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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
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Subject:	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a framework of measures for strengthening the Union innovation ecosystem and amending Regulation (EU) 2017/1001 (European Innovation Act) – Optional consultation of the Committee of the Regions

1. On 9 September 2026, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a framework of measures for strengthening the Union innovation ecosystem and amending Regulation (EU) 2017/1001 (European Innovation Act).¹

¹ 12970/26.

2. The proposal aims to strengthen the Union innovation ecosystem by establishing a common framework for the procurement of research and development (R&D) services, including joint R&D procurement, and by establishing a Competence Centre within the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO) with tasks related to intellectual property-backed finance and the commercialisation of intellectual property.
3. The proposal is based on Article 114 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU).
4. The above-mentioned legal basis requires consultation of the Economic and Social Committee but does not require consultation of the Committee of the Regions.
5. However, considering the relevance of the proposal for regional and local public authorities, notably as regards R&D procurement and the development and commercialisation of innovation across the Union, it appears appropriate to consult the Committee of the Regions.
6. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to:
 - decide, in accordance with Article 307 TFEU and Article 19(7)(h) of the Council's Rules of Procedure,² to consult the Committee of the Regions on this proposal.³
 - request the Committee of the Regions to give its opinion by 28 February 2027.

² Council Decision 2009/937/EU of 1 December 2009 adopting the Council's Rules of Procedure, OJ L 325, 11.12.2009, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2009/937/oj>.

³ The sole purpose of this note is to decide on the consultation of another institution/body and not on the substance.