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**NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA**  
COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION  
(Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs)  
Europa building, Brussels  
9 March 2026 (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 Investing in children: Strengthening child well-being, social inclusion and combating child poverty in the Union  
*Approval*



Breaking the Poverty Cycle: Developing person-centred enabling and activation services  
*Exchange of views*



European Semester 2026 [2]

From Innovation to Quality Jobs: using AI to strengthen quality employment and workers' rights<sup>1</sup>

*Exchange of views*

a) Employment and social aspects of the 2026 Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area [2]

*Approval*

b) 2026 Joint Employment Report [2]

*Adoption*

c) Conclusions on the 2026 Joint Employment Report [2]

*Approval*

d) Recommendation on human capital in the European Union [2]

*Adoption*

Employment Committee review of the implementation of the Youth [2]

Guarantee: key messages

*Endorsement*

### **Any other business**

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

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

*Information from the Presidency*

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b) Employment Committee and Social Protection Committee work [2]

programmes for 2026

*Information from the respective chairs*

c) Commission Strategies in the equality field [2]

i) Gender equality strategy 2026-2030

ii) Anti-Racism Strategy

*Information from the Commission*

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<sup>1</sup> In the presence of a Professor of Economics and European Studies at the London School of Economics and the University of Cyprus.

- d) Presidency events ☐<sup>2</sup>  
*Information from the Presidency*
- e) Tripartite Social Summit ☐<sup>2</sup>  
*Information from the Presidency and the Commission*

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**p.m.:**

**Ministerial lunch on “Building Futures: Housing solutions in a changing demographic landscape across Europe”.**

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- ☐<sup>1</sup> First reading  
☐<sup>C</sup> Item based on a Commission proposal  
☐<sup>2</sup> Public debate proposed by the Presidency (Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)

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