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**SUMMARY RECORD**  
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE  
4 and 6 March 2026

**I. Adoption of the agenda**

6878/1/26 REV 1 OJ CRP1 10  
6922/1/26 REV 1 OJ CRP2 10

The Committee adopted the agenda.

**II. Approval of the "I" items**

The Committee approved the "I" items as set out in the Annex.

**III. Discussion items II**

**COREPER (PART 1)**

**WEDNESDAY 4 MARCH 2026**

**Internal Market and Industry**


2. Regulation amending Critical Raw Materials Regulation  
*Mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament*



6695/26

The Committee agreed on a mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament and agreed to make it public.

## Transport

3. Amendment of Directive amending Directive 1999/62/EC on Eurovignette  6522/1/26 REV 1 + COR 1-2  
*Mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament*

The Committee agreed on a mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament and agreed to make it public.

## Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs

4. Meeting of the Council (Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs) on 9 March 2026: preparation

1. Conclusions on Investing in children: Strengthening child well-being, social inclusion and combating child poverty in the Union 6665/26  
*Approval*

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

2. European Semester 2026 6171/26  
From Innovation to Quality Jobs: using AI to strengthen quality employment and workers' rights  
*Exchange of views*

- a) Conclusions on the 2026 Joint Employment Report 6605/26  
*Approval*

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

- b) Recommendation on human capital in the European Union 6081/1/26 REV 1  
6583/26  
*Adoption*

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

### Statement by Hungary

“Hungary recognises the importance of addressing skills shortages, particularly in sectors that are strategically important to the EU economy. Therefore, Hungary generally supports the Recommendation's objectives. At the same time, we maintain the following legal and procedural concerns about the Recommendation and the process leading to its adoption. The text of the Recommendation — particularly the section inviting Member States — focuses predominantly on education and training, despite its legal basis (Article 148 (4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union), which belongs to employment policy. While Hungary acknowledges that education and training are important tools for achieving employment and labour market objectives, these are different policy areas to employment. The main challenges and elements of the Recommendation, such as strengthening vocational education and training, improving tertiary education outcomes in STEM subjects, and investing in education, training, and skills, fall under Article 165 and 166 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. Consequently, Hungary is not convinced that the content

of the Recommendation fully reflects its legal basis and that the principle of centre of gravity justifies its choice. In any case, we believe that given the aforementioned circumstances the draft Recommendation should have been at least discussed and approved by the education ministers as well before its adoption at the Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council.

Furthermore, Hungary does not support the strengthening of the role of education and training within the European Semester, particularly given that those areas are not completely encompassed by the legal basis of Article 148 (4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, which concerns employment policy. Hungary does not agree with the introduction of annual Council Recommendations on education and training within the European Semester, based on the model of the annual conclusions on the Joint Employment Report. There has been no precedent for such a new annual proposal and EU law has not changed in a way that justifies it. Moreover, education and training are already part of the annual European Semester framework, as evidenced by the country reports and country-specific recommendations, which include the annual challenges and progress made in education, training and skills. Overall, Hungary believes that the European Semester process should be simplified, not extended.”

### **Employment and Social Policy**

5. Regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2021/691 (EGF) as regards support to workers affected by imminent job displacement in enterprises undergoing restructuring  
*Presidency briefing on the outcome of the trilogue*



The Committee took note of the briefing by the Presidency on the provisional agreement reached at the first and only trilogue on 25/02.

### **Transport, Telecommunications and Energy**

6. Meeting of the Council (Transport, Telecommunications and Energy) on 16 March 2026: preparation

The Committee took note of the request from Austria for an ‘Any other business’ item on “Improving the merit order – transparency and measures to address ETS pass-through in EU day-ahead electricity prices”.

1. European Grids Package  
*Policy debate*



6281/26

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

2. Action Plan for Affordable Energy: A year on  
*Exchange of views*

6667/26

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

3. Advancing mutual energy security through integration and shared lessons with Ukraine and Moldova 6284/26  
*Exchange of views*

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

## **FRIDAY 6 MARCH 2026**

### **Environment**

7. Meeting of the Council (Environment) on 17 March 2026: preparation


The Committee took note of the request from France for two ‘Any other business’ items on “accelerating permitting procedures: a call for a comprehensive cross sectoral approach within the environmental omnibus” and on “transformation of Mercator Ocean in an intergovernmental organisation: a call for MSs to sign rapidly the constitutive convention of the intergovernmental organisation” and decided to hold them in public session. The Committee also took note of the request from the Commission for an ‘Any other business’ item on “the new European Bauhaus Communication” and decided to hold it in public session.

1. Conclusions on the EU Bioeconomy Strategy 6762/26  
*Approval*

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

2. Enhancing strategic EU collaboration in global environmental diplomacy: Strengthening partnerships and science-driven engagement in a shifting geopolitical world 6757/26  
*Exchange of views*

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

3. Amendment of the CO<sub>2</sub> emission standards for cars and vans Regulation 6639/26  
*Policy debate* 

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

4. Decarbonisation efforts in the area of climate post-2030 6653/26  
*Exchange of views*

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

## Health

8. Pharmaceutical package OC 6412/26
- a) Regulation laying down Union procedures for the authorisation and supervision of medicinal products for human use and establishing rules governing the European Medicines Agency 6366/26
- b) Directive on the Union code relating to medicinal product for human use 6367/26  
*Analysis of the final compromise text with a view to agreement*

The Committee analysed and confirmed agreement on the final compromise text.

Statements by Bulgaria, by Hungary and by Malta are set out in the ADD 1 to this document.

## COREPER (PART 2)

### WEDNESDAY 4 MARCH 2026

#### General Affairs

22. Meeting of the Council (General Affairs) on 17 March 2026:  
Preparation

- a) Preparation of the European Council meeting on 19-20 March 2026: Guidelines  
*Exchange of views* 5153/26

The Committee held an exchange of views on the basis of the guidelines for the conclusions of the meeting of the European Council on 19-20 March 2026.

- b) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Presidency and approved the participation of the Members of the European Parliament for an informal exchange (lunch session).


23. Meeting of the Council (General Affairs/Cohesion) on 26 February 2026: Follow-up

This item was withdrawn.

#### Foreign Affairs

24. Meeting of the Council (Foreign Affairs/Trade) on 26-29 March 2026: Agenda

The Committee took note of the main items to be included in the provisional agenda of the Council meeting as presented by the Presidency.

25. Council Decision and Implementing Regulation concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine  5417/26  
5414/26  
5416/26  
*Preparation for the adoption*

The Committee held an exchange of views and agreed to revert at a forthcoming meeting.

26. Informal videoconference of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs on 1 March 2026: Follow-up

The Committee took note of the main outcomes of the informal videoconference of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs, as presented by the EEAS.

53. Informal videoconference of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs on 5 March 2026: agenda and preparation
- a) Situation in the Middle East

The Committee took note of the item on the draft agenda as presented by the EEAS, prepared the informal videoconference and approved the participation of the GCC (Gulf Cooperation Council) Secretary General and Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the GCC member states

### **Economic and Financial Affairs**

27. Meeting of the Council (Economic and Financial Affairs) on 10 March 2026: Preparation

- a) Market integration and supervision package  
*Policy debate*

**IC** 16348/25  
16347/25  
16345/25  
6771/26

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

- b) Economic and financial impact of Russia's aggression against Ukraine  
*Exchange of views*

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

- c) Economic recovery in Europe: Council Implementing Decisions under the Recovery and Resilience Facility  
*Adoption*

**C** 6468/26 + ADD 1

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

- d) Implementation of the economic governance framework  
Medium-term fiscal-structural plans: Council  
Recommendation  
*Adoption*

6768/26

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

- e) Preparation of the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meeting and IMF spring meetings
- i) G20 EU terms of reference  
*Exchange of views*
- ii) Statement to the IMFC  
*Exchange of views*

The Committee prepared this item for the Council meeting.

- f) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Presidency and of the request for an ‘Any other business’ item by France regarding targeted adjustments to the CBAM in order to take into account the specific characteristics of outermost regions.

### **Justice and Home Affairs**

28. Action Plan on Drone and Counter Drone Security

6262/26

*Presentation by the Commission*

*Exchange of views*

The Committee took note of the presentation by the Commission and held an exchange of views.

29. Meeting of the Council (Justice and Home Affairs) on 5 and 6 March 2026: Preparation

- a) Other items in connection with the Council meeting

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Presidency.

**IV. Any other business**

**COREPER (PART 1)**

**WEDNESDAY 4 MARCH 2026**

Druzhba oil pipeline  
*Information from Hungary*

The Committee took note of the information provided by Hungary.

**FRIDAY 6 MARCH 2026**

Industrial Accelerator Act  
*Information from the Commission*

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Commission.

**COREPER (PART 2)**

None.

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**Non-discussion items "I"****COREPER (PART 1)****Institutional Affairs**

9. **Minutes of Council meetings**  
*Approval*

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AGRIFISH 11+12.12.2025

16713/25 + COR 1  
+ ADD 1

**Other**

10. Attendance of a third party at the Working Party on  
International Food and Agricultural Questions  
(Codex - CCRVDF) on 9 March 2026  
*Approval*


6704/26  
CODEX

11. Attendance of a third party at the Working Party on  
Telecommunications and Information Society on 12 March 2026  
*Approval*


6656/26  
TELECOM

**EU positions for international negotiations**


12. Council Decision on the EU position in the Group of Experts on  
the European Agreement concerning the work of crews of  
vehicles engaged in international road transport (AETR)  
*Adoption*

 6288/26  
6285/26 + ADD 1  
TRANS

13. Council Decision on the EU position within the Joint Committee  
established under the Protocol to the Agreement on the  
international occasional carriage of passengers by coach and bus  
(Interbus Agreement)  
*Adoption*

 6263/26  
6260/26 + ADD 1  
TRANS

14. Council Decision on the EU position in the 198th session of the  
World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations of the  
United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE,  
March 2026)  
*Adoption*

 6318/26  
6528/26 + ADD 1  
MI

**Internal Market and Industry**

15. ECA SR No 04/2026: Critical raw materials for energy  
transition  
*Approval*

6709/26  
COMPET

## Space

16. Council Decision authorising negotiations for the participation of Ukraine in GOVSATCOM component of the Union Space Programme and in the Union Secure Connectivity Programme  
*Adoption*
- ☐ 6679/26  
6142/26 + ADD 1  
ESPACE

## Delegated or Implementing Acts

### **Agriculture**

17. Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) .../... supplementing Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council, as regards animal health requirements for non-commercial movement of pet animals  
*Delegated act - Intention not to raise objections*
- 6393/26  
5586/26  
VETER
18. Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) .../... amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/689 as regards rules for surveillance and disease-free status from infestation with *Echinococcus multilocularis*  
*Delegated act - Intention not to raise objections*
- 6393/26  
5592/26 + ADD 1  
VETER
19. Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) .../... amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/688 as regards rules for the movement within the Union of kept dogs, cats and ferrets and other carnivores  
*Delegated act - Intention not to raise objections*
- 6393/26  
5588/26 + ADD 1  
VETER
20. Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) .../... amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2035 as regards rules for the traceability of kept dogs, cats and ferrets  
*Delegated act - Intention not to raise objections*
- 6393/26  
5591/26 + ADD 1  
VETER
21. Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) .../... amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 as regards rules for entry into the Union, and the movement and handling after entry of consignments of dogs, cats and ferrets  
*Delegated act - Intention not to raise objections*
- 6393/26  
6241/26 + ADD 1  
VETER

## **COREPER (PART 2)**

### **Judicial Affairs**

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| 30. | T-804/25, action for annulment (restrictive measures, Russia)<br><i>Information note</i> | 6598/26<br>JUR<br>COEST |
| 31. | T-867/25, action for annulment (restrictive measures, Russia)<br><i>Information note</i> | 6609/26<br>JUR<br>COEST |

### **Institutional Affairs**

#### **Other**

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| 32. | Attendance of a third party at the National and Regional Partnerships subgroup of the ad hoc Working Party on the Multiannual Financial Framework (AHWP MFF) on 11 March 2026<br><i>Approval</i>                             | 6766/26<br>COH               |
| 33. | Attendance of third parties at the Horizontal Working Party on Enhancing Resilience and Countering Hybrid Threats (HWP ERCHT) on 10 March 2026<br><i>Approval</i>  | 6479/26<br>HYBRID<br>DISINFO |
| 34. | Attendance of third parties at the meetings of the Political and Security Committee (PSC) and External Action Working Parties, or in the margins of such meetings from 1 July to 31 December 2025<br><i>Information note</i> | 6039/26<br>COPS<br>INTER-REP |
| 35. | Attendance of third parties at the meeting of the Mashreq/Maghreb (MAMA) Working Party in March 2026<br><i>Approval</i>  | 6809/1/26 REV 1<br>MAMA      |

### **Transparency**

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| 36. | Public access to documents<br>Confirmatory application No 04/c/01/26<br><i>Approval</i> | 5818/26<br>API |
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## **Economic and Financial Affairs**



37. Mobilisation European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF/2025/005 AT/KTM)  
*Approval* C 6740/26  
6739/26  
FIN
38. Mobilisation European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF/2025/007 BE/Casa)  
*Approval* C 6743/26  
6742/26  
FIN
39. New Finnish commemorative coin  
*Information note* 6337/26  
UEM
40. Transfer No DEC 03/2026 (Section III - Commission) (Art. 31(1) FR)  
*Approval*  
*Approval of a letter* C 6741/26  
FIN
41. Transfer No DEC 04/2026 (Section III - Commission) (Art. 31(1) FR)  
*Approval*  
*Approval of a letter* C 6744/26  
FIN
42. Anti-money laundering: 2026 FATF Ministerial Declaration  
*Authorisation to negotiate a non-binding instrument* 6483/26  
EF

## **General Affairs**



43. Mission Concept for the deployment of an EU Hybrid Rapid Response Team  
*Approval* 6732/26  
HYBRID  
DISINFO
44. Council Decision on the conclusion of the agreement between the European Union and the United Kingdom regarding cooperation on the application of competition laws  
*Agreement in principle*  
*Request for the consent of the European Parliament* C 10616/3/25 REV 3  
10619/1/25 REV 1  
UK
45. Food and feed: Regulation on the extension of data protection for certain existing biocidal active substances (Omnibus X)  
*Mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament* IC 5762/26  
SIMPL





## **Justice and Home Affairs**

46. Decision appointing the European Chief Prosecutor of the European Public Prosecutor's Office  
*Adoption* 6635/26  
5894/26  
JAI

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| 47. | Schengen Evaluation Recommendation – Portugal: management of the external border<br><i>Adoption</i>  |  6474/26<br>6473/26<br>SCH-EVAL           |
| 48. | Council Decision on the conclusion of the agreement between the European Union and Bosnia and Herzegovina on operational activities carried out by the European Border and Coast Guard Agency<br><i>Adoption</i> |  6696/26<br>16665/24<br>16666/24<br>FRONT |

### **Foreign Affairs**

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| 49. | 14th World Trade Organization (WTO) Ministerial Conference in Yaoundé<br><i>Decision to hold a Council meeting in a place other than Brussels or Luxembourg</i> |  6676/26<br>POLCOM          |
| 50. | PSC Decision: appointment of the EU Force Commander (EUNAVFOR ASPIDES/2/2026)<br><i>Decision to publish in the Official Journal</i>                             |  6786/26<br>6469/26<br>COPS |
| 51. | Working Party on restrictive measures to combat terrorism (COMET)   | 5391/26<br>CORLX   |
|     | a) Revised mandate  |  |
|     | b) Revised working methods<br><i>Approval</i>   |  |
| 52. | Council implementing Decision and implementing Regulation concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Sudan<br><i>Adoption</i>                  | 6777/26<br>6824/26 + ADD 1<br>6825/26 + ADD 1<br>CORLX   |

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|  | First reading  |
|  | Procedural decision by Coreper (Article 19(3)&(7) of the Council's Rules of Procedure) |
|  | Restricted item  |
|  | Item based on a Commission proposal  |
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