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# 1. Activities of the European Institutions

## 1.1 European Commission

Date	Event	Subject
June	<a href="#">College Meeting</a>	<i>Please consult the website</i>

[All meetings of the College of Commissioners](#)

## 1.2 Council

Date	Event	Location
31 May- 1 June	<a href="#">ACP- EU Council of Ministers</a>	Lomé,Togo
3-5 June	<a href="#">Informal meeting of Agriculture Ministers</a>	Sofia
4-5 June	<a href="#">Justice and Home Affairs Council</a>	Luxembourg
7 June	<a href="#">Transport, Telecommunications and Energy Council</a>	Luxembourg
18-19 June	<a href="#">Agriculture and Fisheries Council</a>	Luxembourg
21 June	<a href="#">EU-Bosnia and Herzegovina Stabilisation and Association Council</a>	Luxembourg
21-22 June	<a href="#">Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council</a>	Luxembourg
22 June	<a href="#">Economic and Financial Affairs Council</a>	Luxembourg
25 June	<a href="#">Foreign Affairs Council</a>	Luxembourg
25 June	<a href="#">Environment Council</a>	Luxembourg

26 June	<a href="#">General Affairs Council (Art.50)</a>	Luxembourg
28-29 June	<a href="#">European Council</a>	Brussels
<a href="#">All meetings of the Council</a>		

## 1.3 European Parliament

### Plenary Sessions

Date	Event	Subjects	Location
11-14 June	<a href="#">Plenary</a>	<p><i>Among others: Clearing obligation, reporting requirements, risk-mitigation techniques and trade repositories; common rules in the field of civil aviation and the European Union Aviation Safety Agency; CO2 emissions from and fuel consumption of new heavy-duty vehicles; short presentations of the following reports: EU-NATO relations; towards a sustainable and competitive European aquaculture sector; modernisation of education in the EU; Iran nuclear agreement- statement by the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy; negotiations on the modernisation of the EU-Chile Association Agreement; Georgian occupied territories ten years after the Russian invasion-statement by the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy; Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo-Council and Commission statements; cyber defence; further macro-financial assistance to Ukraine; the EMU package; debate with the Prime Minister of the Netherlands, Mark Rutte, on the Future of Europe; cohesion policy and the circular economy; proportionality test before adoption of new regulation of professions; implementation of and follow-up to the EU framework for National Roma integration strategies-Council and Commission statements; Anti-corruption; Debates on cases of breaches of human rights, democracy and the rule of law;</i></p>	Strasbourg

Committee Meetings			
4 June	<a href="#">Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development</a>	<i>Among others: Public Hearing on "Labelling of Origin for Agricultural and Food Products", in association with the ENVI Committee Public Hearing on "Labelling of Origin for Agricultural and Food Products", in association with the ENVI Committee;</i>	Brussels
4 June	<a href="#">Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs</a>	<i>Among others: Hearing "Supporting Niger, key cross-road of migrations to the EU via Libya"; minimum standards for minorities in the EU; use of Facebook users' data by Cambridge Analytica and impact on data protection;</i>	Brussels
4 June	<a href="#">Subcommittee on Human Rights</a>	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
4 June	<a href="#">Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs</a>	<i>Among others: Increase of the financial envelope of the Structural Reform Support Programme and adapt its general objective;</i>	Brussels
4-5 June	<a href="#">Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection</a>	<i>Among others: European Electronic Communications Code (Recast); approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States as regards the accessibility requirements for products and services; Pan-European Personal Pension Product (PEPP); Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on health technology assessment and amending Directive 2011/24/EU;</i>	Brussels
6 June	<a href="#">Committee on Fisheries</a>	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
7 June	<a href="#">Committee on Employment and Social Affairs</a>	<i>Among others: Commission presentation: EGF mid-term review as an introduction to the proposal for the next MFF; the role of Employee Financial Participation in creating jobs and reactivating the unemployed;</i>	Brussels

7 June	<a href="#">Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety</a>	<i>Among others: Presentation of the EPRS Study to the implementation report of the Plant Protection Products Regulation EC/1107/2009; implementation of the Plant Protection Products Regulation EC/1107/2009; Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on health technology assessment and amending Directive 2011/24/EU; deployment of infrastructure for alternative fuels in the European Union: Time to act! Quality of water intended for human consumption (recast);</i>	
7 June	<a href="#">Committee on Transport and Tourism</a>	<i>Among others: Port reception facilities for the delivery of waste from ships; EC-Canada air transport agreement; Agreement on Air Transport between Canada and the European Community and its Member States, to take account of the accession to the European Union of the Republic of Croatia; deployment of infrastructure for alternative fuels in the European Union: Time to act! Scrutiny: presentation by the Commission of working document: ex-post evaluation of the Single European Sky Performance and Charging Schemes;</i>	Brussels
7 June	<a href="#">Committee on Culture and Education</a>	<i>Among others: Import of cultural goods; 2019 budget- trilogue mandate; reporting back from the Brexit Monitoring Group meeting; study requested by CULT Committee, commissioned and managed by the Policy Department- "ESIF and culture, education, youth &amp; sport- the use of European Structural and Investment Funds in policy areas of the Committee on Culture &amp; Education"; presentation of the mid-term review of the Europe for Citizens programme and exchange of views with the Commission on the successor of the programme; feedback on the trilogues on the AVMS Directive and European Solidarity Corps;</i>	Brussels
7 June	<a href="#">Special Committee on the Union's authorisation procedure for pesticides</a>	<i>Among others: Hearing on EU authorisation procedure for pesticides- EFSA opinion on draft assessment reports and ECHA classification of active substances;</i>	Brussels
7 June	<a href="#">Special committee on financial crimes, tax evasion and tax avoidance</a>	<i>Among others: Workshop on "Taxation and fight against money laundering: crypto currencies, digitalisation and the European Semester";</i>	Brussels

18-19 June	<a href="#">Special Committee on Terrorism</a>	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
18-19 June	<a href="#">Subcommittee on Security and Defence</a>	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
18-19 June	<a href="#">Committee on Budgets</a>	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
18-19 June	<a href="#">Committee on Industry, Research and Energy</a>	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
18-19 June	<a href="#">Committee on Petitions</a>	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
19-21 June	<a href="#">Committee on International Trade</a>	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
20 June	<a href="#">Committee on Constitutional Affairs</a>	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
20 June	<a href="#">Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality</a>	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
20-21 June	<a href="#">Committee on Foreign Affairs</a>	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
20-21 June	<a href="#">Committee on Budgetary Control</a>	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
20-21 June	<a href="#">Committee on Legal Affairs</a>	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
25 June	<a href="#">Committee on Budgetary Control</a>	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels

[All European Parliament Committee Meetings](#)

## 1.4 Committee of the Regions (CoR)

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
6 June	<a href="#">19th Commission for territorial cohesion and EU Budget (COTER) meeting and Conference on the implications of the EU long-term budget post-2020 for local and regional authorities</a>	Sofia, Bulgaria
6 June	<a href="#">Energy day workshop</a>	Brussels
21 June	<a href="#">19th Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON) Meeting: Conference "Boosting the digitalisation of SMEs- the challenges for regional and local authorities"</a>	Brussels
25 June	<a href="#">19th meeting and conference of the Committee for Social Policy, Education, Employment, Research and Culture (SEDEC)</a>	Logroño, Spain
26 June	<a href="#">Localising the SDGs: Developing sustainability strategies at the local level</a>	Brussels
4 July	<a href="#">130th CoR plenary session</a>	Brussels
4 July	<a href="#">Debate on the Future of Europe with National Associations</a>	Brussels
<a href="#">Further Events of the Committee of the Regions</a>		

## 1.5 European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
4 June	<a href="#">European Day of Social Economy Enterprises 2018</a>	Brussels
4 June	<a href="#">Addressing early school leaving amongst the Roma: the current situation and the way forward</a>	Brussels
5 June	<a href="#">Contribution of rural areas to 2018 European Year of Cultural Heritage</a>	Brussels



13 June	<a href="#">The future of live-in care work in Europe</a>	Warsaw, Poland
14 June	<a href="#">Consensus and transparency in trade agreements</a>	Brussels
18 June	<a href="#">AI Europe/ Stakeholder summit</a>	Brussels
20 June	<a href="#">Persons with disabilities as a human capital: their contribution to the economy and society</a>	Brussels
<a href="#">Further events of the European Economic and Social Committee</a>		

## 2. Conferences & Meetings

### 2.1 DG JRC Conferences and Events

Date	Event	Organiser	Location
31 May-1 June	<a href="#">EUROLIB General Assembly 2018</a>	JRC, EP, Council, CoR, ECB, EESC	Ispra, Italy
4-5 June	<a href="#">FTA 2018- Future in the making</a>	JRC	Brussels
5 June	<a href="#">Higher education institutions and smart specialisation: Partnership for regional transformation</a>	JRC, DG REGIO, DG EAC	Brussels

6 June	<a href="#">Smart Specialisation Platform on Energy (S3PEnergy) Joint Partnerships meeting</a>	JRC	Brussels
8-11 June	<a href="#">16<sup>th</sup> Atomiade 2018</a>	JRC	Varese, Italy
11-12 June	<a href="#">2nd symposium on management of future motorway and urban traffic systems (MFTS2018)</a>	JRC	Ispra, Italy
11-12 June	<a href="#">Meeting of the Scientific and Technical Committee (STC) of EURATOM</a>	JRC	Karlsruhe, Germany
11-15 June	<a href="#">The Tenth Summer School on Sensitivity Analysis of Model Output (SAMO 2018)</a>	JRC	Ranco, Italy
12 June	<a href="#">EU Datacentres Code of Conduct Awards Ceremony at Datacentres conference</a>	JRC, Datacloud Europe	Monaco
19-20 June	2nd Sino-EU Workshop on New Emissions Standards for Motor Vehicles	JRC, Vehicle Emission Control Centre (VECC)	Brussels
20-21 June	<a href="#">20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Baveno Manifest</a>	JRC, DG GROW, European Space Agency (ESA), Ministry of Education, Universities and Research of the Italian Republic	Ispra, Italy
25-29 June	<a href="#">Arts and Science Summer School: Big Data</a>	JRC	Ispra, Italy
26-28 June	<a href="#">Genomics in support of fisheries and aquaculture management</a>	JRC	Ispra, Italy
2 July	Austrian Presidency of the Council of the European Union Opening	JRC	Ispra, Italy

4-5 July	<a href="#">Investment Readiness of Innovation Projects in South East Europe</a>	JRC, Faculty of Mechanical Engineering and Naval Architecture of Zagreb University, Centre for Technology Transfer Ltd., Croatian Agency for SMEs, Innovation and Investments (HAMAG-BICRO)	Zagreb, Croatia
9-13 July	<a href="#">ELINDER Generic Course 5- Decommissioning Summer School</a>	JRC	Ispra
16-27 July	<a href="#">Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) International Summer School 2018</a>	JRC, European Space Agency (ESA)	Loipersdorf, Austria
5-7 September	<a href="#">Evidence and policy summer school: Science, policy and demography</a>	JRC, Austrian Presidency of the Council of the European Union, Federal Ministry Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Austria, Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research of the Republic of Austria	Laxenburg, Austria
<a href="#">Further upcoming DG JRC Events</a>			
<a href="#">Further upcoming events in the EU Newsroom Calendar</a>			

## 2.2 Further European Conferences and Meetings

31 May- 1 June	<a href="#">2018 European Maritime Day conference</a>	EC, DG MARE	Burgas, Bulgaria
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1 June	<a href="#">Digitalisation in humanitarian aid</a>	EC	Brussels
1-2 June	<a href="#">European Youth Event (EYE2018)</a>	EP	Strasbourg, France
4 June	<a href="#">Citizens' dialogue in Luxembourg with Commissioner Dimitris Avramopoulos</a>	EC	Luxembourg
4 June	<a href="#">Supplemental type certificate (STC) workshop 2018</a>	European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA)	Cologne, Germany
4-5 June	<a href="#">13th European Nuclear Energy Forum (ENEF)</a>	EC, ENEF	Bratislava, Slovakia
4-5 June	<a href="#">Workshop on update needs regarding the EU System for the Evaluation of Substances (EUSES)</a>	European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)	Brussels
4-5 June	<a href="#">9th Annual Forum of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea region (EUSBSR)</a>	EC, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Estonia, Baltic Development Forum	Tallinn, Estonia
4 June	<a href="#">Preparing supervisory reporting for the digital age</a>	EC, DG FISMA	Brussels
4 June	<a href="#">Innovation Sessions: Healthcare systems and future therapies</a>	AICEP Portugal Global, Portuguese Confederation of Industries (CIP), National Innovation Agency (ANI), Eupportunity	Brussels
5 June	<a href="#">European Institute of Innovation and Technology's (EIT) Role in Strengthening Innovation</a>	EP, Science and Technology Option Assessment (STOA)	Brussels
5-6 June	<a href="#">European Development Days (EDD2018)</a>	EC, DG DEVCO	Brussels
5-7 June	<a href="#">EU Sustainable Energy Week (EUSEW) 2018 policy conference</a>	EC	Brussels
6 June	<a href="#">Innovative bio-based products: Investment, environmental impacts and future perspectives</a>	EC	Brussels

7 June	<a href="#">Citizen's dialogue in Copenhagen with First Vice-President Frans Timmermans</a>	EC	Copenhagen, Denmark
8 June	<a href="#">High Level Conference Dedicated to EU Cohesion Policy: post-2020 perspectives for convergence and sustainable regions.</a>	Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the EU, EC	Sofia, Bulgaria
11 June	<a href="#">2nd Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) review: Stakeholder conference</a>	EC	Brussels
11 June	<a href="#">S3P Agri-food Working Committee Semi-annual Meeting</a>	EC, Seinäjoki University (SeAMK)	Seinäjoki, Finland
12-13 June	<a href="#">Workshop: Sustainable urban development in Italy</a>	EC	Rome, Italy
13 June	<a href="#">Annual Privacy Forum 2018</a>	EC, European Union Agency for Network and Information Security, (ENISA), Polytechnique University of Catalonia Barcelonatech, Telefonica	Barcelona, Spain
13 June	<a href="#">Conference: EU for Talanoa</a>	EC	Brussels
14-15 June	<a href="#">European Validation Festival: unlocking talents in Europe</a>	EC	Brussels
14-15 June	<a href="#">2nd high-level FOOD 2030 conference</a>	EC, Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the European Union, Bulgarian Ministry of Education and Science	Plovdiv, Bulgaria
15 June	<a href="#">Second annual conference on regulatory scrutiny in the EU</a>	EC, Regulatory Scrutiny Board (RSB)	Brussels
18 June	<a href="#">Stakeholder workshop to support the fitness check of the EU ambient air quality Directives</a>	EC	Brussels
18-19 June	<a href="#">Interreg Annual Event</a>	EC, DG REGIO	Brussels

19 June	<a href="#">High-level conference on skills and defence</a>	EC, DG GROW	Brussels
19 June	<a href="#">A European retail sector fit for the 21st century</a>	EC, DG GROW	Brussels
21 June	<a href="#">Workshop on balloon licensing requirements</a>	European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA)	Cologne, Germany
21-22 June	<a href="#">3rd policy learning forum on defining and writing learning outcomes for vocational education and training qualifications</a>	European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (CEDEFOP)	Thessaloniki, Greece
22 June	<a href="#">Joint European Supervisory Authorities (ESAs) Consumer Protection Day 2018</a>	European Banking Authority (EBA), European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority (EIOPA), European Security Markets Authority (ESMA)	Lisbon, Portugal
26 June	<a href="#">Workshop on sailplane licensing requirements</a>	European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA)	Colgne, Germany
26-27 June	<a href="#">Webit.Festival Europe</a>	EC, Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the European Union	Sofia, Bulgaria
27-28 June	<a href="#">General assembly of the European Innovation Partnership on Smart Cities and Communities</a>	EC, Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the European Union	Sofia, Bulgaria
28 June	<a href="#">Financing energy efficiency in Bulgaria and other countries from Central and South-Eastern Europe</a>	EC, Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the European Union, Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Bulgaria, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Finance Initiative	Sofia, Bulgaria
28-29 June	<a href="#">Workshop: Integrated sustainable urban development in the Baltic States</a>	European Commission, City of Liepāja	Liepāja, Latvia

29 June	<a href="#">Public hearing: Making the Capital Markets Union work for retail investors</a>	EC, DG FISMA	Brussels
<a href="#">EIT 2018 Call for Proposals for new EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities (KICs) in Urban Mobility and Added Value Manufacturing</a>		EIT	Brussels

## 2.3 International Conferences and events

Date	Event	Organiser	Location
30 May-1 June	<a href="#">4th Joint Science Conference of the Berlin Process</a>	German National Academy of Sciences-Leopoldina, Italian Science Academy-Lincei, Italian National Research Council, German Embassy in Rome, German Federal Foreign Office, UK Embassy in Rome, UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office	Rome, Italy
5-6 June	<a href="#">UN Multistakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) for the SDGs</a>	UN	New York City, USA
7 June	<a href="#">Investing in the Textile and Clothing Factories of the Future in Europe</a>	The European Apparel and Textile Confederation (Euratex)	Brussels
8-9 June	<a href="#">G7 2018</a>	Government of Canada-G7 Presidency	Charlevoix, Canada
18-20 June	<a href="#">4th World Congress of Latvian Scientists</a>	Ministry of Education and Science of Latvia	Riga, Latvia
18-22 June	<a href="#">5th International Adaptations Futures Conference (AF2018): Dialogues for solutions</a>	Global Programme of Research on Climate Change Vulnerability, Impacts, and Adaptation (PROVIA)	Cape Town, South Africa
19-23 June	<a href="#">Polar 2018</a>	Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR), International Arctic Science	Davos, Switzerland

		Committee (IASC)	
9-13 July	<a href="#">LERU Summer School 2018: The Global Society- The Importance of Interdisciplinary Collaboration to Tackle Societal Challenges</a>	University of Leuven	Leuven, Belgium
9-18 July	<a href="#">High level Political Forum (HLPF) 2018 on Sustainable Development</a>	HLPF	New York, USA
10 July	<a href="#">5th Western Balkans Summit of Heads of States and Governments</a>	Foreign & Commonwealth Office of the United Kingdom	London, UK
15-31 August	<a href="#">European Forum Alpbach</a>	European Forum Alpbach	Alpbach, Austria
21-22 September	<a href="#">INGSA International Conference</a>	Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST), National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS)	Tokyo, Japan
25-28 September	<a href="#">World Social Science Forum (WSSF)</a>	WSSF	Fukuoka, Japan
5-9 November	<a href="#">2018 Symposium on International Safeguards</a>	IAEA	Vienna, Austria

### 3. DG JRC News



<b>May</b>	<a href="#"><u><b>DG JRC Newsletter May 2018</b></u></a>
<b>Open</b>	<a href="#"><u><b>Open access to JRC Research Infrastructures- Call Actinide User Laboratory-ActUsLab (deadline 31 August 2018)</b></u></a>
<b>Open</b>	<a href="#"><u><b>The EU is recruiting researchers- Call for expressions of interest</b></u></a>
<b>Open</b>	<a href="#"><u><b>JRC Alumni Network: Membership registration for JRC Alumni and staff</b></u></a>

## May Highlights

3-4 May

### [\*\*Smart specialisation and technology transfer as innovation drivers for regional growth\*\*](#)

Smart specialisation, technology transfer and digital economy-investments in research, innovation and human capital are key priority areas for boosting jobs and growth. Opportunities and challenges of innovation and Europe's response to them were the topics of this conference, with a focus on South-East Europe, including the Western Balkans, and for constructive dialogue between institutions and businesses.

3-18 May

### [\*\*Putting science at the heart of European policymaking: JRC science exhibition\*\*](#)

The Joint Research Centre's (JRC) exhibition showcases the work done by the European Commission's science and knowledge service. The JRC scientists were there to answer to questions. The visitors were guided through the exhibition. Thematic areas of the JRC exhibition were fairness and the economy, the Energy Union, nuclear security and safety, migration and demography, air, water and natural resources and regional policy.

15-16 May

### [\*\*7th Innogrid2020+ Annual Conference\*\*](#)

Innogrid2020+ was an EU event on innovation in electricity networks, co-organised by the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity (ENTSO-E) and the European Distribution System Operators for Smart Grids (EDSO). This 7th year edition focused on the next decade's challenges for the power grids and provided insights and solutions through innovative projects, demonstrations and pilots. Special attention was devoted to sectorial integration, as well as data and cybersecurity needs resulting from an increasingly digitised world, by including them in a transatlantic and global perspective. The conference was also looking at sector coupling in light of the European

initiatives such as ETIP SNET and Horizon2020. The European Commission's Joint Research Centre presented its work on smart grid project observation and monitoring, cost-benefit analysis of smart grid pilots and mapping of smart grid and interoperability laboratories.

23 May

**[Smart specialisation in the EU and Latin America: regional challenges, transcontinental opportunities](#)**

This session, part of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA) Congress 2018, presented research work emerging from the implementation of smart specialisation in the EU, its adaptation in Latin America as well as opportunities for cooperation and challenges on both sides:

1. Entrepreneurial Discovery Process in Brasilia. Neantro Saavedra (University of Tsukuba) and Javier Gómez (JRC, European Commission)
2. Industrial complexes in Mexico and smart specialisation. Amado Villarreal González (Escuela de Gobierno y Transformación Publica, Tecnológico de Monterrey)
3. Competitive districts, cooperation European Union- Latin America. Luis Fierro, EU-LAC Foundation
4. Latin America -EU, region to region cooperation on smart specialisation, Cristiano Cagnin (CGEE) and Paulo Egler (IBICT/MCTIC)

The Smart Specialisation approach (S3) is being an inspiratory driver of regional innovation not only within the EU but also beyond. S3 promotes the enhancement of territorial capacities by maximizing innovation with and from local resources, players and know-how. Some Latin American countries are integrating the S3 approach in policies oriented to empower regional innovation For the agenda and more information please visit the [event website](#).

24 May

**[#Blockchain4EU - Final event: Blockchain for industrial transformations](#)**

The event Blockchain for Industrial Transformations brought together Blockchain stakeholders, interested parties and high level policymakers. #Blockchain4EU: Blockchain for Industrial Transformations is a forward looking exploration of existing, emerging and potential applications based on Blockchain and other Distributed Ledger Technologies (DLTs) for non-financial/ industry sectors. #Blockchain4EU is a European Commission research project coordinated by the Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC) in collaboration with the department for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship & SMEs (DG GROW). More information on #Blockchain4EU can be found on the [EU Policy Lab blog](#).

28-30 May

**[Workshop on checks and management of agricultural land in IACS](#)**

The 2018 JRC workshop on checks and management of agricultural land in the Integrated Administration and Control System (IACS) was organised in Vilnius, Lithuania. The workshop was co-hosted by the [Lithuanian Agricultural Information and Rural Business Centre \(VIC\)](#). The purpose of the workshop was to bring together technical experts from the Member States and the European Commission to find appropriate solutions and to foster innovative developments. The 2018 IACS workshop focused on the improvement of specific system weaknesses. Addressing those will help to prepare the systems for the introduction of monitoring as means to substitute on-the-spot checks (OTSCs).

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