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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)  
Subject: Attendance of third parties at the High Level subgroup of the Working Party on Competitiveness and Growth (COMP GRO) on 07 May 2026  
- *Approval*

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1. At the meeting of the Working Party on Competitiveness and Growth (High Level) on 07 May 2026, the members will exchange views on the topic of the construction ecosystem and the priorities for the future targeted measures for this sector.
2. The Chair of the Working Party would like to invite the representatives of the Strabag SE (transparency register number: 472996192561-86) and of European Construction Industry Federation (transparency register number: 92221016212-42) to this meeting. The external speakers will have the opportunity to share their experiences and challenges when providing construction services across borders in the EU. These insights would feed into the exchange of views between delegations on the topic of construction ecosystem and the priorities for the future targeted measures in this sector.
3. The Chair of the Working Party considers that this invitation is in the interest of the Council and in line with the framework applicable to the occasional presence of third parties, including interest representatives, at meetings of the Council or of its preparatory bodies consolidated in the Comments on the Council's Rules of Procedure.

4. Considering the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to approve the attendance of the third parties mentioned above at the meeting of the Working Party on Competitiveness and Growth (High Level) on 07 May 2026.
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