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Statement by President Donald Tusk after the first working session of the European Council

We just finished our first working session. We agreed three things.

One: We call for the urgent establishment of a European Fund for Strategic Investments. Two: A renewed commitment to intensify structural reforms. Three: Continued efforts to ensure sound public finances. The three together form our strategy to speed up the recovery.

In addition, we agreed a work plan for the months ahead. It includes an energy union, a digital single market, finalising free trade agreements, and improved governance in the EMU. And of course stepping up the fight against tax avoidance and evasion. So, it was a good first working session.

I will now go to the working dinner for a discussion of the situation on our eastern borders, notably Ukraine and Russia.

With that, we will have concluded this European Council – so for leaders there will be no need to reconvene tomorrow.

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