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Subject:	Finland's Presidency of the Council of the EU: COMPETITIVENESS COUNCIL (COMPET)

Delegations will find attached the PowerPoint presentation concerning the item 9 of the GPC plenary agenda of 4 June 2019.

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of the Council
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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



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:

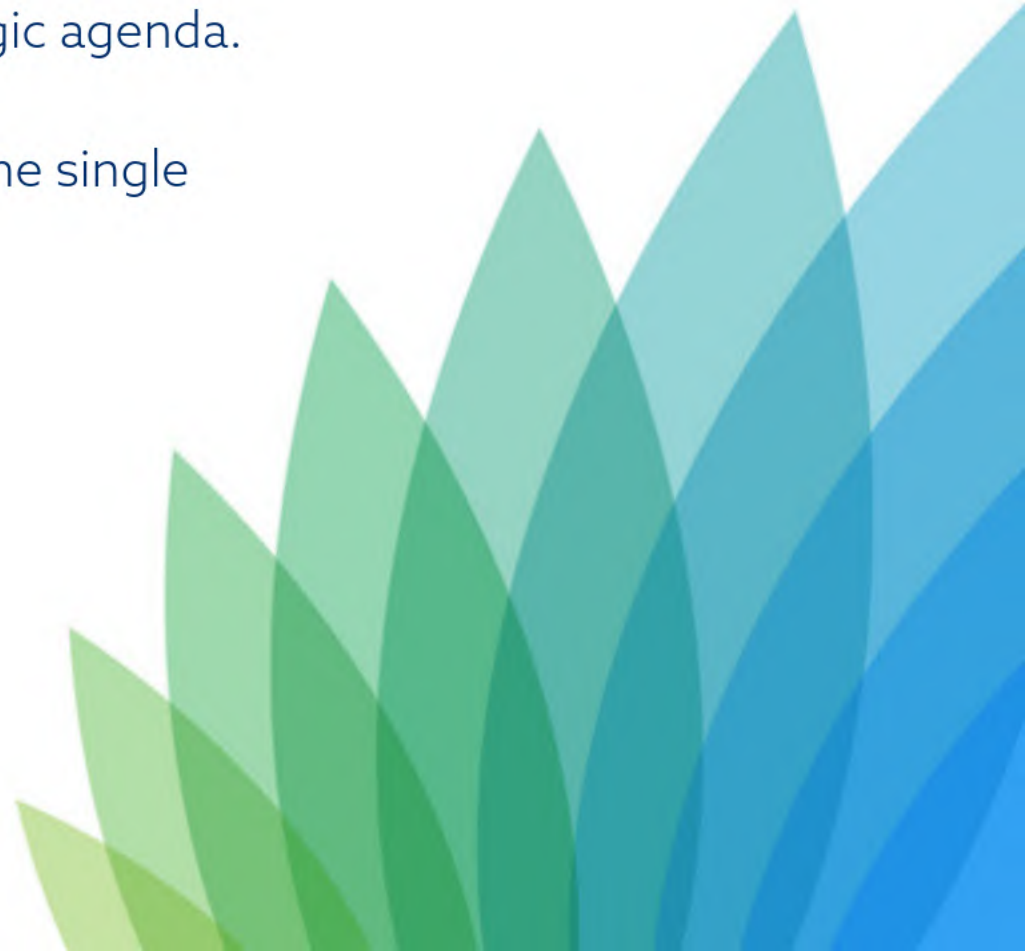
- Effective single market including modern industrial policy
- Trade policy as external dimension of EU competitiveness
- Transformation to low-carbon economy
- Digital economy as competitive edge
- Skills and inclusive society



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



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