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In accordance with Article 2, paragraph 6, of the Council's rules of procedure, the Presidency attaches for information the indicative provisional agendas for Council meetings prepared by the Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1) for the period up to 30 June 2004.

Irish Presidency
Draft Work Programme for Council meetings
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	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL POLICY, HEALTH AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS			04-05.03.04			01-02.06.04
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TRANSPORT, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY			08-09.03.04			10-11.06.04
AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES	(poss.) 08.01.04 26.01.04	24.02.04	22-23.03.04	26-27.04.04	24-25.05.04	21-22.06.04
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EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL POLICY, HEALTH AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS
COUNCIL

4-5 MARCH 2004

EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL POLICY

1. **Preparation of the Spring European Council**
 - *"Key Messages" paper*
 - a) **Commission Synthesis Report**
 - **Employment and Social Protection Committee opinions**
 - **Follow-up of the implementation of the European Social Agenda**
 - b) **Preparation of the Tripartite Social Summit**
 - c) **European Employment Strategy**
 - **Joint Council and Commission Employment Report 2003**
Adoption of the Report
 - **Commission Communication "Increasing the employment of older workers and delaying the exit from the labour market"**
 - **Communication on quality at work**
(poss.) Opinions of the Social Protection Committee and the Employment Committee
 - d) **Social Protection**
 - **Second Joint Council and Commission Report on Social Inclusion**
Adoption
 - **Social Protection Committee progress report on special studies regarding pensions systems**
Endorsement
 - e) **Making Work Pay**
 - **Employment and Social Protection Committee opinions on the Commission's Communication**
(poss.) Council conclusions
 - f) **Commission Communication on Gender Equality: report to the Spring European Council**
 - *Information from the Commission*
2. **Commission Report on the implementation of the derogation at Article 17(4) of the Organisation of Working Time Directive (93/104/EC)**
 - *(poss.) Exchange of views*

3. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EEC) No 1408/71 on the application of social security, schemes to employed persons, to self-employed persons and to members of their families moving within the Community and Regulation (EEC) No 574/72 laying down the procedure for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 1408/71**
 - *(poss.) General approach*
4. **Proposal for a Council Regulation on the European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia (Recast version of Regulation 1035/97)**
 - *Adoption*

HEALTH

5. **(poss.) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a European Centre [for Disease Prevention and Control]**
 - *Political agreement/Adoption*
6. **(poss.) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on medicinal products for paediatric use**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*
7. **(poss.) WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control**
 - *Exchange of views*
8. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on nutrition and health claims made on foods**
 - *Policy debate*
9. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the addition of vitamins and minerals and of certain other substances to food**
 - *Progress Report*
 - *(poss.) Exchange of views*
10. **(poss.) A European Environment and Health Strategy**
 - *Information by the Commission*
11. **AOB**
 - **Employment Committee Work Programme 2004**
Written presentation
 - **Social Protection Committee Work Programme 2004**
Written information

EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL POLICY, HEALTH AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS
COUNCIL

1-2 JUNE 2004

EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL POLICY

1. **Employment Package 2004**
 - **Employment Guidelines**
Political agreement/General approach
 - **Recommendations to Member States**
Political agreement

2. **(poss.) Draft Council Resolution on the social integration of migrants**
 - *Adoption*

3. **(poss.) Draft Council Resolution on family change and social policy in Europe**
 - *Adoption*

4. **Proposal for a Directive to Combat Discrimination on the grounds of sex in Areas outside Employment**
 - *Policy debate*
 - *(poss.) General approach/Political agreement*

5. **Proposal for a Directive consolidating and revising existing Directives in the area of Equal Treatment between Men and Women**
 - *Progress report*

6. **Amended Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the minimum health and safety requirements regarding the exposure of workers to the risks arising from physical agents (Optical Radiation)**
 - *Progress report*

7. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EEC) No 1408/71 on the application of social security, schemes to employed persons, to self-employed persons and to members of their families moving within the Community and Regulation (EEC) No 574/72 laying down the procedure for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 1408/71**
 - *(poss.) Political agreement*

HEALTH

8. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on nutrition and health claims made on foods**
 - *General approach/Political agreement*
9. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the addition of vitamins and minerals and of certain other substances to food**
 - *Policy debate*
10. **Patient mobility and healthcare developments in the European Union**
 - *Council conclusions*
11. **Prevention of cardiovascular disease**
 - *Information from the Presidency*
 - *Council conclusions*
12. **Proposal for a Council Decision on the ratification of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control**
 - *Adoption*
13. **e-Health**
 - *Council conclusions*
14. **Childhood Asthma**
 - *Council conclusions*
15. **(poss.) A European Environment and Health Strategy**
 - *Exchange of views*
16. **(poss.) International Health Regulations**
 - *Progress report/(poss.) Exchange of views*
17. **(poss.) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on medicinal products for paediatric use**
 - *Policy debate*
18. **(poss.) Commission Communication on the health policy of the European Community**
 - *Exchange of views /Council conclusions*
19. **AOB**
 - **Report on Gender Mainstreaming**
Presidency information
 - **Indicators on sexual harassment in the workplace**
Presidency progress report

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

11 MARCH 2004¹

- 1. Contribution to the Spring European Council**
 - **Commission Spring Report**
 - **Commission Communication on an Integrated Competitiveness Approach (and other related documents)**
 - = *Policy debate*
 - = *"Key messages" paper*

- 2. Stimulating Entrepreneurship**
 - **Commission's Entrepreneurship Action Plan**
 - **Reports on the implementation of the European Charter for small enterprises**
 - Council conclusions*

- 3. Framework conditions for competitive services industries**
 - **Communication on the competitiveness of business-related services**
 - **Proposal for a Framework Directive on services**
 - Presentation by the Commission*
 - Exchange of views*
 - (poss.) Council conclusions*

- 4. Proposal on the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH)**
 - *Progress report*

- 5. (poss.) Shipbuilding – Renewal of temporary defence mechanism**
 - *(poss.) Council Decision*

- 6. Proposal for a Regulation on the Community patent**
 - *Political agreement*

- 7. Proposal for a Directive on measures and proceedings to ensure the enforcement of intellectual property rights**
 - *Political agreement / (poss.) Adoption*

- 8. Proposal for a Directive on machinery and amending Directive 95/16/EC**
 - *(poss.) Political agreement*

¹ NB: A joint meeting with ESA Council (Space Council) will take place back to back with this Council

9. **Proposal for a Regulation amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92 establishing the Community Customs Code**
 - *(poss.) Political agreement*
 10. **Proposal for a Regulation on the prevention of money laundering by means of customs cooperation**
 - *(poss.) Political agreement*
 11. **Commission Communication: "Europe and basic research"**
 - *Council conclusions*
 12. **Space issues**
 - **White paper on Space policy**
 - **GMES**
 - Exchange of views*
 - Council Resolution*
 13. **(poss.) EU-ESA Framework Agreement**
 - *Adoption*
 14. **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning unfair business-to-consumer commercial practices in the Internal Market and amending Directives 84/450/EEC, 97/7/EC and 98/27/EC (the Unfair Commercial Practices Directive)**
 - *Policy debate*
 15. **Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on co-operation between national authorities responsible for the enforcement of consumer protection laws ("the regulation on consumer protection co-operation")**
 - *Policy debate*
 16. **AOB**
 - **European Extra-Judicial Network (EEJ-Net)**
Written information from the Commission
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**COMPETITIVENESS (INTERNAL MARKET, INDUSTRY AND
RESEARCH) COUNCIL**

17-18 MAY 2004

1. **Competitiveness and Innovation**
 - **Follow up to Informal Ministerial in Ireland**
 - **Communication on Industrial Policy**
 - **2nd Progress Report on the implementation of the Life Science and Biotechnology Strategy**

Exchange of views
Council conclusions
2. **Proposal on the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH)**
 - *Policy debate*
3. **Competitiveness and the Environment**
 - **(poss.) Communication on sustainable production**

Exchange of views
(poss.) Council conclusions
4. **Framework Directive on Services**
 - *(poss.) Political agreement*
5. **Community Patent**
 - a) **Proposal for a Council Decision transferring competence to the Court of Justice in respect of Community intellectual property rights**
 - *(poss.) Political agreement/(poss.) Adoption*
 - b) **Proposal for a Council Decision setting up a special judicial panel, to be called the Community Patent Court**
 - *(poss.) Political agreement/(poss.) Adoption*
 - c) **Proposal for a Council Decision amending the Statute of the Court of Justice and the Rules of Procedure of the Court, consequential on creation of competence and establishment of the Community Patent Court**
 - *(poss.) Political agreement/(poss.) Adoption*
6. **Proposal for a Directive amending the Eighth Company Law Directive on the statutory audits of accounting documents.**
 - *Exchange of views/Policy debate*
7. **Proposal for a Directive on cross-border mergers of companies with share capital**
 - *Progress Report*

8. **Proposal for a Directive on computer-implemented inventions**
 - *Political agreement*
9. **Proposal for a Directive on the recognition of professional qualifications**
 - *Political agreement*
10. **Proposal for a Regulation on Drug Precursors (Intra-Community Controls)**
 - *(poss.) Political agreement/(poss.) adoption*
11. **(poss.) Commission Communication on Nano Technologies**
 - *Exchange of views*
 - *Council conclusions (poss.)*
12. **ITER**
 - **Decision for Conclusion of International agreement**
 - **Decision for the creation of a European legal entity**
 - Policy debate*
13. **Proposal for a Council Directive on the conditions of entry and residence of third country researchers**
 - *Exchange of views*
14. **Amended proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning sales promotion in the Internal Market**
 - *(poss.) Political agreement*
15. **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning unfair business-to-consumer commercial practices in the Internal Market and amending Directives 84/450/EEC, 97/7/EC and 98/27/EC (the Unfair Commercial Practices Directive)**
 - *General approach/Political agreement*
16. **Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on co-operation between national authorities responsible for the enforcement of consumer protection laws ("the regulation on consumer protection co-operation")**
 - *General approach/Political agreement*
17. **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**
 - *Progress Report*
18. **(poss.) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on materials in contact with food**
 - *Policy debate*

TRANSPORT, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY COUNCIL

8-9 MARCH 2004

TRANSPORT

MARITIME TRANSPORT

1. **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and the Council on ship-source pollution and on the introduction of sanctions, including criminal sanctions, for pollution offences**
 - *Political agreement*
2. **(poss.) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and the Council on International Safety Management (ISM)**
 - *General approach*
3. **Community accession to the IMO – Council decision to open negotiations**
 - *(poss.) Adoption*

HORIZONTAL

4. **GALILEO**
 - **(poss.) Council Decision on the EU-US GALILEO-GPS Agreement**
Adoption
 - **Commission's communication on the Galileo concession**
Adoption of Council conclusions
 - **Proposal for a Council Regulation on the establishment of structures for the management of the European satellite radio navigation programme**
Adoption

AVIATION

5. **Recommendation from the Commission to the Council in order to authorise the Commission to open and conduct negotiations with the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) on the conditions and arrangements for accession by the European Community**
 - *Adoption*
6. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 3922/91 on the harmonisation of technical requirements and administrative procedures in the field of civil aviation**
 - *Political agreement*
7. **(poss.) Recommendation for Council Decisions to provide negotiating mandates for air transport agreements with further third countries**
 - *Adoption*

8. **Community negotiation with third countries:**
- a) **EU/US air transport agreement**
 - b) **other third countries (horizontal mandate)**
- *Information from the Commission*

LAND TRANSPORT

9. **(poss.) Third rail package**
- *Presentation by the Commission*
10. **(poss.) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on action by Member States concerning public service requirements and the award of public service contracts in passenger transport by rail, road and inland waterways**
- *Policy debate*
11. **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 1999/62/EC on the charging of heavy goods vehicles for the use of certain infrastructures**
- *Political agreement*
12. **(poss.) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the harmonisation of certain social legislation relating to road transport and amending Council Regulation 3821/85 on recording equipment in road transport**
- *(poss.) Political agreement*

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

13. **Commission communication on the eEurope midterm review**
- *Council conclusions*
14. **Commission Communication on the Situation in the Telecommunications Sector**
- *Council conclusions*
15. **Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on Interoperable Delivery of pan-European eGovernment Services to Public Administrations, Businesses and Citizens (IDABC)**
- *General approach*
16. **Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of Regions on unsolicited commercial communications or 'spam'**
- *Council conclusions*

TRANSPORT, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY COUNCIL

10–11 JUNE 2004

TRANSPORT

AVIATION

1. **(poss.) Proposed negotiating mandates for air transport agreements with further third countries**
 - *Political agreement*
2. **Community negotiation on an EU/US air transport agreement**
 - *Progress report*

LAND TRANSPORT

3. **Third rail package**
 - *Policy debate*
4. **(poss.) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on action by Member States concerning public service requirements and the award of public service contracts in passenger transport by rail, road and inland waterways**
 - *Political agreement*
5. **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directive 88/599/EEC of 23 November 1988 on standard checking procedures for the implementation of Regulation (EEC) No 3820/85 on the harmonization of certain social legislation relating to road transport and Regulation (EEC) No 3821/85 on recording equipment in road transport**
 - *Political agreement*

MARITIME TRANSPORT

6. **"Erika III" package on maritime safety**
 - *(poss.) Presentation of proposals/Exchange of views*
7. **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and the Council on enhancing port security**
 - *Policy debate*
 - *(poss.) General approach*
8. **Proposal for a Directive on mutual recognition of seafarers certificates**
 - *General approach*

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

9. **Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a multiannual Community programme to make digital content more accessible, usable and exploitable (e-Content plus)**
 - *General approach*
10. **Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on promoting safer use of the Internet and new online technologies (Safer Internet plus)**
 - *General approach*
11. **Commission Communication: eEurope – Next Steps**
 - *Council conclusions*
12. **Communication from the Commission on Member States National Broadband Strategies**
 - *Exchange of views*
 - *Council conclusions*
13. **Communication from the Commission to the Council and European Parliament on the activities developed, measures adopted and future actions envisaged pursuant to the radio spectrum decision**
 - *Council conclusions*

ENERGY

14. **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and the Council on establishing a framework for the setting of Eco-design requirements for Energy using products and amending Directive 92/42/EEC**
– *Political agreement*
15. **Energy Infrastructure and Security of Supply**
- a) **Proposal for a Regulation on conditions for access to the gas transmission networks**
– *General approach*
 - b) **Proposal for a Decision laying down a series of guidelines for Trans-European energy networks and repealing Decisions No 96/391/EC and No 1229/2003/EC**
– *(poss.) General approach*
 - c) **Proposal for a Directive concerning measures to safeguard security of electricity supply and infrastructure investment**
– *(poss.) General approach*
 - d) **Proposal for a Directive on energy end-use efficiency and energy services**
– *(poss.) General approach*
16. **AOB**
- **Revision of Directive 96/67 on access to the ground-handling market**
Written presentation by the Commission
 - **Regulation adapting the Regulation on Computer Reservation Systems**
Written presentation by the Commission
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AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES COUNCIL

(poss.) 8 JANUARY 2004

AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES COUNCIL

26 JANUARY 2004

AGRICULTURE

1. Presidency's Programme of Work

SCA ITEMS

- 2. Communication on the Sugar CMO**
 - *Policy debate*
- 3. Proposal for Tobacco CMO Reform**
 - *Progress report/Exchange of views*
- 4. Proposal for Olive Oil CMO Reform**
 - *Progress report/Exchange of views*
- 5. Proposal on Cotton CMO Reform**
 - *Progress report/Exchange of views*
- 6. Proposal for Hops CMO Reform**
 - *Progress report/Exchange of views*

COREPER ITEMS

- 7. Proposal for a Council Regulation establishing a system for the identification and registration of ovine and caprine animals and amending Regulation (EEC) No 3508/92**
 - *(poss.) Adoption*

AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES COUNCIL

24 FEBRUARY 2004

AGRICULTURE

SCA ITEMS

1. **Proposal for Tobacco CMO Reform**
 - *Policy debate*
2. **Proposal for Olive Oil CMO Reform**
 - *Policy debate*
3. **Proposal on Cotton CMO Reform**
 - *Policy debate*
4. **Communication on Sugar CMO**
 - *Policy debate*
5. **Proposal for a Council Regulation on organic production of agricultural products and indications referring thereto on agricultural products and foodstuffs**
 - *Adoption*
6. **Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) 1673/2000 on the common organisation of the markets in flax and hemp grown for fibre**
 - *Adoption*

COREPER ITEMS

7. **Proposal for a Regulation on official feed and food controls**
 - *Political agreement*
8. **Plant Variety Rights (Amendment of Council Regulation 2100/94)**
 - *(poss.) Political agreement*
9. **AOB**
 - **BSE**
Information note from the Commission

AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES COUNCIL

22–23 MARCH 2004

AGRICULTURE

SCA ITEMS

1. **Proposal for Tobacco CMO Reform**
– *Political agreement/Adoption*
2. **Proposal for Olive Oil CMO Reform**
– *Political agreement/Adoption*
3. **Proposal on Cotton CMO Reform**
– *Political agreement/Adoption*
4. **Proposal for Hops CMO Reform**
– *Political agreement/Adoption*
5. **(poss.) Wine – Report on planting of vines to the European Parliament and the Council, accompanied, if appropriate, by proposals for the grant of further newly created planting rights (Article 7. 3 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999)**
– *(poss.) Political agreement*
6. **(poss.) Wine – Report on use of interspecific varieties to the European Parliament and the Council, accompanied, if appropriate, by proposals (Article 17 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999)**
– *(poss.) Political agreement*
7. **Organisation of Community surveys on the structure of agricultural holdings after enlargement**
– *Adoption*

COREPER ITEMS

8. **Pesticides MRLs**
– *Political agreement*
9. **Conclusion of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture**
– *Adoption*

FISHERIES

10. **Proposal for a Council Decision establishing Regional Advisory Councils under the Common Fisheries Policy ("RACs")**
 - *Adoption/Political agreement*
11. **(poss.) Proposal for a Council Regulation establishing measures for the recovery of cod stocks**
 - *Political agreement/Adoption*
12. **(poss.) Proposal for a Council Regulation establishing measures for the recovery of the Northern hake stock**
 - *Political agreement/Adoption*
13. **Communication/Action Plan for the conservation of fishery resources through technical measures for the development of environmentally friendly fishing**
 - *Policy debate*
14. **(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**
 - *Policy debate*
15. **Council Regulation on the conclusion of the Protocol modifying the Fourth Protocol laying down the conditions relating to fishing provided for in the Agreement on fisheries between the European Economic Community, on the one hand, and the Government of Denmark and the Local Government of Greenland, on the other**
 - *Political agreement*
16. **Proposal for a Council Decision on a Community financial contribution towards Member States fisheries control programmes**
 - *Adoption*
17. **(poss.) Proposal for a Council Regulation fixing the maximum annual fishing effort in relation to certain Community fishing areas and resources in accordance with certain provisions in Regulation (EC) No 1954/2003 ("Western Waters")**
 - *Policy debate*
18. **Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 850/98 as regards protection of deep-water coral reefs from the effects of trawling in an area north west of Scotland ("Darwin Mounds")**
 - *Adoption (likely to become an "A" item)*

AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES COUNCIL

26-27 APRIL 2004

AGRICULTURE

SCA ITEMS

1. **Conservation, characterisation, collection and utilisation of genetic resources in agriculture**
 - *Adoption*
2. **Proposal to amend Regulation 1221/97 on production and marketing of Honey**
 - *Political agreement*

COREPER ITEMS

3. **Proposal for a Council Regulation on the protection of animals during transport and related operations and amending Directives 64/432/EEC and 93/119/EC**
 - *Adoption*
 4. **Feed Hygiene**
 - *Political agreement*
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AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES COUNCIL

24-25 MAY 2004

AGRICULTURE

SCA ITEMS

1. **Rice – Proposal for a Council regulation amending the Rice CMO following the GATT – Article XXVIII negotiations for a modification of the bound duties for rice**
 - *Political agreement*
2. **(poss.) Wine – Report on planting of vines to the European Parliament and the Council, accompanied, if appropriate, by proposals for the grant of further newly created planting rights (Article 7. 3 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999)**
 - *(poss.) Adoption*
3. **(poss.) Wine – Report on use of interspecific varieties to the European Parliament and the Council, accompanied, if appropriate, by proposals (Article 17 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999)**
 - *(poss.) Adoption*
4. **CAP information policy**
 - *Adoption*
5. **Forest Strategy**
 - *Policy debate*

COREPER ITEMS

6. **Proposal for a Council Directive laying down animal health rules for the importation into the Community of certain live ungulate animals, and amending Directives 90/426/EEC and 92/65/EEC**
 - *Adoption*
7. **Uniform Principles for Authorisation of Microbial Pesticides**
 - *(poss.) Political agreement*
8. **EC Accession to the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC)**
 - *(poss.) Political agreement*
9. **AOB**
 - **BSE**
Information note from the Commission

FISHERIES

10. **Proposals for Council Regulations establishing measures for the recovery of sole, Southern hake, Norway lobster and stocks in the Cantabrian Sea**
 - *Presentation by the Commission/Policy debate*

 11. **Proposal for a Council Regulation fixing the maximum annual fishing effort in relation to certain Community fishing areas and resources in accordance with certain provisions in Regulation (EC) No 1954/2003 ("Western Waters")**
 - *Adoption*

 12. **Proposal for a Council Regulation laying down measures concerning incidental catches of cetaceans in fisheries and amending Council Regulation (EC) No 88/98**
 - *Adoption*

 13. **Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 2792/1999 laying down the detailed rules and arrangements regarding Community structural assistance in the fisheries sector ("FIFG")**
 - *Political agreement/Adoption*

 14. **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*

 15. **Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 3069/95 establishing a European Community observer scheme applicable to Community fishing vessels operating in the Regulatory Area of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organisation (NAFO)**
 - *Adoption*
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AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES COUNCIL

21–22 JUNE 2004

AGRICULTURE

SCA ITEMS

1. **Proposal for Sugar CMO Reform**
 - *Policy debate*
2. **Rice – Proposal for a Council regulation amending the Rice CMO following the GATT – Article XXVIII negotiations for a modification of the bound duties for rice**
 - *Adoption*
3. **Proposal for a simplification of the Fruit and Vegetables CMO (Fresh and processed)**
 - *Policy Debate*
4. **Action Plan on Organic Farming**
 - *Open debate*

FISHERIES

5. **Proposals for Council Regulations establishing measures for the recovery of sole, Southern hake, Norway lobster and stocks in the Cantabrian Sea**
 - *Political agreement/Adoption*
6. **Communication/Action Plan for the conservation of fishery resources through technical measures for the development of environmentally friendly fishing**
 - *Adoption of Council conclusions*
7. **(poss.) Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament: a Community approach towards eco-labelling of fishery products**
 - *Policy debate*
8. **(poss.) Report from the Commission on access restrictions under the Common Fisheries Policy (Article 19 of Council Regulation (EC) No 2371/2002)**
 - *Policy debate*
9. **(poss.) Action Plan on scientific evaluation of fishery resources in third country waters**
 - *Policy debate*
10. **Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 88/98 laying down certain technical measures for the conservation of certain fishery resources in the Baltic Sea, the Belts and the Sound**
 - *Policy debate/Political agreement*

ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL

2 MARCH 2004

1. **Spring European Council**
 - **Commission Spring Report**
 - **Annual Environment Policy Review**
 - **Communication "Towards a Thematic Strategy on the Sustainable Use and Management of Resources"**
 - **Environment Technologies Action Plan**

Council Contribution
2. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation 259/93 on the supervision and control of shipments of waste within, into and out of the European Community**
 - *Policy debate*
3. **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending the Directive establishing a scheme for greenhouse gas emission allowance trading within the Community, in respect of the Kyoto Protocol's project mechanisms (JI/CDM linking Directive)**
 - *Progress Report*
 - *(poss.) Policy debate*
4. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and the Council on Persistent Organic Pollutants and amending Directives 79/117/EC and 96/59/EC**
 - *Political agreement/(poss.) Adoption*
5. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council modifying and consolidating Regulation (EC) No 1655/2000 (LIFE)**
 - *Political agreement/(poss.) Adoption*
6. **Proposal for a Council Directive granting certain countries temporary derogations from certain provisions of the Directive on Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (in accordance with the Treaties of Accession)**
 - *Adoption*
7. **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council relating to arsenic, cadmium, mercury, nickel and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons in ambient air (Air Quality Daughter Directive)**
 - *(poss.) Policy debate*
8. **Proposal on the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH)**
 - *Progress report*

9. – **12th Session of the Commission on Sustainable Development: 19-30 April**
– **Commission Communication on the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD+1)**
= *(poss.) Exchange of views*
10. **Fifth Global Ministerial Environment Forum of the United Nations Environment Programme: 29-31 March**
– *(poss.) Exchange of views*
– *(poss.) Council conclusions*
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ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL

28–29 JUNE 2004

1. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation 259/93 on the supervision and control of shipments of waste within, into and out of the European Community**
 - *Political agreement*
2. **Proposal on the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH)**
 - *Policy debate*
3. **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council relating to arsenic, cadmium, mercury, nickel and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons in ambient air (Air Quality Daughter Directive)**
 - *Political agreement*
4. **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 1999/32/EC as regards the sulphur content of marine fuels**
 - *Political agreement*
5. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on certain fluorinated greenhouse gases**
 - *Policy debate*
6. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the management of waste from extractive industries**
 - *Policy debate*
7. **Commission Communication on "Financing Natura 2000"**
 - *(poss.) Council conclusions*
8. **Commission Communication "Towards a thematic strategy on Waste Prevention & Recycling"**
 - *(poss.) Council conclusions*
9. **Commission Communication on Climate Change**
 - *(poss.) Council conclusions*
10. **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and the Council on the protection of groundwaters from pollution**
 - *(poss.) Policy debate*

11. Decision on the conclusion of the Protocol to the Barcelona Convention for the protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution, concerning cooperation to prevent pollution by ships and, in cases of emergency, to combat pollution of the Mediterranean Sea

– *Adoption*

12. AOB

– **(poss.) Biodiversity Stakeholders Conference**
Information from the Presidency

EDUCATION, YOUTH AND CULTURE COUNCIL

26 FEBRUARY 2004

EDUCATION

1. **Objectives Report Process**
 - **Joint interim report on the implementation of the work programme on the follow-up of the objectives of education and training systems in Europe**
Exchange of views
Adoption
 2. **Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on a single framework for the transparency of qualifications and competencies (Europass)**
 - *Exchange of views*
 3. **Proposal for a Decision on the new operational rules for the Advisory Committee on Vocational Training (ACVT)**
 - *Adoption*
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EDUCATION, YOUTH AND CULTURE COUNCIL

27-28 MAY 2004

EDUCATION

1. **Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on a single framework for the transparency of qualifications and competencies (Europass)**
 - *General approach/Political agreement*
2. **Lifelong Guidance & Counselling**
 - *Council Resolution*
3. **Quality Assurance in Vocational Education & Training**
 - *Council conclusions*
4. **Validation of non-formal and informal learning**
 - *Council conclusions*
5. **Proposal for a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 337/75 establishing a European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (CEDEFOP)**
 - *Political agreement/Adoption*
6. **European Year of Education through Sport**
 - *Council conclusions*
7. **Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a Community Action Programme in the fields of education and training policy for the years after 2006 (Socrates, Leonardo da Vinci, Tempus)**
 - *Presentation*
 - *Exchange of views*

YOUTH

8. **Social Inclusion in a Youth context**
 - *Council Resolution*
9. **Commission White Paper on Youth**
 - *Exchange of views*
10. **Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a Community Action Programme in the field of youth policy for the years after 2006**
 - *Presentation*
 - *Exchange of views*

CULTURE
(including AUDIOVISUAL MATTERS)

- 11. Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a Community Action Programme in the field of culture for the years after 2006**
 - *Presentation*
 - *Exchange of views*

 - 12. European Capital of culture**
 - *(poss.) Adoption of the Decision on the expansion of the European Capital of Culture*
 - *Nomination of the members of the selection panel*

 - 13. Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a Community Action Programme in the field of audiovisual policy for the years after 2006 (MEDIA programme)**
 - *Presentation*
 - *Exchange of views*

 - 14. Commission Communication on Regulatory aspects of the future audiovisual policy of the Community**
 - *Policy debate*

 - 15. Proposal for a revised recommendation on protection of minors and human dignity**
 - *Policy debate*

 - 16. Proposal for a recommendation on deposit of cinema heritage**
 - *Policy debate*
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