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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION
(Competitiveness (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space))

Europa building, Brussels

26 and 27 February 2026 (09:30, 10:00)

Format: 2+2 (+2 in listening room)

MEETING ON THURSDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2026 (9:30)

1. Adoption of the agenda

INTERNAL MARKET AND INDUSTRY

Non-legislative activities

2. The 2026 Annual Single Market and Competitiveness Report 6185/26
Exchange of views
3. Emergency plans for industrial resilience: follow-up to the  6011/1/26 REV 1
Industrial Action Plans for Europe's steel, automotive and
chemical industries within the Clean Industrial Deal
Exchange of views

4. Approval of "A" items
 - a) Non-legislative list 6545/26
 - b) Legislative list (Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union) 6546/26

Non-legislative activities

5. Conclusions on the 2030 Consumer Agenda 6073/1/26 REV 1
Approval

Legislative deliberations

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

6. Regulation on establishing the European Competitiveness Fund:  6010/26
a strategic resilience tool for SMEs and European value chains
Policy debate

Any other business

7. a) Effective competition policy is a cornerstone of well-functioning, resilient and competitive Single Market  6480/1/26 REV 1
Information from the Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, Ireland, Latvia, Romania and Slovenia
- b) Strengthening Europe's chemical industry and securing its resilient future  6484/26
Information from Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia
- c) EU bioeconomy strategy  16071/25
Information from the Commission
- d) An integral EU Biotech Act II for a competitive Europe  6485/26
Information from Denmark
- e) Safeguarding our industrial competitiveness through a pragmatic and technology-neutral hydrogen approach under REDIII  6486/26
Information from Belgium

MEETING ON FRIDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2026 (10:00)

RESEARCH

Legislative deliberations

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

8. Research Fund for Coal and Steel

- a) Council Decision laying down the measures necessary for the implementation of Protocol No 37 on the financial consequences of the expiry of the ECSC Treaty and on the Research Fund for Coal and Steel
General approach

SC 6338/26 + ADD 1

Non-legislative activities

8. (continuation) Research Fund for Coal and Steel

- b) Council Decision on the adoption of the Research Programme of the Research Fund for Coal and Steel, on the multiannual technical guidelines for this programme, on the multiannual financial guidelines for managing the assets of the Research Fund for Coal and Steel
General approach
Decision to re-consult the European Parliament

2C 6340/26 + ADD 1

Legislative deliberations

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

9. Horizon Europe Package: Framework Programme for Research and Innovation 2028-2034

- a) Framework Programme and its rules for participation and dissemination
- b) Specific programme implementing Horizon Europe
Policy debate

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Any other business

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

How to ensure an effective R&I priority-setting mechanism and decision process



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Information from Austria, Croatia, France, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia and Spain

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- First reading
- Special legislative procedure
- Public debate proposed by the Presidency (Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)
- Item based on a Commission proposal
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