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At its meeting on 23 October 2025, the European Council approved the minutes of its meeting on 26 June 2025, as set out in this document, and decided to make them public.

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1. Exchange of views with the President of the European Parliament

The President of the European Parliament was heard by the European Council.

2. Exchange of views with the President of Ukraine

The European Council held an exchange of views with the President of Ukraine, Volodymyr ZELENSKYY, via videolink.

3. Adoption of the agenda

The European Council adopted its agenda as set out in document EUCO 13/25.

4. Ukraine

The European Council discussed the latest developments as regards Ukraine. The text set out in document EUCO 16/25 was firmly supported by 26 Heads of State or Government.

The European Council will revert to this issue at its next meeting.

5. Middle East

The European Council discussed the latest developments in the Middle East.

6. European defence and security

The European Council addressed the issue of European defence and security.

It will review progress at its October 2025 meeting and discuss the next steps in the implementation of its defence readiness objective. The European Council invited the Commission and the High Representative to present a roadmap to that end.

7. EU in the world

The European Council discussed preparations for upcoming summits with third countries and relations with partners, in the light of the current global political and economic context.

8. Competitiveness

The European Council discussed the issue of competitiveness.

It will revert to competitiveness and the green and digital transitions in October 2025 to assess progress and provide further guidance.

9. Migration

The European Council took stock of progress in the implementation of its conclusions on migration.

10. Republic of Moldova

The European Council discussed the latest developments as regards the Republic of Moldova.

11. Western Balkans

The European Council discussed the latest developments as regards the Western Balkans.

12. Internal security

The European Council addressed the issue of internal security.

13. Preparedness

The European Council addressed preparedness.

14. Hybrid activities

The European Council addressed the issue of hybrid activities against the European Union, its Member States and its partners.

15. Other items

The European Council addressed:

- Black Sea;
- Rules-based international order;
- Global agenda; and
- External relations.

16. Adoption of the conclusions

The European Council adopted the conclusions, reflecting the outcome of its discussions, as set out in document EUCO 12/25.

17. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of the European Council on 20 March 2025 and decision to make them public (EUCO 9/25)

The European Council approved the minutes of its meeting held on 20 March 2025 as set out in document EUCO 9/25 and decided to make them public.
