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1. Activities of the European Institutions

1.1 European Commission

Date	Event	Subject
2 October	College Meeting	<i>Among others: Preparation of the Commission's Work Programme with the European Parliament and the Council; Latest developments on the European and international scene</i>

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

1.2 Council

Date	Event	Location
2 October	Economic and Financial Affairs Council	Luxembourg
5 October	Informal meeting of Trade Ministers	Innsbruck, Austria
9 October	Environment Council	Luxembourg
11-12 October	Justice and Home Affairs Council	Luxembourg
12 October	Informal meeting of Gender Equality Ministers	Vienna, Austria
15 October	Eastern Partnership Foreign Ministers meeting	Luxembourg
15 October	Foreign Affairs Council	Luxembourg
15-16 October	Agriculture and Fisheries Council	Luxembourg
16 October	General Affairs Council (Art. 50)	Luxembourg

18 October	European Council (Art. 50)	Brussels
29-30 October	Informal meeting of Transport and Environment Ministers	Graz, Austria
All meetings of the Council		

1.3 European Parliament

Plenary Sessions

Date	Event	Subjects	Location
1-4 October	Plenary	<i>Among others: Free flow of non-personal data in the European Union; implementation of the Council's LGBTI Guidelines in relation to the situation in Chechnya; address by Milo Đukanović, President of Montenegro; the EU's input on a UN binding instrument on transnational corporations with respect to human rights; EU support to UNRWA, following the US withdrawal of financial support to UNRWA-Statement by the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy; situation in Yemen-Statement by the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy; emission performance standards for new passenger cars and for new light commercial vehicles; harmonising and simplifying certain rules in the VAT system; rates of value added tax; the rule of law in Romania-Council and Commission statements; debate with the Prime Minister of Estonia, Jüri Ratas, on the Future of Europe; EU Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation (Eurojust); mutual recognition of freezing and confiscation orders; distributed ledger technologies and blockchains: building trust with disintermediation; humanitarian emergency in the Mediterranean: supporting local and regional authorities; public procurement strategy package; debates on cases of</i>	Strasbourg

		<i>breaches of human rights, democracy and the rule of law; disenfranchisement of voting rights in the EU;</i>	
4 October	Committee on Budgetary Control	<i>Among others: European Court of Auditor's Annual Report 2017;</i>	Strasbourg, France
4 October	Special Committee on Terrorism	<i>Among others: Exchange of views with Sir Julian King, Commissioner for the Security Union;</i>	Strasbourg, France
8-9 October	Committee on Foreign Affairs	<i>Among others: Overview of the EU-Switzerland Institutional Framework Agreement (IFA) negotiations by Christian Leffler, EEAS Deputy Secretary General, and Roberto Balzaretto, Secretary of State and Director for European Affairs of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland; in association with the Delegation for relations with Israel (D-IL)-exchange of views with Avi Dichter, Chair of the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee of the Knesset; Report on the 2018 Commission Report on Albania; Report on the 2018 Commission Report on Montenegro; Report on the 2018 Commission Report on the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; jointly with the Committee on Development-Development, neighbourhood and international cooperation in the new Multi-Annual Financial Framework (please see separate programme); jointly with the Committee on Development and in cooperation with the Subcommittee on Human Rights-Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought 2018: vote on a shortlist of 3 candidates; debriefing on the AFET Committee Mission to Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan, 17-21 September 2018; Annual report on the implementation of the Common Foreign and Security Policy; Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Kingdom of Morocco on the amendment of Protocols 1 and 4 to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Kingdom of Morocco, of the other part; Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the</i>	Brussels

		<i>European Union and the Kingdom of Morocco on the amendment of Protocols 1 and 4 to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Kingdom of Morocco, of the other part; establishing a European Instrument for Nuclear Safety complementing the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument on the basis of the Euratom Treaty;</i>	
8-9 October	Committee on Development	<i>Among others: The implementation of health-related Sustainable Development Goals; Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing Horizon Europe– the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, laying down its rules for participation and dissemination; Proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon Europe– the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation; specific provisions for the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) supported by the European Regional Development Fund and external financing instruments; the Rohingya situation and the protection of women and girls; establishing the European Solidarity Corps programme; establishing the Asylum and Migration Fund; accession of Samoa to the Interim Partnership Agreement between the European Community, of the one part, and the Pacific States, of the other part; Hearing: development, Neighbourhood and International Cooperation in the new Multi-Annual Financial Framework; Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought 2018: vote on a shortlist of 3 candidates; Cooperation Agreement on Partnership and Development between the EU and the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan; the Spotlight Initiative; Cooperation Agreement on Partnership and Development between the EU and the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan; ad hoc delegation to the UN ECOSOC High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, United Nations, New York, 16-18 July 2018;</i>	Brussels

8-9 October	Committee on Transport and Tourism	<p><i>Among others: Interim report on the Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027– Parliament's position with a view to an agreement; establishing a European Labour Authority; establishing a Community Code on Visas (Visa Code); CO2 emission performance standards for new heavy-duty vehicles; establishing the space programme of the Union and the European Union Agency for the Space Programme; Protocol amending the Euro-Mediterranean Aviation Agreement between the EU and Jordan to take account of the accession to the EU of Croatia; establishing the Connecting Europe Facility; streamlining measures for advancing the realisation of the trans-European transport network; Proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation; type-approval requirements for motor vehicles and their trailers, and systems, components and separate technical units intended for such vehicles, as regards their general safety and the protection of vehicle occupants and vulnerable road users; representative actions for the protection of the collective interests of consumers;</i></p>	Brussels
8-9 October	Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs	<p><i>Among others: Hearing with Steven Maijor, Chairman of the European Securities and Markets Authority as well as Chair of the Joint Committee of the European Supervisory Authorities (ESAs) and, in that capacity, second Vice-Chair of the European Systemic Risk Board (ESRB); hearing with Andrea Enria, Chairman of the European Banking Authority; hearing with Gabriel Bernardino, Chairman of the European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority; cross-border distribution of collective investment funds; Establishing the "Fiscalis" programme for cooperation in the field of taxation; cross-border conversions, mergers and divisions; Proposal for a Council decision on the system of own resources of the European Union; European Crowdfunding Service Providers (ECSP) for Business; Markets in financial instruments; corporate taxation of a significant digital presence; common system of a digital services tax on revenues resulting from the provision of certain digital services; Structured Dialogue</i></p>	Brussels

		<i>with Margrethe Vestager, Commissioner for Competition; Charges on cross-border payments in the Union and currency conversion charges; economic policies of the euro area; Strengthening fiscal responsibility and the medium-term budgetary orientation in the Member States; Banking Union- annual report 2018; Application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to certain categories of horizontal State aid;</i>	
8-9 October	Committee on Industry, Research and Energy	<i>Among others: Establishing the space programme of the Union and the European Union Agency for the Space Programme; Proposal for a Council regulation establishing the nuclear decommissioning assistance programme of the Ignalina nuclear power plant in Lithuania (Ignalina programme); and repealing Council Regulation (EU) No 1369/2013; Horizon Europe- EU's research and innovation excellence; establishing a dedicated financial programme for decommissioning of nuclear facilities and management of radioactive waste; European Joint Undertaking for ITER and the Development of Fusion Energy; European Regional Development Fund and on the Cohesion Fund; establishing the Research and Training Programme of the European Atomic Energy Community for the period 2021-2025 complementing Horizon Europe- the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation; establishing the Digital Europe programme for the period 2021-2027; re-use of public sector information (recast); establishing the European Defence Fund; establishing the Programme for single market, competitiveness of enterprises, including small and medium-sized enterprises, and European statistics; ACER Presentation of annual Market Monitoring Report and exchange of views;</i>	Brussels
8-9 October	Committee on Fisheries	<i>Among others: fisheries Partnership Agreement between the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire and the European Community (2018-2024); Proposal for a regulation laying down conservation and control measures applicable in the Regulatory Area of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organisation; exchange of views with the Commission on the Annual Report on the</i>	Brussels

		<p><i>progress on achieving maximum sustainable yield and on the situation of fish stocks (implementation of Article 50 of Regulation (EC) No 1380/2013); exchange of views with the authorities of the Kingdom of Morocco on the EU-Morocco Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement; multiannual plan for small pelagic stocks in the Adriatic Sea and the fisheries exploiting those stocks; multiannual plan for fish stocks in the Western Waters and adjacent waters, and for fisheries exploiting those stocks, amending Regulation (EU) 2016/1139 establishing a multiannual plan for the Baltic Sea, and repealing Regulations (EC) No 811/2004, (EC) No 2166/2005, (EC) No 388/2006, (EC) 509/2007 and (EC) 1300/2008; Proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement to prevent unregulated high seas fisheries in the Central Arctic Ocean; public hearing on the landing obligation: state of play before its full implementation in January 2019; exchange of views with the representatives of the people of Western Sahara affected by the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Kingdom of Morocco;</i></p>	
8-9 October	Committee on Regional Development	<p><i>Among others: Common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund Plus, the Cohesion Fund, and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and financial rules for those and for the Asylum and Migration Fund, the Internal Security Fund and the Border Management and Visa Instrument; joint meeting with the European Committee of the Regions, Commission for Territorial Cohesion Policy, on "Future of cohesion policy: discussion of the proposals for the new European Structural and Investment Funds regulations."; streamlining measures for advancing the realisation of the trans-European transport network; protection of the Union's budget in case of generalised deficiencies as regards the rule of law in the Member States;</i></p>	Brussels
8-9 October	Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development	<p><i>Among others: Exchange of views with a representative of FAO on the occasion of World Food Day; presentation by a Commission representative (DG SANTE) on the state of play of and the EU measures</i></p>	Brussels

		<p><i>taken to control African swine fever; Study on "New competition rules for the agri-food chain in the CAP post 2020?"; Annual Report on Competition Policy; Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Kingdom of Morocco on the amendment of Protocols 1 and 4 to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Kingdom of Morocco, of the other part; Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Kingdom of Morocco on the amendment of Protocols 1 and 4 to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Kingdom of Morocco, of the other part; minimum requirements for water reuse; public hearing on "The Future of the CAP"; the state of the debate on the Future of Europe; presentation of the report on the AGRI mission to Ireland; Approval of recommendations issued by AGRI Coordinators;</i></p>	
8-9 October	Committee on Fisheries	<p><i>Among others: Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire and the European Community (2018-2024); Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement to Prevent Unregulated Fishing on the High Seas in the Central Arctic Ocean; exchange of views with the Commission on the Annual Report on the progress made in the implementation of the maximum sustainable yield and the state of the fish stocks (application of Article 50 of Regulation 1380/2013); mission of the Committee on Fisheries to Ireland; public hearing on "Obligation for landing: state of play before full implementation in January 2019"; exchange of views with stakeholders in the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Kingdom of Morocco- part one; exchange of views with stakeholders in the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Kingdom of Morocco- part two;</i></p>	Brussels

8-9 October	Committee on Petitions	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
9 October	Special Committee on Terrorism	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
9 October	Committee on Employment and Social Affairs	<i>Among others: The implementation of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union in the EU institutional framework; minimum level of training of seafarers; European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF); protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to carcinogens or mutagens at work; establishment of a European Investment Stabilisation Function; establishing the Rights and Values programme; establishing the Rights and Values programme;</i>	Brussels
9 October	Committee on Budgets	<i>Among others: Interim report on the Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027- Parliament's position with a view to an agreement; Interim report on the Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027- Parliament's position with a view to an agreement; Mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to Latvia; EU funding for Palestinian Authority- exchange of views with experts;</i>	Brussels
9-11 October	Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection	<i>Among others: Approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States as regards the accessibility requirements for products and services; mutual recognition of goods lawfully marketed in another Member State; representative actions for the protection of the collective interests of consumers; implementation of the cross-border Healthcare Directive; implementation of the Directive 2011/7/EU on combating late payment in commercial transactions; implementation of the Directive 2011/7/EU on combating late payment in commercial transactions; complementing EU type-approval legislation with regard to the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union; establishing the European Defence Fund; insurance against civil liability in respect of the use of motor vehicles, and the enforcement of the obligation to ensure against such liability; establishing the Digital Europe programme for the period</i>	Brussels

		<i>2021-2027; type-approval requirements for motor vehicles and their trailers, and systems, components and separate technical units intended for such vehicles, as regards their general safety and the protection of vehicle occupants and vulnerable road users; Union Customs Code; presentation by the European Court of Auditors of the special report on Customs 2020;</i>	
9-11 October	Committee on Legal Affairs	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
10 October	Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
10 October	Committee on Culture and Education	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
10 October	Special committee on financial crimes, tax evasion and tax avoidance	<i>Among others: Study on "VAT fraud: economic impact, challenges and policy issues"; exchange of views with Fabrizia Lapecorella, Chair of the Code of Conduct Group on Business Taxation;</i>	Brussels
10-11 October	Subcommittee on Human Rights	<i>Among others: Debriefing on the DROI missions to Turkey and to the European Inter-University Centre (Global Campus of Human Rights), Venice; EU Guidelines and the mandate of the EU Special Envoy on the promotion of freedom of religion or belief outside the EU; annual report on human rights and democracy in the world 2017 and the European Union's policy on the matter; follow-up to the urgency resolution of 5 October 2017 on the situation of people with albinism in Africa with representatives from the Regional Albinism Forum; high level conference on the future of Election Observation; hearing on contemporary forms of slavery in third countries; human rights concerns in private military and security companies' operations affecting third countries;</i>	Brussels
10-11 October	Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety	<i>Among others: Exchange of views with the Commission on the envisaged measures on lighting products in the context of the Ecodesign and Energy Labelling legislation; European Social Fund Plus (ESF+); European Maritime and Fisheries Fund;</i>	Brussels

		<i>establishing a Programme for the Environment and Climate Action (LIFE); A Europe that protects: clean air for all; EU Pollinators Initiative; enabling the digital transformation of health and care in the Digital Single Market; empowering citizens and building a healthier society; supplementary protection certificate for medicinal products;</i>	
10-11 October	Subcommittee on Security and Defence	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
10-11 October	Committee on International Trade	<i>Among others: State of play of ongoing trilogue negotiations; Council Decision on the conclusion of the Economic Partnership Agreement between the European Union and Japan; Council Decision on the conclusion of the Economic Partnership Agreement between the European Union and Japan; Implementation of the Trade Agreement between the European Union and Colombia and Peru; exchange of views on Cambodia in the framework of enhanced monitoring within the Generalised Scheme of Preferences (GSP) Everything But Arms (EBA) arrangement; ointly with the Committee on Foreign Affairs- exchange of views on the latest developments concerning the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action with Iran and impacts on EU companies; exchange of views on trade relations between the European Union and the Republic of South Africa; The state of the debate on the Future of Europe; Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the Union and the People's Republic of China in connection with the WTO dispute settlement proceedings DS492 Measures affecting Tariff Concessions on Certain Poultry Meat Products; public hearing- EU-Vietnam Free Trade & Investment Protection Agreements - Benefits and Values; accession of Samoa to the Interim Partnership Agreement between the European Community, of the one part, and the Pacific States, of the other part; Annual Report 2017 on the control of the financial activities of the EIB; Monitoring Groups Activities; Ad hoc delegation to Western Sahara, 3-4 September 2018; Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Kingdom of</i>	Brussels

		<i>Morocco on the amendment of Protocols 1 and 4 to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Kingdom of Morocco, of the other part; Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Kingdom of Morocco on the amendment of Protocols 1 and 4 to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Kingdom of Morocco, of the other part; Implementation report on the Trade pillar of the Association Agreement (AA) with Central America; Ad hoc delegation to Tunis, Tunisia, 8-9 October 2018;</i>	
10-11 October	Committee on Budgetary Control	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
10-11 October	Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety	<i>Among others: Exchange of views with the Commission on the envisaged measures on lighting products in the context of the Ecodesign and Energy Labelling legislation; European Social Fund Plus (ESF+); European Maritime and Fisheries Fund; establishing a Programme for the Environment and Climate Action (LIFE); A Europe that protects: Clean air for all; EU Pollinators Initiative; Enabling the digital transformation of health and care in the Digital Single Market; empowering citizens and building a healthier society; supplementary protection certificate for medicinal products;</i>	Brussels
10-11 October	Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection	<i>Among others: Approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States as regards the accessibility requirements for products and services; mutual recognition of goods lawfully marketed in another Member State; representative actions for the protection of the collective interests of consumers; implementation of the cross-border Healthcare Directive; implementation of the Directive 2011/7/EU on combating late payment in commercial transactions; implementation of the Directive 2011/7/EU on combating late</i>	Brussels

		<i>payment in commercial transactions; better enforcement and modernisation of EU consumer protection rules; better enforcement and modernisation of EU consumer protection rules; complementing EU type-approval legislation with regard to the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union; establishing the European Defence Fund; insurance against civil liability in respect of the use of motor vehicles, and the enforcement of the obligation to ensure against such liability; establishing the Digital Europe programme for the period 2021-2027; type-approval requirements for motor vehicles and their trailers, and systems, components and separate technical units intended for such vehicles, as regards their general safety and the protection of vehicle occupants and vulnerable road users; Union Customs Code;</i>	
10-11 October	Committee on Legal Affairs	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
10-11 October	Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
10-11 October	Committee on Constitutional Affairs	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
8 November	Special Committee on the Union's authorisation procedure for pesticides	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
All European Parliament Committee Meetings			

1.4 Committee of the Regions (CoR)

Date	Event	Location
1 October	20th Commission for Natural Resources (NAT) commission meeting	Brussels
1-3 October	Connecting Cities- Local Solutions for Global Challenges	Barcelona, Spain
8 October	131st Plenary Session	Brussels
9 October	Joint Committee of Regional Development (REGI)- Commission for Territorial Cohesion Policy and EU Budget (COTER) meeting	Brussels
9 October	Delivering Sustainable Development Goals at regional and local level	Brussels
9 October	Over to Regions! Regional Governments' action for SDG Localization	Brussels
10 October	EU level Green Infrastructure and Ecosystem Services (13th meeting of the Technical Platform)	Brussels
11 October	4th meeting of the Commission for Sustainable Territorial Development of the Euro-Mediterranean Regional and Local Assembly (ARLEM)	Brussels
11 October	"Cultural and creative cities for all"-in the context of the Knowledge Exchange Platform (KEP)	Brussels
18 October	20th Social Policy, Education, Employment, Research and Culture (SEDEC) Commission Meeting	Brussels
24 October	20th Commission for Territorial Cohesion Policy and EU Budget (COTER) Commission Meeting	Brussels
8 November	EuroPCom 2018: 9th European Public Communication Conference	Brussels

Further Events of the Committee of the Regions

1.5 European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)

Date	Event	Location
3 October	Delivery of essential services in conjunction with the European Pillar of Social Rights	Brussels
9 October	A Europe that protects?	Vienna, Austria
11 October	Can Economic Progress and Social Stability Cure EU-Scepticism?	Feldkirch, Austria
18 October	Edvard Stepančič and constructivism across borders	Brussels
23 October	The new MFF and cohesion policy: how to better use EU funds for persons with disabilities in the new financial framework	Brussels
29 October	Roma's health situation and their access to healthcare: assessing women's and children's health	Brussels
30 October	SDGs and Initiatives for Sustainable Global Value Chains	Brussels
8-9 November	16th Regional Seminar of the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP)-EU economic and social interest groups	Windhoek, Namibia

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

1.6 International Relations

Date	Event	Venue/Location
18-19 October	Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM)	Brussels
15 November	7th EU-South Africa Summit	Brussels
December (tbd)	EU-Africa Summit	Vienna, Austria

2. Conferences & Meetings

2.1 DG JRC Conferences and Events

Date	Event	Organiser	Location
13 August-19 October	Photo Contest: How green is your lab	EC, JRC	Online
3-4 October	Defence and Dual-Use Technologies 2018	JRC, Agencia de Innovación y Desarrollo de Andalucía (IDEA), European Network of Defence-related Regions (ENDR)	Seville, Spain
8 October	Opening of the ARTEFACTS exhibition: What future do we want for our one and only planet?	JRC, Natural Science Museum Berlin	Berlin, Germany
10-11	Use of reference materials and the estimation of	JRC	Geel, Belgium

October	measurement uncertainty (2018)		
18-19 October	Technology Transfer in Nanotechnology	JRC, Italian National Research Council (CNR)	Lecce, Italy
23 October	Peer eXchange and Learning (PXL) workshop on Monitoring for Smart Specialisation Strategies	JRC, Research and Higher Education Monitoring and Analysis Centre (MOSTA)	Vilnius, Lithuania
24-26 October	Energy Storage Global Conference 2018	JRC, European Association for Storage of Energy (EASE)	Brussels
29-30 October	Arctic Council Sustainable Development Working Group	JRC, University of the Arctic (UArctic)	Lapland, Finland
4-7 November	Advanced Energy Materials World Congress	JRC, International Association of Advanced Materials	Stockholm, Sweden
5-9 November	JRC Week on Composite Indicators and Scoreboards	JRC	Ispra, Italy
Further upcoming DG JRC Events			
Further upcoming events in the EU Newsroom Calendar			

2.2 Further European Conferences and Meetings

1-2 October	17th European Tourism Forum	Austrian Presidency of the Council of the EU	Vienna, Austria
1-2 October	Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions beyond 2020 (MSCA 2018)	Austrian Presidency of the Council of the EU	Vienna, Austria
1-2 October	European Sustainable Development Network (ESDN)	Austrian Presidency of the Council of the EU,	Vienna,

	Annual Conference 2018	EC, European Defence Agency	Austria
2 October	EU Datathon 2018	EC	Brussels
2 October	High-level conference: The European Defence Fund – Driving factor for defence research and innovation	Austrian Presidency of the Council of the EU	Vienna, Austria
2 October	Standardization for Nanotechnologies and Nanomaterials for safer products, production and uses	EC, European Committee for Standardisation (cen), Afnor Group, Czech Office for Standards, Metrology and Testing (UNMZ)	Brussels
3 October	High-level conference on sustainable energy and development	Austrian Presidency of the Council of the EU	Vienna, Austria
3-4 October	Trade marks and geographical indications: future perspectives	EC, European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO)	Alicante, Spain
3-5 October	European microfinance annual conference	European Investment Bank-Institute, European Investment Fund, Microfinance Centre (MFC), European Microfinance Network (EMN)	Bilbao, Spain
3-5 October	Health and sustainable development: Bold political choices for Agenda 2030	Austrian Presidency of the Council of the EU	Bad Hofgastein, Austria
3-5 October	International Sustainable Energy Conference 2018 (ISEC 2018)	Austrian Presidency of the Council of the EU	Graz, Austria
4 October	Centenary of the founding of the Federal Republic of Austria in the presence of Alexander Van Der Bellen, President of the Federal Republic of Austria, and Jean-Claude Juncker, President of the European Commission	Austrian Presidency of the Council of the EU, Federal Republic of Austria	Vienna, Austria
4 October	European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) Innovation Forum	EIT	Budapest, Hungary

5 October	Horizon 2020 Energy Information Day	EC	Brussels
8 October	Security of Personal Data Processing Event	European Union Agency for Network and Information Security (ENISA)	Athens, Greece
9-11 October	Policy Forum on Development– Regional meeting Africa	DG DEVCO	Gaborone, Botswana
9-12 October	European Week of Regions and Cities 2018	Council, European Commission, European Parliament, Committee of the Regions, European Economic and Social Committee	Brussels
10-11 October	River engineering symposium 2018: Rivers without borders	Austrian Presidency of the Council of the EU	Graz, Austria
11 October	Masterclass on Smart Specialisation	EIT climate KIC	Brussels
11 October	Visegrad 4 Conference on Artificial Intelligence	Permanent Representation of the Slovak Republic to the EU, Slovak Liaison Office for Research and Development (SLORD), Slovak Centre of Scientific and Technical Information	Brussels
11-12 October	October days for sustainable development	European Investment Bank, University of Luxembourg	Luxembourg
11-12 October	Gender Equality and You	Austrian Presidency of the Council of the EU	Vienna, Austria
11-12 October	Horizon 2020 space information day and brokerage event	European Global Navigation Satellite Systems Agency (GSA), H2020 Space NCP Network-COSMOS2020	Prague, Czech Republic

12 October	EU budget for the future: The road ahead	DG BUDG	Brussels
13-14 October	Expert conference on General Education: The Implementation of Education Reforms in Europe. Maximising the positive effects of change processes	Austrian Presidency of the Council of the EU	Vienna, Austria
15-17 October	European Cyber Security Challenge (ECSC) 2018	European Agency for network and information security (ENISA), Governments of Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Lichtenstein, Luxembourg, Norway, Poland, Romania, Spain, Switzerland, United Kingdom	London, United Kingdom
15 October	Single Resolution Board (SRB) conference 2018	SRB	Brussels
16 October	Work-life balance: is it all about work?	European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (Eurofound)	Brussels
17 October	6th Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC) stakeholder forum	BEREC	Brussels
17 October	European Agency for the Operational Management of large-scale IT Systems in the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice (eu-LISA) Annual Conference: EU Borders- Getting Smarter Through Technology	Austrian Presidency of the Council of the EU, eu-Lisa, European Border and Coast Guard Agency (FRONTEX)	Tallinn, Estonia
18 October	Digital transformation of public procurement	DG GROW	Lisbon, Portugal
18-19 October	Symphony of excellence	Austrian Presidency of the Council of the EU, European Foundation for Quality Management (EFQM), Quality Austria	Vienna, Austria

18-19 October	Data protection in the area of justice	Austrian Presidency of the Council of the EU	Vienna, Austria
18-19 October	7th EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR) annual forum: Culture and tourism boosting growth in the Danube region	EC, Bulgarian Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works, EUSDR	Sofia, Bulgaria
18-19 October	2nd European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop) policy learning forum on apprenticeships	Cedefop	Thessaloniki, Greece
19-20 October	31st Madrid Forum	EC	Madrid, Spain
23 October	Citizens' Dialogue with Commissioner Margrethe Vestager	EC	Strasbourg, France
23 October	EU-Eastern Partnership eDemocracy conference: Politics in the digital age	Austrian Presidency of the Council of the EU	Krems, Austria
23 October	Horizon 2020 Transport virtual info day	EC	Online
23-25 October	Enterprise Europe Network (EEN) annual conference	Austrian Presidency of the Council of the EU, EEN	Vienna, Austria
24 October	International chemical politics from a European perspective	Austrian Presidency of the Council of the EU, Austrian Federal Ministry for Digital and Economic Affairs, Austrian Federal Ministry of Sustainability and Tourism, Austrian Chamber of Commerce, Chemical Watch	Vienna, Austria
24 October	Preparing for the future European emission standards for light and heavy-duty vehicles	DG GROW	Brussels
24-25 October	Biocides Day 2018	European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)	Helsinki, Finland

24-25 October	2nd European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (EUROPOL)-ENISA IoT security conference	EUROPOL, ENISA, European Union Cyber Crime Task Force (EUCTF),	The Hague, The Netherlands
24-26 October	‘Space for your App’ Hackathon	European Global Navigation Satellite Systems Agency (GSA)	Padua, Italy
25 October	The European Investment Bank (EIB) Copenhagen conference on circular economy	EIB, EIB-Institute	Copenhagen, Denmark
25-26 October	Second Arctic Science Ministerial	EC	Berlin, Germany
25-26 October	Frontier research and artificial intelligence	European Research Council (ERCEA)	Brussels
26 October	Information day for micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs): regulatory toolbox for medicines and combined devices developers	European Medicines Agency (EMA)	London, United Kingdom
29-30 October	Eastern Partnership reflection conference: The Eastern Partnership ten years after national approaches to common challenges	Austrian Presidency of the Council of the EU, Austro-French Centre for Rapprochement in Europe (CFA/ÖFZ)	Vienna, Austria
29-31 October	Industrial Technologies 2018 – Innovative industries for smart growth (INDTECH 2018)	Austrian Presidency of the Council of the EU, EC	Vienna, Austria
29-31 October	European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA)-Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC) aviation safety conference	EASA, CAAC	Madrid, Spain
30 October	International eco-innovation congress ‘envietech2018’ and Austrian award gala state prize 2018 ‘Clean Technology Austria’	Austrian Presidency of the Council of the EU	Graz, Austria
30 October	The European Open Science Cloud (EOSC): Austria takes initiative	Austrian Presidency of the Council of the EU	Vienna, Austria
30-31 October	Product certification and Design organisation approval workshop 2018	EASA	Cologne, Germany

7 November	How to win Elections: Reflections on the use and misuse of technology in electoral campaigns	Science and Technology Options Assessment (STOA), EP	Brussels
20-21 November	11th SET Plan Conference 2018	EC, Austrian Presidency of the Council of the EU	Vienna, Austria
November (tbd)	Conference on Lybia	Government of Italy et al.	Palermo, Italy
EIT 2018 Call for Proposals for new EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities (KICs) in Urban Mobility and Added Value Manufacturing		EIT	Brussels

2.3 International Conferences and events

Date	Event	Organiser	Location
4 October	Innovation Expo 2018: global challenges, Dutch solutions	Innovation Expo Netherlands	Rotterdam, Netherlands
19-21 October	Arctic Circle 2018	Arctic Circle	Reykjavik, Iceland
22 October	The Role of Competitive Research Funding in Science	Austrian Presidency of the Council of the EU, Institute of Science and Technology	Klosterneuburg, Austria
29-30 October	Our Ocean 2018 conference	The Government of the Republic of Indonesia	Bali, Indonesia
4-7 November	Advanced Energy Material World Congress (AEMWC)	Advanced Energy Congress (AEC)	Stockholm, Sweden
5-8 November	2018 Symposium on International Safeguards	IAEA	Vienna, Austria
6 November	EuroTech Universities Alliance High Level Event 2018	Euro Tech Universities Alliance	Brussels

6-7 November	International Network for Government Science Advice (INGSA) 2018- Science advising in a changing world	INGSA	Tokyo, Japan
7-8 November	Integrating Cities Conference VIII - Cities4people: migrating ideas, inspiring integration	Eurocities	Milan, Italy
15-16 November	Network of Universities from the Capitals of Europe (UNICA) General Assembly	UNICA	Bratislava, Slovakia
17-29 November	14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP14) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)	COP 14	Sharm-El-Sheikh, Egypt
3-14 December	UNFCCC COP 24	UNFCCC, Government of Poland	Katowize, Poland
10-11 December	Intergovernmental Conference to Adopt the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration	United Nations	Marrakech, Morocco
12-14 December	4th Science Forum South Africa (SFSA) 2018	Ministry of Science and Technology of South Africa, Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAF), National Research Foundation (NRF)	Pretoria, South Africa
11-15 March 2019	Fourth session of the UN Environment Assembly	UNEP	Nairobi, Kenya
29 April-3 May 2019	Global Young Academy 9th International Conference for 2019 Young Scientists (1-2 May 2019) and 10th Anniversary AGM (Annual General Meeting) 2019: Re-Enlightenment? Truth, reason and science in a global world	AGM	Halle, Germany
20-23 November 2019	World Science Forum 2019	World Science Forum	Budapest, Hungary
Global Young Academy (AGM) Call for New Members		AGM	Halle, Germany

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September Highlights

5-7 September

[Evidence and policy summer school – science, policy and demography](#)

In a world flooded with information making sense of and communicating knowledge, or evidence, is highly challenging. Evidence-informed policymaking needs advocates and skilled practitioners. The summer school aimed at helping researchers to have more impact and policymakers to use evidence for policy solutions. The workshop focused on the tools and approaches to inform the policymaking process through evidence

18 September

[Discover the activities of the Knowledge Centre for Territorial Policies in a dedicated session in Seville](#)

The Knowledge Centre for Territorial Policies (KC TP) organised a dedicated session preceding the 2018 SMARTER Conference on Smart Specialisation and Territorial Development on the morning of the 26th of September. The KC TP is set up to strengthen the Commission's overall support to territorial development and aims at being the point of reference for European Commission services and Member States on territorial and regional related issues. In this capacity, it not only provides a repository of relevant research and new initiatives, but it also serves as a place for analytical and networking activities.

18-21 September

[INSPIRE Conference 2018 | INSPIRE Users: Make it work together](#)

INSPIRE held its annual Conference in Antwerp (Belgium) and focused on the user's side with the goal of benefitting our society and the economy through collaboration.

19-21 September

[RemTech Europe, International Conference and Exhibition](#)

RemTech Europe, International Conference and Exhibition on remediation markets and technologies, was scheduled for 19, 20, 21 September 2018 in the beautiful town of Ferrara, between Bologna and Venice (in north-eastern Italy). The Conference was promoted by the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC) and RemTech Expo, the most important permanent event on remediation technologies (www.remtechexpo.com). The aim of the Conference was to share information on knowledge, innovation and case histories, to encourage the development of remediation processes and the application of new and sustainable technologies, and to support the encounter between supplies and demands of available services and technologies, public and private.

24-27 September

[35th European PV Solar Energy Conference and Exhibition](#)

The EU PVSEC is the largest international Conference for Photovoltaic research, technologies and applications, and at the same time a top international PV Industry Exhibitions. It gathers the global PV community to conduct business, to network and to present and discuss the latest developments and innovations in Photovoltaics. It is the world renowned science-to-science, business-to-business and science-to-industry platform with a full and only focus on the global PV Solar sector. The EU PVSEC 2018 was hosted in Brussels. The 35th edition of this conference and exhibition offered again an excellent opportunity to keep abreast of the latest market, technical and scientific developments in the fast-changing solar business.

24-27 September

[ICES Annual Science Conference 2018](#)

The International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES) Annual Science Conference 2018 took place in Hamburg (Germany). Together with NOAA USA, the AWI Germany and the Virginia Institute of Marine Science USA, the JRC invited scientists to contribute to a dedicated session (Theme Session O- Working toward an ecosystem approach to North Atlantic marine aquaculture) on sustainable aquaculture during this year's

25 September

[Smart Specialisation: from the EU to the world](#)

This workshop showcased the main developments of various non-EU countries in the Americas, Asia, Oceania and Africa in the implementation and/or adaptation of the Smart Specialisation approach. The workshop brought together the Smart Specialisation worldwide community to learn from experience and explore possible cooperation between the participating institutions. It gathered recognised academics, experts from international organisations, policy-makers and practitioners of Smart Specialisation, as well as European Commission representatives and representatives from the European Union External Action Service (EEAS).

26-28 September

[2018 SMARTER Conference on Smart Specialisation and Territorial Development](#)

The 2018 Smarter Conference offered a comprehensive picture of the smart specialisation policy experience, including an evaluation of its early results, and highlighted recent developments both conceptually and empirically. Attention was given to implementation challenges and ways to address them, as well as to methodologies for impact assessment. In addition, the conference explored how smart specialisation engages with global value chains and production networks, and how firms, regions and cities can benefit from relationships across the borders.

26-28 September

[2018 ENCR Scientific Meeting](#)

The European Network of Cancer Registries Scientific Meeting and General Assembly provided the opportunity for all European cancer registries to have a face-to-face meeting. The purpose of the event was for the registries to share research findings, discuss cancer registration issues, exchange ideas and best practices, network, present epidemiological work based on cancer registry data and finally meet their representatives, the ENCR Steering Committee. The overarching topic was Data Linkages and Cancer Registries.

26-28 September

[Counterfactual Methods for Policy Impact Evaluation \(COMPIE\) 2018](#)

The European Commission, in collaboration with the Humboldt-University (Berlin) and RWI- Leibniz Institute for Economic Research, organised the Counterfactual Methods for Policy Impact Evaluation 2018 (COMPIE 2018) conference. Keynote speakers were Joshua Angrist (MIT) and Jesse Rothstein (University of California, Berkeley). The aim of the conference was to bring together policy makers and researchers to discuss developments in counterfactual methods and applications of impact evaluation.

27 September

[International Migration Drivers - quantitative assessment of factors shaping migration](#)

Why do people migrate? International migration will continue to be a significant topic for European and global policymaking. Quantitative assessment presented factors that are the most important drivers of migration flows around the world. This research informed policies that help Europe to prepare effectively and to put international initiatives like the upcoming Global Compact for Migration into practice. This event was organised by the Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development (DG DEVCO) and the Joint Research Centre (DG JRC) of the European Commission in the context of the Knowledge Centre on Migration and Demography (KCMD).

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