European External Action Service (EEAS): organisation and functioning

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The Council took stock of progress in negotiations with the European Parliament on draft decisions

on the establishment of a European External Action Service, and of further steps to be taken in the coming weeks.

Ongoing work has been focusing on the functioning and organisation of the EEAS and on the necessary **amendments to the EU's financial regulation and staff regulations**.

The Council reached agreement on the main issues at its meeting on 26 April.