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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Delegations
Subject:	Provisional agendas for Council meetings, during the first semester of 2016 (the Netherlands Presidency)

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In accordance with Article 2 (7) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, delegations will find attached the indicative provisional agendas<sup>1</sup> for Council meetings for the period from 1 January 2016 up to 30 June 2016. These have been drawn up by the Netherlands Presidency and the External Action Service as regards the Foreign Affairs Council (FAC).

In accordance with Article 3 (6) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, items for which approval by the Council is possible without discussion are entered as 'A' items. As a general rule, A items do not appear on the attached provisional Council agendas.

In accordance with Annex V, para 6 of the Council's Rules of Procedure, no item is placed on the Council agenda simply for presentation by the Commission or by a Council member, except where a debate on new major initiatives is planned.

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<sup>1</sup> In accordance with the Treaty of Lisbon, on all agendas for the various Council configurations a distinction has to be made between legislative and non-legislative acts, in the case of both "A" items and "B" items.

**The Netherlands Presidency - 1st semester 2016**  
**Draft Work Programme for Council meetings**  
**Prepared by COREPER (Part 2)**

COUNCIL	DATE					
	January	February	March	April	May	June
<b>GENERAL AFFAIRS</b>	18	16	15		24	21
<b>FOREIGN AFFAIRS</b>	18	15	14	18 19 (Defence)	12 (Dev/ment) 13 (Trade) 23	20
<b>ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS</b>	15	12	08		25	17
<b>JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS</b>		25	10/11	21	20	09/10

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COUNCIL	DATE					
	January	February	March	April	May	June
<b>EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL POLICY, HEALTH AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS</b>			07			16 (Employment) 17 (Health)
<b>COMPETITIVENESS (INTERNAL MARKET, INDUSTRY, RESEARCH AND SPACE)</b>		29			26/27	
<b>TRANSPORT, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY</b>					26 (Telecom)	06 (Energy) 07 (Transport)
<b>AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES</b>		15	14	11/12	(poss.) 10	27/28
<b>ENVIRONMENT</b>			04			20
<b>EDUCATION, YOUTH, CULTURE AND SPORT</b>		24 (Education)			30 (Education/Youth) 31 (Culture/audio /sport )	

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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**  
**GENERAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL**  
**BRUSSELS – 18 JANUARY 2016**

- Adoption of the provisional agenda

**Legislative deliberations**

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

**Any other business**

- Current legislative proposals
  - = Information from the Presidency

**Non-legislative activities**

- (poss. ) Approval of the list of "A" items
- Presentation of the Netherlands Presidency Work Programme<sup>2</sup>
- Resolutions, decisions and opinions adopted by the European Parliament
- Preparation of the European Council on 18-19 February 2016
  - = Annotated Draft Agenda

**Any other business**

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<sup>2</sup> Public debate pursuant to Article 8 (2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**  
**GENERAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL**  
**BRUSSELS – 16 FEBRUARY 2016**

- Adoption of the provisional agenda

**Legislative deliberations**

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

- (poss.) Approval of the list of "A" items

**Non-legislative activities**

- (poss.) Approval of the list of "A" items
- Resolutions, decisions and opinions adopted by the European Parliament
- Preparation of the European Council on 18-19 February 2016
  - = Draft conclusions
- Preparation of the European Council on 17-18 March 2016
  - = Annotated Draft Agenda
- Interinstitutional Agreement on Better Regulation
  - = State of play
  - = Information from the Commission on the implementation of the Annual Work Programme 2015 and 2016
  - = Exchange of views

**Any other business**

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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**  
**GENERAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL**  
**BRUSSELS – 15 MARCH 2016**

- Adoption of the provisional agenda

**Legislative deliberations**

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

- (poss.) Approval of the list of "A" items

**Any other business**

- Current legislative proposals
  - = Information from the Presidency

**Non-legislative activities**

- (poss.) Approval of the list of "A" items
- Resolutions, decisions and opinions adopted by the European Parliament
- Draft Council conclusions on the Cooperation and Verification Mechanism
  - = Adoption (*may become an "A" item*)
- Preparation of the European Council on 17-18 March 2016
  - = Draft conclusions
- European Semester
  - = Synthesis report on Council contributions on the 2016 European semester
  - = (poss.) Updated roadmap on the 2016 European semester
  - = Thematic debate
- (poss.) Inter-Institutional Agreement on Better Regulation
- (poss.) Cohesion policy: Communication on Investment for Growth and Jobs 'Art. 16 CPR)
  - = State of play

**Any other business**

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**  
**GENERAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL**  
**BRUSSELS – 24 MAY 2016**

- Adoption of the provisional agenda

**Legislative deliberations**

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

- (poss.) Approval of the list of "A" items

**Any other business**

- Current legislative proposals
  - = Information from the Presidency

**Non-legislative activities**

- (poss.) Approval of the list of "A" items
- Resolutions, decisions and opinions adopted by the European Parliament
- Association with Montenegro
  - = Establishment of the position of the European Union for the 7th Stabilisation and Association Council meeting (*may become an "A" item*)
- Rule of Law
  - = Exchange of views
- Legislative programming
  - = Exchange of views - input ahead of the Commission's Letter of Intent
- Preparation of the European Council on 23-24 June 2016
  - = Annotated Draft Agenda
- Better Regulation
  - = State of play
  - = Exchange of views

- Transparency during NL Presidency
  - = Information from the Presidency
  - = Exchange of views

**Any other business**

- (poss.) Cohesion Policy: The Review of the Multiannual Financial Framework and the adjustment of Cohesion Policy envelopes
    - = Information from the Commission
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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**  
**GENERAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL**  
**LUXEMBOURG – 21 JUNE 2016**

- Adoption of the provisional agenda

**Legislative deliberations**

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

- (poss.) Approval of the list of "A" items

**Any other business**

- Current legislative proposals
  - = Information from the Presidency

**Non-legislative activities**

- (poss.) Approval of the list of "A" items
- Resolutions, decisions and opinions adopted by the European Parliament
- Association with Turkey
  - = Establishment of the position of the European Union for the 54th Association Council meeting (*may become an "A" item*)
- Preparation of the European Council on 23-24 June 2016
  - = Draft conclusions
- European Semester
  - = Approval of integrated Country-specific recommendations and transmission to the European Council
- (poss.) Cohesion Policy: Council conclusions on the EU Urban Agenda
  - = Adoption

**Any other business**

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**  
**FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL**  
**BRUSSELS – 18 JANUARY 2016**

- MEPP
  - Syria
  - Ukraine
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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**  
**FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL**  
**BRUSSELS – 15 FEBRUARY 2016**

- Bosnia and Herzegovina / Western Balkans
  - Belarus
  - South Africa
  - Climate Diplomacy
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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**  
**FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL**  
**BRUSSELS – 14 MARCH 2016**

- Colombia \*
- Iran
- Russia

\* Informal lunch with FM Holguin (tbc)

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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**  
**FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL**  
**LUXEMBOURG – 18 APRIL 2016**

- Eastern Partners
  - Cultural Diplomacy
  - Cuba
  - China
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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**  
**FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL - DEFENCE**  
**LUXEMBOURG – 19 APRIL 2016**

- European Defence agenda
  - Military operations and horizon scanning
  - Capacity Building for Security and Development
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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**  
**FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL - DEVELOPMENT**  
**BRUSSELS – 12 MAY 2016**

- 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
  - Post Cotonou
    - Orientation debate
  - Gender
  - Trade and Development / CSR, global value chain, Garment initiative
  - Capacity Building for Security and Development
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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**  
**FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL - TRADE**  
**BRUSSELS – 13 MAY 2016**

- Adoption of the provisional agenda

**Legislative deliberations**

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

- (poss.) Approval of the list of "A" items
- (poss.) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1236/2005 concerning trade in certain goods which could be used for capital punishment, torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment (First reading)  
Interinstitutional file: 2014/005 (COD)  
= Political agreement
- (poss.) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council setting up a Union system for supply chain due diligence self-certification of responsible importers of tin, tantalum and tungsten, their ores, and gold originating in conflict- affected and high-risk areas (First reading)  
Interinstitutional file:2014/0059 (COD)  
= Political agreement
- (poss.) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council implementing the safeguard clause and the anti-circumvention mechanism providing for the temporary suspension of tariff preferences of the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Moldova, of the other part (First reading)  
Interinstitutional file: 2015/0079 (COD)  
= Political agreement



- (poss.) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council implementing the anti-circumvention mechanism providing for the temporary suspension of tariff preferences of the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and Georgia, of the other part (First reading)  
Interinstitutional file: 2015/0080 (COD)  
= Political agreement
  
- (poss.) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 19/2013 implementing the bilateral safeguard clause and the stabilisation mechanism for bananas of the Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Colombia and Peru, of the other part, and amending Regulation (EU) No 20/2013 implementing the bilateral safeguard clause and the stabilisation mechanism for bananas of the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Union and its Member States, on the one hand, and Central America on the other (First reading)  
Interinstitutional file: 2015/0112 (COD)  
= Political agreement

### **Non-legislative activities**

- Approval of the list of "A" items
  
- (poss.) WTO: Post-Nairobi follow-up, including the Information Technology Agreement (ITA) and the Environmental Goods Agreement (EGA)
  
- EU-US TTIP negotiations  
= State of play
  
- (poss.) EU-Japan FTA negotiations  
= State of play
  
- (poss.) Council Decision on signature and provisional application of the EU-Canada Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA)

### **Any other business**

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**  
**FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL**  
**BRUSSELS – 23 MAY 2016**

- Myanmar/Burma
- Latin America
- Economic Diplomacy

\* The Eastern Partners Ministerial meeting will take place in the margins of the FAC

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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**  
**FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL**  
**LUXEMBOURG – 20 JUNE 2016**

- Global Strategy
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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**  
**ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL**  
**BRUSSELS – 15 JANUARY 2016**

- Adoption of the provisional agenda

**Legislative deliberations**

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

- Approval of the list of A items

**Any other business**

- Current legislative proposals
  - = Information from the Presidency

**Non-legislative activities**

- (poss.) Approval of the list of "A" items
- Presentation of the Presidency Work Programme<sup>3</sup>
  - = Exchange of views
- Implementation of the Banking Union
  - = State of play
- European Semester 2016
  - Council recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area
    - = Approval
  - Annual Growth Survey and Alert Mechanism report
    - = Draft Council conclusions
- Combatting VAT fraud in the EU: Use of the reverse charge mechanism
  - = Exchange of views

**Any other business**

- (poss.) Fight against the financing of terrorism  
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<sup>3</sup> Public debate in accordance with Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure

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Thursday 14 January 2016

10:30 Informal dialogue of representatives of the Council (ECOFIN) and of the European Parliament  
15:00 Eurogroup

Friday 15 January 2016

09:00 ECOFIN breakfast  
10:00 Council (ECOFIN)

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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**  
**ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL**  
**BRUSSELS – 12 FEBRUARY 2016**

- Adoption of the provisional agenda

**Legislative deliberations**

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

- (poss.) Approval of the list of "A" items
- (poss.) Anti-BEPS Directive
  - = Presentation by the Commission

**Any other business**

- Current legislative proposals
  - = Information from the Presidency

**Non-legislative activities**

- (poss. ) Approval of the list of "A" items
- (poss.) Implementation of the Banking Union
  - = State of play
- Preparation of the G20 Meeting of Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors on 25-27 February 2016 in Shanghai
  - = Terms of reference
- Discharge to be given to the Commission in respect of the implementation of the budget for 2014
  - = Council recommendation
- Budget guidelines for 2017
  - = Council conclusions
- (poss.) High Level Group on Own Resources
  - = Information on the state of play by the Chair of the High Level Group

**Any other business**

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Thursday 11 February 2016

10:30 Macro-economic Dialogue

15:00 Eurogroup

Friday 12 February 2016

09:00 ECOFIN breakfast

10:00 Council (ECOFIN)

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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**  
**ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL**  
**BRUSSELS – 8 MARCH 2016**

- Adoption of the provisional agenda

**Legislative deliberations**

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

- (poss.) Approval of the list of "A" items
  
- (poss.) Money Market Funds
  - Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on Money Market Funds (First reading)  
Interinstitutional file: 2013/0306 (COD)  
= State of play
  
- (poss.) Completion of the Banking Union
  - Proposal for a European Deposit Guarantee Insurance Scheme (EDIS)  
= State of play

**Any other business**

- Current legislative proposals
  - = Information from the Presidency

**Non-legislative activities**

- (poss. ) Approval of the list of "A" items
  
- (poss.) Future of the Code of Conduct (Business Taxation)
  - = Conclusions
  
- (poss.) Follow-up to the Five Presidents' Report
  - = State of play



- Follow-up to the G20 Meeting of Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors on 25-27 February 2016 and preparation of the G20 Meeting of Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors on 14 April 2016 and of the IMF and World Bank Spring meetings on 15-17 April 2016 in Washington
  - = G20 terms of reference
  - = Statement to the IMFC
  
- European Semester 2016: Implementation of Country Specific Recommendations drawing on the country reports and in-depth reviews
  - = Exchange of views
  
- (poss.) Implementation of the Stability and Growth Pact
  - = Draft Council Decision / Recommendation

**Any other business**

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Monday 7 March 2016

15:00 Eurogroup

Tuesday 8 March 2016

09:00 ECOFIN breakfast

10:00 Council (ECOFIN)

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**  
**ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL**  
**BRUSSELS – 25 MAY 2016**

- Adoption of the provisional agenda

**Legislative deliberations**

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

- (poss.) Approval of the list of "A" items
- (poss.) Draft general budget for 2017
  - = Presentation by the Commission
- (poss.) Banking Structural Reform
  - Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on structural measures improving the resilience of EU credit institutions (First reading)  
Interinstitutional file: 2014/0020 (COD)
    - = Political agreement
- (poss.) Taxation applicable to Interest and Royalty Payments
  - Proposal for a Council Directive on a common system of Taxation applicable to Interest and Royalty Payments made between associated companies of different Member States  
Interinstitutional file: 2011/0314 (CNS)
    - = Political agreement / Policy debate
- (poss.) Anti-BEPS Directive
  - = Political agreement / Policy debate
- (poss.) Financial Transaction Tax
  - Proposal for a Council Directive implementing enhanced cooperation in the area of financial transaction tax  
Interinstitutional file: 2013/0045 (CNS)
    - = Policy debate

**Any other business**

- Current legislative proposals
  - = Information from the Presidency

## Non-legislative activities

- (poss. ) Approval of the list of "A" items
- European Semester 2016
  - Macroeconomic Imbalances Procedure (MIP) - In depth-reviews
    - = Council conclusions
- (poss.) Customs Governance
  - = Policy debate / Council conclusions

## Any other business

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p.m.

Tuesday 24 May 2016

15:00 Eurogroup

Wednesday 25 May 2016

08:30 Annual EIB Governors meeting

09:30 ECOFIN breakfast

10:00 Council (ECOFIN)

13:00 Economic and Financial dialogue between the EU and the Western Balkans and Turkey

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**  
**ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL**  
**LUXEMBOURG – 17 JUNE 2016**

- Adoption of the provisional agenda

**Legislative deliberations**

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

- (poss.) Approval of the list of "A" items
- (poss.) Draft general budget for 2017
  - = Presentation by the Commission
- (poss.) Completion of the Banking Union / EDIS
  - = Council conclusions - roadmap
- (poss.) Prospectus Regulation
  - Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the prospectus to be published when securities are offered to the public of admitted to trading
    - = General approach

**Any other business**

- Current legislative proposals
  - = Information from the Presidency

**Non-legislative activities**

- (poss. ) Approval of the list of "A" items
- (poss.) ECOFIN Report to the European Council on tax issues
  - = Endorsement
- (poss.) Report by Finance Ministers on tax issues in the framework of the Euro Plus Pact
  - = Endorsement

- (poss.) Code of Conduct (Business Taxation)
  - Report to the Council
  - Draft Council conclusions
  - = Endorsement
  
- Contribution to the European Council meeting on 25-26 June 2016 - European Semester 2016
  - Draft Council Recommendations on the National Reform Programmes 2016 to each Member State and draft Council Opinions on the updated Stability or Convergence Programmes
  - = Approval
  
- (poss.) Implementation of the Macroeconomic Imbalances Procedure
  - = Draft Council Recommendation
  
- (poss.) Implementation of the Stability and Growth Pact
  - = Draft Council Decision / Recommendation
  
- Anti-VAT fraud strategy
  - (poss.) VAT Action Plan including anti-VAT fraud strategy
  - (poss.) Special Report by the European Court of Auditors on the anti-VAT Strategy
  - = Council conclusions
  
- (poss.) Convergence Reports from the Commission and the European Central Bank
  - = Exchange of views

**Any other business**

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p.m.

Thursday 16 June 2016

15:00 Eurogroup

Friday 17 June 2016

09:00 ECOFIN breakfast

10:00 Council (ECOFIN)

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**  
**JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS COUNCIL**  
**BRUSSELS – 25 FEBRUARY 2016**

- (poss.) Migration

**Any other business**

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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**  
**JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS COUNCIL**  
**BRUSSELS – 10/11 MARCH 2016**

- Adoption of the provisional agenda

**HOME AFFAIRS**

**Legislative deliberations**

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

- (poss.) Approval of the list of "A" items
  
- Smart Borders Package - *New proposals for Regulations of the European Parliament and of the Council* (First reading)  
Interinstitutional file: *(titles and file numbers expected to be known by end 2015)*
  - = Presentation by the Commission
  
- Borders Package
  - a) Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Border and Coast Guard and repealing Regulation (EC) N° 2007/2004, Regulation (EC) N° 863/2007 and Council Decision 2005/267/EC (First reading)  
Interinstitutional file: 2015/0310 (COD)
  - b) Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) N° 1406/2002 establishing a European Maritime Safety Agency (First reading)  
Interinstitutional file: 2015/0313 (COD)
  - c) Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) N° 768/2005 establishing a Community Fisheries Control Agency (First reading)  
Interinstitutional file: 2015/0308 (COD)
    - = Policy debate/(poss.) Partial general approach
  
- Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation No 562/2006 (EC) as regards the reinforcement of checks against relevant databases at external borders  
Interinstitutional file: 2015/0307 (COD)
  - = Policy debate/(poss.) Partial general approach

- Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on a European travel document for the return of illegally staying third-country nationals (First reading)  
Interinstitutional file: 2015/0306 (COD)  
= Policy debate/(poss.) Partial general approach
- (poss.) Visa Policy
  - a) Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council of the Union Code on Visas (Visa Code) (recast) (First reading)  
Interinstitutional file: 2014/0094 (COD)
  - b) Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a touring visa and amending the Convention implementing the Schengen Agreement and Regulations (EC) No 562/2006 and (EC) No 767/2008 (First reading)  
Interinstitutional file: 2014/0095 (COD)  
= Policy debate/Progress report
- (poss.) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) N° 539/2001 listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders and those whose nationals are exempt from that requirement  
= Presentation by the Commission  
*(titles and file number expected to be known by early 2016)*
- (poss.) Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 604/2013 as regards determining the Member State responsible for examining the application for international protection of unaccompanied minors with no family member, sibling or relative legally present in a Member State (First reading)  
Interinstitutional file: COD 2014/0202  
= Adoption on the legislative act/General approach  
*Pending on the state of play of the negotiations with the EP*
- (poss.) Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a crisis relocation mechanism and amending Regulation (EU) No 604/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 June 2013 establishing the criteria and mechanisms for determining the Member State responsible for examining an application for international protection lodged in one of the Member States by a third country national or a stateless person (First reading)  
Interinstitutional file: 2014/0208 (COD)  
= Policy debate/Progress report
- (poss.) Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing an EU common list of safe countries of origin for the purposes of Directive 2013/32/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on common procedures for granting and withdrawing international protection, and amending Directive 2013/32/EU (First reading)  
Interinstitutional file: 2014/0211 (COD)  
= (poss.) General approach



- Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directive 91/477/EEC on control of the acquisition and possession of weapons (First reading)
  - = State of play

### **Any other business**

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

### **Non-legislative activities**

- State of play of recent migratory flows
  - = Information from the Commission , EASO, Frontex and Europol
- Relocation and Resettlement
  - Council Decisions establishing provisional measures in the area of international protection for the benefit of Italy and Greece of 14 and 22 September 2015
  - Conclusions of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States meeting within the Council on resettling through multilateral and national schemes 20 000 displaced persons in clear need of international protection
    - = State of play of the implementation
  - Draft Council Decision establishing provisional measures in the area of international protection for the benefit of Sweden in accordance with Article 9 of Council Decision (EU) 2015/1523 and Article 9 of Council Decision (EU) 2015/1601 establishing provisional measures in the area of internal protection for the benefit of Italy and Greece Interinstitutional file: 2015/0314 (NLE)
    - = Adoption
  - (poss.) Draft Council conclusions on the Recommendation for a voluntary humanitarian admission scheme with Turkey
    - = Policy debate
    - = (poss.) Adoption
- Borders Package
  - a) Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on a European Border and Coast Guard and effective management of Europe's external borders
  - b) Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the Eight biannual report on the functioning of the Schengen area (1 May - 10 December 2015)
  - c) Commission Recommendation of 15 December 2015 adopting the Practical handbook for implementing and managing the European Border Surveillance System (EUROSUR Handbook)
    - = Policy debate

- (poss.) Schengen enlargement  
Draft Council Decision on the framework for the full application the Schengen acquis in the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania  
= (poss.) Adoption
- Debrief on the High level meeting "Countering Terrorism Travel" (CTT), Amsterdam, 1 March 2016  
= Exchange of views

## **Any other business**

## **JUSTICE**

### **Legislative deliberations**

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

- Proposal for a Council Regulation on the establishment of the European Prosecutor's Office  
Interinstitutional file : 2013/0255 (APP)  
= Policy debate / Partial general approach
- (poss.) Proposal for a Directive on the fight against fraud to the Union's financial interests by means of criminal law (First reading)  
= Policy debate / Progress report
- (poss.) Digital agenda
  - a) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on certain aspects concerning contracts for the supply of digital content (First reading)  
Interinstitutional file: 2015/0287 (COD)
  - b) Proposal for a for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on certain aspects concerning contracts for the online and other distance sales of goods (First reading)  
Interinstitutional file: 2015/0288 (COD)
 = Policy debate/Progress report
- (poss.) Proposal for the extension of ECRIS to third country nationals  
*(The exact title of the proposal must be adapted after the submission of the proposal to the Council)*  
= Policy debate/Progress report
- (poss.) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on combating terrorism and replacing Council Framework Decision 2002/475/JHA on combating terrorism" (First reading)  
Interinstitutional file: 2015/0281 (COD)  
= General approach

## **Non-legislative activities**

- (poss.) Proposal for a Council Decision on the signing of the Agreement between the United States of America and the European Union on the protection of personal information relating to the prevention, investigation, detection, and prosecution of criminal offenses
  - = Adoption

*(The exact title of the proposal must be adapted after the submission of the proposal to the Council)*
- (poss.) State of play after the Maximilian Schrems v. Data Protection Commissioner judgment of 6 October 2015 (C-362/14)
  - = Information from the Commission
  - = Exchange of views

## **Any other business**

### **MIXED COMMITTEE**

- State of play of recent migratory flows
  - = Information from the Commission, EASO, Frontex and Europol
- (poss.) Draft Council conclusions on the Recommendation for a voluntary humanitarian admission scheme with Turkey
  - = Policy debate

Conclusions of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States meeting within the Council on resettling through multilateral and national schemes 20 000 displaced persons in clear need of internal protection

- = State of play of the implementation

- Smart Borders Package
  - New proposals for Regulations of the European Parliament and of the Council (First reading)
  - Interinstitutional file: *(titles and file numbers expected to be known by February/March 2016)*
  - = Presentation by the Commission
- Borders Package
  - a) Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Border and Coast Guard and repealing Regulation (EC) N° 2007/2004, Regulation (EC) N° 863/2007 and Council Decision 2005/267/EC (First reading)  
Interinstitutional file: 2015/0310 (COD)
  - b) Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) N° 1406/2002 establishing a European Maritime Safety Agency (First reading)  
Interinstitutional file: 2015/0313 (COD)

- c) Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) N° 768/2005 establishing a Community Fisheries Control Agency (First reading)  
Interinstitutional file: 2015/0308 (COD)  
= Policy debate
- d) Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on a European Border and Coast Guard and effective management of Europe's external borders
- e) Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the Eight biannual report on the functioning of the Schengen area (1 May - 10 December 2015)
- f) Commission Recommendation of 15 December 2015 adopting the Practical handbook for implementing and managing the European Border Surveillance System (EUROSUR Handbook)  
= Policy debate
  
- Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation N° 562/2006 (EC) as regards the reinforcement of checks against relevant databases at external borders (First reading)  
Interinstitutional file: 2015/0307 (COD)  
= Policy debate
  
- Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on a European travel document for the return of illegally staying third-country nationals (First reading)  
Interinstitutional file: 2015/0306 (COD)  
= Policy debate
  
- (poss.) Visa Policy
  - a) Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Union Code on Visas (Visa Code) (recast) (First reading)  
Interinstitutional file: COD 2014/0094
  - b) Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a touring visa and amending the Convention implementing the Schengen Agreement and Regulations (EC) No 562/2006 and (EC) No 767/2008 (First reading)  
Interinstitutional file: COD 2014/0095
 = Policy debate / Progress report

- (poss.) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) N° 539/2001 listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders and those whose nationals are exempt from that requirement
  - = Presentation by the Commission  
*(titles and file number expected to be known by early 2016)*
  
- (poss.) Schengen enlargement
  - Draft Council Decision on the framework for the full application the Schengen acquis in the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania
  - = State of play

**Any other business**

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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**  
**JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS COUNCIL**  
**LUXEMBOURG – 21 APRIL 2016**

- (poss.) Migration

**Any other business**

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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**  
**JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS COUNCIL**  
**BRUSSELS – 20 MAY 2016**

- (poss.) Migration

**Any other business**

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## PROVISIONAL AGENDA

### JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS COUNCIL

LUXEMBOURG – 9/10 JUNE 2016

- Adoption of the provisional agenda

## **JUSTICE**

### **Legislative deliberations**

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

- (poss.) Approval of the list of "A" items
- Proposal for a Council Regulation on the establishment of the European Prosecutor's Office  
Interinstitutional file : 2013/0255 (APP)  
= Policy debate / (Partial) General approach
- (poss.) Proposal for a Directive on the fight against fraud to the Union's financial interests  
by means of criminal law (First reading)  
Interinstitutional file: 2012/0193 (COD)  
= Adoption/Policy debate/Progress report
- (poss.) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on new  
psychoactive substances (First reading)  
Interinstitutional file: 2013/0305 (COD)  
= General approach<sup>4</sup>
- (poss.) Digital agenda
  - a) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on certain  
aspects concerning contracts for the supply of digital content (First reading)  
Interinstitutional file: 2015/0287 (COD)
  - b) Proposal for a for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on certain  
aspects concerning contracts for the online and other distance sales of goods  
(First reading)  
Interinstitutional file: 2015/0288 (COD)  
= Policy debate/(poss.) Partial general approach

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<sup>4</sup> When adopting a General approach after the European Parliament has adopted its position at first reading, the Council is not acting within the meaning of Article 294(4) and (5) TFEU.



- (poss.) Revision of the Council Regulation (EC) No 2201/2003 of 27 November 2003 concerning jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in matrimonial matters and the matters of parental responsibility, repealing Regulation (EC) No 1347/2000 (Brussels II a)
  - = Policy debate
  - (The exact title of the proposal must be adapted after the submission of the proposal to the Council)*
  
- (poss.) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on provisional legal aid for suspects or accused persons deprived of liberty and legal aid in European arrest warrant proceedings (First reading)
  - Interinstitutional file: 2013/0409 (COD)
  - = Policy debate / Progress report
  
- (poss.) Proposal for the extension of ECRIS to third country nationals
  - (The exact title of the proposal must be adapted after the submission of the proposal to the Council)*
  - = General approach

### **Non-legislative activities**

- Accession of the European Union to the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms
  - = Progress report (poss. discussion of certain elements)
  
- e-Justice: Mid term review of the Multiannual European e-Justice Action Plan 2014-2018
  - = Adoption
  
- (poss.) Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement between the United States of America and the European Union on the protection of personal information relating to the prevention, investigation, detection, and prosecution of criminal offenses
  - = Adoption
  - (The exact title of the proposal must be adapted after the submission of the proposal to the Council)*

### **Any other business**

- EU-US JHA Ministerial meeting, June 2016
  - = Information from the Presidency
  
- Work programme of the incoming Presidency
  - = Presentation by the Slovakian delegation

## **HOME AFFAIRS**

### **Legislative deliberations**

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

- Smart Borders Package  
(*New proposals for Regulations of the European Parliament and of the Council*) (First reading)  
Interinstitutional file: (*titles and file numbers expected to be known by end 2015*)  
= Policy debate / Partial general approach
  
- Borders Package
  - a) Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Border and Coast Guard and repealing Regulation (EC) N° 2007/2004, Regulation (EC) N° 863/2007 and Council Decision 2005/267/EC (First reading)  
Interinstitutional file: 2015/0310 (COD)
  - b) Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) N° 1406/2002 establishing a European Maritime Safety Agency (First reading)  
Interinstitutional file: 2015/0313 (COD)
  - c) Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) N° 768/2005 establishing a Community Fisheries Control Agency (First reading)  
Interinstitutional file: 2015/0308 (COD)= General approach
  
- Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation N° 562/2006 (EC) as regards the reinforcement of checks against relevant data bases at external borders (First reading)  
Interinstitutional file: 2015/0307 (COD)  
= (poss.) Partial general approach
  
- Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on a European travel document for the return of illegally staying third-country nationals (First reading)  
Interinstitutional file: 2015/0306 (COD)  
= (poss.) Partial general approach

- (poss.) Visa Policy
  - a) Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Union Code on Visas (Visa Code) (recast) (First reading)  
Interinstitutional file: 2014/0094 (COD)
  - b) Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a touring visa and amending the Convention implementing the Schengen Agreement and Regulations (EC) No 562/2006 and (EC) No 767/2008 (First reading)  
Interinstitutional file: 2014/0095 (COD)
- = Progress report / (poss.) General approach
  
- (poss.) New residence permit (expected for March 2016)
  
- (poss.) Proposal for a Regulation (Dublin IV)  
*(title and file number expected to be known in March 2016)*
  
- (poss.) Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a crisis relocation mechanism and amending Regulation (EU) No 604/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 June 2013 establishing the criteria and mechanisms for determining the Member State responsible for examining an application for international protection lodged in one of the Member States by a third country national or a stateless person (First reading)  
Interinstitutional file: 2015/0208 (COD)
- = Progress report/Policy debate/General approach
  
- (poss.) Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing an EU common list of safe countries of origin for the purposes of Directive 2013/32/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on common procedures for granting and withdrawing international protection, and amending Directive 2013/32/EU (First reading)  
Interinstitutional file: 2015/0211 (COD)
- = (poss.) General approach
  
- Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directive 91/477/EEC on control of the acquisition and possession of weapons (First reading)
- = General approach

### **Any other business**

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

## **Non-legislative activities**

- State of play of recent migratory flows
  - = Information from the Commission, EASO, Frontex and Europol
- Relocation and Resettlement
  - Council Decisions establishing provisional measures in the area of international protection for the benefit of Italy and Greece of 14 and 22 September 2015
  - Conclusions of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States meeting within the Council on resettling through multilateral and national schemes 20 000 displaced persons in clear need of international protection
  - = State of play of the implementation
- Follow-up to the Council conclusions on the future of the return policy of 8 October 2015
  - = Exchange of views
- Schengen Governance
  - Ninth Biannual Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the functioning of the Schengen area (1 November 2015 - 30 April 2016)
  - = Presentation and exchange of views / General debate
- Renewed EU Internal Security Strategy (2015-2020)
  - = Implementation report
  - = Exchange of views
- Fight against terrorism: Follow up of the implementation of agreed measures
  - = Exchange of views

## **Any other business**

- Debrief on the High level meeting "Cyber Security" Amsterdam, 12-13 May 2016
  - = Exchange of views
- Presidency report financial investigations
  - = Information from the Presidency
- EU-US JHA Ministerial meeting, June 2016
  - = Information from the Presidency
- Visa reciprocity
  - = Information from the Presidency
- Work programme of the incoming Presidency
  - = Presentation by the Slovakian delegation

## **MIXED COMMITTEE**

- State of play of recent migratory flows
  - = Information from the Commission, EASO, Frontex and Europol
- Follow-up to the Council conclusions on the future of the return policy of 8 October 2015
  - = Exchange of views
- Smart Borders Package
  - New proposals for Regulations of the European Parliament and of the Council (First reading)
  - Interinstitutional file: *(titles and file numbers expected to be known by March 2015)*
    - = Progress report
- Borders Package
  - a) Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Border and Coast Guard and repealing Regulation (EC) N° 2007/2004, Regulation (EC) N° 863/2007 and Council Decision 2005/267/EC (First reading)
    - Interinstitutional file: 2015/0310 (COD)
  - b) Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) N° 1406/2002 establishing a European Maritime Safety Agency (First reading)
    - Interinstitutional file: 2015/0313 (COD)
  - c) Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) N° 768/2005 establishing a Community Fisheries Control Agency (First reading)
    - Interinstitutional file: 2015/0308 (COD)
    - = Policy debate
- Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation N° 562/2006 (EC) as regards the reinforcement of checks against relevant data bases at external borders (First reading)
  - Interinstitutional file: 2015/0307 (COD)
  - = Policy debate
- Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on a European travel document for the return of illegally staying third-country nationals (First reading)
  - Interinstitutional file: 2015/0306 (COD)
  - = Policy debate
- Schengen Governance
  - Ninth Biannual Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the functioning of the Schengen area (1 November 2015 - 30 April 2016)
    - = Presentation and exchange of views / General debate

- (poss.) Visa Policy
  - a) Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Union Code on Visas (Visa Code) (recast) (First reading)  
Interinstitutional file: 2014/0094 (COD)
  - b) Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a touring visa and amending the Convention implementing the Schengen Agreement and Regulations (EC) No 562/2006 and (EC) No 767/2008 (First reading)  
Interinstitutional file: 2014/0095 (COD)
- = Progress report/ Policy debate

**Any other business**

- Visa reciprocity
    - = Information from the Presidency
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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

**EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL POLICY, HEALTH AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS**

**BRUSSELS – 7 MARCH 2016**

- Adoption of the provisional agenda

**Legislative deliberations**

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

- (poss.) Approval of the list of "A" items
- (poss.) Revision of Regulation (EC) No 2062/94 establishing a European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (Bilbao Agency)
  - = Presentation by the Commission
- (poss.) Revision of Regulation (EEC) No 1365/75 on the creation of a European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions
  - = Presentation by the Commission

**Non-legislative activities**

- (poss.) Approval of the list of "A" items

**Non-legislative activities**

*(Public debate in accordance with Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)*

**[proposed by the Presidency]**

- (poss.) Labour mobility package
  - = Presentation by the Commission
  - = Policy debate
- (poss.) Towards a new Skills agenda for Europe
  - = Policy debate

- European Semester 2016: Contribution to the European Council (Brussels, 17-18 March 2016)
  - = Policy debate
  - a) Priorities for action in the areas of employment and social policies: political guidance in 2016
    - i) Draft Council conclusions on the 2016 Annual Growth Survey and Joint Employment report: political guidance on employment and social policies
    - ii) Draft Joint Employment report
      - = Adoption
  - b) European Semester 2016 Country reports
    - = Presentation by the Commission
  - c) Implementation of the 2015 Country-specific recommendations
    - = Presentation by the Commission
    - = Exchange of views
  - d) Proposal for a Council Decision on guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States
    - = General approach
- (poss.) Draft Council conclusions on the Commission's strategic engagement for gender equality 2016-2019
  - = Adoption
- Tripartite Social Summit and Social dialogue
  - = Information from the Presidency
  - = (poss.) Exchange of views

### **Any other business**

- State of play of fulfilment of ex-ante conditionalities covering ESF 2014-2020 investments
  - = Information from the Commission
- Current legislative proposals  
(*Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union*)
  - (poss.) Revision of Regulation (EEC) No 337/75 of the Council of 10 February 1975 establishing a European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training
    - = Information from the Commission
- State of the Energy Union
  - = Information from the Commission
- EMCO and SPC Work Programmes 2016



## PROVISIONAL AGENDA

### EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL POLICY, HEALTH AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

LUXEMBOURG – 16/17 JUNE 2016

#### MEETING ON 16 JUNE 2016

- Adoption of the provisional agenda

#### Legislative deliberations

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

#### EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL POLICY

- (poss.) Approval of the list of "A" items
- Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States as regards the accessibility requirements for products and services (First reading)  
Interinstitutional file: 2015/0278 (COD)  
= Progress report
- (poss.) Proposal for an Amendment of a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 on the coordination of social security systems and Regulation (EC) No 987/2009 (First reading)  
= Progress report
- (poss.) Proposal for an amendment of Directive 96/71/EC concerning the Posting of workers (First reading)  
= Progress report
- Revision of Directive 2004/37/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 on the protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to carcinogens or mutagens at work (Sixth individual Directive within the meaning of Article 16(1) of Council Directive 89/391/EEC) (First reading)  
= Presentation by the Commission/Policy debate
- (poss.) Proposal for a Council Directive on implementing the principle of equal treatment between persons irrespective of religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation  
Interinstitutional file: 2008/0140 (CNS)  
= Progress report
- (poss.) Revision of Regulation (EC) No 2062/94 establishing a European Agency for Safety and Health at work  
= General approach

- (poss.) Revision of Regulation (EEC) No 1365/75 on the creation of a European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions
  - = General approach

### **Non-legislative activities**

- (poss.) Approval of the list of "A" items

### **Non-legislative activities**

*(Public debate in accordance with Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)*

**[proposed by the Presidency]**

- European Semester 2016: Contribution to the European Council (Brussels, 23-24 June 2016)
  - = Policy debate
  - a) Draft Council Recommendations on the National Reform Programmes 2015 to each Member State and Draft explanatory note
    - = Approval
  - b) Assessment of the 2016 Country-specific Recommendations (CSRs) and the implementation of the 2015 CSRs
    - = Endorsement of the opinions of the Employment Committee (EMCO) and the Social Protection Committee (SPC)
- (poss.) Skills package
  - = Presentation by the Commission
- (poss.) Review of EU Health and Safety at Work legislation
  - (poss.) Council conclusions on occupational Health and Safety
    - = Adoption
- Draft Council conclusions on combating poverty
  - = Adoption
- Proposal for a Council Directive implementing the agreement concluded by the social partners on the Work in Fishing Convention, 2007, of the International Labour Organisation
  - = Presentation by the Commission

### Any other business

- International dimension of employment and social policies
    - = Information from the Commission
  
  - Work programme of the incoming Presidency
    - = Information from the Slovak delegation
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## **MEETING ON 17 JUNE 2016**

### **HEALTH**

#### **Non-legislative activities**

*(Public debate in accordance with Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)*

**[proposed by the Presidency]**

- Draft Council conclusions on food products improvement  
= Adoption
- (poss.) Draft Council conclusions on antimicrobial resistance  
= Adoption
- (poss.) Draft Council conclusions on pharmaceuticals  
= Adoption
- (poss.) Regulation (EU) No 609/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 June 2013 on food intended for infants and young children, food for special medical purposes, and total diet replacement for weight control
  - a) Commission report on milk-based drinks and similar products intended for young children
  - b) Commission report on food intended for sportspeople= Exchange of views

#### **Any other business**

- Current legislative proposals  
*(Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)*
    - (poss.) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on medical devices, and amending Directive 2001/83/EC, Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 and Regulation (EC) No 1223/2009 (First reading)  
Interinstitutional file: 2012/0266 (COD)  
and  
Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on in vitro diagnostic medical devices (First reading)  
Interinstitutional file: 2012/0267 (COD)  
= Information from the Presidency
  - Work programme of the incoming Presidency  
= Information from the Slovak delegation
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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**  
**COMPETITIVENESS (INTERNAL MARKET, INDUSTRY, RESEARCH AND SPACE)**  
**BRUSSELS – 29 FEBRUARY 2016**

- Adoption of the provisional agenda

**Legislative deliberations**

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

- (poss.) Approval of the list of "A" items

**Non-legislative activities**

- (poss.) Approval of the list of "A" items
  
- Competitiveness "check-up" - State of play of the real economy and mainstreaming competitiveness
  - = Presentation by the Commission
  - = Policy debate
  
- European Semester
  - a) Communication from the Commission on Annual Growth survey 2016
  - b) Implementation of the CSRs
    - = Presentation by the Commission
    - = Exchange of views
  
- (poss.) Draft Council conclusions on the Single Market Strategy for services and goods
  - = Policy debate
  - = Adoption
  
- Circular economy
  - = Presentation by the Commission
  - = Exchange of views
  
- Patents / plant breeders' rights
  - = Presentation by the Presidency
  - = Exchange of views

**Any other business**

- Reform of the EU copyright system
    - = Information from the Commission on the state of play
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## PROVISIONAL AGENDA

### COMPETITIVENESS (INTERNAL MARKET, INDUSTRY, RESEARCH AND SPACE)

BRUSSELS – 26/27 MAY 2016

#### MEETING ON 26 MAY 2016

- Adoption of the provisional agenda

#### INTERNAL MARKET AND INDUSTRY

##### Legislative deliberations

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

- (poss.) Approval of the list of "A" items
- Enhancing the Digital Single Market
  - a) Portability
    - = Progress report / General approach
  - b) (poss.) Measures against illegal geo-blocking
    - = Presentation by the Commission on the state of play
  - c) (poss.) Review of the Regulation on Consumer Protection Cooperation
    - = Presentation by the Commission
  - d) Contract rules for online purchases
    - = Presentation by the Commission on the state of play

##### Non-legislative activities

- (poss.) Approval of the list of "A" items
- Competitiveness "check-up"
  - Presentation by the Commission on the state of play of the real economy and mainstreaming competitiveness
    - = Policy debate
- Enhancing the Digital Single Market
  - a) Smart industry
  - b) Parcel delivery
  - c) Standardisation
    - = Presentation by the Commission on the state of play
    - = Exchange of views

*(Public debate in accordance with Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)*  
[proposed by the Presidency]

- Better Regulation (REFIT)
  - = Policy debate
  - = (poss.) Draft Council conclusions
    - Adoption
  
- (poss.) Regulation on fertilizers and fertilizing materials
  - = Progress report
  
- (poss.) Draft Council conclusions on a blueprint governance reform customs union
  - = Adoption

### **Any other business**

- (poss.) Actions for the defence industry
  - = Information from the Commission
  
- Presidency conference on quantum technology
  - = Information from the Presidency
  
- (poss.) Encouragement of long-term shareholder engagement / certain elements of the corporate governance statement
  - = Information from the Presidency
  
- (poss.) Single-member private limited liability companies
  - = Information from the Presidency
  
- Work programme of the incoming Presidency
  - = Information from the Slovak delegation



## **SPACE**

### **Non-legislative activities**

- (poss.) EU-USA relations  
= Exchange of views
- Uptake of space data  
= Exchange of views

### **Any other business**

- Work programme of the incoming Presidency  
= Information from the Slovak delegation

## **MEETING ON 27 MAY 2016**

## **RESEARCH**

### **Non-legislative activities**

- Draft Council conclusions on ex-post evaluation of the Seventh Framework Programme for Research and Technological development  
= Adoption
- Report by the Presidency on the Open Science Presidency Conference  
= Exchange of views  
= Adoption of draft Council conclusions
- Draft Council conclusions on framework conditions for research and innovation  
= Adoption

### **Any other business**

- 2016 ESFRI Roadmap  
= Information from the Chair of the Forum  
= Information from the Commission
- Presidency conferences  
= Information from the Presidency
- Work programme of the incoming Presidency  
= Information from the Slovak delegation

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

**TRANSPORT, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY COUNCIL**

**BRUSSELS – 26 MAY 2016**

- Adoption of the provisional agenda

**Legislative deliberations**

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

- (poss.) Approval of the list of "A" items
- (poss.) Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council for a Union strategy for the future use of the UHF broadcasting band (470-790 MHz), including the 700 MHz band (694-790 MHz) (First reading)
  - = Adoption

**Non-legislative activities**

- (poss.) Approval of the list of "A" items

**Digital Single Market package**

- Role of digital platforms in the digital economy
  - = Presentation by the Commission
- (poss.) Cloud Computing
  - = Presentation by the Commission
  - = Exchange of views

## **Any other business**

- (poss.) Current legislative proposal  
(*Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union*)
    - Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the accessibility of public sector bodies' web-sites (First reading)  
Interinstitutional file: 2012/0340 (COD)
      - = Information from the Presidency
  - Work programme of the incoming Presidency
    - = Information from the Slovak delegation
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## PROVISIONAL AGENDA

### TRANSPORT, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY COUNCIL

LUXEMBOURG – 6 JUNE 2016

- Adoption of the provisional agenda

#### **Legislative deliberations**

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

- (poss.) Approval of the list of "A" items

#### **Non-legislative activities**

- (poss.) Approval of the list of "A" items
- New Energy Market Design
  - = Policy debate
- Communication from the Commission on Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) and storage strategy
  - = Presentation by the Commission on further steps
- Communication from the Commission on an EU strategy for heating and cooling
  - = Presentation by the Commission on further steps

#### **Any other business**

- Current legislative proposals  
*(Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)*
  - i) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council setting a framework for energy efficiency labelling and repealing Directive 2010/30/EU (First reading)  
Interinstitutional file: 2015/0149 (COD)
    - = Information from the Presidency
  - ii) Security of gas supply – Revision of Regulation 994/10 concerning measures to safeguard security of gas supply (First reading)
    - = Information from the Presidency
  - iii) Review of the Decision establishing an information exchange mechanism with regard to intergovernmental agreements between Member States and third countries in the field of energy (First reading)
    - = Information from the Presidency

- External relations
    - = Information from the Presidency and the Commission
  
  - Work programme of the incoming Presidency
    - = Information from the Slovak delegation
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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

**TRANSPORT, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY COUNCIL**

**LUXEMBOURG – 7 JUNE 2016**

- Adoption of the provisional agenda

**Non-legislative activities**

- (poss.) Approval of the list of "A" items

**Legislative deliberations**

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

- (poss.) Approval of the list of "A" items

**AVIATION**

- Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on common rules in the field of civil aviation and establishing a European Union Aviation Safety Agency, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council (First reading)
  - = Progress report / General approach
- Proposal amending Regulation (EC) No 868/2004 on the protection against subsidisation and unfair pricing practices causing injury to Community air carriers in the supply of air services from countries not members of the European Community (First reading)
  - = (poss.) Progress report

## **SHIPPING**

- Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the professional qualification of workers (Inland Waterways) (First reading)
  - = (poss.) General approach
  
- Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on passenger ship safety package (amending Directives 98/41/EC, 1999/35/EC, 2003/25/EC, 2009/45/EC) (First reading)
  - = (poss.) General approach

## **Non-legislative activities**

### **AVIATION**

- Communication from the Commission on "An aviation strategy for Europe"
  - = Presidency conclusions
  
- Report on the European Aviation Summit
  - = Presentation by the Presidency
  
- External relations:
  - a) Draft Decisions of the Council authorising the Commission to open negotiations with a view to establishing comprehensive air transport agreements with Armenia, China, Mexico, Turkey, ASEAN and the six members of the Gulf Cooperation Council and  
Draft Decisions of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States meeting within the Council, authorising the Commission to open negotiations with a view to establishing comprehensive air transport agreements with Armenia, China, Mexico, Turkey, ASEAN and the six members of the Gulf Cooperation Council
  
  - b) Draft Decisions of the Council, authorising the Commission to open negotiations with a view to establishing bilateral aviation safety agreements with China and Japan
    - = Adoption

## Any other business

- Current legislative proposals  
(*Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union*)
    - i) (poss.) 4th Railway Package
    - ii) (poss.) Port Services Regulation
    - iii) (poss.) Air passenger rights
    - iv) (poss.) Common rules for the allocation of slots
    - v) (poss.) Single European Sky 2 + package
    - = Information from the Presidency on the state of play
  - European GNSS Programmes (GALILEO and EGNOS)
    - = Information from the Presidency on the state of play
  - ICAO Assembly 2016
    - = Information from the Commission
  - Report on the Informal Transport and Environment Council (Amsterdam, 14-15 April 2016)
    - = Information from the Presidency (Amsterdam Declaration on Smart Mobility)
  - Work programme of the incoming Presidency
    - = Information from the Slovak delegation
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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**  
**AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES COUNCIL**  
**BRUSSELS – 15 FEBRUARY 2016**

- Adoption of the provisional agenda

**Non-legislative activities**

- (poss.) Approval of the list of "A" items

**AGRICULTURE**

**SCA ITEMS**

- Work Programme of the Presidency
  - = Presentation by the Presidency  
*(Public debate in accordance with Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)*
- Long-term strategy for agricultural research
  - = Presentation by the Commission
- Trade issues and Agriculture
  - = Presentation by the Commission on the state of play

**COREPER ITEMS**

- Establishment of an EU-platform on animal welfare
  - = Presentation by the Commission

**Legislative deliberations**

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

- (poss.) Approval of the list of "A" items

## **FISHERIES**

### **COREPER ITEMS**

- Fishing authorisations regulation
  - = Presentation by the Commission
  - = Exchange of views

### **Any other business**

- Conference on antimicrobial resistance
    - = Information from the Presidency
  - Conference on Plant breeders' rights and patent rights
    - = Information from the Presidency
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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**  
**AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES COUNCIL**  
**BRUSSELS – 14 MARCH 2016**

- Adoption of the provisional agenda

**Non-legislative activities**

- (poss.) Approval of the list of "A" items

**AGRICULTURE**

**SCA ITEMS**

- Simplification of the Common Agricultural policy
  - = Presentation by the Commission on the state of play
  - = Exchange of views
- Use of financial instruments in the agriculture sector
  - = Presentation by the Commission
  - = Exchange of views

**Legislative deliberations**

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

- (poss.) Approval of the list of "A" items

**FISHERIES**

**COREPER ITEMS**

- (poss.) Multiannual Plan on demersal fisheries in the North Sea (First reading)
  - = Presentation by the Commission
  - = Exchange of views

**Any other business**

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**  
**AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES COUNCIL**  
**LUXEMBOURG – 11/12 APRIL 2016**

- Adoption of the provisional agenda

**Non-legislative activities**

- (poss.) Approval of the list of "A" items

**AGRICULTURE**

**SCA ITEMS**

- Market developments and support measures
  - = Presentation by the Commission
  - = Exchange of views
- Conference on Food waste and food loss
  - = Presentation by the Presidency

**Legislative deliberations**

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

- (poss.) Approval of the list of "A" items

**FISHERIES**

**COREPER ITEMS**

- (poss.) Data collection framework
  - = General approach
- (poss.) Fishing authorisations regulation
  - = General approach

**Any other business**

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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**  
**AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES COUNCIL**  
**BRUSSELS – (poss.) 10 MAY 2016**

- Adoption of the provisional agenda

**Non-legislative activities**

- (poss.) Approval of the list of "A" items

**AGRICULTURE**

**SCA ITEMS**

**COREPER ITEMS**

- Plant breeders' rights and patent rights
  - = Exchange of views
- Forestry: FLEGT and Timber Regulation evaluations
  - = Exchange of views

**Legislative deliberations**

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

- (poss.) Approval of the list of "A" items

## **FISHERIES**

### **COREPER ITEMS**

- (poss.) Multiannual Plan on demersal fisheries in the North Sea (First reading)
  - = General approach
  
- (poss.) New framework for technical measures in the reformed Common Fisheries Policy (First reading)  
Interinstitutional file: *to be added*
  - = Presentation by the Presidency / Commission
  - = Exchange of views

### **Any other business**

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## PROVISIONAL AGENDA

### AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES COUNCIL

LUXEMBOURG – 27/28 JUNE 2016

- Adoption of the provisional agenda

#### **Legislative deliberations**

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

- (poss.) Approval of the list of "A" items

#### **SCA ITEMS**

- (poss.) Organic agriculture regulation
  - = Political agreement

#### **Non-legislative activities**

- (poss.) Approval of the list of "A" items
- Simplification of the Common Agricultural Policy
  - = Presentation by the Commission on the state of play
  - = Exchange of views
- Fairness and Transparency in the Food chain
  - = Presentation by the Commission
  - = Exchange of views

#### **COREPER ITEMS**

- Draft Council conclusions on Antimicrobial resistance
  - = Adoption
- Draft Council conclusions on Food waste and food loss
  - = Adoption
- Report on sustainable plant protection
  - = Presentation by the Commission

#### **Any other business**

- Blue growth and ocean governance
  - = Information by the Commission

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**  
**ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL**  
**BRUSSELS – 4 MARCH 2016**

- Adoption of the provisional agenda

**Legislative deliberations**

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

- (poss.) Approval of the list of "A" items
- Circular Economy Strategy
  - Action Plan and legislative proposal on waste
  - = Policy debate

**Non-legislative activities**

- (poss.) Approval of the list of "A" items
- Follow-up to CoP 21 (Climate change)
  - = Policy debate
- European Semester / Annual Growth Survey 2016 and the 2030 agenda for sustainable development
  - = Exchange of views

**Any other business**

- Minamata Convention "package"
  - = Information from the Commission



**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**  
**ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL**  
**LUXEMBOURG – 20 JUNE 2016**

- Adoption of the provisional agenda

**Legislative deliberations**

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

- (poss.) Approval of the list of "A" items
- Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on Emission Trading System (First reading)  
Interinstitutional file: 2015/0418  
= Policy debate

**Non-legislative activities**

- (poss.) Approval of the list of "A" items

**Non-legislative activities**

*(Public debate in accordance with Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)*

- Draft Council conclusions on Circular Economy package / Action Plan  
= Adoption
- Delivering better results for the environment: "Make it Work"  
= Exchange of views
- (poss.) Action against Wildlife trafficking  
= Exchange of views  
= (poss.) Draft Council conclusions  
= Adoption

## Any other business

- (poss.) Proposal for a revision of the non-ETS sectors (Effort Sharing Decision and Land Use, Land Use Change and Forestry/LULUCF)
    - = Information from the Commission
  
  - (poss.) Report on Refit of Birds and Habitat Directives
    - = Information from the Commission
  
  - Circular Economy Package
    - = Information from the Presidency
  
  - Report on International Conferences
    - i) High Level Meeting and preparations for the ICAO Assembly
    - ii) UNEA 2
    - iii) 8th EfE Ministerial Conference
    - = Information from the Presidency and the Commission
  
  - Work programme of the incoming Presidency
    - = Information from the Slovak delegation
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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

**EDUCATION, YOUTH, CULTURE AND SPORTS**

**BRUSSELS – 24 FEBRUARY 2016**

- Adoption of the provisional agenda

**Legislative deliberations**

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

- (poss.) Approval of the list of "A" items

**Non-legislative activities**

- (poss.) Approval of the list of "A" items
- Draft Council conclusions on the contribution of education and training to growth and jobs, drawing on the Annual Growth Survey and the findings of the 2015 Education and Training Monitor
  - = Adoption
- Towards a New Skills Agenda for Europe
  - = Policy debate  
*(Public debate in accordance with Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)*  
*[proposed by the Presidency]*
- Promoting Citizenship and Fundamental values through Education
  - = Exchange of views

**Any other business**

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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**  
**EDUCATION, YOUTH, CULTURE AND SPORT**  
**BRUSSELS – 30/31 MAY 2016**

**MEETING ON MONDAY 30 MAY 2016**

- Adoption of the provisional agenda

**Legislative deliberations**

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

- (poss.) Approval of the list of "A" items

**Non-legislative activities**

- (poss.) Approval of the list of "A" items

**YOUTH**

- (poss.) Draft Council conclusions on the role of the youth sector in preventing violent extremism
  - = Policy debate  
*(Public debate in accordance with Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)*  
*[proposed by the Presidency]*
  - = Adoption

## **EDUCATION**

- Revision of Regulation (EEC) No 337/75 of the Council of 10 February 1975 establishing a European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training and repealing Council Regulation No 2051/2004
  - = Adoption / Agreement in principle
- (poss.) New Skills Agenda for Europe
  - = Presentation by the Commission
- (poss.) Draft Council conclusions on Promoting Citizenship and Fundamental values through Education (taking forward the Paris declaration)
  - = Adoption
- Pursuing the modernisation agenda for higher education in Europe
  - = Policy debate  
(*Public debate in accordance with Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure*)  
[*proposed by the Presidency*]

## **Any other business**

- Work programme of the incoming Presidency
  - = Information from the Slovak delegation

## **MEETING ON TUESDAY 31 MAY 2016**

### **Non-legislative activities**

## **CULTURE / AUDIOVISUAL**

- Draft Council conclusions on strengthening the Europeana network and the visibility and use of digital cultural heritage
  - = Adoption
- Promotion of cross-border circulation of European audiovisual works
  - = Policy debate  
(*Public debate in accordance with Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure*)  
[*proposed by the Presidency*]

## **SPORT**

- Draft Council conclusions on the integrity of sport with a focus on the preparations, organisation and legacy of major international sport events
  - = Adoption
  
- Policy debate (*subject still to be decided*)  
(*Public debate in accordance with Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure*)  
[*proposed by the Presidency*]

## **Any other business**

### Sport

- World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) meetings (Montreal, 10-11 May 2015)
  - = Information from the EU Member States representatives (BE, LU, MT) in WADA

### Culture/Audiovisual

- (poss.) Joint Communication from the Commission and the High Representative on Cultural Diplomacy
    - = Information from the Commission
  
  - Current legislative proposals  
(*Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union*)
    - (poss.) Proposal for a revision of the Audiovisual Media Services Directive
      - = Information from the Commission
  
  - Work programme of the incoming Presidency
    - = Information from the Slovak delegation
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