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Delegations will find attached the PowerPoint presentation concerning the item 9 of the GPC plenary agenda of 4 June 2019.
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Finland’s Presidency of the Council of the European Union  
COMPETITIVENESS COUNCIL (COMPET)
FINNISH PRESIDENCY - INHERITED AGENDA AND NEW STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

• Our Presidency Programme and priorities will be defined by our new Government

• Inherited agenda:
  • MFF
  • rule of law
  • migration
  • EMU
  • Brexit

• Finland will be the first Presidency to integrate the new strategic priorities into the Council work

• The EU has to be able to make decisions, implement and deliver

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FINNISH PRESIDENCY
- KEY PRINCIPLES

Sustainable meeting arrangements

Transparency and active communications

Respect for principles of better regulation

Use and further development of digital tools in the Council Work
COMPET - SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

Europe’s prosperity and competitiveness in the global context should be enhanced by creating an economically, environmentally and socially strong Europe.

Elements of sustainable growth include:

- Effective single market including modern industrial policy
- Trade policy as external dimension of EU competitiveness
- Transformation to low-carbon economy
- Digital economy as competitive edge
- Skills and inclusive society
COMPET - INTEGRATED APPROACH

COMPET is responsible for policies that are crucial for competitiveness, sustainable growth and new jobs - implementation of strategic agenda.

Finland emphasizes the need for an integrated approach to the single market, industrial, innovation and digital policies.
COMPET - R&I

- Future EU R&I policy and innovation-led sustainable growth
- Advancing Horizon Europe and EU Space Programme negotiations
- Advancing Sustainable Growth, Competitiveness and Security in Space policy
KEY DATES

- Informal Meeting of Competitiveness Council 4/5 July 2019
- Competitiveness Council 26/27 September 2019
- Competitiveness Council 28/29 November 2019