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Președinția României la Consiliul Uniunii Europene**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) – FRIBS Regulation****Stages in the procedure:**

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Council

Proposal received	06.03.2017
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European Parliament

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Rapporteur	Janusz Lewandowski (EPP)
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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 overall 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.

The RO PRES organized an informal meeting with the rapporteur (29.01.2019) to identify the common ground on how to solve the file during the next mandate of the EP.

The state of art of the file was presented during the CWPS meeting on 31st of January 2019, under AOB.

After the three technical meetings held in the end of February – beginning of March, a political trilogue has been organized in Strasbourg, on 14.03.2019. The compromise text supported by the majority of the countries received the political agreement with this occasion. The file was voted into Coreper 1 meeting on 20.03.2019 and in the ITRE committee on 25.03.2019.

The regulation was voted on 16.04.2019 in EP plenary in first reading with a very large majority.

The file will be voted in September or October by the new EP Plenary and then adopted by Council at the earliest possible date thereafter.

FRIBS regulation will be published in the Official Journal.