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NOTE

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	European Council meeting (15 and 16 October 2026) – Annotated draft agenda

In accordance with Article 3(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the European Council, the President of the European Council, in close cooperation with the member of the European Council representing the Member State holding the six-monthly Presidency of the Council and with the President of the Commission, is to submit an annotated draft agenda to the General Affairs Council.

Delegations will find attached the annotated draft agenda submitted by the President of the European Council, setting out the main items the European Council is expected to address at the above meeting.

In the light of the final discussion to be held by the General Affairs Council within the five days preceding the European Council meeting, the President of the European Council is to draw up the provisional agenda.

I. COMPETITIVENESS

The European Council will call for accelerated progress on the implementation of the interinstitutional roadmap to deliver the ‘One Europe, One Market’ agenda in the challenging geoeconomic context. It will also take stock of the issue of global macroeconomic imbalances.

II. UKRAINE

The European Council will address Russia’s war of aggression against Ukraine in all its dimensions, including peace efforts, and the Union’s continued support to Ukraine and its people.

III. NEXT MULTIANNUAL FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK

Following the presentation of an updated draft Negotiating Box by the Irish Presidency, the European Council will discuss the next Multiannual Financial Framework.

IV. MIDDLE EAST

The European Council will address developments in the Middle East.

V. EUROPEAN DEFENCE AND SECURITY

The European Council will take stock of progress in the implementation of Europe’s defence readiness agenda and provide guidance as needed.

VI. MIGRATION

The European Council will have a strategic discussion on migration.

VII. ENLARGEMENT AND REFORMS

The European Council will have a strategic discussion on enlargement and internal reforms.
