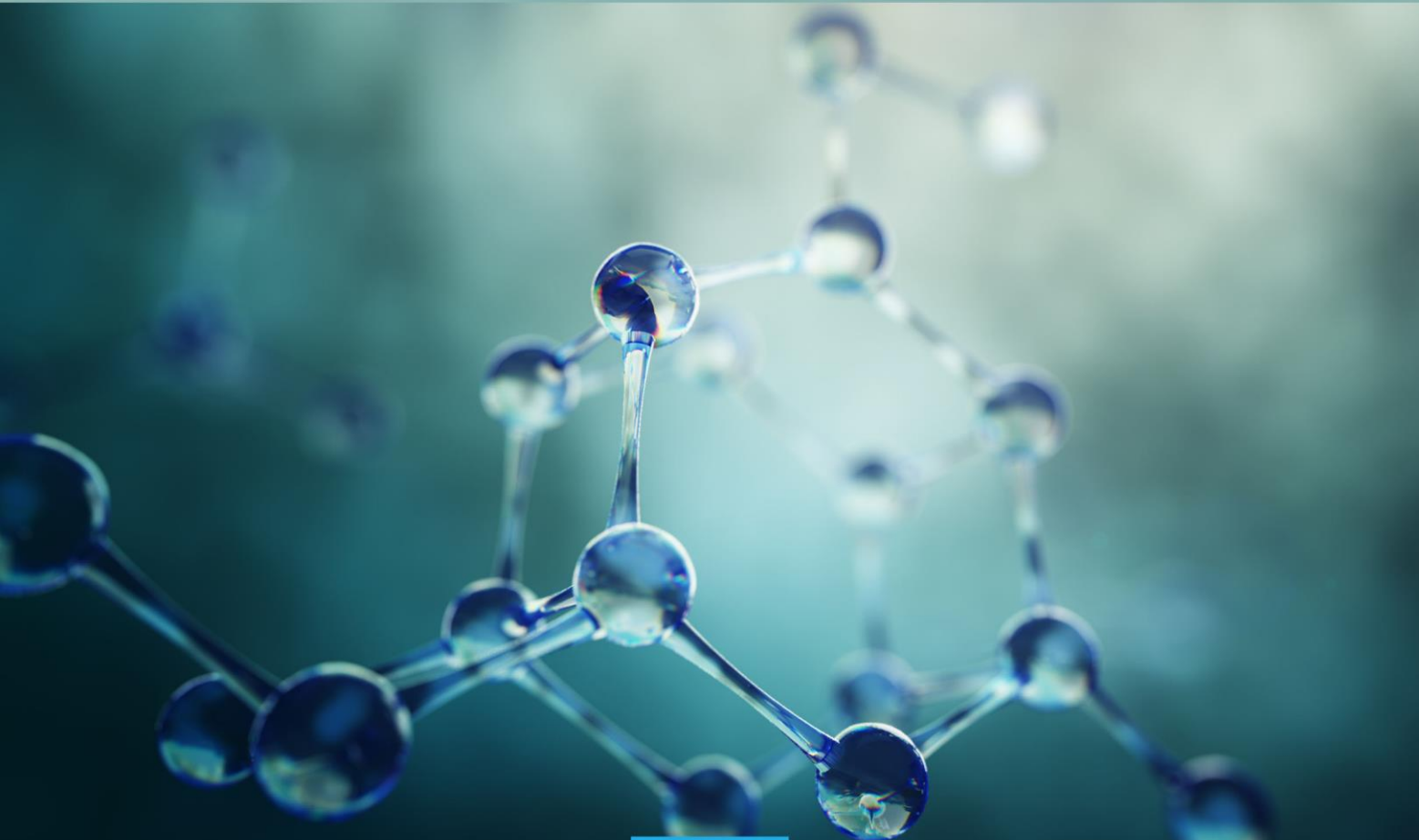




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# 1. Activities of the European Institutions

## 1.1 European Commission

Date	Event	Subject
6 November	<a href="#">College Meeting</a>	<i>Among others: Oral information on the autumn economic forecast- Oral statement by Executive Vice President-Designate Valdis Dombrovskis and Commissioner Pierre Moscovici.</i>

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

## 1.2 Council

Date	Event	Location
7 November	<a href="#">Eurogroup</a>	Brussels
8 November	<a href="#">Economic and Financial Affairs Council</a>	Brussels
8 November	<a href="#">Education, Youth, Culture and Sports Council</a>	Brussels
11 November	<a href="#">EU-Uzbekistan Cooperation Council</a>	Brussels
11 November	<a href="#">Foreign Affairs Council</a>	Brussels
12 November	<a href="#">Foreign Affairs Council (Defence)</a>	Brussels
15 November	<a href="#">Economic and Financial Affairs Council</a>	Brussels
18 November	<a href="#">Agriculture and Fisheries Council</a>	Brussels
19 November	<a href="#">General Affairs Council</a>	Brussels
21 November	<a href="#">Foreign Affairs Council (Trade)</a>	Brussels

21-22 November	<a href="#">Education, Youth, Culture and Sports Council</a>	Brussels
25 November	<a href="#">Foreign Affairs Council (Development)</a>	Brussels
28-29 November	<a href="#">Competitiveness Council</a>	Brussels
2-3 December	<a href="#">Justice and Home Affairs Council</a>	Brussels
2-4 December	<a href="#">Transport, Telecommunications and Energy Council (Transport)</a>	Brussels
<a href="#">All meetings of the Council</a>		

## 1.3 European Parliament

### Plenary Sessions

Date	Event	Subjects	Location
13-14 November	<a href="#">Plenary</a>	<i>Among others: 30th Anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall in the presence of Wolfgang Schäuble, President of the German Bundestag, followed by one round of political group speakers; Turkish drilling activities in EU waters in the Eastern Mediterranean- statement by the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Federica Mogherini; children rights in occasion of the 30th anniversary of the Convention of the Rights of the Child- Council and Commission statements; situation in Bolivia- statement by the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Federica Mogherini; international day to end impunity for crimes against journalists- Council and Commission statements; Resurgence of Ebola in East Africa-</i>	Brussels

		<i>Commission statement; situation of migrants in Bosnia, in particular in Bihać-Council and Commission statements; situation in the hotspots on the Greek islands, in particular the case of Moria-Council and Commission statements;</i>	
25-28 November	<a href="#">Plenary</a>	<i>Among others: 2019 UN Climate Change Conference in Santiago de Chile (COP25)-oral questions; EU accession to the Istanbul Convention and other measures to combat gender-based violence-Council and Commission statements; measures to address the impact on European agriculture of the WTO ruling on the Airbus dispute-Commission statement; Preparation of the European Council meeting of 12 and 13 December 2019-Council and Commission statements; address by Oleg Sentsov, Sakharov Prize Laureate 2018; debates on foreign affairs issues in the presence of the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Federica Mogherini; 2020 budgetary procedure; presentation by the Commission President-elect Ursula von der Leyen of the College of Commissioners and their programme; election of the Commission; on-going negotiations for a new EU-ACP Partnership Agreement-oral questions; debates on cases of breaches of human rights, democracy and the rule of law;</i>	Strasbourg
7 November	<a href="#">Committee on Foreign Affairs</a>	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
7 November	<a href="#">Committee on Development</a>	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
7 November	<a href="#">Committee on International Trade</a>	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
7 November	<a href="#">Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety</a>	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels

7 November	<a href="#">Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs</a>	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
11-12 November	<a href="#">Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs</a>	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
11-12 November	<a href="#">Committee on Budgetary Control</a>	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
11-12 November	<a href="#">Committee on Fisheries</a>	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
11-12 November	<a href="#">Committee on Petitions</a>	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
11-12 November	<a href="#">Subcommittee on Human Rights</a>	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
12 November	<a href="#">Committee on Industry, Research and Energy</a>	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
12 November	<a href="#">Subcommittee on Security and Defence</a>	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
12 November	<a href="#">Committee on Constitutional Affairs</a>	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
12 November	<a href="#">Committee on Employment and Social Affairs</a>	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
18 November	<a href="#">Committee on Foreign Affairs</a>	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
18 November	<a href="#">Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development</a>	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
18 November	<a href="#">Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs</a>	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
18 November	<a href="#">Committee on Culture and Education</a>	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels

18 November	<a href="#">Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality</a>	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
18-19 November	<a href="#">Committee on Budgetary Control</a>	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels, Luxembourg
20 November	<a href="#">Subcommittee on Human Rights</a>	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
21 November	<a href="#">Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs</a>	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
25 November	<a href="#">Committee on Foreign Affairs</a>	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
25 November	<a href="#">Committee on International Trade</a>	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
28 November	<a href="#">Committee on Budgetary Control</a>	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Strasbourg

[All European Parliament Committee Meetings](#)

## 1.4 Committee of the Regions (CoR)

Date	Event	Location
7-8 November	<a href="#">EuroPCom 2019</a>	Brussels
12 November	<a href="#">26<sup>th</sup> Commission for Natural Resources meeting</a>	Brussels
12 November	<a href="#">NAT Conference on RURAL post-2020</a>	Brussels
13 November	<a href="#">NAT Conference on Regional Forest Innovation</a>	Brussels

13 November	<a href="#">New innovations in freshwater aquaculture- Potential for expansion of aquaculture in Europe</a>	Brussels
14 November	<a href="#">25th Commission for Citizenship, Governance, Institutional and External Affairs (CIVEX) Meeting</a>	Brussels
14 November	<a href="#">Innovative, collaborative, regional: Smart intellectual property for a competitive Europe</a>	Brussels
20 November	<a href="#">Making EU trade agreements work to the benefit of businesses and regions- Challenges and opportunities at national, regional and local level</a>	Brussels
20 November	<a href="#">The State of Democracy in East-Central Europe- Thirty years after the fall of the Berlin Wall</a>	Brussels
22 November	<a href="#">9th Subsidiarity Conference- Active Subsidiarity: Creating EU added value together</a>	Rome, Italy
26 November	<a href="#">New Role for Cities and Regions in Promoting Entrepreneurship and SMEs</a>	Helsinki, Espoo, Finland
27 November	<a href="#">26th Social Policy, Education, Employment, Research and Culture (SEDEC) Commission Meeting</a>	Brussels
28 November	<a href="#">NAT-stakeholder-consultation on stepping up EU action to protect and restore the world's forests</a>	Brussels
3 December	<a href="#">Go Local: supporting regions, cities and rural areas in migrants' integration</a>	Brussels
3-20 December	<a href="#">Integration through your lens: Call for photographic entries- Photo exhibition</a>	Brussels
4 December	<a href="#">137th CoR Plenary Session</a>	Brussels
9 December	<a href="#">26th CIVEX Commission Meeting</a>	Brussels
12 December	<a href="#">Annual CoR meeting with the participation of European Semester Officers</a>	Brussels
13 December	<a href="#">26th Economic Policy (ECON) Commission Meeting</a>	Brussels



16 December	<a href="#">26th Commission for Territorial Cohesion Policy and EU Budget (COTER) Meeting</a>	Brussels
<a href="#">All Events of the Committee of the Regions</a>		

1.5 European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)		
Date	Event	Location
5 November	<a href="#">Inclusiveness of the European Standardisation System</a>	Brussels
5 November	<a href="#">Fundamental rights and the rule of law</a>	Brussels
6 November	<a href="#">3rd Joint meeting of the EU and Ukraine Domestic Advisory Groups</a>	Brussels
12 November	<a href="#">New role models of societies in Europe</a>	Brussels
13 November	<a href="#">Day of the Liberal Professions 2019</a>	Brussels
13 November	<a href="#">Employment of persons with disabilities: how can we change society's view</a>	Brussels
21 November	<a href="#">Artificial intelligence, robotics and digital systems for the well-being of citizens</a>	Helsinki, Finland
21-22 November	<a href="#">17th Regional seminar of ACP-EU economic and social interest groups</a>	Port Louis, Mauritius
27 November	<a href="#">European day of social economy enterprises 2019</a>	Strasbourg, France
4 December	<a href="#">Social housing: a service of general interest to guarantee decent, energy-efficient and affordable accommodation for all?</a>	Brussels
<a href="#">All events of the European Economic and Social Committee</a>		

## 1.6 International Relations

Date	Event	Venue/Location
7 November	<a href="#">EU-Ukraine civil society forum</a>	Brussels
12 November	<a href="#">EU-Canada civil society forum</a>	Ottawa, Canada

# 2. Conferences & Meetings

## 2.1 DG JRC Conferences and Events

Date	Event	Organiser	Location
4-7 November	<a href="#">International Conference on Effective Nuclear and Radiation Regulatory Systems: Working Together to Enhance Cooperation</a>	IAEA, JRC, Government of The Netherlands, Authority for Nuclear Safety and Radiation Protection of The Netherlands	The Hague, Netherlands
4-8 November	<a href="#">JRC Week on Composite Indicators and Scoreboards</a>	JRC	Ispra, Italy
6-8 November	<a href="#">PANAP: The Pan-African Network for economic Analysis of Policies</a>	JRC, DG DEVCO, DG AGRI, Department of Rural Economy and Agriculture of the African Union Commission (DREA-AUC)	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

12-14 November	<a href="#">CLEN workshop: Training in Nuclear Magnetic Resonance and High Resolution Mass Spectrometry</a>	JRC, DG TAXUD	Baveno, Italy
15 November	<a href="#">Science Meet Regions- Science for Policy- Slovenia</a>	JRC	Ljubljana, Slovenia
18-19 November	<a href="#">Workshop: Banking Regulation and Sustainability</a>	JRC, EBA	Ispra, Italy
19-22 November	<a href="#">Initiation au démantèlement des installations nucléaires</a>	JRC, European Learning Initiatives for Nuclear Decommissioning and Environmental Remediation (ELINDER)	Marcoule, France
20-22 November	<a href="#">DYNARE Course- Identification analysis and global sensitivity analysis for Macroeconomic Models 2019</a>	JRC	Ispra, Italy
21 November	<a href="#">New Economic &amp; Statistical Perspectives on Urban &amp; Territorial Themes (NESPUTT 2019)</a>	JRC, The University of Milan-Bicocca	Milan, Italy
26-27 November	<a href="#">EU Conference on modelling for policy support: Experiences, challenges and the way ahead</a>	JRC	Brussels, Belgium
26-28 November	<a href="#">25th MARS conference</a>	JRC, DG AGRI, Czech Republic Paying Agency for Agriculture (SZIF)	Prague, Czech Republic
3-4 December	<a href="#">Northern Netherlands in transition</a>	JRC, Municipalities of Leeuwarden, Groningen, Assen, Emmen	Leeuwarden, The Netherlands
3-4 December	<a href="#">Digitalisation and new technologies in agri-food and S3P agrifood's international B2B meetings</a>	JRC, Government of Andalusia	Malaga, Spain

## 2.2 Further European Conferences and Meetings

4-5 November	<a href="#">European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) annual safety conference 2019</a>	EASA, Finnish Aviation Authority-Traficom	Helsinki, Finland
5 November	<a href="#">Information day on innovative, reflective and inclusive societies</a>	EC	Brussels
5-7 November	<a href="#">EASA-US Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) workshop on additive manufacturing</a>	EASA, FAA	Cologne, Germany
6 November	<a href="#">Matching skills with needs</a>	EC	Brussels
6-7 November	<a href="#">Conference on the future of the LIFE programme</a>	EC	Brussels
7 November	<a href="#">Conference on the European Universities Initiative: Building the universities of the future</a>	EC, DG EAC	Brussels
7-8 November	<a href="#">Translating Europe Forum 2019</a>	EC	Brussels
7-8 November	<a href="#">Horizon 2020 earth observation big data hackathon</a>	EU-funded Horizon 2020 projects: <a href="#">BETTER</a> Data Pipelines, <a href="#">CANDELA</a> platform, <a href="#">EOPEN</a> platform, <a href="#">OpenEO</a> API, and PerceptiveSentinel's <a href="#">EO-LEARN</a>	Frascati, Italy
7-8 November	<a href="#">EaSI technical assistance workshops on microfinance</a>	EC	Ponta Delgada, Portugal
8 November	<a href="#">Cyber conference: the EU's role in the global cyber policy</a>	Finish Presidency of the Council of the EU, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland	Brussels
8 November	<a href="#">'Accessible Europe for all' seminar</a>	Finnish Presidency of the Council of the EU	Helsinki, Finland

8-9 November	<a href="#">GSA open days 2019: Accuracy matters, look around you!</a>	European GNSS agency (GSA)	Prague, Czechia
12 November	<a href="#">Implementing Basel III: Challenges and impact</a>	EC	Brussels
12 November	<a href="#">EU DataViz 2019</a>	Publications Office of the EU	Luxembourg
12 November	<a href="#">2019 conference on the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights</a>	Finish Presidency of the Council of the EU, EC, DG JUST, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)	Brussels
12 November	<a href="#">Donors in action– Innovative blending for big impact</a>	European Investment Bank	Luxembourg
12 November	<a href="#">Pseudonymisation and relevant security technologies</a>	European Agency for Cybersecurity, Independent Centre for Privacy Protection (ULD)	Berlin, Germany
12 November	<a href="#">EU minimum harmonised training for general care nurses</a>	EC	Brussels
12-13 November	<a href="#">Europe in a changing world– Information day</a>	EC, DG RTD	Bratislava, Slovakia
12-13 November	<a href="#">Supporting key competence development: learning approaches and environments in school education</a>	EC	Brussels
12-13 November	<a href="#">Healthy workplaces summit 2019- Healthy workplaces manage dangerous substances</a>	European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA)	Bilbao, Spain
13-15 November	<a href="#">13th SET-Plan Conference- R&amp;I in the energy sector to enhance European industrial leadership</a>	Finish Presidency of the Council of the EU, Prime Minister's Office of Finland, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment of Finland, VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland	Helsinki, Finland

14 November	<a href="#">Information session on applications for feed additives</a>	European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)	Brussels
14 November	<a href="#">Innovative, collaborative, regional: Smart intellectual property for a competitive Europe</a>	EC, DG GROW	Brussels
14 November	<a href="#">Boosting cross-border regions through better transport</a>	DG REGIO, DG MOVE	Brussels
14-15 November	<a href="#">European Centre for the development of vocational training (Cedefop) skills forecast: preparing the 2020 release</a>	Cedefop	Vienna, Austria
14-15 November	<a href="#">Smart Regions conference 3.0: Transformation through smart specialisation</a>	EC	Brussels
15 November	<a href="#">Annual Research Conference 2019- Economic challenges of the 2020s</a>	DG ECFIN	Brussels
18 November	<a href="#">European antibiotic awareness day 2019- Launch event</a>	European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)	Stockholm, Sweden
18-20 November	<a href="#">European raw material week</a>	EC	Brussels
19 November	<a href="#">European forum for electronic components and systems (EFECS) 2019</a>	Finish Presidency of the Council of the EU, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment of Finland	Helsinki, Finland
20 November	<a href="#">European Institute of Innovation &amp; Technology (EIT) food conference: the future of food</a>	EIT, Friends of Europe	Brussels
20 November	<a href="#">EaSI technical assistance workshop on brand-building strategies</a>	EC	Berlin, Germany
20-22 November	<a href="#">‘Clean energy for EU islands’ forum</a>	EC	Split and Hvar, Croatia
25 November	<a href="#">EMAS Awards ceremony 2019</a>	EC	Bilbao, Spain

25-26 November	<a href="#">High-level conference on data economy</a>	Finish Presidency of the Council of the EU, Ministry of Transport and Communications of Finland, Ministry of Finance and Education and Culture of Finland.	Helsinki, Finland
25-26 November	<a href="#">Annual political dialogue– Platform for coal regions in transition</a>	EC	Görlitz, Germany
25-26 November	<a href="#">European Investment Bank (EIB) central banks seminar</a>	EIB	Luxembourg
25-27 November	<a href="#">SME Assembly</a>	EC, Finish Presidency of the Council of the EU, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment of Finland	Helsinki, Finland
25-29 November	<a href="#">ESPON Week</a>	Finish Presidency of the Council of the EU, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment of Finland	Brussels
26-27 November	<a href="#">European Union Agency for Cybersecurity (ENISA) maritime cybersecurity workshop</a>	ENISA	Lisbon, Portugal
26-27 November	<a href="#">7th EIB annual economics conference</a>	EIB, OECD, SUERF-The European Money and Finance Forum, Columbia University - Centre on Global Economic Governance	Luxembourg
27 November	<a href="#">Internal Audit Service conference 2019: From hindsight to insight and beyond- How internal audit may contribute to foresight</a>	Internal Audit Service (IAS)	Brussels
27 November	<a href="#">Launching a new strategic research agenda for European forest-based sector</a>	Finish Presidency of the Council of the EU	Espoo, Finland

27 November	<a href="#">Working together to eliminate occupational cancer</a>	Finish Presidency of the Council of the EU, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health of Finland	Helsinki, Finland
27 November	<a href="#">Regenerative Medicine: scientific advances and regulatory framework in Europe</a>	Federation of European Academies of Medicines (FEAM)	Brussels
28 November	<a href="#">Workshop of the European network for research on investment</a>	EIB	Luxembourg
28 November	<a href="#">Workshop on comparing vocational education and training qualifications</a>	Cedefop	Thessaloniki, Greece
28-29 November	<a href="#">Workshop on comparing vocational education and training qualifications</a>	Cedefop	Thessaloniki, Greece
28-29 November	<a href="#">Clean air forum</a>	EC	Bratislava, Slovakia
28-29 November	<a href="#">3rd Annual forum of the European Strategy for the Alpine region (EUSALP)</a>	EC, DG REGIO, EUSALP Italian Presidency, Lombardy Region	Milan, Italy
28-29 November	<a href="#">European day of persons with disabilities 2019</a>	EC, DG EMPL	Brussels
29 November	<a href="#">Access City Award 2020</a>	EC, DG EMPL	Brussels

[All upcoming DG JRC Events](#)

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## 2.3 International Conferences and events

Date	Event	Organiser	Location
20-23 November	<a href="#">World Science Forum 2019</a>	World Science Forum	Budapest, Hungary
2-13 December	<a href="#">UNFCCC COP 25</a>	COP25 Presidency, Chilean Ministry of Environment, Chilean Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Chilean Ministry of Science, Technology, Knowledge and Innovation, Fundación Imagen de Chile	Santiago, Chile
8-13 February 2020	<a href="#">World Urban Forum 10</a>	UN-Habitat	Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
13-16 February 2020	<a href="#">American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Annual Meeting 2020</a>	AAAS	Seattle, USA
10-13 March 2020	<a href="#">Next Einstein Forum (NEF) Global Gathering 2020</a>	NEF	Nairobi, Kenya
8-12 June 2020	<a href="#">2020 International Conference of Young Scientists- Heal the Earth- and Global Young Academy (GYA) Annual General Meeting</a>	GYA	Mysore, India
14-18 September 2020	<a href="#">4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Science Advice to Government (INGSA)</a>	International Science Council, International Network for Government Science Advice	Montreal, Canada

## 3. DG JRC News

November	<a href="#">DG JRC Newsletter November 2019</a>
2018	<a href="#">JRC Annual Report</a>
Open	<a href="#">Open access to JRC Research Infrastructures- Call Actinide User Laboratory-ActUsLab</a>
Open	<a href="#">The EU is recruiting researchers- Call for expressions of interest</a>
Open	<a href="#">JRC Alumni Network Membership: Already Member of the JRC Alumni Network? Not yet-Take the opportunity to join!</a>

3 October	<a href="#"><b>Sustainable development, Energy &amp; Climate change- Slovakia</b></a>
As one of the prime economic centers of Slovakia and member of the Covenant of Mayors, the region of Košice aims to lead the transition towards sustainable and environmentally friendly regions. Leading Slovak scientists attended the conference that focused on energy and climate change.	

4 October	<a href="#"><b>Space Research - Luxembourg</b></a>
This one-day conference will introduce Luxembourgian policy-makers to the benefits of space-based data for environmental policy and law making. The focus of the event lies on "space for environment", more particularly in the field of disaster management and planned monitoring of resources.	

7-8 October	<a href="#"><b>The impact of Connected and Automated Vehicles on road capacity and transport efficiency</b></a>
Improving transport efficiency is a major political objective of the European Union. Connected and Automated Vehicles (CAVs) promise to play an important role towards this goal. The European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC) organised a dedicated two-day workshop to introduce participants from Enlargement	

and Integration (E&I) countries to the possible implications that CAVs can have on road transport.

8 October

[Launch event: Blockchain Now and Tomorrow: Assessing Multidimensional Impacts of Distributed Ledger Technologies](#)

The report "Blockchain Now and Tomorrow" provides multidimensional insights into the state of blockchain technology. Moving beyond the hype and debunking controversies, the report identifies ongoing and upcoming transformations. It sets out an anticipatory approach for applications in: finance, industry, trade and public sectors. Two panels with European Commission policy-makers, leading experts and international decision-makers took us into a debate on potential opportunities and challenges of Blockchain.

14-18 October

[Resonances III festival week](#)

The Resonance III Festival celebrated the work of the JRC on a specific theme. This year's theme, Big Data/AI/Digital Transformation was seen through the prism of Datami. DATAMI refers to the concept of the multifunctional Japanese tatami mats- places of action, of meditation and of rest.

The Datami is a symbol of the digital intertwining of our lives, of this new universe we find ourselves in, a hybrid between real life and digital life for which a famous philosopher coined the term onlife: not online or offline, but a blending of two worlds that invests and enhances our entire being.

From 14 to 18 October, the Festival celebrated not only their work, but the work of all JRC staff in their mission to develop sound science in support of policymaking of the European Commission.

15-16 October

[Unveiling Serbia's Smart Specialisation Strategy and exploring the role of incubators, accelerators and S&T Parks in delivering sector specific support in the Western Balkans and South East Europe](#)

The European Commission's Joint Research Centre organised a conference to present the Serbia's Smart Specialisation Strategy (45) together with the opportunities and challenges for sectoral specialisation of Science and Technology Parks (STPs), accelerators and incubators in the broader region of South-East Europe.

The two-day event was co-organised together with [EU4TECH Western Balkans](#), a project funded by [DG NEAR](#), and the [Serbian Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development](#). The conference took place on 15 and 16 October at the [Science Technology Park Belgrade](#).

The first day focused on Smart Specialisation Strategy in Serbia and its priority domains such as information and communication technologies, creative industries and food for the future. On the second day, participants discussed the role of science parks and incubators in the Western Balkans and South-East Europe regions can play in supporting emerging smart specialisation priorities.

17 October	<a href="#">Social policy, jobs &amp; growth- Croatia</a>
<p>The city of Zagreb intends to tackle pressing social issues, such as unemployment, poverty and social exclusion, with the help of scientific insight and evidence-based policymaking. The results of the conference will feed into the city's social plan for the upcoming years.</p>	
21-25 October	<a href="#">ELINDER S2 Training course   Decommissioning licensing and environmental impact assessment</a>
<p>The main objective of this training course was to provide the participants with the basic requirements regarding the licensing and environmental impact assessment of a decommissioning project and to share experience from ongoing decommissioning projects.</p>	
22 October	<a href="#">Migration- UK</a>
<p>This conferences co-organised by the UK Parliament deepened the debate on migration with the goal to better understand its impact on the economy and local communities. The event aimed at informing both policymakers and the broader public through an evidence-based discourse.</p>	
23-24 October	<a href="#">Identity building processes in young migrant communities- Spain</a>
<p>In the wake of the 2017 terrorist attacks, the challenge addressed by this Innovation Camp was the integration of young migrants into the Catalan society.</p>	
29 October	<a href="#">Preventing malnutrition in elderly citizens- Denmark</a>
<p>Malnutrition in hospital patients and elderly people is a serious problem that demands an interdisciplinary approach and cuts across different areas of policymaking. The organisers of the Danish SmR event brought together all the stakeholders involved in the issue and underpinned the conference with strong scientific expertise, both locally and internationally sourced.</p>	
29-30 October	<a href="#">Second European Conference on Xylella fastidiosa</a>
<p>The second scientific conference on ongoing research on <i>Xylella fastidiosa</i> was held in Ajaccio, Corsica.</p> <p>Among other scientists, the JRC scientists presented the latest results from European research projects dealing with <i>X. fastidiosa</i>, including in particular the final results from the Horizon 2020 <a href="#">POnTE</a> project. The conference was an opportunity for participants to catch up on the latest advances and achievements of other national and transnational research activities that are ongoing worldwide and to discuss ways of strengthening coordination and synergies. The programme included presentations and discussions on the latest data and insights on <i>X. fastidiosa</i>, its host plants and vectors and control options.</p> <p>The conference was organised jointly by the <a href="#">European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)</a>; the <a href="#">French National</a></p>	

[Institute for Agricultural Research \(INRA\)](#); the [French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health and Safety \(ANSES\)](#); the [Office de l'Environnement de la Corse \(OEC\)](#) through its department the [Conservatoire Botanique National de Corse](#); the EU-funded projects [POnTE](#), [XF-ACTORS](#), [CURE-XF](#) and [EuroXanth](#); and the [Euphresco](#) network for phytosanitary research coordination and funding.

JRC presentations included also latest research on estimating the economic, social and environmental impacts of European priority pests: a joint project of EFSA and the JRC and the case study of *Xylella fastidiosa*.

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