

**Proposal for a Regulation on European business statistics amending Regulation (EC) No 184/2005 and repealing 10 legal acts in the field of business statistics – COM(2017)0114, 2017/0048(COD)**

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## Summary

The objective of this proposal is to establish a common legal framework to ensure consistency across European business statistics and facilitate the integration of the corresponding statistical processes.

Under the previous presidencies, the file was discussed several times in the Council Working Party on Statistics.

During its first Council Working Party meeting on 11 July, the Austrian Presidency tried to consolidate the progress achieved so far by the preceding Presidency. As a basis for discussion a new Presidency Proposal covering Articles 1-10 was issued addressing most Member States' concerns and giving a clear overview of the status quo. The discussions covered Articles 1-6 whereby Articles 1-4 were agreed upon with minor adjustments. After detailed consideration, Article 5 and Article 6 partially remained open.

In the Council Working Party of 26 September, the group continued discussing the FRIBS Presidency proposal, which had been updated after the 11 July meeting. Over the summer, a group of Member States volunteered to work together with the Presidency on a compromise text for Article 7, which was also discussed in the September meeting. The discussion covered articles from 1 through 14, some of which remained open as further discussions are needed (in particular on Article 7 and Articles 9 and 10). In the Council Working Party on 15 – 16 October the discussions covered all articles. Some articles or parts thereof remained open (eg Art 7, Art 9, Art 10, Art 15a, Art 25). In the following meeting on 31 October discussions focused on the Annexes and Art 7, while the focus of the meeting on 8 November was laid on the remaining open articles and Annex III(a) NEW. Agreement on the whole file was reached in the Council Working Party on 5 December and thus a mandate was received to start negotiations with the European Parliament from Coreper on 12 December.

The Austrian Presidency has already made initial contacts with the European Parliament to ensure good cooperation and mutual understanding.