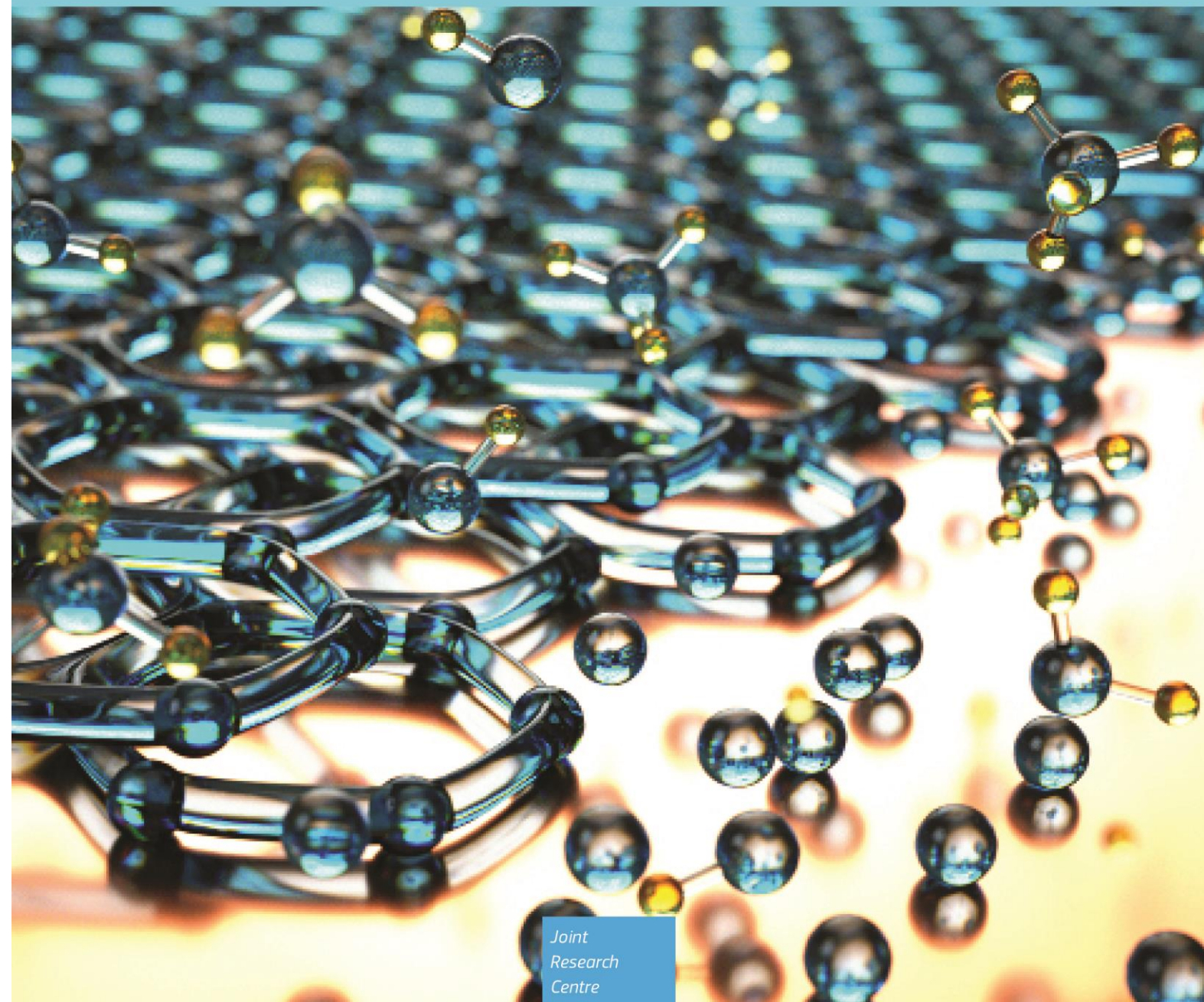




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# 1. Activities of the European Institutions

## 1.1 European Commission

Date	Event	Subject
<a href="#">All meetings of the College of Commissioners</a>		

## 1.2 Council

Date	Event	Venue/Location
3 February	<a href="#">Informal meeting of EU Heads of State or Government</a>	Valletta, Malta
6 February	<a href="#">Foreign Affairs Council</a>	Brussels
7 February	<a href="#">General Affairs Council</a>	Brussels
17 February	<a href="#">Education, Youth, Culture and Sports Council</a>	Brussels
20 February	<a href="#">Competitiveness Council</a>	Brussels
21 February	<a href="#">Economic and Financial Affairs Council</a>	Brussels
27 February	<a href="#">Transport, Telecommunications and Energy Council</a>	Brussels
28 February	<a href="#">Environment Council</a>	Brussels
2-3 March	<a href="#">Informal Meeting of Trade Ministers</a>	Valletta, Malta
6 March	<a href="#">Foreign Affairs Council</a>	Brussels
7 March	<a href="#">General Affairs Council</a>	Brussels

8 March	<a href="#">Tripartite Social Summit</a>	Brussels
9-10 March	<a href="#">European Council</a>	Brussels
<a href="#">All meetings of the Council</a>		

## 1.3 European Parliament

### Plenary Sessions

Date	Event	Subjects	Venue/Location
1-2 February	<a href="#">EP Plenary</a>	<i>Among others: State of the Energy Union-Commission statement; situation in South Sudan &amp; Rule of law crisis in the Democratic Republic of Congo and in Gabon- statement by the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Federica Mogherini; zero tolerance for female genital mutilation-Commission statement; sustainable management of external fishing fleets; biological low risk pesticides; implementation of Erasmus+; an integrated approach to Sport Policy: good governance, accessibility and integrity; cross-border aspects of adoptions;</i>	Brussels

### Committee Meetings

2 February	<a href="#">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</a>	<i>Agenda not yet available</i>	Brussels
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6 February	<a href="#">Committee on Development</a>	<i>Among others: Announcements by the Commission; impact of international trade and the EU's trade policies on global value chains; financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union; humanitarian situation in Myanmar</i>	Brussels
6 February	<a href="#">Subcommittee on Security and Defence</a>	<i>Among others: With the Council and Commission and EEAS: presentation of the study "Russia's national security strategy and military doctrine and their implications for the EU"; exchange of views with Isabelle Facon, Research Director, "Fondation pour la Recherche Stratégique" (FRS), and "Ecole Polytechnique", (Paris); the increasing Russian influence in the South Caucasus- new developments; exchange of views with: Herbert Salber, EU Special Representative for the South Caucasus and the crisis in Georgia, EEAS; Natalie Sabanadze, Ambassador of Georgia to the EU; Amanda Paul, Senior Policy Analyst, European Policy Centre, Brussels</i>	Brussels
6 February	<a href="#">Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs</a>	<i>Among others: Monetary Dialogue with Mario Draghi, President of the European Central Bank; European Semester for economic policy coordination: Annual Growth Survey 2017; Annual Report on the Financial Activities of the European Investment Bank;</i>	Brussels
6 February	<a href="#">Committee on Industry, Research and Energy</a>	<i>Among others: Workshop on EU energy independence, security of supply and diversification of sources; the Review of the Framework for Electronic Communication, Presentation by Director Anthony Whelan, European Commission;</i>	Brussels
6 February	<a href="#">Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection</a>	<i>Among others: European Electronic Communications Code (Recast); EU eGovernment action plan 2016-2020; digitising European industry; Internet connectivity for growth, competitiveness and cohesion: European gigabit society and 5G; A longer lifetime for products: benefits for consumers and companies; cooperation between national authorities responsible for the enforcement of consumer protection laws;</i>	Brussels

6 February	<a href="#">Committee on Regional Development</a>	<i>Among others: Annual Report on the control of the financial activities of the EIB for 2015; the management of the fishing fleets in the Outermost Regions; workshop on Technical Assistance in Cohesion Policy (organised by the Policy Department for Structural and Cohesion Policies); promotion of Internet connectivity in local communities; internet connectivity for growth, competitiveness and cohesion: European gigabit society and 5G; assessment of Horizon 2020 implementation in view of its interim evaluation and the Framework Programme 9 proposal;</i>	Brussels
6 February	<a href="#">Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality</a>	<i>Agenda not yet available</i>	Brussels
6 February	<a href="#">Committee on Employment and Social Affairs</a>	<i>Among others: European Semester for economic policy coordination: employment and social aspects in the Annual Growth Survey 2017;</i>	Brussels
9 February	<a href="#">Committee on Foreign Affairs</a>	<i>Agenda not yet available</i>	Brussels
9 February	<a href="#">Committee of Inquiry into Emission Measurements in the Automotive Sector</a>	<i>Among others: Exchange of views with Ms Elżbieta Bieńkowska, Commissioner for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs; report on the inquiry into emission measurements in the automotive sector; draft recommendations following the inquiry on emission measurements in the automotive sector;</i>	Brussels
9 February	<a href="#">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</a>	<i>Among others: Public hearing on "The role of lawyers, accountants and bankers in Panama Papers"</i>	Brussels

9 February	<a href="#">Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection</a>	<i>Among others: Approval and market surveillance of motor vehicles and their trailers, and of systems, components and separate technical units intended for such vehicles; rules on the exercise of copyright and related rights applicable to certain online transmissions of broadcasting organisations and retransmissions of television and radio programmes; exchange of views with Elżbieta Bieńkowska, Commissioner responsible for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, on the Services Package: "A services economy that works for Europeans"; posting of workers in the framework of the provision of services; Presentation of the Study: - European Digital Guarantee</i>	Brussels
9 February	<a href="#">Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs</a>	<i>Agenda not yet available</i>	Brussels
27-28 February	<a href="#">Committee on Industry, Research and Energy</a>	<i>Agenda not yet available</i>	Brussels
27-28 February	<a href="#">Committee on International Trade</a>	<i>Agenda not yet available</i>	Brussels
27-28 February	<a href="#">Committee on Transport and Tourism</a>	<i>Agenda not yet available</i>	Brussels
27-28 February	<a href="#">Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development</a>	<i>Agenda not yet available</i>	Brussels

[All European Parliament Committee Meetings](#)

## 1.4 Committee of the Regions (CoR)

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Venue/Location</b>
1 February	<a href="#">Commission for the Environment, Climate Change and Energy (ENVE)</a>	Brussels
2 February	<a href="#">12th Natural Resources (NAT) Commission Meeting</a>	Brussels

2 February	<a href="#">Town hall debate - rEUnion: Reflecting on Europe</a>	Valletta, Malta
3 February	<a href="#">Cross-border crisis management and natural disasters</a>	Brussels
4 February	<a href="#">Citizens' debate - Reflecting on the future of Europe</a>	Jasionka, Poland
7 February	<a href="#">Investing in Europe: building a coalition of smart cities &amp; regions</a>	Brussels
8-9 February	<a href="#">121st CoR Plenary Session</a>	Brussels
9 February	<a href="#">Political Leadership in the EU</a>	Brussels
9 February	<a href="#">Next steps for a sustainable European future - European action for sustainability" COM(2016) 739 final - invitation to a Stakeholder consultation by Rapporteur Franco Iacop (IT/PES)</a>	Brussels
10 February	<a href="#">Challenges for Atlantic Cities on the Eve of Brexit</a>	Brussels
14 February	<a href="#">YouthMetre</a>	Brussels
22 February	<a href="#">8<sup>th</sup> ARLEM (Euro-Mediterranean Regional and Local Assembly) Plenary Session</a>	Brussels
28 February	<a href="#">The role of local and regions authorities in preventing corruption and promoting good governance</a>	Brussels
9-12 October	<a href="#">15th European Week of Regions and Cities</a>	Brussels

[Further events of the Committee of the Regions](#)

## 1.5 European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Venue/Location</b>
1 February	<a href="#">Artificial intelligence &amp; Society</a>	Brussels
1 February	<a href="#">8th meeting of the EU Advisory Group for the EU-Central America Association Agreement</a>	Brussels



6 February	<a href="#">Improving the effectiveness of EU policies for SMEs</a>	Brussels
7 February	<a href="#">Investing in Europe: building a coalition of smart cities &amp; regions</a>	Malta
8 February	<a href="#">13th meeting of the EU DAG under the EU-Korea FTA</a>	
14 February	<a href="#">The situation of refugees and migrants with disabilities</a>	Brussels
16 February	<a href="#">New economy models and social innovation: an opportunity for a better Europe</a>	Brussels
16 February	<a href="#">Second meeting of the EU-Georgia Civil Society Platform</a>	Brussels
1 March	<a href="#">Towards an EU strategy for international cultural relations</a>	Brussels
2-3 March	<a href="#">European Migration Forum – 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting</a>	Brussels
21 March	<a href="#">European Consumer Day 2017</a>	Brussels
30-31 March	<a href="#">Your Europe, Your Say! 2017</a>	Brussels

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

## 1.6 International Relations

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Venue/Location</b>
14-15 March	EU-CELAC JIRI Senior Officials Meeting	Brussels
29-30 November	<a href="#">Africa-EU Summit</a>	Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire (tbc)

## 2. Conferences & Meetings

### 2.1 DG JRC Conferences and Meetings

Date	Event	Organiser	Venue/Location
8 February	<a href="#">Citizen Science and Open Data: a model for Invasive Alien Species in Europe</a>	DG JRC, COST	Brussels
28 February-2 March	EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR) Priority Area 6 Task Force on Air Quality: 3rd Plenary Meeting	DG JRC, EUSDR	Belgrade, Serbia
1-2 March	<a href="#">Workshop on investment vehicles and financial instruments supporting technology transfer and innovation</a>	EC	Belgrade, Serbia
8 March	Synergies between European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) & Research and Innovation Funding: The Stairway to Excellence	DG JRC	Brussels
9 March	<a href="#">Workshop IPR, Technology Transfer &amp; Open Science– Challenges and opportunities</a>	DG JRC, DG RTD	Brussels
13-14 March	First international workshop on the European union raw materials information system conference COST Action IS1408 (6-7/02/2017)	DG JRC	Ispra, Italy
16-17 March	<a href="#">Disaster Risk Management Knowledge Centre Workshop: Protection of critical infrastructures</a>	DG JRC	Brussels
20-22 March	<a href="#">Soil Erosion Modelling workshop</a>	DG JRC	Ispra, Italy
28-30 March	Technical Reachback Workshop to Combat Nuclear Terrorism	DG JRC, Nuclear Detection Working Group of the Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism (GICNT)	Ispra, Italy
16-19 May	<a href="#">1<sup>st</sup> International JRC Summer School on Alternative Approaches for Risk assessment</a>	DG JRC	Ispra, Italy

4-9 June	<a href="#">14th International Workshop on Separation Phenomena in Liquids and Gases (SPLG 2017)</a>	DG JRC, EC	Stesa, Italy
27-29 September	<a href="#">CONCORDi 2017: Innovation and Industrial Dynamics: Challenges for the next decade</a>	DG JRC, OECD	Seville, Spain
<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

1 February	<a href="#">1st Workshop on the Implementation of the Evidence-based Training</a>	EC	Cologne, Germany
2 February	<a href="#">Working with nature for disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation</a>	EC	Online
3 February	<a href="#">European Event on Violence against Women</a>	EC, Maltese Presidency of the Council of the EU	St. Julians, Malta
6 February	<a href="#">EP workshop: Budgetary control of financing NGOs from the EU budget</a>	EP	Brussels
6 February	<a href="#">EP workshop: EU energy independence, security of supply and diversification of sources</a>	EP	Brussels
6-10 February	<a href="#">Humanitarian Network and Partnership Week</a>	Swiss Government, United Kingdom's Department of International Development (DFID), UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)	Geneva, Switzerland

8-9 February	<a href="#">Law Enforcement Authorities and Expertise Competent in the Field of Cultural Goods (EU CULTNET)</a>	Maltese Presidency of the Council of the EU, Malta and Netherlands Police Forces	Sliema, Malta
8-9 February	<a href="#">Valletta Joint Action Plan: Senior Officials Meeting</a>	Maltese Presidency of the Council of the EU	St. Julian's, Malta
8-9 February	<a href="#">Frontex 63rd Management Board Meeting</a>	EC, Maltese Presidency of the Council of the EU	St. Julian's, Malta
9 February	<a href="#">Workshop on nanotechnologies and advanced materials for regional growth – the challenge of upscaling</a>	EC	Brussels
9 February	<a href="#">EP hearing on prisons' systems and conditions in the EU</a>	EP	Brussels
10 February	<a href="#">EU4Business in Ukraine</a>	EIB	Kiev, Ukraine
14 February	<a href="#">Opening plenary: Collaborative economy in the tourism accommodation sector</a>	EC	Brussels
14-15 February	<a href="#">CANCON Joint Action (Final Conference Of The Joint Action On Comprehensive Cancer Control)</a>	EC, Maltese Presidency of the Council of the EU	St. Julian's, Malta
16-17 February	<a href="#">High-level event on quantum technologies</a>	EC, Maltese Presidency of the Council of the EU	Balzan, Malta
16-17 February	<a href="#">Informal Meeting of the Strategic Committee on Immigration, Frontiers and Asylum (SCIFA)</a>	Maltese Presidency of the Council of the EU	St. Julian's, Malta

17 February	<a href="#">Quantum Europe 2017: Towards the Quantum Technologies Flagship</a>	EC, Maltese Presidency of the Council of the EU	Balzan, Malta
20 February	<a href="#">Fact-finding mission of the European Parliament PANA committee to Malta</a>	EP	Valetta, Malta
21-13 February	<a href="#">CEPOL training: Online smuggling – Trafficking from customs perspective</a>	EC	Budapest, Hungary
22 February	<a href="#">Expert Group Technical Meeting on Childhood Obesity</a>	Maltese Presidency of the Council of the EU	Sliema, Malta
22-23 February	<a href="#">Informal Meeting of the Social Protection Committee</a>	Maltese Presidency of the Council of the EU	Qawra, Malta
22-23 February	<a href="#">CoR Bureau Meeting</a>	CoR, Maltese Presidency of the Council of the EU	St. Julian's, Malta
23 February	<a href="#">High Level Ministerial Conference on LGBTIQ Road Map</a>	Maltese Presidency of the Council of the EU	St. Julian's, Malta
23-24 February	<a href="#">Heads of Medicines Agencies Meeting (HMA)</a>	HMA, Maltese Presidency of the Council of the EU	Valetta, Malta
23-24 February	<a href="#">European public opinion survey on vocational education and training</a>	EC	Thessaloniki, Greece
27 February- 3 March	<a href="#">CEPOL training: Follow the money – Financial investigations</a>	EC	Hungary, Budapest
28 February	<a href="#">2017 European social innovation competition – Launch event</a>	EC	Athens, Greece

28 February	<a href="#">European Industry Day</a>	EC	Brussels, Belgium
4 May	<a href="#">Ministerial Conference on Strengthening Euro-Mediterranean Cooperation Through Research and Innovation</a>	EC, Maltese Presidency of the Council	Valletta, Malta

## 2.3 International Conferences

Date	Event	Organiser	Venue/Location
6-7 February	<a href="#">Industrially Contaminated Sites and Health Network - 3rd Plenary Conference COST Action IS1408</a>	European Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST)	Thessaloniki, Greece
13-16 February	<a href="#">EUSALP- General Assembly</a>	EUSALP	Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Austria
16-20 February	<a href="#">AAAS 2017 Annual Conference</a>	American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)	Boston, US
22-24 February 2017	<a href="#">World Ocean Summit</a>	The Economist	Bali, Indonesia
22-26 February	<a href="#">International Conference on Human and Organizational Aspects of Assuring Nuclear Safety – Exploring 30 Years of Safety Culture</a>	IAEA	Vienna, Austria
1-2 March	<a href="#">24th Global Nursing &amp; Healthcare Conference</a>	iMedPub LLC and Conference Series Ltd	Amsterdam, the Netherlands
1-5 March	<a href="#">European Congress of Radiology ECR 2017</a>	European Society of Radiology	Vienna, Austria
2-4 March	<a href="#">37th European Workshop for Rheumatology Research</a>	National and Kapodistrian University of Athens and Biomedical Research Foundation, Academy of Athens (BRFAA)	Athens, Greece
12-16 March	<a href="#">56th Annual Meeting of the Society of Toxicology (SOT)</a>	SOT	Baltimore, USA
14-16 March	<a href="#">11th International Renewable Energy Storage Conference IRES 2017</a>	Eurosolar	Düsseldorf, Germany
15-16 March	<a href="#">Floating Offshore Wind Turbines (FOWT 2017)</a>	France Energie Éolienne; Le Pôle Mer Méditerranée; CCI Marseille Provence	Marseille, France

20-24 March	<a href="#">Land and Poverty Conference 2017: Responsible Land Governance—Towards an Evidence Based Approach</a>	The World Bank	Washington D.C., USA
22 March	<a href="#">S20 Dialogue Forum with the Science and Research Community</a>	G20	Halle, Germany
30 March	<a href="#">Think BDPST</a>	Antall József Knowledge Centre, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary	Budapest, Hungary
26 April	<a href="#">W20 Dialogue Forum with Women in Business, Science and Society</a>	W20	Berlin, Germany
19-20 May	<a href="#">Meeting of G20 Health Ministers</a>	G20	Berlin, Germany
22-26 May	<a href="#">The 2017 Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction</a>	UNISDR	Cancun, Mexico
26-27 May	G7 Summit	G7	Taormina, Italy
18-23 June	<a href="#">STARMUS IV Festival</a>	Norwegian University of Science and Technology, The Research Council of Norway	Trondheim Norway
27-29 June	<a href="#">Summer Davos: Annual Meeting of the New Champions- Technological Innovation and Sustainable Development</a>	World Economic Forum	Dalian, China
7-8 July	<a href="#">G20 Summit of Heads of State and Government</a>	G20	Hamburg, Germany

## 3. DG JRC News

2015	<a href="#">DG JRC Annual Report</a>
2015	<a href="#">Overview of the scientific process of the EU Agencies network for scientific advice (EU-ANSA)</a>
January	<a href="#">DG JRC Newsletter January 2017</a>
Open	<a href="#">The EU is recruiting researchers - Call for expressions of interest</a>
Open (deadline 15 March 2017)	<a href="#">Call for Expression of Interest for Collaborative Doctoral Partnership (CDP) scheme to higher education institutions</a>
Open (deadline 6 March 2017)	<a href="#">Call for Expression of Interest to participate to JRC's Institutional History Project (iHiP): Arts-booklet, Story-telling and Exhibition initiatives.</a>

### January Highlights

#### 18 January

#### [Opening Ceremony of the 2017 Maltese Presidency in Italy](#)

The opening ceremony of the "European Semester" is an important event that takes place during the 6 months of the EU Presidency for each Country. As regards the Maltese's ceremony, it consisted of the raising of the Maltese flag, accompanied by speeches made by the outgoing semester President, the incoming President, the JRC Director of Resources, the JRC Deputy Director-General, the Maltese Ambassador and the local authorities such as the Mayor of Ispra. A Maltese folk dance performance by 'Astra Folk Group' took place.

The ceremony will be followed by a reception offering typical Maltese food and drinks

#### 26-27 January

#### [Conference XXIV Public Economics Meeting](#)

The JRC co-organised the XXIVth edition of the "Encuentro de Economía Pública" ("Public Economics Meeting") together with the Instituto de Estudios Fiscales and the University of Castilla-La Mancha. This event took place on the 26-27th January 2017, at the Faculty of Law and Social Sciences of the University of Castilla-La Mancha at Toledo (Spain). This international conference on public economics focused on fiscal policy, growth, regional and health economics.

#### [All DG JRC news](#)



