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**DRAFT MINUTES**  
COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION  
(General Affairs)  
22 September 2026

**Format 1+2+1 (+2 in listening room)**

**1. Adoption of the agenda**

The Council adopted the agenda as set out in document 12703/26.

**2. Approval of "A" items**

**a) Non-legislative list**

13248/26

The Council adopted all "A" items listed in the document above, including all linguistic COR and REV documents presented for adoption. Statements to these items are set out in the Addendum.

**Legislative deliberations**

**(Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)**

**3. Multiannual Financial Framework 2028-2034**

**SC** 12922/26

***Policy debate***

The Council held a policy debate on the next Multiannual Financial Framework.

**4. Any other business**

**a) Omnibus simplification packages: state of play**  
***Information from the Presidency***

**IC** 12955/26

The Council took note of the information provided by the Presidency.

## Non-legislative activities

5. Preparation of the **European Council** on 15-16 October 2026: 11447/26  
annotated draft agenda  
*Exchange of views*

6. **Legislative programming: letter of intent** [3] 12894/26  
***Presentation by the Commission*** 13103/26  
***Exchange of views***

The Council took note of the presentation by the Commission.

7. Annual rule-of-law dialogue: horizontal discussion 11865/26  
*Exchange of views*

8. General trend of the rule-of-law situation in selected candidate 11674/26  
countries<sup>1</sup> 5529/25  
*Exchange of views*

9. **Any other business**

- a) Official languages and enlargement 13244/26  
*Information from Spain*

- b) **Simplification** [2] 13399/1/26 REV  
***Information from Austria*** 1

The Council took note of the information provided by Austria, supported by Czechia, Denmark, Germany, Estonia, Greece, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia, Slovakia and Finland.

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- [1] First reading  
[S] Special legislative procedure  
[2] Public debate (Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)  
[3] Public debate (Article 8(3) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)  
[C] Item based on a Commission proposal
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<sup>1</sup> In the presence of representatives of the governments of Albania, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia.