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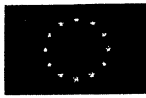
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PROGRAMME FOR THE GREEK PRESIDENCY

In accordance with Article 2, paragraph 6, of the Council's rules of procedure, the Presidency attaches for information, as a guide, the indicative provisional agendas for Council meetings prepared by the Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1) for the period up to 30 June 2003.

The programme is intended only as a guide, reflecting the information available to the Presidency at this stage.

Greek Presidency
Draft Work Programme for Council meetings
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COUNCIL	DATE					
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL POLICY, HEALTH AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS			06.03.03			02-03.06.03
COMPETITIVENESS (INTERNAL MARKET, INDUSTRY AND RESEARCH)			03.03.03		12-13.05.03 19.05.03	
TRANSPORT, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY			(poss.) 07.03.03 27-28.03.03		14.05.03	05-06.06.03
AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES	(poss.) 08.01.03 27-28.01.03	20-21.02.03	17-18.03.03	07-08.04.03	26-27.05.03	11-12.06.03
ENVIRONMENT			04.03.02			13.06.03
EDUCATION, YOUTH AND CULTURE		06.02.03			05-06.05.03	

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EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL POLICY, HEALTH AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS
COUNCIL

6 MARCH 2003

EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL POLICY

1. **Preparation of the Spring European Council**
 - a) **Commission Synthesis Report**
 - **Employment and Social Protection Committee opinions**
 - **Follow-up of the implementation of the European Social Agenda**
 - *Policy debate*
 - *Council conclusions*
 - b) **The future of the European Employment Strategy**
 - **Joint Employment Report, 2002**
 - **Communication on the revision of the Employment Guidelines**
 - *Adoption of the Report*
 - *Conclusions covering both the Joint Employment Report and the Commission's Communication*
 - c) **Joint Council and Commission report on the future of health care and care for the elderly**
 - *Endorsement*
 - d) **Joint Council and Commission report on pensions**
 - *Endorsement*
2. **Proposal for a Council decision establishing a Tripartite Social Summit for Growth and Employment**
 - *Adoption*
3. **Employment Committee Work Programme 2003**
 - *Presentation*
4. **Social Protection Committee Work Programme 2003**
 - *Presentation*
5. **Follow-up to the Skills and Mobility Action Plan**
 - **European Health Card**
 - **EURES charter/legal base**
 - **Commission Communication on the free movement of workers – achieving the benefits and potentials**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*

6. **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on working conditions for temporary workers**
(Legal basis: Article 137 (2) TEC - Qualified majority and codecision)
 - *Political agreement*
7. **Draft Council Directive supplementing the Statute for a European Cooperative Society with regard to the involvement of employees**
(Legal basis: Article 308 TEC - Consultation and unanimity)
 - *Adoption*
8. **Gender mainstreaming**
 - *Policy debate*
9. **Presidency activities**

CONSUMER PROTECTION

10. – **Proposal on the legal basis for financing the new framework for Community activities in favour of consumers**
 - **Report on the implementation of the activities in favour of Consumers 1999-2001**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*
11. **Proposal for a European Parliament and Council Regulation on cooperation between national authorities responsible for the enforcement of consumer protection laws**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*

EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL POLICY, HEALTH AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS
COUNCIL

2-3 JUNE 2003

HEALTH

1. **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on setting standards of quality and safety for the donation, procurement, testing, processing, storage and distribution of human tissues and cells**
 - *Political agreement*
2. **Proposal for a Council Recommendation on screening for cancer**
 - *Adoption*
3. **Tobacco issues**
 - **WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control**
 - *Briefing by the Presidency/Commission*
4. **Review of pharmaceutical legislation**
 - a) **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down Community procedures for the authorisation and supervision of medicinal products for human and veterinary use and establishing a European Agency for the Evaluation of Medicinal Products**
 - *Political agreement*
 - b) **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2001/83/EC on the Community code relating to medicinal products for human use**
 - *Political agreement*
 - c) **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2001/82/EC on the Community code relating to veterinary medicinal products**
 - *Political agreement*
5. **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2001/83/EC as regards traditional herbal medicinal products**
 - *Political Agreement*
6. **Mental Health**
 - *Council conclusions*

7. **Proposal for a regulation establishing a European Centre on Communicable Diseases**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*
8. **(poss.) Communication on the G10 medicines high level group**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*
9. **Patient Mobility and Health Care Developments**
 - *Progress report by the Commission on the work relating to the high-level reflection process*
10. **Communication on application of Health Policy programme**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*
11. **(poss.) Communication on EU's preparedness against bioterrorism in the area of health**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*

CONSUMER PROTECTION

12. **Proposal on the legal basis for financing the new framework for Community activities in favour of consumers**
 - *Political Agreement*
13. **Proposal for a European Parliament and Council Regulation on cooperation between national authorities responsible for the enforcement of consumer protection laws**
 - *Policy debate*

EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL POLICY

14. **Employment Package 2003**
 - **Employment Guidelines**
(Legal basis: Article 128(2) - Consultation and qualified majority)
 - **Recommendations to Member States**
(Legal basis: Article 128(4) - Qualified majority)
 - *Adoption*
15. **European Health Card**
 - *General approach*

16. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the coordination of social security systems (reform of Regulation (EEC) No 1408/71)**
(Legal basis: Articles 18, 42 and 308 TEC - Unanimity and codecision)
 - *General approach on Chapters 4 and 5 of Title III*
17. **(poss.) 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 (electromagnetic fields and waves)**
(Legal basis: Article 137 (2) TEC - Qualified majority and codecision)
 - *Progress report*
18. **Proposal for a Council Decision setting up an Advisory Committee on Safety, Hygiene and Health Protection at work**
(Legal basis: Article 202, second indent TEC, simple majority)
 - *Political agreement*
19. **Proposed Directive based on Article 13 of the Treaty**
 - *Progress report*
20. **Amended proposal for a Council Directive supplementing the Statute of the European Association with regard to the involvement of employees**
(Legal basis: Article 308 - Consultation and unanimity)
 - *General approach*
21. **Information by the Presidency**
 - *Spring European Council*
22. **(poss.) Revision of Regulation 1035/97 concerning the Vienna Monitoring Centre**
 - *Adoption/Progress report*
23. **Communication on migration, employment and social issues**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*
 - *Council conclusions*
24. **Progress report European Year on the activities for the Disabled 2003**
 - *Information by the Commission*

COMPETITIVENESS (INTERNAL MARKET, INDUSTRY AND RESEARCH)
COUNCIL

3 MARCH 2003

Horizontal issues

1. Preparation of the Spring European Council

i) Cardiff process

- *Council conclusions*
- *Exchange of views*

ii) Competitiveness and Entrepreneurship

- a) - **Green paper "Entrepreneurship in Europe"**
- **Report on the implementation of European Charter for Small Enterprises**
- **Communication "Thinking small in an enlarging Europe"**
 - = **The activities of the EU for SMEs**
 - = **Report on the implementation of European Charter for Small Enterprises in the candidate countries**
 - = **The SME Envoy**
- *Presentation by the Commission*
- *Exchange of views*
- *Council conclusions*

- b) **Communication on industrial policy in an Enlarged Europe**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*
 - *Exchange of views*

iii) European Research and Innovation Area

- a) **European Research Area: Providing new momentum**
- b) **More Research for Europe: Towards 3% of the GDP**
 - *Policy debate*
 - *(poss.) Council conclusions/resolution*

iv) 2002 Innovation scoreboard

- *Presentation by the Commission*

2. Improving the regulatory environment

- *Progress report*
- *Exchange of views*

3. **Services of general interest**
 - *Information by the Commission*
 - *Exchange of views*
4. **Life Sciences and biotechnology: A strategy for Europe**
Report from the Commission to the Council
 - *Presentation by the Commission*
 - *Exchange of views*

Individual policy files

5. **Decision of the European Parliament and the Council on Community participation in a research and development programme aimed at developing new clinical interventions to combat HIV/AIDS between Europe and the developing countries undertaken by a number of Member States and Norway (Article 169 of the Treaty)**
 - *Adoption*
6. **(poss.) Sustainable development
Chemicals legislation package**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*
7. **Community patent**
 - *Political agreement*
8. **Take over bids**
 - *Progress report/Policy debate*
9. **Amended proposal for a Council Regulation supplementing the Statute of the European Association**
 - *Progress report*
10. **Proposal for a European Parliament and Council Directive amending Directive 95/2/EC as regards the conditions of use for additive E425 konjac**
 - *Political agreement/(poss.) Adoption*
11. **Proposal for a European Parliament and Council Directive on the harmonisation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States concerning credit for consumer**
 - *Progress report*
12. **Proposal for a European Parliament and Council Regulation concerning sales promotion in the internal market**
 - *Policy debate*
13. **Directive on the patentability of computer-implemented inventions**
 - *Adoption*

14. Communication "E-customs"

– *Presentation by the Commission*

15. (poss.) Communication on the management of the external borders

– *Presentation by the Commission*

16. Green paper on the future of preferential regimes

– *Presentation by the Commission*

COMPETITIVENESS (INTERNAL MARKET, INDUSTRY AND RESEARCH)
COUNCIL

12-13 MAY 2003

Horizontal issues

1. **Competitiveness**
 - a) **Communication on Industrial Policy in an Enlarged Europe**
 - *Council conclusions*
 - b) **(poss.) European Competitiveness Report 2003**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*
 - c) **Communication on European Innovation Policy**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*
 - *Exchange of views*
2. **(poss.) Action Plan on the 3% objective "more research for Europe: Commission's proposals for focused actions to increase research investment in Europe"**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*
 - *Exchange of views*
 - *(poss.) Council conclusions/resolution*

Individual policy files

3. **Communication "Widening the diffusion of ICT and e-business to European SMEs: the follow-up of the Go Digital initiative"**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*
 - *Exchange of views*
 - *Council conclusions*
4. **(poss.) Proposal for a modification of the Council decision on the Multiannual Programme for Enterprise and Entrepreneurship 2001-2005**
 - *General approach*
5. **Sustainable development**
 - a) **Chemicals legislation package**
 - *Exchange of views*
 - b) **(poss.) Communication on sustainable production patterns**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*
6. **State Aid**

State aid scoreboard - (Spring 2003 update)

 - *Presentation by the Commission*

7. **Competition policy**
 - a) **XXXII report on Competition policy**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*
 - b) **Mergers regulation**
 - *Policy debate*

8. **Shipbuilding**
 - a) **7th Commission report on the situation in world shipbuilding industry**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*
 - b) **(poss.) LeaderSHIP - 2015 initiative**
 - *Information by the Commission*

9. **STAR 21 group: communication on the follow-up to the work**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*

10. **European space strategy**
 - a) **(poss.) Conclusion of the framework agreement between EC and ESA**
 - b) **Green paper on European space strategy**
 - *Policy debate*
 - *Council conclusions*

11. **European Research Area Strategy**
 - a) **ERA: providing new momentum**
 - *Policy debate*
 - *Council conclusions*
 - b) **Research and Universities**
 - *Policy debate*
 - *Council Conclusions (Education Council could contribute also to this topic)*
 - c) **Benchmarking of national research policies**
 - *(poss.) Presentation by the Commission*
 - d) **Mobility**
 - *(poss.) Information by the Commission*

12. **International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER)**
 - *Progress report*

13. **Amended proposal for a Council decision concerning the fusion Programme Committee**
 - *Adoption (as "A" point)*

14. **International S&T Agreements**
 - a) **Israel and Swiss Association Agreement with the 6th Framework Programme**
 - b) **International S/T Cooperation Agreements:
Russia, Ukraine, Egypt, Tunisia, Morocco, Brazil, Chile**
 - *Unless major difficulties arise these can be dealt with as "A" items*

COMPETITIVENESS (INTERNAL MARKET, INDUSTRY AND RESEARCH)
COUNCIL

19 MAY 2003

Horizontal issues

1. **Internal Market Scoreboard**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*
 - *Exchange of views*
2. **Internal Market Strategy 2003-2006**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*
 - *Exchange of views*
3. **Communication on the new approach**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*

Individual policy files

4. **Take-over bids**
 - *(poss.) Political agreement/Adoption*
5. **Amended proposal for a Council Regulation supplementing the Statute of the European Association**
 - *General approach*
6. **(poss.) Proposal for a regulation on trademarks**
 - *Presentation/Progress report*
7. **Proposal for a directive of measuring instruments**
 - *Political agreement*
8. **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the right of citizens of the Union and their family members to move and reside freely within the territory of the Member States**
 - *Political agreement*
9. **(poss.) Piracy**
 - *Presentation by the Commission/Progress report*
10. **Proposal for a European Parliament and Council Directive on the harmonisation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States concerning credit for consumer**
 - *(poss.) General approach/Political agreement*

11. **Proposal for a European Parliament and Council Regulation concerning sales promotion in the internal market**
 - *Political agreement*
12. **Progress report on the follow up to the Green Paper on Consumer Protection**
 - *Information by the Commission*
13. **Proposal for a directive for the 26th amendment of directive 76/769/EEC (nonylphenol, nonylphenolethoxylates, cement)**
 - *Political agreement*
14. **Proposal for a regulation on detergents**
 - *Political agreement*
15. **(poss.) Amended proposal for a directive for the 22nd amendment of the dir. 76/769 (phtalates)**
 - *Political agreement*
16. **Proposal for a European Parliament and Council Directive amending Directive 94/35/EC on sweeteners for use in foodstuffs**
 - *Political agreement*
17. **Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 2505/96 opening and providing for the administration of autonomous Community tariff quotas for certain agricultural and industrial products**
 - *Adoption (point A)*
18. **Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 1255/96 temporarily suspending the autonomous common customs tariff duties on certain industrial, agricultural and fishery products**
 - *Adoption (point A)*
19. **Proposal for a Council Regulation laying down the conditions under which the customs authorities shall take action towards goods suspected of infringing certain intellectual property rights as well as the measures which shall be taken towards goods infringing certain intellectual property rights**
 - *Political agreement*
20. **Proposal for a Council Regulation amending the Regulation 515/97 on mutual assistance between the administrative authorities of the Member States and cooperation between the latter and the Commission to ensure the correct application of the law on customs and agricultural matters**
 - *(poss.) Progress report*

21. **Communication on company law including corporate governance**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*
 22. **Recognition of professional qualifications**
 - *(poss.) Political agreement*
 23. **Fifth motor vehicle insurance directive**
 - *(poss.) Political agreement*
 24. **Machinery directive**
 - *Political agreement*
 25. **Pedestrian Protection Directive**
 - *Policy debate*
 26. **Proposal for a Council Recommendation on e-confidence**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*
 27. **Commission Action Plan "A more coherent European contract law"**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*
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TRANSPORT, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY COUNCIL

(poss.) 7 MARCH 2003

27-28 MARCH 2003

TRANSPORT

SHIPPING

1. **Proposal for a Directive amending Directive 2001/29 on the minimum level of training of seafarers**
 - *General approach*
2. **(poss.) Proposal for a Regulation (or Regulations and possibly a Directive) on maritime security measures**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*
3. **Follow up of the Prestige accident**
 - *Policy debate*

HORIZONTAL ISSUES

4. **GALILEO**
Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council: Integration of EGNOS
 - *Presentation by the Commission*
5. **(poss.) GALILEO**
Proposal for measures for bringing the Security Board into operation
 - *Policy debate*
 - *Adoption*
6. **(poss.) GALILEO – relations with third countries**
 - = **State of play on existing negotiations and contacts**
 - = **Negotiating Directives for a cooperation agreement with China**
 - *Adoption*
7. **Trans European Networks in Transport (TENs)**
Communication on the integration of Accession Countries
 - *Presentation by the Commission*

AVIATION

8. **Proposal for a Council Decision on the ratification by the European Community of the Protocol of accession of the European Community to the European Organisation for the Safety of Air Navigation (EUROCONTROL)**
 - *Adoption*

9. **External relations in the aviation sector**
 - a) **Commission Communication - policy statement**
 - b) **(poss.) Legislative proposal for setting up a framework for handling of air transport negotiations**
 - c) **Recommendation for negotiating Directives for a Trans-Atlantic common aviation area**
 - *Presentation by the Commission/Policy debate*

10. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning protection against subsidisation and unfair pricing practices in the supply of airline services from countries not members of the European Community**
 - *Political agreement/(poss.) Adoption*

11. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on insurance requirements for air carriers and aircraft operators**
 - *Policy debate*

12. **Safety control of aircraft of third countries using Community airports**
 - *Political agreement*

LAND TRANSPORT

13. **Second Railway package**
 - *Political agreement/(poss.) Adoption*

14. **(poss.) Proposal for a Charter on the rights and obligations for passengers using international rail services**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*

15. **Proposal for a Directive on the Interoperability of fees collection systems in road transport**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*

16. **Road safety**
 - a) **Road safety action plan 2003-2010**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*
 - b) **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the minimum safety requirements in tunnels**
 - *Policy debate*
 - c) **(poss.) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the harmonisation of road checks and controls**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

17. **Proposal for a Regulation establishing the European Network and Information Security Unit**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*
 - *Exchange of views*
18. **Proposal for a European Parliament and Council Directive on the re-use of public sector documents**
 - *Political agreement*
19. **Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Decision No 276/1999/EC adopting a multiannual Community action plan on promoting safer use of the Internet by combating illegal and harmful content on global networks**
 - *Political agreement/Adoption*
20. **Communication from the Commission on eEurope 2002 Action Plan (Final report)**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*
 - *Exchange of views*
21. **(poss.) Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the eight report on the implementation of the telecommunications regulatory package**
 - *Exchange of views*
22. **Modification of the Decision No 1376/2002/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council revising the Decision No 1336/97/EC on a series of guidelines for trans-European telecommunications networks (candidate countries)**
 - *Exchange of views*
 - *Political agreement*
23. **Communication on World Radiocommunications Conference (WRC 03)**
 - *(poss.) Presentation by the Commission*
24. **Commission's report on the implementation of the Postal Services Regulatory Package**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*
 - *Exchange of views*
25. **International Management of Internet (ICANN/GAC)**
 - *(poss.) Information by the Commission*
26. – **Report on Barriers to widespread access to new services and application of information society through open platforms in the digital television and third generation mobile communications**
 - **Report on the development of e-commerce and e-government and the role that electronic identification and authentication systems play in this context**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*

TRANSPORT, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY COUNCIL

14 MAY 2003

ENERGY

Security of supply

1. a) **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the alignment of measures with regard to security of supply for petroleum products**
- b) **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning measures to safeguard security of natural gas supply**
 - *Policy debate/(poss.) Political agreement*

Sustainable development

2. **Directive on the promotion of co-generation in the internal energy market**
 - *Political agreement*
3. **Follow up to the World Summit on Sustainable Development**
 - *Progress report*
 - *(poss.) Council conclusions*
4. **Framework directive on the introduction of minimum energy efficiency standards for electrical appliances**
 - *Policy debate*
5. **(poss.) Directive on energy demand management**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*
 - *Policy debate*

External relations

6. **Relations with third countries**
 - a) **EU-Russia and Energy Charter Treaty**

Contribution of the Energy Council to the preparation of the EU-Russia summit on 31 May

 - *(poss.) Progress report on the Energy Charter*
 - *(poss.) Council conclusions*
 - b) **Euro-Mediterranean cooperation**
 - *Council conclusions/(poss.) A point adoption of the EU Guidelines for the Euro Mediterranean Energy Cooperation*
 - c) **The Energy Dimension of South Eastern Europe/Balkans**
 - *Exchange of views*
 - *(poss.) Council Conclusions*
 - d) **(poss.) The Northern Dimension**
 - *State of play on the preparation of new Northern Dimension Action Plan (NDAP)*

5-6 JUNE 2003

TRANSPORT

SHIPPING

1. **Proposal for a Regulation (or Regulations and possibly a Directive) on maritime security measures**
 - *General approach/Adoption*
2. **(poss.) Proposal for a regulation on a Community maritime passenger liability regime**
 - *General approach/Adoption*
3. **Proposal for a regulation on the transfer of ships from one register to another**
 - *General approach/Adoption*
4. **Follow up of the Prestige accident**
 - *General approach/Adoption*
5. **General maritime policy principles and attractiveness of the maritime profession to young people**
 - *Council conclusions*

HORIZONTAL ISSUES

6. **Trans European Networks in Transport (TENs)**
 - = **TINA**
 - *Council conclusions*

AVIATION

7. **External relations in the aviation sector:**
 - a) **Communication on the statement of policy**
 - b) **(poss.) Legislative proposal for setting up a framework for handling of air transport negotiations.**
 - c) **Recommendation for negotiating Directives for a Trans-Atlantic common aviation area**
 - *Adoption of instruments*

8. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning protection against subsidisation and unfair pricing practices in the supply of airline services from countries not members of the European Community**
 - *Political agreement*
9. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on insurance requirements for air carriers and aircraft operators**
 - *Political agreement/(poss.) Adoption*
10. **(poss.) Amended 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 (including safety requirements and attestation of professional competence for cabin crews in civil aviation)**
 - *Political agreement/(poss.) Adoption*

LAND TRANSPORT

11. **Communication on the charging for the use of infrastructure**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*
12. **Road safety**
 - a) **Road safety action plan 2003-2010**
 - *Council resolution*
 - b) **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the minimum safety requirements in tunnels**
 - *Political agreement/(poss.) Adoption*
 - c) **(poss.) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the harmonisation of road checks and controls**
 - *Progress report*
13. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the quality of rail freight services**
 - *Progress report*
14. **Proposal for a Directive on the Interoperability of fees collection systems in road transport**
 - *Progress report*

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

15. **Proposal for a Regulation establishing the European Network and Information Security Unit**
 - *Political agreement/(poss.) Adoption*
16. **Proposal for a European Parliament and Council Directive on the re-use of public sector documents**
 - *Adoption*
17. **Modification of the Decision No 1376/2002/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council revising the Decision No 1336/97/EC on a series of guidelines for trans-European telecommunications networks (candidate countries)**
 - *Political agreement*
18. **Communication on the Community interests at take at WRC 2003**
 - *Council conclusions*
19. **Communication on digital switchover in Europe**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*
20. **(poss.) Communication on the World Summit on Information**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*
21. **(poss.) International management of the Internet (in particular the reform of ICANN)**
 - *Information by the Commission*
22. **(poss.) Trans-European networks for the electronic interchange of data between administrations (IDA)**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*

AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES COUNCIL

(poss.) 8 JANUARY 2003

AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES COUNCIL

27-28 JANUARY 2003

1. Presidency's programme of work

AGRICULTURE

SCA ITEMS

2. **"Mid-term Review": legislative proposals as follow-up of the discussion of the Commission communication of July 2002**
 - *Presentation and exchange of views (if not already done in December 2002)*

COREPER ITEMS

3. **BSE**
 - *Information by the Commission*
4. **Proposal for a Council Regulation establishing a system for identification and registration of sheep and goats and amending Regulation (EEC) No 3508/92**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*
5. **Proposal for a Council Decision on the Newcastle disease in the United States of America**
 - *Council's decision according to comitology procedure*
6. **Proposal for a Council Directive on Community measures for the control of foot-and-mouth disease and amending Directive 92/46/EEC**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*

FISHERIES

7. (poss.) CFP Reform – Communications and Action Plans
 - a) **Communication from the Commission setting out a Community Action Plan to integrate environmental protection requirements into the Common Fisheries Policy**
 - *Council conclusions*

- b) **Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament: a strategy for the sustainable development of European aquaculture**
 - *Council conclusions*
 - c) **Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament: Integrated framework for fisheries partnerships agreements**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*
8. **Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Council Regulation (EC) No 850/98 for the conservation of fishery resources through technical measures for the protection of juveniles of marine organisms**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*
9. **Communication from the Commission regarding an action plan on the improvement of scientific and technical advice for community fisheries management**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*
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SCA ITEMS

1. **"Mid-term Review " – Legislative proposals**
 - *Policy debate (some specific area)*
2. **Proposal for a Council Regulation concerning specific measures relating to ethyl alcohol of agricultural origin**
 - *Political agreement/Adoption*
3. **European Action Plan for organically produced food and organic farming**
 - *Exchange of views*
 - *Council conclusions*
4. **Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 2081/92 on the protection of geographical indications and designations of origin for agricultural products and foodstuffs**
 - *Adoption*

COREPER ITEMS

5. **(poss.) Proposal for a Council Directive amending Council Directive No 91/68 on sheep and goats movement**
 - *Adoption*
6. **(poss.) Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation No 1255/97 as regards the use of staging posts**
 - *Adoption*
7. **(poss.) Study for the feasibility of a positive list of authorised feed materials (Directive 96/25/EEC)**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*
8. **Approval of an insecticide "ALDICARB"**
 - *Council's Decision according to comitology procedure*
9. **Proposal for a European Parliament and Council Regulation on the official controls of food and feed**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*

FISHERIES

10. **Proposal for a Council Regulation on the removal of fins of sharks on board vessels**
 - *Adoption (possible "A" item)*

 11. **(poss.) Communication from the Commission laying down an Action Plan for the management of eels**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*

 12. **Communication from the Commission regarding an action plan to counter the social, economic and regional consequences of the restructuring of the EU fishing industry**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*

 13. **Communication from the Commission regarding an action plan on the discards**
 - *Council conclusions*
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17-18 MARCH 2003

AGRICULTURE

SCA ITEMS

1. "Mid term review" – Legislative proposals
 - *Policy debate (some specific area)*
2. Genetic Resources in Agriculture
 - Proposal for a Council Regulation on the conservation, characterisation, collection and utilisation of genetic resources in agriculture and amending Regulation (EC) No 1258/99 (VOLUME I/II)
 - Report from the Independent Expert Group to the Commission on the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 1467/94 on the conservation, characterisation, collection and utilisation of genetic resources in agriculture (VOLUME II/II)
 - *Adoption*
3. European Action Plan for organically produced food and organic farming
 - *Exchange of views*

COREPER ITEMS

4. BSE
 - *Information by the Commission*
5. Proposal for a Council Directive on Community measures for the control of foot –and– mouth disease and amending Directive 92/46/EEC
 - *Progress report*
6. Proposal for a Council Regulation on the protection of animals during transport and related operations
 - *Presentation by the Commission*
 - *Exchange of views*
7. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down requirements for feed hygiene
 - *Presentation by the Commission*
 - *Exchange of views*
8. Proposal for a Council Directive amending Directive 88/407/EEC laying down the animal health requirements applicable to intra-Community trade in and imports of semen of domestic animals of the bovine species
 - *Political agreement/Adoption*

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07-08 APRIL 2003

AGRICULTURE

SCA ITEMS

1. **"Mid-term Review" – Legislative proposals**
 - *Policy debate (some specific area)*
2. **Commission report on beef labelling**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*
 - *Exchange of views*

COREPER ITEMS

3. **Proposal for a Council Regulation on identification and registration of sheep and goats**
 - *Progress report*
4. **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2001/82/EC on the Community code relating to veterinary medicinal products**
 - *Progress report*

FISHERIES

5. **Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1035/2001 establishing a catch documentation system for *Dissostichus* spp**
 - *Adoption (possible "A" item)*
6. **Communication on cooperation in control and enforcement and on a Joint Community Inspection Structure**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*

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26-27 MAY 2003

AGRICULTURE

SCA ITEMS

1. **"Mid-term Review" – Legislative proposals**
 - *Policy debate*
2. **Proposal for a Council Regulation on simplification of fruit and vegetable CMO**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*
 - *Exchange of views*
3. **Report and proposal amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2826/2000 on information and actions for agricultural products on the internal market**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*
 - *Exchange of views*

COREPER ITEMS

4. **BSE**
 - *Information by the Commission*
5. **(poss.) Proposal for a Council Directive on Community measures for the control of foot –and- mouth disease and amending Directive 92/46/EEC**
 - *Policy debate*
6. **Hygiene**
Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down specific rules for the organisation of official controls on products of animal origin intended for human consumption
 - *Political agreement*

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11-12 JUNE 2003

AGRICULTURE

SCA ITEMS

1. **"Mid-term Review" – Legislative proposals**
 - *Political agreement*
2. **Proposal for a Council Regulation on reform of the tobacco CMO**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*
 - *Exchange of views*
3. **Proposal for a Council Regulation concerning cotton production aid (revision)**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*
 - *Exchange of views*
4. **Commission orientation report on sugar CMO**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*
 - *Exchange of views*

COREPER ITEMS

5. **Hygiene: Proposals for**
 - **a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the hygiene of foodstuffs**
 - **a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down specific hygiene rules for food of animal origin**
 - **a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down specific rules for the organisation of official controls on products of animal origin intended for human consumption**
 - **a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council repealing certain Directives on the hygiene of foodstuffs**
 - *Common position ("A" item)*
6. **Proposal for a Council Directive on Community measures for the control of foot –and– mouth disease and amending Directive 92/46/EEC**
 - *Political agreement/Adoption*

7. **Proposal for a Council Regulation on identification and registration of sheep and goats**
 - *(poss.) Political agreement/Adoption*
8. **(poss.) Proposal for a Council Directive on the protection of broilers (chicken for meat production)**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*
9. **Proposal for a Council Regulation on the protection of animals during transport and related operations**
 - *Policy debate*
10. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council updating Directives on phytosanitary products**
 - *Political agreement*
11. **Proposal for a Council Regulation concerning animal health rules for import of live animals (Update of Directive 72/462/EEC)**
 - *(poss.) Adoption*

FISHERIES

12. **(poss.) Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Council Regulation (EC) No 850/98 for the conservation of fishery resources through technical measures for the protection of juveniles of marine organisms**
 - *Adoption*
13. **Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Council Regulation (EC) No 88/98 laying down certain technical measures for the conservation of fishery resources in the waters of the Baltic Sea, the Belts and the Sound**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*
 - *Exchange of views*
14. **(poss.) Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1626/94 laying down certain technical measures in the Mediterranean**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*
 - *(poss.) Adoption*

ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL

4 MARCH 2003

1. **"Towards the Spring European Council" –**
 - a) **Review of the implementation of the EU sustainable development strategy and follow-up to the World Summit on Sustainable Development: contribution of the Council (Environment)**
 - b) **Progress Report on environmental technologies action plan**
 - c) **Voluntary agreements on environment**

– *Council conclusions*
2. **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on environmental liability with regard to the prevention and remedying of environmental damage**

– *Progress report*
3. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning monitoring of forests and environmental interactions in the Community (Forest Focus)**

– *Political agreement/(poss.) Adoption*
4. **Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament: towards a strategy to protect and conserve the marine environment**

– *Council conclusions*
5. **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the quality of bathing water**

– *Progress report*
6. **Proposal for a Directive amending Directive 97/68 on particulate emissions from non road mobile machineries**

– *Presentation by the Commission*
– *Progress report*
7. **(poss.) Chemicals legislation package**

– *Presentation by the Commission*

ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL

13 JUNE 2003

1. **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on environmental liability with regard to the prevention and remedying of environmental damage**
 - *Political agreement*
2. **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the quality of bathing water**
 - *Political agreement*
3. **Proposal for a Directive amending Directive 97/68 on particulate emissions from non road mobile machineries**
 - *(poss.) Political agreement*
4. **Chemicals legislation package**
 - *Policy debate*
5. **(poss.) Mining waste Directive**
 - *Progress report/(poss.) Political agreement*
6. **(poss.) Communication on Integrated Product Policy**
 - *Council conclusions*
7. **(poss.) Proposal for a Regulation amending Regulation (EC) NO 2037/2000 as regards the critical uses and export of halons, the export of products and equipment containing chlorofluorocarbons and controls on bromochloromethane**
 - *Presentation by the Commission/Progress Report*
8. **(poss.) – Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council "A European Union strategy to reduce atmospheric emissions from seagoing ships"**
 - **Amendment of Directive 99/32/EC on sulfur in marine fuel**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*
9. **(poss.) Proposal for a Directive on access to justice under Aarhus Convention**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*
 - *Exchange of views*
10. **(poss.) The Aarhus Convention in the EU Institutions**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*
 - *Exchange of views*
11. **Proposal for measures to reduce emissions of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC)**
 - *Exchange of views*
 - *Political agreement*

EDUCATION, YOUTH AND CULTURE COUNCIL

6 FEBRUARY 2003

EDUCATION AND YOUTH

1. **Establishment of a Europe of knowledge**
 - **Communication on European benchmarks on education and training**
 - **Communication on investing efficiently in education and training**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*
 - *Exchange of views*

2. **Commission report to the Spring European Council**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*
 - *Exchange of views*
 - *Council conclusions*

3. **Proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and the Council on a "e-Learning programme"**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*

4. **Financial support to educational organisations (Legal basis)**
 - *Information by the Commission*

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5-6 MAY 2003

EDUCATION AND YOUTH

1. **Erasmus World**
Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council (2004-2008)
 - *Political agreement*
2. **Follow-up of the Lisbon European Council process in the field of education**
 - *Council conclusions on benchmarking*
3. **Decision of the European Parliament and the Council on a "eLearning programme"**
 - *Political agreement*
4. **Proposals for Decisions on financial support to educational organisations (Legal Basis) and Financial support to NGO working in the field of Youth (Legal Basis)**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*
 - *Progress report*
5. **New generation of programmes post 2006 – Socrates, Leonardo da Vinci**
 - *Information by the Commission*
6. **European cooperation in the field of youth: implementation of the Open Method of Coordination**
 - *Presentation by the Commission of the report and the proposed common objectives*
 - *Exchange of views*
7. **The future of youth activities in the framework of the new youth programmes**
 - *Council conclusions*
 - *Exchange of views*
8. **Exploitation of the educational and social value of sports for young people, according to the aims of the European Year of Education through Sport 2004**
 - *Exchange of views*

CULTURE

9. **Workplan on European cooperation in the field of culture: horizontal aspects**
 - *Council resolution*
 10. **"Culture 2000" programme**
 - *Commission proposal for a decision; (poss.) Common position*
 11. **Accessibility of handicapped persons to cultural infrastructure**
 - *Council resolution*
 12. **Proposal for a Decision on financial support to cultural organisations (Legal Basis)**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*
 - *Progress report*
 13. **European Capital of Culture: nomination of members of the selection panel**
 14. **"Television Without Frontiers" Directive**
 - a) **Implementation Report 2000-2002**
 - b) **State of play on work programme for the re-assessment of the Directive**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*
 - *Exchange of views*
 15. **Proposals for Decisions on the prolongation of "Media " programmes (Media Training and Media Plus)**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*
 - *Exchange of views*
 - *(poss.) Adoption*
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