



**COUNCIL OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION**

Brussels, 16 December 2003

16175/03

POLGEN 88

NOTE

from: Presidency
to: Delegations

Subject: Irish Presidency – provisional agendas for Council meetings prepared by
Coreper (Part 1)

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
prepared by COREPER (part 1)

COUNCIL	DATE					
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL POLICY, HEALTH AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS			04-05.03.04			01-02.06.04
COMPETITIVENESS (INTERNAL MARKET, INDUSTRY AND RESEARCH)			11.03.04		17-18.05.04	
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
ENVIRONMENT			02.03.04			28-29.06.04
EDUCATION, YOUTH AND CULTURE		26.02.04			27-28.05.04	

Pages

EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL POLICY, HEALTH AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS	4
COMPETITIVENESS (INTERNAL MARKET, INDUSTRY AND RESEARCH).....	8
TRANSPORT, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY	12
AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.....	17
ENVIRONMENT	26
EDUCATION, YOUTH AND CULTURE.....	30

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*