



INAUGURAL PLENARY SESSION
of the European Economic and Social Committee
(Seventeenth term)
Draft Concise Agenda – October 2025

Plenary session No	600
Date	21-22-23/10/2025
Venue	Paul-Henri Spaak building (European Parliament)
Room	PHSHEM Grand hemicycle
First day of plenary session	21/10/2025, 9:30-20:00
Second day of plenary session	22/10/2025, 11:15-12:30
Third day of plenary session	23/10/2025, 9:00-13:00

The final version of the agenda will be approved by the Bureau on 22/10/2025.

This meeting will be recorded following the procedure set out in Decision No 206/17A. [Privacy statement](#)

Tuesday 21 October 2025

From 08:30 WELCOMING OF MEMBERS

EESC

**Jacques Delors
building (JDE)**

INAUGURAL SESSION - PART I

09:30 OPENING OF THE PLENARY SESSION

MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY

**European Parliament
PHSHEM
Grand Hemicycle**

Installation of Mr/Ms xxxx, meeting chair (oldest EESC member - Rule 37(1) of the Rules of Procedure (RoP))

Adoption of the agenda, Parts 1 and 2 (Rule 67 of the RoP)

Information regarding the Council Decision appointing the members of the European Economic and Social Committee for the period from 21 September 2025 to 20 September 2030, and reference to its Annex, and installation of the Committee in office (Rule 37 of the RoP)

Briefing on the provisions relating to the setting-up of Groups (Rule 37 (2) (point a) of the RoP)

Briefing on the provisions relating to the setting-up of the sections (Rule 37 (2) (point b) of the RoP)

Briefing on the provisions relating to the election of the Committee Bureau (Rule 37(2) (point c) of the RoP)

Briefing on the provisions relating to the setting-up of the election panel (Rule 39 of the RoP)

Briefing on the provisions relating to the appointment of members to other positions of responsibility within the Committee (Rule 37 (2) (point d) of the RoP)

± 11:00

END OF PART I

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11:15-20:00

Group meetings

Rooms:

GROUP I

JDE 52

GROUP II

JDE 51

GROUP III

JDE 62

Setting-up of the groups

- As stipulated by Rule 37 (2) (point a), and Rule 6 of the RoP, the members of the Committee were invited to declare the group to which they wish to belong via a form, in due time.
- Once set-up, the groups shall elect its president and vice-presidents (Rule 7 (1) of the RoP) while respecting Rule 45 of the RoP concerning:
 - o setting-up the election panel (Rule 39 of the RoP);
 - o drafting the proposal for bureau membership (Rule 39 (3) of the RoP);
 - o drafting the proposal for the EESC president and the two vice-presidents (Rule 7(1) and Rule 10 (6) of the RoP);
 - o drafting the proposal for the setting-up of the sections (Rule 23, (2) of the RoP);
 - o drafting the proposal for the presidents of the sections, vice-presidents of the sections and sections bureaus (Rule 10 (6) of the RoP);
 - o drafting the proposal for the members of the Commission for financial and budgetary affairs (Rule 17 (1) of the RoP) and of the Communication commission (Rule 18(1) of the RoP);
 - o drafting the proposal for the members of the Observatories (Rule 27 (2) and (3) of the RoP) and of the sub-committees (Rule 26 (1) of the RoP);
 - o drafting the proposal for the members of the Consultative commissions (Rule 29 and Rule 28 (2) of the RoP);
 - o drafting the proposal for the members of the delegations and joint consultative committees (Rule 31 of the RoP);
 - o drafting the proposal for the members of ad hoc groups (Rule 12 (7) of the RoP) and of the permanent groups (Rule 35 (2) of the RoP);
 - o drafting the proposal for the quaestors' group (Rule 32 (1) of the RoP);
 - o drafting the proposal for the members of the Ethical committee (Rule 33 of the RoP);
 - o drafting the proposal for the members of Audit committee (Rule 34 of the RoP).

WEDNESDAY, 22 OCTOBER 2025

09.00-10.00	Meeting of the election panel (Rule 39 of the RoP)	JDE 70
10.00-11.00	Groups may meet again	JDE 52, 51, 62

INAUGURAL SESSION - PART II

MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY

European Parliament

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Grand hemicycle

11.15 – 12:30

Chaired by the oldest member (Rule 37 (1) of the RoP)

Ratification of the membership and mandate of the election panel (Rule 39 (1) of the RoP) relating to the election of the Bureau

Election of the Bureau shall be carried out in the following order:

- The candidate lists are submitted to vote (Rule 40 of the RoP)
- Once the list of bureau members has been adopted by at least 2/3 of Committee members, the Committee president and the two Committee vice-presidents are elected by a simple majority (Rule 40 (2), (points b and c) of the RoP)
- The section presidents and the CCMI president are elected by a simple majority
- The group presidents, directly elected by their group, become automatically *ex officio* members of the EESC bureau

12.30 – 13.15

Press Point

European Parliament

Anna Politkovskaya

press room

SPAAK P0A50

13:00-14:00

Reception offered by the President and the Secretary General

JDE Atrium 6

14:30-16:00

Meeting of the Bureau members per group

JDE 51, 63, 70

16:00-20:00

1st meeting of the new Bureau:

JDE 62

- chaired by the newly elected president
- establishes draft agenda for the session of Thursday, 22 October
- proposes to the Assembly the number of the members and the general composition of the specialised sections based on the lists drafted by the groups (Rule 37 (2) of the RoP)
- proposes to the Assembly the constitution of other working groups like the Consultative Commission (CCMI) (Rule 28 of the RoP) and the observatories (Rule 27 of the RoP)
- proposes to the Assembly the constitution of the delegations and joint consultative committees (Rule 31 of the RoP)
- proposes to the Assembly the constitution of the quaestors group (Rule 32 of the RoP) and of the Ethical committee (Rule 33 of the RoP)
- sets up the Commission for financial and budgetary affairs (CAF) (Rule 17 of the RoP)
- sets up the Communication commission (COCOM) (Rule 18 of the RoP)
- sets up (if necessary) the ad hoc groups of the Bureau (Rule 12 (7) of the RoP) and permanent groups (Rule 35 (2) of the RoP)
- takes note of the ongoing works
- organises future works of the Committee (new referrals)
- confirms the EESC meeting schedule for November and December 2025 and establishes the 2026 meeting schedule of the EESC and its bodies.

END OF PART II

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Thursday, 23 October 2025

Inaugural session - Part III

09:00

MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY

European Parliament

PHSHEM

Grand Hemicycle

Chaired by the newly elected president

17. Presence of the quorum
18. Adoption of the draft agenda
19. Setting-up of the sections (Rule 22(2) of the RoP)
20. Election of section Bureau members (other than the section presidents) (Rule 24(2) of the RoP)
21. Setting-up of consultative commissions (the Consultative Commission on Industrial Change - CCMI) (Rule 29 of the RoP)
22. Setting up of observatories (Rule 27 of the RoP)
23. Setting-up of the delegations and joint consultative committees (Rule 31 of the RoP)
24. Election of the ethical committee (Rule 33 of the RoP)
25. Election of the quaestors (Rule 32 of the RoP)
26. Election of the audit committee (Rule 34 of the RoP)

09:30

Adoption of Committee opinions

27. **NAT/956**
Transposition of conservation and management measures of the Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement (SIOFA)
(category C opinion)
EESC-2025-xxxxx-00-00-xxx-TRA
28. **NAT/957**
Transposition of conservation and management measures of the North Pacific Fisheries Commission (NPFC)
(category C opinion)
EESC-2025-xxxxx-00-00-xxx-TRA
29. **INT/1091**
Framework for State Aid measures to support the Clean Industrial Deal
(C(2025) 7600 final)
EESC-2025-01657-00-00-AS-TRA
Rapporteur-general: Isabel YGLESIAS JULIÀ (ES-I)
30. **NAT/964**
Omnibus on chemicals
Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) 2024/2865 as regards dates of application and transitional provisions
COM(2025) 526 final - 2025/0526 COD
Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulations (EC) No 1272/2008, (EC) No 1223/2009 and (EU) 2019/1009 as regards simplification of certain requirements and procedures for chemical products
COM(2025) 531 final - 2025/0531 COD
EESC-2025-02571-00-00-PAC-TRA
Rapporteur-general: John COMER (IE-III)
31. **NAT/965**
Regulation on European Chemicals Agency
Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Chemicals Agency and amending Regulations (EC) No 1907/2006, (EU) No 528/2012, (EU) No 649/2012 and (EU) 2019/1021
COM(2025) 386 final -2 025/0207 COD
EESC-2025-02572-00-00-PAC-TRA
Rapporteur-general: Maciej Dawid KUNYSZ (PL-III)
32. **REX/602**
Diplomacy and disability
(information report)
EESC-2025-02033-00-00-APA-EDI
Rapporteur-general: Pietro Vittorio BARBIERI (IT-III)

33. **REX/605**
The role of social partners and civil society in applicant countries – supporting the transition to European values on democracy, human rights, labour rights and the rule of law in view of enlargement (exploratory opinion requested by the Danish Presidency of the Council of the EU)
EESC-2025-01528-00-00-PA-TRA
Rapporteur-general: Kristina AALTONEN (DK-II)
34. **REX/610**
Safe countries package
Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) 2024/1348 as regards the establishment of a list of safe countries of origin at Union level
COM(2025) 186 final – 2025/0101 COD
Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) 2024/1348 as regards the application of the ‘safe third country’ concept
COM(2025) 259 final – 2025/0101 COD 2025/0132 COD
EESC-2025-02314-00-00-PA-TRA
Rapporteur-general: Pietro Vittorio BARBIERI (IT-III)
35. Any other business
36. Decisions to be taken by the Assembly
37. Date of the next plenary session

11:00

Inaugural Ceremony

Start of the ceremony and welcome by moderator Jacki Davies

38. Musical performance (*by an Irish musician*)
39. Poetry recitation (*by an Irish author*)
40. Projection of a video about the newly elected president
41. Statement by the president and the vice-presidents
42. Institutional speeches and video messages
43. Speeches by the EESC Group presidents
44. Closing exchange between moderator and the newly elected president
45. European Anthem

± 13:00

END OF THE PLENARY SESSION

13:30

INAUGURAL RECEPTION - YEHUDI MENUHIN SPACE - EP

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