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NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA
COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION
(Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs)
ECCL, Luxembourg
17 October 2025 (10:00)

Format: 2+2 (+2 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)

Non-legislative activities

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



Combating hate, discrimination and violence against LGBTIQ persons
Exchange of views



Conclusions on the social inclusion of persons with disabilities
through the promotion of independent living
Approval



Advancing disability rights in the EU: challenges, progress and future directions
Exchange of views



Any other business

a) Gender Equality Index, including thematic focus on gender stereotypes¹
Information from the Presidency



b) Presidency events:



i) High-level conferences

1. Equality policy

2. Social policy

ii) Informal meeting of Employment and Social affairs Ministers (Aalborg, 7-8 July 2025)
Information from the Presidency

c) Initiative for a European Day of Sign Languages
Information from Hungary



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d) 2025 Annual progress report on Simplification, Implementation and Enforcement
Information from the Commission



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p.m:

Ministerial lunch on “Combating sexual violence and promoting consent in sexual relationships”.



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

NB: Please send a list of your delegates to this meeting as soon as possible to the email address access.general@consilium.europa.eu

¹ In the presence of the Director of the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE).