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## NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA

COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION  
(Environment)

Europa building, Brussels  
17 March 2026 (09:30)

### **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)

### **Legislative deliberations**

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

Amendment of the CO<sub>2</sub> emission standards for cars and vans  
Regulation  
*Policy debate*

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### **Non-legislative activities**

Decarbonisation efforts in the area of climate post-2030  
*Exchange of views*

Enhancing strategic EU collaboration in global environmental  
diplomacy: Strengthening partnerships and science-driven  
engagement in a shifting geopolitical world<sup>1</sup>  
*Exchange of views*

Conclusions on the EU Bioeconomy Strategy  
*Approval*

### **Any other business**

Report on main recent international meeting

Twelfth session of the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-  
Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES-12) [2]  
(Manchester, United Kingdom, 3 - 8 February 2026)  
*Information from the Presidency and the Commission*

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### **p.m.:**

**Ministerial lunch on “Next steps in EU international climate engagement”.**

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- [1]** First reading
  - [C]** Item based on a Commission proposal
  - [2]** Public debate proposed by the Presidency (Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)

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<sup>1</sup> In the presence of the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme  
(UNEP).