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At its meeting on 18-19 June 2026, the European Council approved the minutes of its meeting on 19 March 2026, as set out in this document, and decided to make them public.

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1. Exchange of views with the President of the European Parliament

The President of the European Parliament was heard by the European Council.

2. Exchange of views with the President of Ukraine

The European Council held an exchange of views with the President of Ukraine, Volodymyr ZELENSKYY, via videolink.

3. Exchange of views with the Secretary-General of the United Nations

The European Council held an exchange of views with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, António GUTERRES.

4. Adoption of the agenda

The European Council adopted its agenda as set out in document EUCO 3/26. It decided to remove the item on the ‘Next Multiannual Financial Framework’ and to revert to this issue at a future meeting.

5. Ukraine

The European Council discussed the latest developments as regards Ukraine. The text set out in document EUCO 2/26 was firmly supported by 25 Heads of State or Government.

The European Council will revert to Ukraine at its next meeting.

6. Middle East

The European Council discussed the latest developments in the Middle East.

7. Competitiveness and Single Market

The European Council discussed the issue of competitiveness and provided further guidance in the form of a ‘One Europe, One Market’ agenda.

The European Council will regularly review progress on all strands, providing additional strategic guidance when needed. It will notably return to the issues addressed under ‘Affordable energy prices and Energy Union 2030’ in June 2026 to review progress.

The European Council discussed priorities for the 2026 European Semester and the draft Council recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area.

8. European defence and security

The European Council addressed the issue of European defence and security.

9. Migration

The European Council took stock of progress in the implementation of its conclusions on migration.

10. Multilateralism

The European Council addressed the issue of multilateralism.

11. Other items

The European Council addressed:

- Strengthening Europe's democratic resilience;
- Protecting children online;
- EU's eastern regions bordering Russia, Belarus and Ukraine; and
- Dniester river.

12. Adoption of the conclusions

The European Council adopted the conclusions, reflecting the outcome of its discussions, as set out in document EUCO 1/26.

13. Appointment of the Vice-President of the European Central Bank

The European Council decided to appoint Mr Boris VUJČIĆ Vice-President of the European Central Bank for a term of office of eight years as from 1 June 2026 (EUCO 7/26).

14. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of the European Council on 18 December 2025 and decision to make them public (EUCO 27/25)

The European Council approved the minutes of its meeting held on 18 December 2025 as set out in document EUCO 27/25 and decided to make them public.