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NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA
COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION
(Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs)
ECCL, Luxembourg
19 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)

Non-legislative activities

Conclusions on equality as a driver for economic growth and competitiveness in the EU

Approval



Delivering equality in the European Union: our values in practice

Exchange of views



Council Recommendation on fighting housing exclusion including homelessness¹

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(Legal basis proposed by the Commission: Article 292 TFEU, in conjunction with Article 153(1), point (j), thereof)

Adoption

Quality Jobs Act: social Europe at the workplace¹

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Exchange of views

European Semester 2026

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- a) Key employment challenges: key messages from the Employment Committee based on the Annual Employment Performance Report and the Employment Performance Monitor
- b) Key social challenges: key messages from the Social Protection Committee based on the Review of the Social Protection Performance Monitor

Endorsement

Any other business

- a) Current legislative proposals (Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

Council Directive on implementing the principle of equal treatment (Article 19)

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Information from the Presidency

- b) Presidency events

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i) Equality events

ii) Employment and social policy events¹

Information from the Presidency

¹ Attended by the Chairs of the Employment Committee (EMCO) and the Social Protection Committee (SPC) as observers.

- c) Tripartite Social Summit² [2]
Information from the Presidency and the Commission
- d) 2026 Annual progress report on Simplification, Implementation and Enforcement (Social Rights and Skills, Quality Jobs and Preparedness)² [2]
Information from Commission
- e) 2026 Annual progress report on Simplification, Implementation and Enforcement (Equality) [2]
Information from Commission

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p.m:

Ministerial lunch on “EU Anti-Poverty Strategy - possible EU action on the activation of persons excluded from the labour market”.

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- [1]** First reading
 - [S]** Special legislative procedure
 - [C]** Item based on a Commission proposal
 - [2]** Public debate proposed by the Presidency (Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)
 - (*)** Item on which a vote may be requested
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