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1. Activities of the European Institutions

1.1 European Commission

Date	Event	Subject
8 November	College Meeting	<p><i>Among others: Monitoring the application of European Union law; Joint Communication to the European Parliament and the Council: Improving Military Mobility in the European Union; Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: Delivering on the European Strategy for low-emission mobility: a European Union that protects the planet, empowers its consumers, and defends its industry and workers; Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council setting emission performance standards for new passenger cars and new light commercial vehicles as part of the Union's integrated approach to reduce CO2 emissions from light-duty vehicles and amending Regulation (EC) No 715/2007 (recast); Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2009/33/EC on the promotion of clean and energy-efficient road transport vehicles; Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1073/2009 on common rules for access to the international market for coach and bus services; Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 92/106/EEC on the establishment of common rules for certain types of combined transport of goods between Member States; Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: towards the broadest use of alternative fuels-an Action Plan on Alternative Fuels Infrastructure under Article 10(6) of Directive 2014/94/EU, including the assessment of national policy frameworks under Article 10(2) of Directive 2014/94/EU; Commission Delegated Regulation supplementing Directive 2014/94/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards recharging points for L-category motor vehicles, shore-side electricity supply for inland waterway vessels and refuelling points for LNG for waterborne transport, and amending that Directive as regards connectors for motor vehicles for the refuelling of gaseous hydrogen; Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2009/73/EC concerning common rules for the internal market in natural gas;</i></p>

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

1.2 Council

Date	Event	Location
7 November	Economic and Financial Affairs Council	Brussels
9 November	Justice and Home Affairs Council	Brussels
10 November	Foreign Affairs Council	Brussels
13 November	Foreign Affairs Council	Brussels
14 November	Foreign Affairs Council on defence	Brussels
15 November	General Affairs Council	Brussels
17 November	Economic and Financial Affairs Council	Brussels
17 November	Informal Meeting of the 28 Heads of State or Government	Brussels
20 November	General Affairs Council	Brussels
20-21 November	Education, Youth, Culture and Sports Council	Brussels
27 November	Foreign Affairs Council	Brussels
30 November- 1 December	Competitiveness Council	Brussels

[All meetings of the Council](#)

1.3 European Parliament

Plenary Sessions

Date	Event	Subjects	Location
13-16 November	EP Plenary	<p><i>Among others: Commission statement-multilateral negotiations in view of the 11th WTO Ministerial Conference; Recognition of professional qualifications in inland navigation; combating inequalities as a lever to boost job creation and growth; saving lives: boosting car safety in the EU; deployment of cohesion policy instruments by regions to address demographic change; action plan on retail financial services; protection against dumped and subsidised imports from countries not members of the EU; cooperation between national authorities responsible for the enforcement of consumer protection laws; EU-Kazakhstan Enhanced Partnership and Cooperation Agreement; EU-New Zealand Partnership Agreement on Relations; mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund: and Cooperation application EGF/2017/004 IT/Almaviva; Council and Commission statements- Rule of Law in Malta; Statement by the VPC/HR: US President Trump and Iranian Nuclear deal; Eastern Partnership, in the run-up to the November 2017 Summit; protection of coastal marine habitats: the case of Posidonia oceanica; extension of the duration of the European Fund for Strategic Investments as well as the introduction of technical enhancements for that Fund and the European Investment Advisory Hub; Council and Commission statements: the situation of the rule of law and democracy in Poland; Address by Andrej Kiska, President of the Slovak Republic; Topical debate: Radicalism and populism in Europe 100 years after the Bolshevik revolution in Russia; Debates on and motion for resolution for cases of breaches of human rights, democracy and the rule of law; motions for resolutions concerning debates on cases of breaches of human rights, democracy and the rule of law;</i></p>	Strasbourg

Committee Meetings			
6 November	Committee on Foreign Affairs	<i>Among others: Debriefing on the AFET/DROI mission to the UN General Assembly, 30-31 October 2017, and the AFET/SEDE mission to Washington and Norfolk, 31 October to 3 November 2017; the next MFF: preparing the Parliament's position on the MFF post-2020; Annual Report on the implementation of the Common Foreign and Security Policy; Annual Report on the implementation of the Common Security and Defence Policy; Establishing an instrument contributing to stability and peace;</i>	Brussels
6 November	Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs	<i>Among others: Adoption of the 2018 draft calendar of ECON Committee meetings; harmonisation of gross national income at market prices (GNI Regulation); mutual recognition of freezing and confiscation orders; countering money laundering by criminal law;</i>	Brussels
6 November	Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety	<i>Among others: Monitoring and reporting of CO2 emissions from and fuel consumption of new heavy-duty vehicles; exchange of views with the Commission on ship recycling; exchange of views with the Commission on food contact materials; continuing current limitations of scope for aviation activities and to prepare to implementing a global market-based measure from 2021;</i>	Brussels
6 November	Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality	<i>Among others: Study on "EU Gender Action Plan 2016-2020 at year one; Implementation of the Joint Staff Working Document-Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment: transforming the Lives of Girls and Women through EU External Relations 2016-2020; the implementation of the Youth Employment Initiative in the Member States;</i>	Brussels
6 November	Committee on Industry, Research and Energy	<i>Among others: Towards a digital trade strategy; Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Union and the Arab Republic of Egypt setting out the terms and conditions for participation of the Arab Republic of Egypt in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA);</i>	Brussels

6 November	Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development	<i>Among others: Financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union; a European Strategy for the promotion of Protein Crops: encouraging the production of protein and leguminous plants in the European agriculture sector; conclusion of the International Agreement on Olive Oil and Table Olives, 2015; conclusion of the International Agreement on Olive Oil and Table Olives, 2015;</i>	Brussels
9 November	Committee on International Trade	<i>Among others: Financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union; a European Strategy for the promotion of Protein Crops: Encouraging the production of protein and leguminous plants in the European agriculture sector; conclusion of the International Agreement on Olive Oil and Table Olives, 2015; conclusion of the International Agreement on Olive Oil and Table Olives, 2015</i>	Brussels
9 November	Committee on Budgets	<i>Among others: Mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund following an application from Italy; European Agency for the operational management of large-scale IT systems in the area of freedom, security and justice; European Solidarity Corps; establishing a centralised system for the identification of Member States holding conviction information on third country nationals and stateless persons (TCN) to supplement and support the European Criminal Records Information System (ECRIS-TCN system);</i>	
9 November	Committee on Employment and Social Affairs	<i>Among others: Amendment to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 2015/2195 of 9 July 2015 on supplementing Regulation (EU) No 1304/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Social Fund, regarding the definition of standard scales of unit costs and lump sums for reimbursement of expenditure by the Commission to Member States; exchange of views on the Platform on Tackling Undeclared Work; exchange of views with Jeroen Dijsselbloem (President of the Eurogroup);</i>	Brussels

9 November	Committee on Transport and Tourism	<i>Among others: Promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources (recast); a European strategy on Cooperative Intelligent Transport Systems; Tourism Task Force: Presentation of a study on taxation in tourism by the European Commission (DG GROW); presentation by the European Commission of Commission Staff Working Document on Nautical Tourism; Air Transport Agreement between the EC and the USA;</i>	Brussels
13 November	Committee on Budgetary Control	<i>Among others: Financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union; anti-fraud activities in Italy;</i>	Strasbourg
13 November	Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development	<i>Among others: Presentation by Commissioner Vytenis Andriukaitis, responsible for Health and Food Safety, of the Commission Report on "Member State National Action Plans and on progress in the implementation of Directive 2009/128/EC on the sustainable use of pesticides" and on "A European One Health Action Plan against Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)";</i>	Strasbourg
13 November	Committee on Foreign Affairs	<i>Among others: Annual Report on Human Rights and Democracy in the World 2016 and the European Union's policy on the matter;</i>	Strasbourg
13 November	Committee on Regional Development	<i>Among others: Exchange of views with Corina Crețu, Commissioner for Regional Policy; changes to the resources for economic, social and territorial cohesion and to the resources for the investment for growth and jobs goal and for the European territorial cooperation goal;</i>	Strasbourg
13 November	Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs	<i>Among others: Report on the implementation of Directive 2011/93/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 2011 on combating the sexual abuse and sexual exploitation of children and child pornography; conditions of entry and residence of third-country nationals for the purposes of highly skilled employment; standards for the qualification of third-country nationals or stateless persons as beneficiaries of international protection, for a uniform status for refugees or for persons eligible for subsidiary protection and for the content of the protection granted and amending Council Directive 2003/109/EC of</i>	Strasbourg

		<i>25 November 2003 concerning the status of third-country nationals who are long-term residents; prevention of the use of the financial system for the purposes of money laundering or terrorist financing;</i>	
20-21 November	Committee on Industry, Research and Energy	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
20-21 November	Committee on Development	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
20-21 November	Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
20-21 November	Committee on Employment and Social Affairs	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
20-21 November	Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety	<i>Among others: Public Hearing on the European Citizens' Initiative "Ban glyphosate and Protect People and the Environment from Toxic Pesticides; report back on ongoing interinstitutional negotiations; common rules for the internal market in electricity (recast); the role of EU regions and cities in implementing the COP 21 Paris Agreement on climate change; African week: exchange of views on communicable diseases; exchange of views with the Commission on the state of play on 4th Real-Driving Emissions package (RDE4); implementation session on food safety legislation;</i>	Brussels
20-21 November	Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection jointly with Committee on Legal Affairs	<i>Among others: exchange of views with Pierre Moscovici, Commissioner responsible for Taxation and Customs Union, Economic and Financial Affairs; annual report on Competition Policy; a European strategy on Cooperative Intelligent Transport Systems; Implementation of Directive 2005/36/EC as regards regulation and the need for reform in professional services; Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council to empower the competition authorities of the Member States to be more effective enforcers and to ensure the proper functioning of the internal market; enforcement of the Directive 2006/123/EC on services in the internal market, laying down a notification procedure for authorisation schemes and requirements related to services, and amending Directive 2006/123/EC and Regulation (EU) No 1024/2012 on administrative cooperation through the Internal Market Information</i>	

		<i>System; proportionality test before adoption of new regulation of professions; Directive of the European parliament and of the Council on the legal and operational framework of the European services e-card and related administrative facilities; setting out the conditions and procedure by which the Commission may request undertakings and associations of undertakings to provide information in relation to the internal market and related areas; establishing a single digital gateway to provide information, procedures, assistance and problem solving services; establishing the European Defence Industrial Development Programme aiming at supporting the competitiveness and innovative capacity of the EU defence industry;</i>	
20-21 November	Committee on Fisheries	<i>Among others: Sustainable management of external fishing fleets; towards a sustainable and competitive European aquaculture sector: current status and future challenges; Multiannual plan for small pelagic stocks in the Adriatic Sea and the fisheries exploiting those stocks; optimisation of the value chain in the EU fishing sector; state of play of recreational fisheries in the European Union; conservation of fishery resources and the protection of marine ecosystems through technical measures; management, conservation and control measures applicable in the Convention Area of the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation; the next MFF: Preparing the Parliament's position on the MFF post-2020; Lagging regions in the EU; report on the Committee on Fisheries' delegation to Guadeloupe from 29 October to 2 November 2017;</i>	Brussels
21 November	Committee on Constitutional Affairs	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
21 November	Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality	<i>Among others: Gender Equality in the Media Sector in the EU; Recommendation to the Council on the EU priorities for the 62nd session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women; fighting gender-based violence: exchange of views with a Delegation of Parliamentarians from Morocco; Interparliamentary Committee Meeting on Violence against Women;</i>	Brussels
21 November	Committee on Legal Affairs	<i>Among others: Contracts for the supply of digital content</i>	

22 November	Special Committee on Terrorism	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
22-23 November	Subcommittee on Human Rights	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
22-23 November	Subcommittee on Security and Defence	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
22-23 November	Committee on International Trade	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
22-23 November	Committee on Petitions	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
22-23 November	Committee on Regional Development	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
22-23 November	Committee on Culture and Education	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
22-23 November	Committee on Petitions	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
27-28 November	Committee on Industry, Research and Energy	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
28 November	Committee of Inquiry to investigate alleged contraventions and maladministration in the application of Union law in relation to money laundering, tax avoidance and tax evasion	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
28 November	Committee on International Trade	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
All European Parliament Committee Meetings			

1.4 Committee of the Regions (CoR)

Date	Event	Location
1-24 November	Reflecting on Europe	All over Europe
9-10 November	16th Commission for Economic Policy (ECON) Meeting	Finland
9-10 November	8th European Public Communication Conference: [Re]shaping European Dialogues	Brussels
12-13 November	All Aboard! EU cities and regions to COP23	Bonn, Germany
14 November	15 Year ESPON Supporting policy-making with territorial evidence	Brussels
15 November	Radicalisation Awareness Network Plenary (RAN)	Brussels
18 November	The Third Industrial Revolution: a territorial dynamic, a challenge for Europe?	Fourmies, France
20 November	Event about Employment and Posted Workers	Amiens France
21 November	16th Commission for Social Policy, Education, Employment, Research and Culture (SEDEC) Commission Meeting	Brussels
21 November	Lunchtime briefing: European Defence Fund – new opportunities for SMEs, clusters and regions	Brussels
21 November	NAT Conference Ocean Meets Regions	Brussels
22 November	16th Commission for the Environment, Climate Change and Energy (ENVE) Commission Meeting	Brussels
22 November	Workshop on Simplification of the ETC	Brussels
29 November	Science meets Regions	Brussels
30 November	126th CoR Plenary Session	Brussels

Further Events of the Committee of the Regions

1.5 European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)

Date	Event	Location
6 November	Air Traffic Management continuity in an Open and Connected Europe	Brussels
6 November	Lessons from the integration of refugees for future labour market and social policies	Brussels
8 November	Just transition to low-carbon economy	Bonn, Germany
8 November	15th meeting of the EU Domestic Advisory Group (DAG) under the EU-Korea FTA	Brussels
8 November	2nd meeting of the Joint Consultative Committee EU-Chile	Brussels
9 November	The effectiveness of EU policies for SMEs / Sofia	Sofia, Bulgaria
15 November	Boosting co-operation between all actors to implement the Paris Agreement	Bonn, Germany
15 November	Towards a policy framework to stimulate bottom-up climate actions	Bonn, Germany
15 November	How to achieve Roma integration and avoid segregation in education	Brussels
15 November	5th Meeting of the EU-Ukraine Civil Society Platform	Kiev, Ukraine
16 November	What role for social economy in the future of work?	Gothenburg, Sweden
16 November	EESC Consultative Commission on Industrial Change: 15th anniversary conference	Brussels
16-17 November	2017 Social Innovation for Refugee Inclusion	Budapest, Hungary
23-24 November	The role of EU civil society in a globalised world of communications	Madrid, Spain

27-28 November	Transition to post-2020 Europe	Budapest, Hungary
27 November	Women in Transport - EU Platform for Change	Brussels
29 November	Hearing in Budapest - The effectiveness of EU policies for SMEs	Budapest, Hungary
8 November – 8 December	Estonian wilderness	Brussels

[Further events of the European Economic and Social Committee](#)

1.6 International Relations

Date	Event	Location
24 November	Eastern Partnership Summit	Brussels
29-30 November	Africa-EU Summit	Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire
29-30 November	African Union (AU)–EU Summit	Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire

2. Conferences & Meetings

2.1 DG JRC Conferences and Events

Date	Event	Organiser	Location
6 November	Workshop at the Vehicle Emission Control Centre (VECC)	DG JRC	Beijing, China
6-9 November	2nd International Workshop on the European Atlas of Natural Radiation	DG JRC	Verbania, Italy
6-10 November	15th JRC Annual Training on Composite Indicators and Scoreboards & 2017 Annual meeting of Community of Practice.	DG JRC	Ispra, Italy
8-10 November	Danube Rectors' Conference (DRC) Annual Meeting 2017 and Danubius Award Ceremony	University of Zagreb, DRC, Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM), Austrian Federal Ministry of Science, Research and Economy (BMWFW), DG JRC	Zagreb, Croatia
14 November	Science meets Regions in Murcia	DG JRC, CoR, Murcia Region	Murcia, Spain
15-17 November	Quantitative methods for integrated food and nutrition security measurement – lessons to be learned!	DG JRC, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)	Brussels
16 November	Science meets Regions in Gabrovo	DG JRC, CoR, Municipality of Gabrovo	Gabrovo, Bulgaria
20 November	Science meets Regions in Dresden	DG JRC, Saxon State Parliament	Dresden, Germany

21-23 November	European Union Reference Laboratory for Feed Additives (EURL-FA): 2015 Workshops with National Reference Laboratories and Annual Meeting	DG JRC, EURL	Geel, Belgium
22-24 November	DYNARE Course - Identification analysis and global sensitivity analysis for Macroeconomic Models	DG JRC	Ispra, Italy
23 November	JRC Karlsruhe - 60 anniversary	DG JRC	Karlsruhe, Germany
23-24 November	JRC and ETIP SNET Workshop on Smart Grids	DG JRC, European Technology and Innovation Platform for Smart Networks for Energy Transition (ETIP SNET), FOSS Research Centre for Sustainable Energy of the University of Cyprus	Nicosia, Cyprus
28 November	Science meets Parliament 2017	DG JRC, EP (STOA)	Brussels
28-29 November	23rd MARS Conference on CAP	DG JRC, DG AGRI and the Irish Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM)	Gormanston, Ireland
29 November	Science meets Regions	CoR, DG JRC, STOA	Brussels
2 December	Science meets Parliament in Bratislava	DG JRC, CoR,	Bratislava, Slovakia
14-16 December	The 2nd International workshop on Modelling of Physical, Economic and Social Systems for Resilience Assessment	DG JRC, National Institute of Standards and Technology, US Department of Commerce (NIST), Colorado State University	Ispra

[Further upcoming DG JRC Events](#)

[Further upcoming events in the EU Newsroom Calendar](#)

2.2 Further European Conferences and Meetings

3-9 November	European Space Week	EC, Estonian Presidency of the Council of the EU	Tallinn, Estonia
6-10 November	2017 Neutron Resonance Analysis School	EC, UK Nuclear Data Network	Geel, Belgium
6-10 November	Raw materials week 2017	EC, DG JRC, DG GROWTH	Brussels
7-8 November	Annual event on public-public partnerships	EC, ERA-LEARN	Brussels
7-8 November	Digitalising Europe's aviation infrastructure	Estonian Presidency of the Council of the EU, Single European Sky ATM Research (SESAR) Joint Undertaking SJU	Tallinn, Estonia
7-8 November	11th European Forum on the rights of the child: Children deprived of their liberty and alternatives to detention	EC	Brussels
7-9 November	Occupational safety and health (OSH) conference	Estonian Presidency of the Council of the EU, Senior Labour Inspectors Committee (SLIC)	Tallinn, Estonia
8-9 November	GROW your REGION conference	EC	Valencia, Spain
8-10 November	Digital Transport Days	EC, DG MOVE, Estonian Presidency of the Council of the EU	Tallinn, Estonia

9 November	Professional services: How does regulation matter?	EC	Brussels
9-10 November	Conference/peer learning activity on the impact of national qualifications frameworks (NQFs)	European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (CEDEFOP), EC, Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI)	Thessaloniki, Greece
14-15 November	Security research, innovation and education event 2017	EC, Estonian Academy of the Security Sciences (EASS), Estonian Ministry of the Interior	Tallinn, Estonia
15 November	Citizens' dialogue in St. Vith with President of the European Commission Jean-Claude Juncker	EC	St.Vith, Belgium
16 November	The EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR)- Common Approach Shared Competences	Danube University Krems, Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM),	Krems, Austria
16 November	ERA Mobility and Career Day at Central European University (CEU)	CEU	Budapest, Hungary
16 November	Financing energy efficiency in Italy, Croatia and Slovenia	EC, Ministry of Economic Development of the Italian Republic, Italian Bank Association (ABI), UNEP Finance Initiative, Italian National Agency for New Technologies (ENEA)	Milan, Italy
16 November	EU Energy Day: Clean energy solutions for decarbonisation, economic growth and jobs	EC	Bonn, Germany
16-17 November	Clean Air Forum	EC	Paris, France
17 November	Digitising agriculture and food value chains	DG AGRI, DG RTD	Brussels
20-21 November	Broadband days 2017	EC	Brussels

20-21 November	2017 Annual Colloquium on fundamental rights	EC	Brussels
20-21 November	Meeting of the Energy and Managing Authorities Network	EC	Brussels
22-23 November	ESPAS Annual Conference 2017, Global Trends 2030	EC, European Political Strategy Centre (EPSC)	Brussels
24 November	Public hearing on European corporate bond markets	EC	Brussels
27 November	15 years anniversary of the General Food Law	EC	Brussels
27-28 November	Opening up to an ERA of social innovation	EC	Lisbon, Portugal
27 November – 1 December	9th European Innovation Summit and Innovation Week	EP	Brussels
28 November	European Tourism Day 2017: What's the future of EU tourism?	EC	Brussels
29 November- 1 December	10th Conference of the European Strategic Energy Technology Plan	Slovak Centre of Scientific and Technical Information (CVTI SR), Slovak Foreign Policy Association (SFPA) under the auspices of the Estonian Presidency of the Council of the EU	Bratislava, Slovakia
30 November	Financing energy efficiency in Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia and Lithuania	Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (EASME), Ministry of Energy of Poland, the National Fund for Environmental Protection and Water Management (NFOS) and the UN Environment Finance Initiative	Warsaw, Poland

2.3 International Conferences and events

Date	Event	Organiser	Location
6-17 November	UN Climate Change Conference: twenty-third Conference of the Parties (COP 23)	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change	Bonn, Germany
7-8 November	European Council of Academies of Applied Sciences (Euro-CASE) Annual Conference 2017: Cybersecurity	Euro-CASE	Poznan, Poland
7-11 November	World Science Forum 2017	Royal Scientific Society of Jordan, Hungarian Academy of Sciences (MTA), International Council for Science (ICSU), UNESCO	Dead Sea, Jordan
8 November	The Future of Healthcare in the Age of Digitalization	Antall József Knowledge Centre, Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies	Brussels
12-17 November	27th International Photovoltaic Science and Engineering Conference	The Japan Society of Applied Physics, Research Institute for Applied Sciences	Otsu, Japan
16-18 November	2017 EU-US Frontiers of Engineering Symposium	National Academy of Engineering	Davis, USA
20-21 September	OECD Observatory of Public Sector Innovation (OPSI) Conference: Innovation in Government: The New Normal	OPSI, OECD, DG RTD	Paris, France
23-24 November	European Academies Science Advisory Council (EASAC) Meeting	EASAC	Sofia, Bulgaria
23-24 November	The Annual Forum 2017 of the EU Strategy for the Alpine Region (EUSALP)	EUSALP	Munich, Germany

24 November	The Digital Transformation of Europe - How the Internet of Things, 5G and artificial intelligence will change Europe	Huawei, Science Business	Brussels
25-28 November	World Bosai Forum IDRC 2017	Sendai City, Tohoku University, IRIDeS, Global Risk Forum GRF Davos	Sendai, Japan
7-8 December	Science Forum South Africa 2017	Department of Science and Technology of the Republic of South Africa	Pretoria, South Africa
12-15 December	European Fuel Cell Technology & Applications	Italian National Agency for New Technologies (ENEA), University of Naples, University of Perugia, Atena Future Technology,	Naples, Italy
21-26 January	Arctic Frontiers 2018-Connecting the Arctic	Arcticfrontiers	Tromsø, Norway

3. DG JRC News

2016	<u>DG JRC Annual Report</u>
November	<u>DG JRC Newsletter November 2017</u>
Open	<u>Open access to JRC Research Infrastructures - Call</u>
Open	<u>The EU is recruiting researchers - Call for expressions of interest</u>
Open	<u>Call for Expression of Interest to participate to JRC's Institutional History Project (iHiP): Arts-booklet, Story-telling and Exhibition initiatives</u>

October Highlights

29 September - 5 October

[Art Spaces. Nuclear Decommissioning: the science at the service of the future generation](#)

52 artists presented their artworks related to nuclear decommissioning activities (starting with the drums used in nuclear decommissioning for waste). The opening ceremony took place on Friday 29th of September at the

presence of Italian authorities, artists and former JRC colleagues. Pietro Pirelli (a famous Italian artist for ArtScience) organised a laser-sound show for the occasion. The exhibition lasted two weeks and was open to the public during the weekends.

4 October

[The Migration 'Crisis': the state of play and the way forward](#)

Dr. Demetri Papademetriou, President of Migration Policy Institute Europe and Convener of the Transatlantic Council on Migration held the lunchtime lecture. Dr. Papademetriou, a world famous scholar on migration and related matters, provided policy advice to leaders and governments all over the world. His frank analysis, insights and policy advice had been highly relevant for many parts of the Commission and the EEAS. An interesting discussion ensued.

4 October

[Next-generation sequencing technologies and antimicrobial resistance](#)

The Joint Research Centre recently hosted a workshop focusing on the fight against antimicrobial resistance. An important conclusion was that the steps of the procedure across the different disciplines (human health, veterinary health, food control and environmental monitoring) need to be harmonised. As a direct result, the JRC organised a meeting to discuss the following points: how do genetic determinants of AMR (and their associated risks) spread among people, animals, the food chain and the environment? How can we develop a harmonised benchmark strategy (with the associated data and criteria to be used) for bioinformatics pipelines that are used to identify the genetic determinants of AMR in a sequenced sample.

4 October

[Indicators for climate extremes and socio-economic impacts under different emission targets](#)

Building on a Future Earth workshop on “Extreme Events and Environments” and a WCRP workshop on “Addressing the Challenge of Compound Events”, this workshop aimed at providing practical discussion on climate-related impacts to be expected for different emission scenarios, knowledge gaps and indicators that can facilitate decision-making on climate risk mitigation and adaptation planning across various sectors.

6 October

[60 years of JRC Ispra Ceremony](#)

On 6 October 2017, the JRC celebrated its 60th anniversary with a ceremony organised together with the Italian Civil Protection and the Italian Fire Brigade. Under the theme of civil protection, the celebration highlighted the importance of collaboration with national authorities. It showcased what the JRC and the EU do to help Italy on priority issues like disaster risk management to build resistance against earthquakes, floods, forest fires and landslides. The 60th anniversary ceremony was attended by representatives of the Lombardy Region, Italian Civil Protection, Fire Brigade, as well as around 700 students from neighbouring schools. Music of the orchestras of the European School of Varese and of the Italian Carabinieri provided the background to a breathtaking parachute display by the Carabinieri. The JRC and the Lombardy Region also agreed to strengthen their scientific collaboration in the service of the citizens of the region. "Lombardy, which hosts the Ispra Site, is one of the most important regional players in Europe for science and innovation. That is why we will shortly sign a formal agreement to strengthen our scientific cooperation", said Charlina Vitcheva, Deputy Director-General of the JRC. The JRC celebrates its 60th anniversary together with the European Union. Established with the signature of the Euratom Treaty in 1957, the JRC has come a long way from its beginnings as a nuclear research centre in 1959. Since the 1980s, the focus of JRC work has been shifting to new areas in order to keep pace with the European Commission's political priorities and the emerging societal issues in the EU. A large part of the JRC's work is now focused on

environmental issues, health and prevention, energy and transport issues, growth and innovation. More recently, the JRC has expanded its research to new areas such as migration and demography. You can view a video of the JRC Ispra celebration [here](#).

9-10 October

[XXth Edoardo Amaldi Conference have been dedicated to 60 years of the IAEA Atoms for Peace and Development and Euratom Treaty](#)

In the framework of their ongoing cooperation, the Joint Research Centre (JRC) and the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei have organised the XXth Edoardo Amaldi Conference- International Cooperation for Enhancing Nuclear Safety, Security, Safeguards and Non-Proliferation- 60 Years IAEA Atoms for Peace and Development and Euratom Treaty. The XXth Edoardo Amaldi Conference provided an important forum for experts and scientists to discuss different approaches, and promoted progress towards enhanced nuclear safety, security, safeguards and non-proliferation.

9-12 October

[15th European Week of Regions and Cities](#)

In 2017, the European Week of Regions and Cities program reached its 15th birthday. It has been a moment of both looking back and looking forward, whilst tackling the challenges that the EU regional and urban policy ought to address, as of today, and over the coming years. The debate on Europe's future was kick-started by the Rome Treaties' Anniversary (in March) and will continue to unfold throughout 2017. The European Week of Regions and Cities has been an opportunity for EU regions and cities to contribute to this debate and to feed into the political mainstream examples and inputs from the regional and urban angle to shape Europe's future. Moreover, the European Week discussed the Cohesion Report and the EU multiannual financial framework 2020-2026, and thus was a key platform for gathering and presenting the views of the regions and cities on both the budget and the subsequent legislative proposals with regard to cohesion policy and rural development. Europe's regions and cities face major challenges with profound consequences, such as adaptation to globalisation and to a new wave of automation in the workplace, as well as an urgent need to integrate migrant populations. These challenges can be turned into opportunities for economic and social progress, provided that the right policies and programmes are implemented at all levels.

18 October

[The 25th anniversary of the 'MARS Crop Monitoring and Yield Forecasting Bulletins' conference](#)

The conference was an occasion to highlight the broader role of agricultural monitoring systems, how monitoring underpins production forecasts, and how they contribute to market transparency from a regional to global context. It provided an opportunity to review and challenge today's approach and methodology that developed over the past 25 years with respect to rapid developments in the agricultural sector, climate change, and the quality of agricultural statistics as a backbone of forecasting activities. The day had been structured along three sessions: 'Information and market transparency'; 'Global to regional forecasting capacities'; 'Future challenges and opportunities'. You can view the new version of JRC MARS Explorer [here](#).

20 October

[2nd JRC Science Café: "Global issues, local impact" Smart Cities](#)

As part of the Manchester European City of Science initiatives, the JRC together with Manchester Metropolitan University presented for the second time a unique communication initiative: a Science Café, entitled "Global Science Local Impact". Participants were able to join for an immersive and engaging debate about how to meet Manchester's future energy demands. They could discover how scientists from the European Commission rose to

the challenge of keeping Europe's lights on and what this could mean for Manchester's future as a world of biofuels and next-generation batteries is explored. The players were able to experience interactive art and hands-on performances inspired by the science of smart cities. But most importantly, they could be part of Manchester's future as a world-leading, sustainable city.

25 October

Launch of the Community of Practice in Financial Research

The Community of Practice in Financial Research (CoPFiR) is a community established by the European Commission's Joint Research Centre to strengthen the relationship between scientists and European policy makers. CoPFiR promote research and collaboration on topics linked to Commission's priorities, such as financial stability, with a well-functioning Banking Union, and capital markets, with the establishment of a Capital Markets Union. The Community is currently composed of 19 European universities and associations of universities, and the initiative remains open to additional interested academic institutions. CopFir was launched on October 25th at the European Commission's Berlaymont building (Salle Jean Rey). The event brought together CoPFiR partners, policy makers from interested Directorates-General of the European Commission and representatives from other relevant non-academic institutions and highlighted current policy priorities and discussed related research opportunities.

25 October

Railways of the future

To address the challenges faced by the European railway industry with a focus on passenger experience, innovation and security, the Joint Research Centre (JRC), together with the European Standardisation Organisations CEN and CENELEC organised a workshop on "Railways of the future". The output of the event allow to adjust standardization priorities and implementation roadmaps.

26 October

Launch of the European Commission's Competence Centre on Modelling

The European Commission uses modelling to assess the future environmental, economic, and social impacts of policy options and policy initiatives. Models are also used in other phases of the policy cycle, for instance to support policy implementation or to provide ad-hoc policy support. Increasing focus on quantification of EU policy generates demand for transversal and robust approaches. The Competence Centre on Modelling promotes a responsible, coherent and transparent use of modelling to underpin the evidence base for EU policies. It contributes to the Commission's Better Regulation policy, to the Inter-Institutional Agreement on Better Law Making, and to the Communication on Data, Information and Knowledge Management at the European Commission. The Competence Centre leverages the modelling capacity and competences across the Commission and beyond. Starting with a Commission-wide modelling inventory, it supports a proper documentation, use, and reuse of models by making available years of experience in the area of baseline scenarios, uncertainty analysis and sensitivity analysis, and social multi-criteria evaluation. It further helps identifying common approaches to quality and transparency of model use, and establishes a Community of Practice on Modelling.

The purpose of the event was to bring together policymakers, analysts and researchers from the European Commission, international organisations, think tanks and academia, to discuss the role of modelling as a source for quantitative evidence in the European policy process. The Community of Practice on Modelling, in which model developers and users in the Commission were invited to participate, has been the forum for the exchange of modelling-related knowledge and best practices. In collaboration with the Community of Practice, the Competence Centre will promote the use of multi-disciplinary and integrated modelling approaches to cater for the increasing overlap between different policy areas.

27 October

[Launch of the JRC Report 'Science for the African Union - EU Partnership: building knowledge for sustainable development'](#)

The Joint Research Centre's report on Science for the AU-EU Partnership: building knowledge for sustainable development' was launched on 27 October 2017. The JRC has more than 30 years of experience of scientific and technical collaboration with many African organisations and institutions. These activities cover a wide thematic scope (including the environment, agriculture and food security, energy, early warning systems, and maritime security, to name a few) and support several EU policies, in particular development cooperation, as well as global commitments such as the UN 2030 Agenda. This work is anchored in the African Union–European Union (AU-EU) Partnership, established in 2000, and the Joint Africa-EU Strategy (JAES) adopted in 2007 within this framework.

Ahead of the fifth AU-EU Summit, which is scheduled to take place on 29-30 November 2017, this report presents scientific evidence showing important changes and trends in Africa, and analyses challenges and opportunities. The report is structured around the four main priority areas of the 2030 Agenda: People, Planet, Prosperity and Peace. The purpose of the launch event has been to present this wide-ranging research work and to engage a discussion with policymakers, scientists and other stakeholders. The event was a good occasion to reiterate the importance of the AUC-JRC scientific and technical cooperation and could be a starting point for discussions on future collaborations

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