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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 homelessness<sup>1</sup>

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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 workplace<sup>1</sup>

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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 events<sup>1</sup>

*Information from the Presidency*

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

- c) Tripartite Social Summit<sup>2</sup> [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)<sup>2</sup> [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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