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**Austrian Presidency**  
**Draft Work Programme for Council meetings**  
**prepared by COREPER (part 1)**

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EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL POLICY, HEALTH AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS			10.03.06			01-02.06.06
COMPETITIVENESS (INTERNAL MARKET, INDUSTRY AND RESEARCH)			13.03.06		29-30.05.06	poss. 29.06.06
TRANSPORT, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY			27-28.03.06			08-09.06.06
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**EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL POLICY, HEALTH AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS**  
**COUNCIL**

**10 MARCH 2006**

**EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL POLICY**

**1. Preparation of the Spring European Council**

**a) Key Messages based on b) to g)**

- *Policy debate*
- *Adoption*

**b) "The 2006 Annual Progress Report"**

**c) Joint Employment Report**

**d) Commission Communication concerning Demographic change – endorsement of Social Protection Committee's opinion**

**e) Joint Report on Social Protection and Social Inclusion**

- *Adoption*

**f) Social Protection Committee's Opinion on Commission's proposals for a streamlined framework for the OMC for Social Protection and Social Inclusion**

- *Endorsement*

**g) Report from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on equality between women and men, 2006**

**2. Preparation of the Tripartite Social Summit**

- *Exchange of views*

**3. Work Programme of the Employment Committee 2006**

- *Information*

**4. Work Programme of the Social Protection Committee for 2006**

- *Information*

**5. Amended proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2003/88/EC concerning certain aspects of the organisation of working time**

Interinstitutional File: 2004/0209 (COD)

- *Political agreement*

6. **Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and the Council establishing a Community Programme for Employment and Social Solidarity – PROGRESS**  
Interinstitutional File: 2004/0158 (COD)
    - *(poss.) Political agreement*
  7. **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on improving the portability of supplementary pension rights**  
Interinstitutional File: 2005/0214 (COD)
    - *Policy debate*
  8. **Proposal for a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1408/71 on the application of social security schemes to employed persons and their families moving within the Community (Miscellaneous amendments 2005)**
    - *General approach*
  9. **Commission communication on its "Roadmap" for Gender Equality**
    - *Presentation/Exchange of views*
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**EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL POLICY, HEALTH AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS**  
**COUNCIL**

**1-2 JUNE 2006**

**EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL POLICY**

1. **Employment package**
  - a) **Proposal for a Council Decision on Guidelines for the Employment Policies of the Member States**
    - *Adoption*
  - b) **(poss.) Commission Recommendation for a Council Recommendation on the implementation of Member States' employment policies**
    - *Political agreement*
2. **Proposal for a Directive amending and simplifying procedures in existing health and safety Directives**
  - *General approach/Political agreement*
3. **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on improving the portability of supplementary pension rights**

Interinstitutional File: 2005/0214 (COD)

  - *(poss.) General approach/Political agreement*
4. **Review of the EU Strategy for Sustainable Development Social Inclusion**
  - *Policy debate*
5. **Proposal for a Regulation implementing Regulation (EC) No 883/04 on the co-ordination of social security schemes**
  - *(poss.) Partial general approach/Progress report*
6. **Proposal for a Regulation amending (EC) No 883/04 on the co-ordination of social security systems and establishing Annex XI**
  - *Progress report/General approach*
7. **Proposal for a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1408/71 on the application of social security schemes to employed persons and their families moving within the Community (Miscellaneous amendments 2005)**
  - *Political agreement*
8. **Social Protection Committee's Opinion on Commission communication on social services of general interest**
  - *Endorsement*

9. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a European Institute for Gender Equality**  
Interinstitutional File: 2005/0017 (COD)
  - *Political agreement*
10. **Beijing Platform for Action – annual follow-up**
  - *Council conclusions*

## PUBLIC HEALTH

11. **Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a Programme of Community action in the field of Public Health and Consumer Protection (2007-2013)**  
Interinstitutional File: 2005/0042 (COD)
  - *Progress report/Political agreement*
12. **Women's health**
  - *Council conclusions*
13. **Prevention of Adult-onset Diabetes / Promotion of healthy diets and physical activity**
  - *Council conclusions*
14. **(poss.) Commission communication on Injury prevention and safety promotion (Action for a Safer Europe)**  
**(poss.) Proposal for a Recommendation of the Council on Injury prevention and safety promotion**
  - *Progress Report/Exchange of views*
15. **(poss.) Commission communication on Improving Patient Safety by prevention and control of healthcare-associated infections**  
**(poss.) Proposal for a Recommendation of the Council on Improving Patient Safety by prevention and control of health-associated infections**
  - *Progress report/Exchange of views*
16. **Commission communication on the EU Alcohol strategy**
  - *Exchange of views*
17. **Commission communication to the Council and the European Parliament on combating HIV/AIDS within the European Union and in the neighbouring countries, 2006-2009**
  - *Exchange of views*
18. **Review of the EU Strategy for Sustainable Development**
  - *Policy debate*

## PHARMACEUTICALS

**19. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on advanced therapy medicinal products and amending Directive 2001/83/EC and Regulation (EC) No 726/2004**

Interinstitutional File: 2005/0227 (COD)

– *Progress report/General approach*

**20. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directives 90/385/EEC and 93/42 EEC and Directive 98/8/EC of the European Parliament and the Council as regards the review of the medical device directives**

– *Progress report/General approach*

## FOOD SAFETY

**21. 4 Proposals for Regulations on food additives, flavours, enzymes and for a horizontal regulation on procedural matters**

– *Progress report*

**22. AOB (Health Part)**

**a) Pandemic influenza**

– *Information from the Commission and the Presidency*

**b) Mental Health**

– *Information from the Commission*

**c) Framework Convention on Tobacco Control**

– *Information from the Presidency and the Commission*

**d) Health and Safety at Work Strategy (2007-2012)**

– *Information from the Commission*

**e) Council Public Health Working Party on Senior level**

– *Progress report from the Presidency*

**f) Commission High Level Group on health services and medical care**

– *Information from the Commission*

**g) E-Health Conference in Malaga**

– *Information*

**h) Post G-10 Strategy**

– *Progress Report by the Commission*



- i) Conference on Harmful Traditional Practices (HTP)**
    - *Information from the Presidency*
  
  - j) Beijing Platform for Action – Annual follow-up**
    - *Information from the Presidency*
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# **COMPETITIVENESS (INTERNAL MARKET, INDUSTRY AND RESEARCH) COUNCIL**

**13 MARCH 2006**

1. **The Lisbon process - Preparation of the Spring European Council:**
  - **Commission 2006 Annual Progress Report - Key issues paper /Competitiveness Council Input to the Spring Council**
  - **investing in European research: achievements and way forward (3% target – open method of coordination)**
  - **Commission communication on State Aids for Innovation – follow up to the consultation concluded in November 2005**
  - = *Contribution of the Competitiveness Council to the Spring European Council*

## **INTERNAL MARKET, COMPETITION, CUSTOMS UNION**

2. **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on Services in the Internal Market**  
Interinstitutional File: 2004/0001 (COD)
  - *Progress report/Policy debate*
3. **Proposals for a new customs environment to face globalisation changes:**
  - **Proposal for a Modernized Community - Customs Code**
  - **Proposal for an electronic paper-free customs environment in the EU ( E-Customs Decision)**
  - **Proposal on the renewal of a programme for Customs in the Community (Customs 2013)**
  - *Presentation by the Commission*
4. **Proposal for a Resolution of the Council on the Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament and the European Economic and Social Committee on a Customs response to latest trends in counterfeiting and piracy**
  - (poss.) Adoption

## **INDUSTRY**

5. **Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme (CIP) (2007-2013)**  
Interinstitutional File: 2005/0050 (COD)
  - *(poss.) Political agreement*

**6. SMEs and Entrepreneurship**

- **New aspects of SME policy for growth and jobs – Commission communication**
- **Entrepreneurship education and learning – Commission communication**
- **Implementation of the European charter for small enterprises**
- = *Policy debate/( poss.) Council conclusions*

**RESEARCH**

**7. 7th Framework Programme for RTD – EC (2007-2013) and EURATOM (2007-2011)**

Interinstitutional File: 2005/0043 (COD)

- **Framework Programme**
  - = *(poss.) General approach*
- **Specific programmes**
  - = *Exchange of views*
- **Rules of participation**
  - = *Exchange of views*

**CONSUMER AFFAIRS**

**8. Amended proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the harmonisation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States concerning credit for consumers repealing Directive 87/102/EC and modifying Directive 93/13/EC**

Interinstitutional File: 2002/0222 (COD)

- *Progress report/Policy debate*

**9. (poss.) Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a Programme of Community action in the field of Public Health and Consumer Protection**

Interinstitutional File: 2005/0042 (COD)

- *Progress report*

**10. AOB**

**(poss.) Action plan on university-based research**

- *Presentation by the Commission*

# **COMPETITIVENESS (INTERNAL MARKET, INDUSTRY AND RESEARCH) COUNCIL**

**29–30 MAY 2006**

## **INTERNAL MARKET, COMPETITION, CUSTOMS UNION**

1. **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on Services in the Internal Market**  
Interinstitutional File: 2004/0001 (COD)
  - *(poss.) Political agreement*
2. **Better Regulation – Simplification of legislation**
  - *Exchange of views*
3. **(poss.) Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on e-Customs**
  - *General approach/Political agreement*
4. **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down rules on nominal quantities for pre-packed products, repealing Council Directives 75/106/EEC and 80/232/EEC, and amending Council Directive 76/211/EEC**
  - *(poss.) Political agreement*

## **INDUSTRY**

5. **(poss.) Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme (2007-2013)**
  - *Political agreement*
6. **A policy framework to strengthen EU manufacturing – towards a more integrated approach for industrial policy**
  - **Follow up to the Commission communication**
  - = *Policy debate/(poss.) Council conclusions*

## **RESEARCH**

7. **7th Framework Programme for RTD (EC) (2007-2013) and EURATOM (2007-2011)**
  - a) **Framework Programme**
    - *(poss.) Political agreement*
  - b) **Specific programmes**
    - *(poss.) Political agreement*
  - c) **Rules of participation – 7th Framework Programme**
    - *(poss.) Political agreement*

8. **ITER**  
**Commission proposals for**  
– a **Council Decision on the conclusion of an international agreement**  
– a **Council Decision on the establishment of a European entity**  
= *Adoption*
9. **International cooperation in science and technology**  
– (poss.) **Commission communication on international cooperation in the field of science and technology**  
= *Council conclusions*
10. (poss.) **Commission communication on the setting up of a European Institute for Technology (EIT)**  
– *Exchange of views*
11. (poss.) **Commission communication on European Space Policy**

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- (poss.) **Space Council (Article 8 of the Framework Agreement EC/ESA)**  
– *Orientations of the Joint Space Council*

### CONSUMER AFFAIRS

12. **Amended proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the harmonisation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States concerning credit for consumers repealing Directive 87/102/EC and modifying Directive 93/13/EC**  
Interinstitutional File: 2002/0222 (COD)  
– *Policy debate/Political agreement*
13. **Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a Programme of Community action in the field of Public Health and Consumer Protection**  
Interinstitutional File: 2005/0042 (COD)  
– *Progress report/Political agreement*

**COMPETITIVENESS (INTERNAL MARKET, INDUSTRY AND  
RESEARCH) COUNCIL**

**(poss.) 29 JUNE 2006**

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# TRANSPORT, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY COUNCIL

27–28 MARCH 2006

## INTERMODAL AND HORIZONTAL QUESTIONS

1. **Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS)**
  - **Participation of third countries to the European GNSS Supervisory Authority**  
= *Council conclusions*
  - **Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the state of play of the European Navigation Satellite System**  
= *Exchange of views*
  - **(poss.) Key elements of the Concession Contract**  
= *Exchange of views*
2. **(poss.) TENs**
  - **The European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP)**  
**Final report of the High Level Group**  
= *Information from the Commission*
3. **Review of the EU Strategy for Sustainable Development**
  - *Policy debate*

## LAND TRANSPORT

4. **Revised Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on public passenger transport services by rail and road**  
Interinstitutional File: 2000/0212 (COD)
  - *Progress report/Policy debate*
5. **(poss.) Commission communication on the implementation of the 1st Railway package**
  - *Exchange of views*
6. **Road Safety:**
  - a) **Mid-term review on Road Safety action programme: "Halving the number of road accident victims in the European Union by 2010"**
    - *Presentation by the Commission*
  - b) **Informal ministerial meeting on Road Safety (Bregenz, 3 March 2006)**
    - *Information from the Presidency*
  - c) **Proposal for a Directive on infrastructure safety management**
    - *Presentation by the Commission*

## AVIATION

7. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on common rules in the field of aviation security**  
Interinstitutional File: 2005/0191 (COD)
  - *(poss.) General approach/Political agreement*
8. **(poss.) Proposal for an extension of the competence of the European Aviation Safety Agency**
  - *Policy debate/General approach*
9. **(poss.) Communication and proposal for a regulation on the project management group for SESAR (Single Sky)**
  - *Policy debate/General approach*
10. **External relations:**
  - a) **EU-US negotiations for an air transport agreement**
    - *Exchange of views/policy debate*
  - b) **Progress on external relations policy**
    - *Information from the Commission*
11. **AOB**
  - a) **(poss.) Mid-term review on the White Paper "European transport policy for 2010: time to decide"**
    - *Presentation by the Commission*
  - b) **(poss.) Proposal for a Directive on charging for the use of airport infrastructures**
    - *Presentation by the Commission*
  - c) **(poss.) Commission communication on Airport Capacity**
    - *Presentation by the Commission*
  - d) **(poss.) Commission communication and Proposal for a revision of Regulation 95/93 on common rules for the allocation of slots at Community airports**
    - *Presentation by the Commission*
  - e) **Conference of Directors General of Civil Aviation on a global strategy for aviation safety, ICAO, Montréal, 20/21 March 2006**
    - *Information of the Presidency*
  - f) **(poss.) Revision of the Directive on the assistance of the ground handling in the airport**
    - *Presentation by the Commission*



# TRANSPORT, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY COUNCIL

8-9 JUNE 2006

## TELECOMMUNICATIONS

1. **eGovernment**  
**Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions**
  - *Conclusions/Exchange of views*
2. **Network and Information Security**  
**Commission communication on a Strategy for a Secure Information Society**
  - *Presentation by the Commission / Policy debate*
3. **(poss.) i2010**  
**Commission communication: First annual report on i2010 implementation**
  - *Presentation by the Commission/Exchange of views*
4. **(poss.) Follow-up World Summit on the Information Society, 16-18 Nov 2005**
  - *Exchange of views*
5. **Spectrum Policy**
  - *Policy debate*

## ENERGY

6. **Security of supply**
  - a) **Green Paper on a secure, competitive and sustainable energy policy for Europe**
  - b) **Communication of the Commission to the EP and the Council on hydrocarbon markets**
  - *Policy debate/Council conclusions*
7. **Sustainability: Review of the EU Strategy for Sustainable Development**
  - a) **Communication of the Commission to the EP and the Council on an Action Plan on Energy Efficiency**
  - b) **Communication of the Commission to the EP and the Council on a Biomass Action Plan**
  - *Policy debate/Council conclusions*
8. **Internal market in gas and electricity**
  - *Policy debate/(poss.) Council conclusions*

9. **International relations in the field of energy**
- a) **EU-Russia**
  - b) **EU-OPEC**
  - c) **Conclusion of the Energy Treaty**
  - d) **Northern Dimension (ND)**
  - e) **EU-Euromed**
    - *Information from the Presidency/Commission*

## TRANSPORT

### MARITIME TRANSPORT

10. **Maritime Safety Package**
- a) **Revision of the Port State Control Directive**
    - *General approach*
  - b) **Revision of the Vessel Traffic Monitoring Directive**
    - *General approach*
11. **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on market access to port services**  
Interinstitutional File: 2004/0240 (COD)
  - *(poss.) Political agreement*
12. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on a multi-annual funding for the action of the European Maritime Safety Agency in the field of response to pollution caused by ships and amending Regulation (EC) No 1406/2002**  
Interinstitutional File: 2005/0098 (COD)
  - *Political agreement*

### INTERMODAL QUESTIONS

13. **Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS)**
  - *(poss.) Information from the Commission/Exchange of views*
14. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the implementation of the deployment and commercial operating phases of the European programme of satellite radionavigation**  
Interinstitutional File: 2004/0156 (COD)
  - *Political agreement*
15. **(poss.) Mid-term review Commission White Paper "European transport policy for 2010: time to decide"**
  - *Presentation/Exchange of views*

- 16. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the second "Marco Polo" programme for the granting of Community financial assistance to improve the environmental performance of the freight transport system ("Marco Polo II")**  
Interinstitutional File: 2004/0157 (COD)  
– *Political agreement*

## **LAND TRANSPORT**

- 17. Revised Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on public passenger transport services by rail and by road**  
Interinstitutional File: 2000/0212 (COD)  
– *Political agreement*
- 18. Commission Communication on the promotion of inland waterways**  
– *Council conclusions*
- 19. (poss.) Proposal for a Directive on Road Safety Infrastructure Management**  
– *Policy debate/Political agreement*

## **AVIATION**

- 20. (poss.) Communication and Proposal for a revision of Regulation 95/93 on common rules for the allocation of slots at Community airports**  
– *Exchange of views*
- 21. (poss.) Commission communication on charging for the use of airport infrastructure**  
– *Exchange of views/Council conclusions*
- 22. (poss.) Commission communication on airport capacity**  
– *Exchange of views/Council conclusions*
- 23. External relations:**
- a) (poss.) EU-US negotiations**  
– *Political agreement*
  - b) Progress on External relations policy**  
– *Information from the Commission*

**AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES COUNCIL**

**p.m. 10 JANUARY 2006**

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# AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES COUNCIL

23 JANUARY 2006

## AGRICULTURE

**1. Programme of work of Presidency**

– *Presentation*

### SCA POINTS

**2. Proposal for a Council Regulation on organic production and labelling of organic products and**

**Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 2092/91 on organic production of agricultural products and indications referring thereto in agricultural products and foodstuffs**

– *Presentation*

**3. Biomass Action Plan (agricultural aspects)**

– *Presentation and poss. exchange of views*

**4. Proposal for a Council Regulation on the protection of geographical indications and designations of origin for agricultural products and foodstuffs**

– *Presentation*

**5. Proposal for a Council Regulation on agricultural products and foodstuffs as traditional specialities guaranteed**

– *Presentation*

**6. (poss.) Request to the Council for the approval of granting national aid to Cypriot farmers for the purpose of repaying part of agricultural debts created long before accession of Cyprus to the EU**

– *Adoption*

**7. (poss.) Decision extending the period of application of the Isle of Man's special import licences to sheep-meat and beef and veal**

– *Adoption*

## **COREPER POINTS**

8. (poss.) **Avian Influenza** (if not adopted under UK Presidency)
    - a) **Proposal for a Council Directive on Community measures for the control of Avian Influenza**
      - *Adoption*
    - b) **Proposal for a Council Decision amending Council Decision 90/424/EEC on expenditure in the veterinary field**
      - *Adoption*
  
  9. **Commission strategic action plan on animal welfare in Europe**
    - *Presentation by the Commission*
  
  10. **AOB**  
**Avian Influenza (H5N1)**
    - *Information from the Commission*
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# AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES COUNCIL

20–21 FEBRUARY 2006

## AGRICULTURE

### SCA POINTS

#### 1. Sugar Reform

- Proposal for a Council Regulation on the common organisation of the markets in the sugar sector
- Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 establishing common rules for direct support schemes under the common agricultural policy and establishing certain support schemes for farmers
- Proposal for a Council Regulation establishing a temporary scheme for the restructuring of the sugar industry in the European Community and amending Regulation (EC) No 1258/1999 on the financing of the common agricultural policy
- *Adoption* \*

#### 2. Proposal for a Council Decision on Community strategic guidelines for Rural Development (Programming period 2007–2013)

- *Adoption* \*

#### 3. Proposal for a Council Regulation correcting Regulation (EC) No 1786/2003 on the common organisation of the market in dried fodder

- *Adoption*

#### 4. Communication from the Commission on an EU Strategy for Biofuels

- *Presentation and poss. exchange of views*

#### 5. (poss.) Request to the Council for the approval of granting national aid to Cypriot farmers for the purpose of repaying part of agricultural debts created long before accession of Cyprus to the EU

- *Adoption*

#### 6. Decision extending the period of application of the Isle of Man's special import licences to sheep-meat and beef and veal

- *Adoption*

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\* possible "A" item

## **COREPER POINTS**

7. **(poss.) Commission strategic action plan on animal welfare in Europe**
    - *Exchange of views*
  
  8. **AOB**
    - Avian Influenza (H5N1)**
      - *Information from the Commission*
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# AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES COUNCIL

20–21 MARCH 2006

## AGRICULTURE

### SCA POINTS

1. **Proposal for a Council Regulation on the protection of geographical indications and designations of origin for agricultural products and foodstuffs**
  - *Political agreement*
2. **Proposal for a Council Regulation on agricultural products and foodstuffs as traditional specialities guaranteed**
  - *Political agreement*

### COREPER POINTS

3. **Review of the Strategy on Sustainable Development**
    - *Policy debate*
  4. **Veterinary and phytosanitary agreements between EC and the Russian Federation**
    - *Progress report by the Commission*
  5. **(poss.) Report of the Commission on options for further measures to control imports of illegally harvested timber into the EU**
  6. **AOB**  
**Avian Influenza (H5N1)**
    - *Information from the Commission*
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# AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES COUNCIL

25 APRIL 2006

## AGRICULTURE

### SCA POINTS

1. **Proposal to amend the rice CMO Regulation (Regulation (EC) 1785/2003 of 29 September 2003) as a result of negotiations under Article XXVIII of the GATT**
  - *Adoption* \*
2. **(poss.) Proposal to amend Council Regulation (EC) 1576/89 laying down general rules on the definition, description and presentation of spirit drinks**
  - *Policy debate*
3. **Regulation amending the CMO in Flax and Hemp (Regulation (EC) No 1673/2000 of 27 July 2000)**
  - *Adoption* \*
4. **Council Decision on the conclusion of an agreement between the EC and Australia on trade in wine**
  - *Adoption*

### COREPER POINTS

5. **(poss.) New amendments to the veterinary fund (Council Decision 90/424)**
  - *Presentation by the Commission*
6. **AOB**  
**Avian Influenza (H5N1)**
  - *Information from the Commission*

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\* possible "A" item

## FISHERIES

7. **Proposal for a recovery plan for Eastern Baltic cod and management plan for plaice and sole in the North Sea**
  - *Policy debate*
8. **(poss.) Commission Communication on restructuring measures for the fisheries sector affected by the current economic crisis**
  - *Exchange of views*
9. **(poss.) Proposal for a Council Regulation: European Fisheries Fund**
  - *Political agreement/Adoption*
10. **(poss.) Proposal for a Council Regulation establishing Community financial measures for the implementation of the Common Fisheries Policy and in the area of the Law of the Sea**
  - *Political agreement/Adoption*
11. **(poss.) Proposal for a Council Regulation concerning management measures for the sustainable exploitation of fishery resources in the Mediterranean Sea and amending Regulations (EC) No 2847/93 and (EC) No 973/2001**
  - *Political agreement/Adoption*
12. **Proposal for a Council regulation on electronic recording and reporting of fishing activities and on means of remote sensing**
  - *Political agreement/Adoption*
13. **Council Working Methods for fisheries**
  - *Council conclusions*
14. **Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 3317/94 as regards the transmission of applications for fishing licenses to third countries**
  - *Adoption* \*
15. **Action Plan "Simplifying and improving the regulatory environment**
  - *Exchange of views*
16. **Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Community of the Convention for the Strengthening of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission established by the 1949 Convention between the United States of America and the Republic of Costa Rica**
  - *Adoption* \*

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\* possible "A" item

# AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES COUNCIL

22-23 MAY 2006

## AGRICULTURE

### SCA POINTS

1. **(poss.) Proposal for a Council Regulation on organic production and labelling of organic products and  
Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 2092/91 on organic production of agricultural products and indications referring thereto in agricultural products and foodstuffs**
  - *Policy debate*
2. **Communication from the Commission on an EU Strategy for Biofuels**
  - *Policy debate and Council conclusions*
3. **Reform of the specific measures for the supply of certain agricultural products to the smaller Aegean islands**
  - *Adoption \**
4. **Commission Report on guidelines for the development of national strategies and best practices to ensure the coexistence of genetically modified crops with conventional and organic farming**
  - *Policy debate and (poss.) Council conclusions*
5. **(poss.) Report from the Commission on Agricultural-Environmental Indicators**
  - *Presentation*
6. **Report from the Commission to the Council on the results of the aid authorized in Finland for certain quantities of seeds, possibly accompanied by a Commission proposal**
  - *Adoption*
7. **Commission Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Community, of the protocol of Mountain Farming to the Alpine Convention**
  - *Adoption*

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\* possible "A" item

## **COREPER POINTS**

- 8. EFSA: Report and Recommendations on the achievements of the Authority**
  - *Presentation of the Commission/(poss.) Exchange of views*
- 9. EFSA: renewal of half of the Member (7) of the Management board**
  - *Council Decision ( possible "A" point)*
- 10. (poss.) BSE/TSE: Revision of Regulation 999/2001**
  - *Political agreement*
- 11. Directive on the welfare of chickens kept for meat**
  - *Political agreement/Adoption*
- 12. Outcome of the Conference on animal welfare (Brussels, 30 March 2006)**
  - *Exchange of views/(poss.) Conclusions*
- 13. (poss.) EFSA: Fees received by the Authority**
  - *Presentation*
- 14. (poss.) Report on the application of Regulation 1829/2003 (GMOs Food and Feed)**
  - *Presentation/Exchange of views*
- 15. AOB**
  - Avian Influenza (H5N1)**
    - *Information from the Commission*

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# AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES COUNCIL

19–20 JUNE 2006

## AGRICULTURE

### SCA POINTS

1. **EU Forestry Action Plan**
  - *Presentation*
2. **Proposal for a Council Regulation on organic production and labelling of organic products and  
Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 2092/91 on organic production of agricultural products and indications referring thereto in agricultural products and foodstuffs**
  - *Political agreement/Policy debate*
3. **(poss.) Proposal to amend Council Regulation (EC) 1576/89 laying down general rules on the definition, description and presentation of spirit drinks**
  - *Progress report*
4. **(poss.) Proposal for a Council Regulation amending CMO Bananas Regulation (EC) No 404/93 with a view to granting aid to Community producers**
  - *Presentation*
5. **Simplification – Proposal of the Commission concerning the marketing standards of eggs**
  - *Political agreement/Adoption*

### COREPER POINTS

6. **(poss.) Pesticides: Revision of Directive 91/414/EEC + Framework Directive for thematic strategy**
  - *Presentation*
7. **(poss.) Revision of Council Regulation No 1774/2002 on animal by-products not intended for human consumption**
  - *Policy debate*
8. **White Paper on EU Training Strategy for safer food**
  - *Presentation by the Commission*
9. **AOB  
Avian Influenza (H5N1)**
  - *Information from the Commission*

## FISHERIES

- 10. Proposal for a Council Regulation establishing short-term measures for the management of eels**
  - *Political agreement/Adoption*
  
- 11. Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament and the European Economic and Social Committee – Launching a debate on a Community approach towards eco-labelling schemes for fisheries products**
  - *Exchange of views*
  
- 12. Communication from the Commission on maximum sustainable yield**
  - *Exchange of views*
  
- 13. (poss.) Conclusion of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement with Morocco**
  - *Exchange of views*
  
- 14. Proposal for an amendment for the second time of Regulation (EC) No 1936/2001 on control measures (ICCAT)**
  - *Adoption \**
  
- 15. Proposal for an amendment for the second time of Regulation (EC) No 973/2001 on technical measures (ICCAT)**
  - *Adoption \**
  
- 16. Proposal for a Council Regulation denouncing the current EC/Angola Agreement and adopting suitable provisions for the conversion of affected vessels**
  - *Adoption \**

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\* possible "A" item

# ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL

9 MARCH 2006

1. **Preparation of the Spring European Council  
2006 Annual Progress Report**
    - *Council Conclusions*
  2. **Review of the Strategy for Sustainable Development**
    - *Policy debate*
  3. **Thematic Strategy on Air Pollution**
    - *Council conclusions*
  4. **(poss.) Thematic Strategy on the Prevention and Recycling of Waste and the Directive amending the Waste Framework Directive**
    - *Policy debate*
  5. **Climate Change**
    - *Council conclusions*
  6. **(poss.) Proposal for a Directive on the Assessment and Management of Flood Risks**
    - *Policy debate*
  7. **(poss.) Proposal for a Regulation on Type Approval of Motor Vehicles with Respect to Emissions (Euro 5)**
    - *Policy debate*
  8. **Convention on Biological Diversity and Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety**
    - *Council conclusions*
    - *Negotiating mandate for Biosafety*
  9. **Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs)**
    - *Council conclusions*
  10. **Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs)**
    - *(poss.) Policy debate*
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## ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL

26–27 JUNE 2006

1. **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on Ambient Air Quality and Cleaner Air for Europe**  
Interinstitutional File: 2005/0183 (COD)
  - *(poss.) Political agreement*
2. **(poss.) Proposal for a Regulation on Type Approval of Motor Vehicles with Respect to Emissions (Euro 5)**
  - *Political agreement*
3. **(poss.) Proposal for a Directive on the Assessment and Management of Flood Risks**
  - *Political agreement*
4. **(poss.) Thematic Strategy on Prevention and Recycling of Waste**
  - *Council conclusions*
5. **(poss.) Directive amending the Waste Framework Directive**
  - *Progress report*
6. **(poss.) Thematic Strategy on Urban Environment**
  - *Council conclusions*
7. **(poss.) Directive on Priority Hazardous Substances in Water**
  - *Progress report and exchange of views*
8. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Financial Instrument for the Environment (LIFE+)**  
Interinstitutional File: 2004/0218 (COD)
  - *(poss.) Political agreement*
9. **Preparation for Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade (PIC)**
  - *(poss.) Council conclusions*

# EDUCATION, YOUTH AND CULTURE COUNCIL

23 FEBRUARY 2006

## EDUCATION

1. **Preparation of the Spring European Council – "The 2006 Annual Progress Report"**
  - *Information by the Commission*
2. **2006 joint interim report of the Council and the Commission on progress under the Education & Training 2010 work programme: "Modernising education and training: a vital contribution to prosperity and social cohesion in Europe"**
  - *Adoption*
  - *Key messages to the European Spring Council*
3. **Proposal for a Recommendation of the European Parliament and of the Council on key competences for lifelong learning**  
Interinstitutional File: 2005/0221 (COD)
  - *Exchange of views*
4. **The European Indicator of Language Competence**
  - *Policy debate*
5. **"A new Framework Strategy for Multilingualism"**
  - *Information by the Commission*

## YOUTH

6. **Preparation of the Spring European Council**
  - a) **"The 2006 Annual Progress Report"**
    - *Exchange of views*
  - b) **Contribution of the Council to the European Council on the implementation of the European Youth Pact**
    - *Adoption*

# EDUCATION, YOUTH AND CULTURE COUNCIL

18-19 MAY 2006

## CULTURE (including AUDIOVISUAL MATTERS)

1. **Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Culture 2007 programme (2007-2013)**  
Interinstitutional File: 2004/0150 (COD)
  - *Political agreement*
2. **European Capital of Culture**
  - a) **Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a community action for the European Capital of Culture event for the years 2007 to 2019**  
Interinstitutional File: 2005/0102 (COD)
    - *Political agreement*
  - b) **Nomination of 2 members of the selection panel under Decision 1419/1999/EC**
3. **Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Year of Intercultural Dialogue 2008**  
Interinstitutional File: 2005/0203 (COD)
  - *General approach/Political agreement*
4. **Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing for the period 2007-2013 the programme "Citizens for Europe" to promote active European citizenship**  
Interinstitutional File: 2005/0041 (COD)
  - *Political agreement*
5. **Council Decision on the conclusion of the UNESCO-Convention on the protection of cultural contents and artistic expressions**
  - *Adoption*
6. **Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and the Council concerning the implementation of a programme of support for the European audiovisual sector (MEDIA 2007)**  
Interinstitutional File: 2004/0151 (COD)
  - *Political agreement*
7. **Proposal for a Recommendation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the protection of minors and human dignity and on the right of reply in relation to the competitiveness of the European audiovisual and online information services industry**  
Interinstitutional File: 2004/0117 (COD)
  - *Political agreement*
8. **Review of Directive "Television Without Frontiers"**
  - *(poss.) Partial general approach*

## EDUCATION

9. **The European Indicator of Language Competence**
  - *Council conclusions*
10. **Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing an integrated action programme in the field of lifelong learning**  
Interinstitutional File: 2004/0153 (COD)
  - *Political agreement*
11. **Proposal for a Recommendation of the European Parliament and of the Council on key competences for lifelong learning**  
Interinstitutional File: 2005/0221 (COD)
  - *General approach*
12. **Proposal for a Recommendation of the European Parliament and of the Council on transnational mobility within the Community for education and training purposes: European Quality Charter for Mobility**  
Interinstitutional File: 2005/0179 (COD)
  - *General approach/Political agreement*
13. **Communication of Quality of Teacher Training**
  - *Exchange of views*

## YOUTH

14. **Council Resolution on the recognition of the value of non-formal and informal learning within the European youth field**
  - *Adoption*
15. **Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council creating the "Youth in Action" programme for the period 2007-2013**  
Interinstitutional File: 2004/0152 (COD)
  - *Political agreement*

