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

In accordance with Article 2 (7) of the Council’s Rules of Procedure, delegations will find attached
the indicative provisional agendas 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.

1 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.
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Draft Work Programme for Council meetings
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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
- 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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2 Public debate pursuant to Article 8 (2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure
Adoption of the provisional agenda

Legislative deliberations
(\textit{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
- 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**

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

- Colombia *
- Iran
- Russia

* Informal lunch with FM Holguin (tbc)
PROVISIONAL AGENDA
FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL
LUXEMBOURG – 18 APRIL 2016

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

- European Defence agenda
- Military operations and horizon scanning
- Capacity Building for Security and Development
• 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
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

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• Myanmar/Burma
• Latin America
• Economic Diplomacy

* The Eastern Partners Ministerial meeting will take place in the margins of the FAC
Global Strategy
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
  = 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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3 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)
- 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)
- 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
= 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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p.m.

Monday 7 March 2016

15:00 Eurogroup

Tuesday 8 March 2016

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

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- 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  
    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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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

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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)
- (poss.) Migration

Any other business
- 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  
     Interinstitutional file: 2015/0310 (COD)  
     Interinstitutional file: 2015/0313 (COD)  
     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) No 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

= 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


  
  = 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 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

  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
     Interinstitutional file: 2015/0310 (COD)
     Interinstitutional file: 2015/0313 (COD)
   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


   = Policy debate

- 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 (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
     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**
- (poss.) Migration

Any other business
- (poss.) Migration

Any other business
- 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\(^4\)

- (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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\(^4\) 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.
  = 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)

  = 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
Legislative deliberations
(\textit{Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union})

- Smart Borders Package
  \textit{(New proposals for Regulations of the European Parliament and of the Council)} (First reading)
  Interinstitutional file: \textit{(titles and file numbers expected to be known by end 2015)}
  = Policy debate / Partial general approach

- Borders Package
     Interinstitutional file: 2015/0310 (COD)
     Interinstitutional file: 2015/0313 (COD)
     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)
     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

  Interinstitutional file: 2015/0211 (COD)
  = (poss.) General approach

  = 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
  = 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
- 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
  Interinstitutional file: 2015/0310 (COD)
  Interinstitutional file: 2015/0313 (COD)
  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
  = 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)
     Interinstitutional file: 2014/0095 (COD)
     = Progress report/ Policy debate

Any other business

- Visa reciprocity
  = Information from the Presidency
- 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

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MEETING ON 16 JUNE 2016

- Adoption of the provisional agenda

Legislative deliberations
(To be conducted 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

  = Progress report

- (Poss.) Proposal for an amendment of Directive 96/71/EC concerning the Posting of workers (First reading)
  = Progress report

  = 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

  = 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
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)
      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
- 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
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

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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
- 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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- 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
- 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**

  = 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

  = (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
- 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
- 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**

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- 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
(\textit{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
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
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
- 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

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- 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
  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
- 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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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

  = Adoption / Agreement in principle

- (poss.) New Skills Agenda for Europe
  = Presentation by the Commission

- (poss.) Draft Council conclusions on Promoting Citizenship and Fundamental values trough 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