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NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA

COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION
(Environment)

ECCL, Luxembourg

12 October 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)

Emission Trading System (ETS) review:



- a) Directive amending Directive 2003/87/EC and Decision (EU) 2015/1814 as regards driving competitiveness and cost-effective decarbonisation 12073/26 + ADD 1
- b) Regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2015/757 and Regulation (EU) 2023/1805 to simplify and streamline monitoring, reporting and verification and to align with revisions of the EU ETS 12074/26 + ADD 1

Policy debate

Non-legislative activities

Conclusions on the UN Biodiversity Conference
(Yerevan, Armenia, 19-30 October 2026)

- a) Preparation of COP 17 to the Convention on biological diversity
- b) Preparation of COP-MOP 12 serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on biosafety
- c) Preparation of COP-MOP 6 serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on access and benefit sharing

Approval

Conclusions on the preparations for the 31st Conference of the Parties
(COP 31) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate
Change (UNFCCC) (Antalya, Türkiye, 9-20 November 2026)

Approval

Any other business

Reports on main recent international meetings:



- i) 70th Meeting of the International Whaling Commission
(Hobart, Australia, 28 September - 2 October 2026)
Information from the Presidency
- ii) 17th Session of the Conference of the Parties to the United
Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
(UNCCD COP17)
(Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, 17–28 August 2026)
Information from the Presidency and the Commission

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Ministerial lunch on “Birds and Habitats Directives: Balancing Nature Protection and Competitiveness”.

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

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