agenda

The Committee took note of the draft agenda. It decided to hold the four policy debates (on the evolving demographic trends shaping opportunities for rural youth; boosting future-proof skills and competitiveness through higher education; the role of key features of a European Sport Model; the role of libraries in media literacy development) in public session, and agreed to the participation of the President of UEFA and of the representatives of the Hungarian Youth Council and of the European Youth Forum for specific items on Sport and Youth respectively.

It also took note of AOB items requested by Cyprus on “MED9 Ministerial Summit for Education for Sustainable Development and Green Transition in the Mediterranean region”, by Estonia and Latvia on “Supporting collaboration and engagement in cultural and creative sectors at the EU level”, by Slovenia on “Nova Gorica and Gorizia the European Capital of Culture 2025”, by Cyprus on “MED9 Conference on Cultural Rights in Times of Crisis and MED9 Declaration on Cultural Rights”, by Poland on “Lublin – the European Capital of Culture 2029”, by France on “Member States’ policies to promote cultural diversity in the digital single market”, by Germany on “Capital of culture 2025: Chemnitz” and on “Strengthening and structural support for independent European media offerings and platforms”, by Italy on the results of the G7 culture in Naples, by France on “The European dimension of the Paris 2024 Games and their lasting legacy in Europe”, and by Germany on “European dimension of the 2024 European football championship”. Except for the Italian AOB on culture, it decided to take all the requested AOBs in public.

Agriculture

3. Regulation on forest reproductive material  14909/24
Guidance for further work

The Committee provided guidance for further work.

Environment

4. Regulation on preventing plastic pellet losses to reduce microplastic pollution  14980/24
Guidance for further work

The Committee provided guidance for further work.

Competitiveness

5. Meeting of the Council (Competitiveness (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space)) on 28 and 29 November 2024: agenda

The Committee took note of the draft agenda and of the AOB request by Denmark on ‘Reinforcing the independence of the European Research Council’ in the Research session of the Council and decided to take it in public session.

Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs

6. Meeting of the Council (Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs) on 2 and 3 December 2024

1. Agenda

The Committee took note of the draft agenda and decided to take all discussion items as well as the AOB requested by Denmark on “Non-paper on digital tools to promote free and fair movement of workers in the EU”, by Cyprus on “Voluntary cooperation for Joint Procurement of Medicinal Products” and by Finland on “Health sectors as a key part of the future Preparedness Union Strategy”, in public session. In addition, it decided to also hold in public session the following AOBs: on Employment and Health, AOBs from the Presidency on Presidency events, from the Presidency and Commission on Tripartite social summit, from the Presidency on Equal treatment and intersectional discrimination, and from the Commission on Reports on the implementation of equality strategies, and on Health from the Presidency on Presidency conferences.

2. Preparation

1. Council Recommendation on smoke- and aerosol-free environments
Adoption

 14603/24

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

Statement by Italy and Romania

“L’Italia e la Romania sostengono la necessità di preservare la salute pubblica e concorda sulla necessità di intraprendere azioni adeguate a prevenire i rischi legati al fumo, sostenendo l’obiettivo di proteggere la popolazione dell’Unione Europea dal fumo passivo.

Tuttavia, desideriamo sottolineare che la procedura applicata per la discussione e l’approvazione da parte del Consiglio di questo Atto avrebbe necessitato di tempi e modalità migliori per lo svolgimento del dibattito tra gli Stati membri.

Allo stesso modo, si esprime rammarico per come molti commenti ed emendamenti significativi proposti dagli Stati membri non siano stati adeguatamente considerati e inclusi nel testo, in considerazione di un atto che, per la sua stessa natura e portata, avrebbe dovuto essere discusso e finalizzato al raggiungimento di un consenso tra le parti, tenendo adeguatamente in considerazione le preoccupazioni e le priorità nazionali chiaramente espresse dagli Stati membri. In termini politici, le posizioni basate sul consenso sono sempre la strada più adeguata.

Inoltre, come più volte ribadito, ci rammarichiamo per la mancata presentazione di un’adeguata valutazione d’impatto relativa a quest’atto, come base per la corretta valutazione da parte del Consiglio delle raccomandazioni proposte.

Tenendo conto di quanto sopra, esprimiamo la nostra speranza che le future discussioni all’interno del Consiglio, su questo argomento, terranno conto, più approfonditamente, di tutte le questioni sollevate dagli Stati membri.

Per quanto riguarda la valutazione degli aspetti sostanziali delle raccomandazioni incluse nell'Atto, si sottolinea che le misure generalizzate sui prodotti che emettono aerosol in determinate aree esterne, con specifico riferimento agli esercizi di servizio e ai luoghi di lavoro, mancano di una solida base scientifica e di un'adeguata valutazione d'impatto, e di conseguenza non avrebbero dovuto essere incluse nell'Atto.

Allo stesso modo, l'introduzione di raccomandazioni riguardanti misure ampie e generalizzate riferite alle aree esterne, non chiaramente identificate e associate a concetti come la presenza di traffico pedonale intenso, manca di fondamento giuridico e genera potenziale incertezza sul suo significato e sulla sua corretta attuazione, e di conseguenza non avrebbe dovuto essere inclusa nell'Atto.

Si ricorda infine che da questo Atto adottato dal Consiglio, per sua stessa natura e portata, non deriva alcun obbligo legale per gli Stati membri di definire adeguatamente la propria legislazione nazionale, tenendo conto delle competenze e delle specificità nazionali nell'attuazione, e non viene creato alcun precedente normativo per qualsiasi futura discussione in seno al Consiglio sulla politica europea del tabacco.

Per questo motivo, l'Italia e la Romania mantengono la propria preoccupazione politica sull'adeguatezza di alcune raccomandazioni, come sopra rappresentato, così come ogni ulteriore valutazione, in quanto Stato membro, sulla corretta attuazione nazionale di questo Atto.”

Courtesy translation

“We support the need to preserve public health and agree on the need to take proper action for the prevention of smoke-related damages, supporting the objective of protecting people in the European Union from second-hand smoke.

Nevertheless, we wish to underline that the procedure applied for the discussion and approval by the Council of this Act would have needed a better timing and modalities of carrying out the debates among Member States.

Similarly, we regret that many significant comments and amendments proposed by the Member States have not been properly considered and included within the text, having regard to an Act that, for its own nature and scope, should have been discussed and finalized in order to reach consensus among Member States, properly taking into consideration national concerns and priorities as clearly expressed by Member States. In political terms, positions based on consensus are always the most suitable way ahead.

Moreover, as repeatedly stated, we regret the lack of any proper impact assessment presented on this Act, as a basis for the correct evaluation by the Council of the recommendations proposed.

Taking into consideration the above, we express our hope that future discussions within the Council, on this topic, will take into account, more thoroughly, all the issues raised by the Member States.

Regarding the assessment on the substantive aspects of the recommendations as included in the Act, we would like to underline that in our view generalized measures on aerosol-emitting products in certain outdoor areas, specifically referring to service establishments and workplaces, lack solid scientific ground and proper impact assessment, and consequently should not have been included in the Act.

Similarly, the introduction of recommendations regarding wide and generalized measures referring to outdoor areas, not clearly identified, and associated to concepts like the presence of heavy foot traffic, lacks of juridical ground and generates potential uncertainty about its proper meaning and correct implementation, and consequently should not have been included in the Act.

We remind that from this Act as adopted by the Council, for its own nature and scope, no legal obligation arises for Member States in properly defining their own domestic legislation, having regard to the national competencies and specificities in implementation, and no regulatory precedent is set for any future discussion within the Council regarding European tobacco policy.

That is why we do preserve our political concern on the appropriateness of certain recommendations, as represented above, and we do preserve any further evaluation as Member State on the proper national implementation of this Act.”

2. Conclusions on the improvement of cardiovascular health in the European Union
Approval

14661/24

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

Employment and Social Policy

7. Directive on traineeships
Guidance for further work



15013/24

The Committee provided guidance for further work.

COREPER (PART 2)

General Affairs

29. Informal meeting of heads of state or government
(Budapest, 8 November 2024)
Exchange of views

The Committee held an exchange of views.

30. Meeting of the Council (General Affairs) on 19 November 2024:
Preparation

- a) Values of the Union in Hungary: Article 7(1) TEU
(reasoned proposal)
State of play

12266/1/18 REV 1
+ REV 1 COR 1

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

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

12104/24

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

- c) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Presidency.

31. Meeting of the Council (General Affairs /Cohesion) on
28 November 2024: Agenda

The Presidency presented the main items on the agenda.

Economic and Financial Affairs

32. Meeting of the Council (Economic and Financial Affairs) on
5 November 2024: Follow-up

The above-mentioned item was withdrawn.

IV. Any other business

COREPER (PART 1)

Regulation amending Regulation 2023/1115 as regards provisions relating to the date of application (Deforestation Regulation)

Information from the Presidency

Coreper took note of the information provided by the Presidency.

COREPER (PART 2)

EEAS-EP relations

The Committee took note of the information provided by the EEAS.

Regulation amending Regulation 2023/1115 as regards provisions relating to the date of application (Deforestation Regulation)

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Presidency.

Non-discussion items "I"

COREPER (PART 1)

Institutional Affairs

Written questions

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| 8. | Replies to questions for written answer submitted to the Council by Members of the European Parliament
<i>Adoption by silence procedure</i> | 🕒 14885/24
PE-QE |
| a) | Christine Anderson (ESN)
"The Commission's boycott of the Hungarian Presidency" | 14192/24 |
| b) | Marieke Ehlers (PfE)
"Will the Council respond to the call in Parliament's resolution to convene a Convention to consider EU Treaty changes?" | 14040/24 |

Appointments

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| 9. | One alternate member (DE) of the Management Board of the European Foundation of Living and Working Conditions
<i>Adoption</i> | 14705/24
14704/24
SOC |
| 10. | One member (AT) of the Management Board of the European Foundation of Living and Working Conditions
<i>Adoption</i> | 14721/24
14720/24
SOC |

Other

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| 11. | Attendance of third parties at the Working Party on Telecommunications and Information Society on 7 and 12 November 2024
<i>Approval</i> | 14956/1/24 REV 1
TELECOM |
| 12. | Attendance of third parties at the Working Party on Genetic Resources and Innovation in Agriculture (Innovation in Agriculture) on 19 November 2024
<i>Approval</i> | 14639/24
AGRI |
| 13. | Attendance of a third party at the Working Party on Genetic Resources and Innovation in Agriculture (Seeds, Propagating and Planting Materials) on 27 and 28 November 2024
<i>Approval</i> | 14658/24
AGRI |

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| 14. | Attendance of a third party at the Working Party on International Food and Agricultural Questions (FAO) on 20 and 21 November 2024
<i>Approval</i> | 14994/24
AGRI |
| 15. | Attendance of a third party at the Working Party on the Environment on 8 November 2024
<i>Approval</i> | 14938/24
ENV |
| 16. | Attendance of a third party at the Working Party on International Environment Issues (Global) on 13 November 2024
<i>Approval</i> | 14936/24
ENV |
| 17. | Attendance of third parties at the Audiovisual and Media Working Party on 13 November 2024
<i>Approval</i> | 15023/24
AUDIO |
| 18. | Attendance of third parties at the Working Party on Technical Harmonisation on 14 November 2024
<i>Approval</i> | 15081/24
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EU positions for international negotiations

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| 19. | Coordination of the EU position in preparation for the 25th Regional Steering Committee of the Transport Community (Brussels, 14 November 2024)
<i>Approval</i> | 14536/24
TRANS |
| 20. | Council Decision on the EU position in the Regional Steering Committee of the Transport Community as regards the changes to the rules on maternity leave of the Transport Community Permanent Secretariat
<i>Adoption</i>
<i>Decision to use the written procedure</i> | <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="margin-right: 10px;">   </div> <div> 14696/24 + COR 1
 14693/24 + ADD 1
 TRANS </div> </div> |

Agriculture

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| 21. | Revision of phytosanitary legislation
<i>Adoption of the legislative act</i> | <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="margin-right: 10px;">   </div> <div> 14737/24 + ADD 1
 PE-CONS 66/24
 AGRILEG </div> </div> |
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A statement by Poland is set out in document 14737/24 ADD 1.

Transport

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| 22. | Directive amending Directive 2009/16/EC on port State control
<i>Adoption of the legislative act</i> |  | 14965/24
PE-CONS 86/24
TRANS |
| 23. | Directive amending Directive 2009/18/EC on the investigation of accidents in the maritime transport sector
<i>Adoption of the legislative act</i> |  | 14935/24
PE-CONS 90/24
TRANS |
| 24. | Directive amending Directive 2009/21/EC on compliance with flag State requirements
<i>Adoption of the legislative act</i> |  | 14970/24
PE-CONS 83/24
TRANS |
| 25. | Directive on ship-source pollution and on the introduction of penalties for pollution offences
<i>Adoption of the legislative act</i> |  | 14941/24
PE-CONS 91/24
TRANS |

Energy

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| 26. | Call to Action for No New Coal in national climate plans
<i>Authorisation to sign an NBI</i>
<i>Decision to use the written procedure</i> |  | 14979/24
ENER |
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Delegated or Implementing Acts

Environment

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| 27. | Commission Decision of XXX amending Decisions (EU) 2017/175, (EU) 2018/1702 and (EU) 2019/70, as regards the period of validity of the EU Ecolabel criteria and of the related assessment and verification requirements
<i>Decision not to oppose adoption</i> | 14890/24
12834/24
ENV |
| 28. | Commission Regulation (EU) .../... of XXX amending Regulation (EC) No 865/2006 as regards developments in the framework of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora and the possibility to issue retrospective permits
<i>Decision not to oppose adoption</i> | 14893/24
13730/24 + ADD 1
ENV |

COREPER (PART 2)

Judicial Affairs

33. Case T-457/24, action for annulment 14920/24
Information note JUR

Institutional Affairs

Minutes of Council meetings *Approval*



34. GAC 24.09.2024 13751/24 + ADD 1

Appointments

35. An alternate member of the Committee of the Regions (NL) 14865/24
Adoption 14861/24
CDR

Other

36. Attendance of a third party at the Working Party on Terrorism 14901/24
on 13 November 2024 COTER
Approval
37. Attendance of a third party at the Working Party of Foreign 14915/24
Relations Counsellors (Horizontal Questions) on CULT HERIT
13 November 2024
Approval
38. Attendance of third parties at the Working Party on the Staff 14863/24
Regulations on 13 November 2024 STAT
Approval
39. Attendance of third parties at the Working Parties on Terrorism 15000/24
(TWP and COTER) on 14 November 2024 CT
Approval
40. Attendance of a third party at the Working Party on the 2030 14993/24
Agenda for Sustainable Development on 8 November 2024 SUSTDEV
Approval
41. Attendance of a third party at the Law Enforcement Working 15100/24
Party (Police and Customs) on 8 November 2024 ENFOCUSTOM
Approval ENFOPOL

42. Attendance of a third party at the Working Party on the Western Balkans Region on 9 December 2024
Approval

15041/24
COWEB

43. Attendance of third parties at the Mashreq/Maghreb Working Party on 11 and 14 November 2024
Approval

15078/24
MAMA

Economic and Financial Affairs

44. Conclusions on ECA SR No 16/2024 on EU revenue based on non-recycled plastic packaging waste
Approval

14949/24
RESPR

General Affairs

45. (poss.) Interinstitutional ethics body: memorandum of understanding
Endorsement

14891/24
AG

The above-mentioned item was withdrawn.

Justice and Home Affairs

46. Political Declaration of the Ministerial Table for the Europe and Central Asia Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction
Approval of an NBI
Decision to use the written procedure

 15145/24
15148/24
PROCIV

Foreign Affairs

47. Council Decision on an assistance measure under the European Peace Facility to support the deployment of the Rwanda Defence Force in Mozambique
Adoption

14839/24 + ADD 1
8053/24
RELEX

A statement by Belgium is set out in document 14839/24 ADD 1.

48. Council Decision on a European Union Military Assistance Mission in support of Ukraine (EUMAM Ukraine)
Adoption
Decision to use the written procedure

 14822/24 + ADD 1
14821/24
CORLX

A statement by Hungary is set out in document 14822/24 ADD 1.

49. Iran restrictive measures: coordination with third states
Approval

14999/24
MOG



First reading



Silence procedure (Article 12(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)



Procedural decision by Coreper (Article 19(3)&(7) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)



Item based on a Commission proposal
