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COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION
(General Affairs)
16 December 2025

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Council adopted the agenda set out in document 16672/25.

2. Approval of 'A' items

(a) Non-legislative list

16682/25

The Council adopted all "A" items listed in the document above, including all linguistic COR and REV documents presented for adoption.

(b) Legislative list (public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

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General Affairs

1. Regulation establishing European Competitiveness Fund (ECF), including specific programme for defence research and innovation



15864/25
COMPET

Progress report

approved by Coreper, Part 2, on 03.12.2025

The Council took note of the progress report set out in the document above.

2. Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) 2028-2034



16031/25
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Progress report

approved by Coreper, Part 2, on 10.12.2025

The Council took note of the progress report set out in the document above.

3. Regulation establishing Global Europe



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CADREFIN

Progress report

approved by Coreper, Part 2, on 10.12.2025

The Council took note of the progress report set out in the document above.

4. Regulation on National and Regional Partnership Plans (NRPP)



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Progress report

approved by Coreper, Part 2, on 10.12.2025

The Council took note of the progress report set out in the document above.

Foreign Affairs

5. **Council Decision amending Decision (EU) 2021/1764 on the Association of the Overseas Countries and Territories with the EU including relations between the EU on the one hand, and Greenland and Denmark on the other** SC 16340/25 PTOM
Progress report
approved by Coreper, Part 2, on 10.12.2025

The Council took note of the progress report set out in the document above.

Economic and Financial Affairs

6. **Council Regulation concerning the collection of statistical information by the European Central Bank** S 16067/25 + COR 1-2
Adoption
approved by Coreper, Part 2, on 10.12.2025 16026/25 + REV 1 (en) STATIS

The Council adopted a Council Regulation concerning the collection of statistical information by the European Central Bank.

Legislative deliberations

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

3. **Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) 2028-2034** SC 16344/25
Information from the Presidency
Policy debate

The Council took note of the information provided by the Presidency and held a policy debate on the first draft negotiating box.

4. **Any other business**

None.

Non-legislative activities

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| 5. | Preparation of the European Council on 18-19 December 2025:
conclusions
<i>Exchange of views</i> | 14795/25 |
| 6. | Simplification | 16131/1/25 REV 1 |
| a) | 2025 Annual Overview Report on simplification,
implementation and enforcement | 14498/1/25 REV 1 |
| b) | Annual Progress Reports on simplification, implementation,
and enforcement
<i>Presentation by the Commission</i>
<i>Exchange of views</i> | |
| 7. | Conclusions on enlargement
<i>Approval</i> | 16732/25 |
| 8. | Legislative programming: joint declaration on EU legislative
priorities for 2026
<i>Approval</i> |  16737/25 + COR 1 |

The Council approved the text of the joint declaration on EU legislative priorities for 2026.

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| 9. | European Semester 2026: roadmap
<i>Presentation by the Presidency and the incoming Presidency</i> | 13566/1/25 REV 1 |
| 10. | Any other business | |
| a) | European Union strategy for the macro-atlantic region
(EUSMAR)
<i>Information from Spain, France and Ireland</i> | |

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|  | First reading |
|  | Special legislative procedure |
|  | Public debate (Article 8(3) of the Council's Rules of Procedure) |
|  | Item based on a Commission proposal |