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# 1. Activities of the European Institutions

## 1.1 European Commission

| Date         | Event                                   | Subject   |
|--------------|---|---|
| 6 September  | <a href="#">College Meeting</a>         | <i>Among others: Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the European Council and the Council - tenth progress report towards an effective and genuine Security Union; policy debate on the EU's trade policy as a follow-up to the reflection paper on harnessing globalisation and the 'Singapore' opinion handed down by the Court of Justice of the European Union;</i> |
| 12 September | <a href="#">College Meeting</a>         | <i>Among others: Monitoring the application of European Union law Infringements– urgent individual case; Commission Decision on a Code of Conduct for Commissioners; 'Future of the Union's trade policy package; 'Industrial policy' package; 'Cybersecurity' Package;</i>   |
| 13 September | <a href="#">State of the Union 2017</a> | <i>State of the Union Speech by the President of the European Commission Jean-Claude Juncker</i>  |

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

## 1.2 Council

| Date            | Event  | Venue/Location   |
|-----------------|--|------------------|
| 3-5 September   | <a href="#">Informal meeting of Agriculture Ministers</a>                    | Tallinn, Estonia |
| 6-8 September   | <a href="#">Informal meeting of Defence and Foreign Affairs Ministers</a>    | Tallinn, Estonia |
| 11 September    | <a href="#">Informal meeting of Ministers for Development</a>                | Tallinn, Estonia |
| 14 September    | <a href="#">Justice and Home Affairs Council</a>                             | Brussels         |
| 15-16 September | <a href="#">Informal meeting of Economic and Financial Affairs Ministers</a> | Tallinn, Estonia |
| 19-21 September | <a href="#">Informal meeting of Energy Ministers</a>                         | Tallinn, Estonia |

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| 25 September | <a href="#">General Affairs Council</a><br><a href="#">General Affairs Council (Art. 50)</a> | Brussels         |
| 29 September | <a href="#">Tallinn Digital Summit</a>   | Tallinn, Estonia |

[All meetings of the Council](#)

## 1.3 European Parliament

### Plenary Sessions

| Date            | Event                      | Subjects  | Venue/Location |
|-----------------|----------------------------|---|----------------|
| 11-14 September | <a href="#">EP Plenary</a> | <i>Among others: Statement by the European Parliament President Antonio Tajani; State of the Union Speech by the European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker; EU accession to the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence; EU Emissions Trading System (EU ETS): continuing current limitations of scope for aviation activities and preparing to implement a global market-based measure from 2021; inclusion of greenhouse gas emissions and removals from land use, land use change and forestry into the 2030 climate and energy framework; transparency, accountability and integrity in the EU institutions; a Space Strategy for Europe; impact of international trade and EU's trade policies on global value chains; academic further and distance education as part of the European lifelong learning strategy; promotion of internet connectivity in local communities; measures to safeguard the security of gas supply; Fipronil scandal: how to improve the EU rapid alert system for food and feed; presentation by the Council of its position on the draft general budget - 2018 financial year-Council statement; Statements by the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Federica Mogherini: situation in North Korea; recent developments in migration; Turkey-EU relationship; Situation in Venezuela. Dieselgate: strengthening EU environment, health, consumer rights</i> | Strasbourg     |

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|  |  | standards in connection to recent actions by Member States, including Germany and Austria; fire safety in buildings-Council and Commission statements; accessibility requirements for products and services; extension of the European statistical programme to 2020; hurricane Irma-Commission statement; multi-annual plan for demersal stocks in the North Sea and the fisheries exploiting those stocks; the future of the Erasmus+ programme; a new skills agenda for Europe; NordStream 2; debates on cases of breaches of human rights, democracy and the rule of law;                       |          |
| Next <a href="#">EP Plenary</a> on 2-5 October in Strasbourg |  |   |          |
| Committee Meetings   |  |   |          |
| 25 September   | <a href="#">Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection</a> | Among others: Respect for private life and the protection of personal data in electronic communications and repealing Directive 2002/58/EC; action plan on the Reinforcement of SOLVIT: Bringing the benefits of the Single Market to citizens and businesses - COM(2017) 255 final;  | Brussels |
| 25 September   | <a href="#">Committee on International Trade</a>                         | Among others: State of play of ongoing trilogue negotiations; towards a digital trade strategy; screening of foreign investment in strategic sectors; the EU-Africa Strategy: a boost for development;  |          |
| 25 September   | <a href="#">Subcommittee on Security and Defence</a>                     | Among others: Long Term Review of the European Defence Agency; implementation of the Preparatory Action on Defence Research; Security situation in the Middle East – U.S. and Israeli perspectives; jointly with the Committee on Foreign Affairs in association with the Delegation for relations with the countries of Southeast Asia and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), the Delegation for relations with the Korean Peninsula, the Delegation for relations with People's Republic of China and the Delegation for relations with Japan: Security situation in North Korea |          |

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| 25 September | <a href="#"><u>Committee on Budgetary Control</u></a>                  | <i>Among others: Discharge 2015- General budget of the EU- Council and European Council; control of spending and monitoring of EU Youth Guarantee schemes cost-effectiveness;</i>  |
| 25 September | <a href="#"><u>Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs</u></a>      | <i>Among others: Monetary Dialogue with Mario Draghi, President of the European Central Bank; combating inequalities as a lever to boost job creation and growth; report on ongoing interinstitutional negotiations;</i>   |
| 25 September | <a href="#"><u>Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality</u></a> | <i>Among others: Implementation of the Joint Staff Working Document (SWD(2015)0182) - Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment: Transforming the Lives of Girls and Women through EU External Relations 2016-2020; Annual Report on Human Rights and Democracy in the World 2016 and the European Union's policy on the matter; the implementation of the Youth Employment Initiative in the Member States;</i> |
| 25 September | <a href="#"><u>Committee on Transport and Tourism</u></a>              | <i>Among others: International ocean governance: an agenda for the future of our oceans in the context of the 2030 SDG; accelerating Clean Energy Innovation; Saving Lives: Boosting Car Safety in the EU; presentation by the Commission, DG MOVE, of proposal for the revision of Regulation 868/2004 (on competition in air transport).</i>   |
| 25 September | <a href="#"><u>Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development</u></a>  | <i>Among others: Public Hearing on "A comparative analysis of global agricultural policies. Lessons for Europe?" Presentation by the Hungarian and German delegations to the Agriculture and Fisheries Council on the European Soya Declaration; presentation of the "Annual Activity Report 2016- CAP performance" by the Director General of DG AGRI, Mr Jerzy Bogdan Plewa;</i>                             |

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| 25 September    | <a href="#"><u>Committee on Fisheries</u></a>                                 | <i>Among others: With the Council and Commission: management, conservation and control measures applicable in the Convention Area of the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation (SPRFMO); optimisation of the value chain in the EU fishing sector; exchange of views with the Commission on proposed eel quotas in the Baltic Sea for 2018; Report on the Committee on Fisheries' delegation to Japan from 18 to 22 September 2017; exchange of views with the Commission on delegated acts and implementing acts;</i> |  |
| 25 September    | <a href="#"><u>Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs</u></a> | <i>Among others: Towards a digital trade strategy; European Public Prosecutor's Office;</i>   |  |
| 25 September    | <a href="#"><u>Committee on Development</u></a>                               | <i>Among others: New tools and best practices for humanitarian aid, particularly in the context of protracted displacement;</i>   |  |
| 26-27 September | <a href="#"><u>Committee on Budgets</u></a>                                   | <i>Among others: Financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union; EU guarantee to the European Investment Bank against losses under financing operations supporting investment projects outside the Union; general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2018 - all sections; Guarantee Fund for external actions;</i>  |  |
| 28 September    | <a href="#"><u>Committee on Budgetary Control</u></a>                         | <i>Please consult the website</i>   |  |
| 28 September    | <a href="#"><u>Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs</u></a> | <i>Please consult the website</i>   |  |
| 28 September    | <a href="#"><u>Committee on Constitutional Affairs</u></a>                    | <i>Please consult the website</i>   |  |
| 28 September    | <a href="#"><u>Delegation for relations with Afghanistan</u></a>              | <i>Please consult the website</i>   |  |

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| 28 September | <a href="#">Committee on Employment and Social Affairs</a>                  | <i>Among others: Economic policies of the euro area; Implementation of the European Disability Strategy; Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council introducing a European services e-card and related administrative facilities;</i>   |          |
| 28 September | <a href="#">Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety</a> | <i>Among others: Report back on ongoing interinstitutional negotiations; objection pursuant to Rule 106: GM soybean FG72 x A5547-127; objection pursuant to Rule 106: GM soybean DAS-44406-6; objection pursuant to Rule 106: Acrylamide; objection pursuant to Rule 106: endocrine disrupting properties; internal market for electricity (recast); Prospects and challenges for the EU apiculture sector;</i> |          |
| 28 September | <a href="#">Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection</a>    | <i>Among others: contracts for the online and other distance sales of goods; Action Plan on Retail Financial Services; Saving Lives: Boosting Car Safety in the EU; towards a digital trade strategy; annual report on Competition Policy;</i>  | Brussels |

[All European Parliament Committee Meetings](#)

## 1.4 Committee of the Regions (CoR)

| <b>Date</b>             | <b>Event</b>  | <b>Venue/Location</b> |
|-------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| 5 September-18 December | <a href="#">The European Week of Regions and Cities goes local with <i>Reflecting on Europe</i></a>                                     | Europe-wide           |
| 6 September             | <a href="#">Biowaste in the circular economy</a>  | Brussels              |
| 7 September             | <a href="#">TAIEX-EIR PEER 2 PEER</a>   | Brussels              |
| 7-8 September           | <a href="#">Broadening your horizons (jointly with UDITE and IIMC)</a>  | Brussels              |
| 12 September            | <a href="#">Stakeholder Consultation on the European Pillar of Social Rights and Reflection paper on the social dimension of Europe</a> | Brussels              |



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| 13 September    | <a href="#"><u>Stakeholder consultation on Digital Single Market: Mid-Term Review</u></a>   | Brussels           |
| 13-14 September | <a href="#"><u>Conference for protection of old growth forest in Europe</u></a>   | Brussels           |
| 13 September    | <a href="#"><u>JASPERS-CoR dialogue on the implementation of the EU Urban Agenda</u></a>  | Brussels           |
| 18 September    | <a href="#"><u>Stakeholder consultation - Europe on the move</u></a>  | Brussels           |
| 18 September    | <a href="#"><u>15th Commission for the Environment, Climate Change and Energy (ENVE) Meeting</u></a>  | Brussels           |
| 18 September    | <a href="#"><u>Financing climate action at local regional level: funding opportunities for the adaptation challenge</u></a>   | Brussels           |
| 19 September    | <a href="#"><u>Stakeholder Consultation on the European Pillar of Social Rights and Reflection paper on the social dimension of Europe</u></a>                              | Brussels           |
| 21 September    | <a href="#"><u>15th Commission for Citizenship, Governance, Institutional and External Affairs (CIVEX) Meeting and Conference on <i>Serving peace</i></u></a>               | Brussels           |
| 21 September    | <a href="#"><u>Genius Loci - Final conference</u></a>   | Brussels           |
| 25 September    | <a href="#"><u>Youth for Sustainable Europe</u></a>   | Brussels           |
| 25 September    | <a href="#"><u>Boosting Smart Interregional Collaboration through Clusters</u></a>  | Brussels           |
| 27 September    | <a href="#"><u>15<sup>th</sup> Commission for territorial cohesion and EU Budget (COTER) Meeting</u></a>  | Brussels           |
| 28 September    | <a href="#"><u>15th Commission for Social Policy, Education, Employment, Research and Culture (SEDEC) Meeting and conference on <i>Culture unites the Community</i></u></a> | Timisoara, Romania |
| 9-11 October    | <a href="#"><u>125<sup>th</sup> CoR plenary session</u></a>   | Brussels           |
| 9-12 October    | <a href="#"><u>15<sup>th</sup> European Week of Regions and Cities</u></a>  | Brussels           |

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

## 1.5 European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)

| Date            | Event  | Venue/Location    |
|-----------------|--|-------------------|
| 5 September     | <a href="#"><u>Hearing on the own-initiative opinion on "The core role of trade and investment in meeting and implementing the SDGs"</u></a>         | Brussels          |
| 6 September     | <a href="#"><u>Financing of civil society organisations by the EU</u></a>  | Brussels          |
| 7 September     | <a href="#"><u>European energy dialogue on the Energy Union: Progress, governance, and civil society participation</u></a>                           | Brussels          |
| 7 September     | <a href="#"><u>The role of civil society in the prevention of radicalisation of young people</u></a>   | Brussels          |
| 8 September     | <a href="#"><u>2017 EESC Civil Society Prize - Innovative projects to promote quality employment and entrepreneurship for the future of work</u></a> | Brussels          |
| 11 September    | <a href="#"><u>Impact of the social dimension and the European Pillar of Social Rights on the Future of the European Union</u></a>                   | Tallinn, Estonia  |
| 12 September    | <a href="#"><u>Smart solutions for sustainable and inclusive societies</u></a>   | Tallinn, Estonia  |
| 13 September    | <a href="#"><u>Taxation of the sharing economy - analysis of possible tax policies faced with the growth of the sharing economy</u></a>              | Tallinn, Estonia  |
| 18 September    | <a href="#"><u>The Role of Turkey in the refugee crisis</u></a>  | Brussels          |
| 20-21 September | <a href="#"><u>EESC Plenary session</u></a>  | Brussels          |
| 22 September    | <a href="#"><u>Launch of the 1<sup>st</sup> European Day of Sustainable Communities (23 September)</u></a>   | Brussels          |
| 27 November     | <a href="#"><u>Transition to post-2020 Europe</u></a>  | Budapest, Hungary |

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

## 1.6 International Relations

| Date           | Event                                      | Venue/Location               |
|----------------|--|------------------------------|
| 26-27 October  | <a href="#">EU-CELAC Summit 2017</a>       | San Salvador, El Salvador    |
| 24 November    | <a href="#">Eastern Partnership Summit</a> | Brussels                     |
| 29-30 November | <a href="#">Africa-EU Summit</a>           | Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire (tbc) |

# 2. Conferences & Meetings

## 2.1 DG JRC Conferences and Events

| Date           | Event  | Organiser  | Venue/Location               |
|----------------|--|--|------------------------------|
| 4-15 September | <a href="#">International Summer School on GNSS 2017</a>   | DG JRC, ESA  | Svalbard-Spitsbergen, Norway |
| 4-6 September  | <a href="#">Workshop Smart Specialization Strategy in the Field of Biotechnologies in Europe: A Challenge for CEE Region</a> | EC, Central European Initiative (CEI), Slovak Academy of Sciences, ICARST, Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of Slovak Republic | Bratislava, Slovakia         |
| 6-8 September  | <a href="#">JRC-SAS-INGSA Evidence and Policy Summer School</a>  | JRC, Slovak Academy of Sciences, INGSA   | Senec, Slovakia              |

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| 11-15<br>September             | <a href="#"><u>9<sup>th</sup> International Summer School on Nuclear Decommissioning and Waste Management</u></a>  | DG JRC   | Ispra, Italy               |
| 20<br>September                | <a href="#"><u>The distributional impact of international trade</u></a>  | DG JRC, Central European University (CEI)  | Brussels                   |
| 20-22<br>September             | <a href="#"><u>RemTech Europe - European Conference on remediation markets and technologies</u></a>  | DG JRC, Rem Tech Expo  | Ferrara, Italy             |
| 21-22<br>September             | <a href="#"><u>Workshop on Proof of Concept (PoC) in South Eastern Europe</u></a>  | DG JRC   | Trieste, Italy             |
| 21-23<br>September             | <a href="#"><u>Innovation Camp on Resilience</u></a>   | DG JRC, Committee of the Regions, City of Thessaloniki, Centre for Research and Technology (CERTH) | Thessaloniki, Greece       |
| 22<br>September-<br>22 October | <a href="#"><u>Resonances II exhibition FAIR/FEAR - What makes a fair society?</u></a>   | DG JRC   | Ispra and Milan, Italy     |
| 25<br>September                | <a href="#"><u>Annual lecture: Ignorance and the Community of Knowledge</u></a>  | DG JRC   | Brussels                   |
| 25-27<br>September             | <a href="#"><u>eMRTD Interoperability Test 2017</u></a>  | DG JRC   | Ispra, Italy               |
| 25-29<br>September             | <a href="#"><u>European Photovoltaic Solar Energy Conference and Exhibition (EU PVSEC)</u></a>   | DG JRC (co-organised)  | Amsterdam, The Netherlands |
| 26<br>September                | <a href="#"><u>EU4FACTS: Evidence for policy in a post-fact world - DG JRC Annual Conference</u></a>   | DG JRC   | Brussels                   |
| 27-29<br>September             | <a href="#"><u>6<sup>th</sup> European Conference on Corporate R&amp;D and Innovation CONCORDi 2017 - Innovation and Industrial Dynamics: Challenges for the next decade</u></a> | DG JRC, DG GROW, OECD  | Seville, Spain             |
| 28<br>September                | <a href="#"><u>Webinar: Complex Systems and Social Practices in Energy Transitions</u></a>   | DG JRC   | Ispra, Italy               |

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| 29 September-15 October   | <a href="#">Art Spaces. Nuclear Decommissioning: the science at the service of the future generation</a> | DG JRC   | Ispra, Italy        |
| 9-10 October  | <a href="#">XX Edoardo Amaldi Conference</a>   | DG JRC, Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei                       | Rome, Italy         |
| 25 October  | <a href="#">Railways of the future</a>   | DG JRC, CEN, CENELEC, DG GROW                                | Brussels            |
| 28 November   | <a href="#">Science meets Parliament 2017</a>  | DG JRC, EP (STOA)  | Brussels            |
| 11-12 October   | Science meets Parliament Slovenia  | DG JRC, Ministry of Education, Science and Sport of Slovenia | Ljubljana, Slovenia |
| <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

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| 1-2 September | <a href="#">CAP 2020: towards sustainable agriculture</a>                                   | Estonian Presidency of the Council of the EU       | Tallinn, Estonia                     |
| 3-4 September | <a href="#">Creative Europe MEDIA at the 74th Venice International Film Festival</a>        | EC   | Venice, Italy                        |
| 3-5 September | <a href="#">21st European company law and corporate governance conference</a>               | EC, Estonian Presidency of the Council of the EU   | Tallinn, Estonia                     |
| 4-8 September | <a href="#">INSPIRE Conference 2017: INSPIRE a digital Europe – Thinking out of the box</a> | EC, Government of Germany and Government of France | Kehl, Germany and Strasbourg, France |
| 5-7 September | <a href="#">11th European Organic Congress</a>  | Estonian Presidency of the Council of the EU       | Brussels                             |

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| 6-8 September   | <a href="#">E-volution of data protection conference (implementation of data protection reform)</a>                                 | Estonian Presidency of the Council of the EU   | Tartu, Estonia            |
| 7 September     | <a href="#">Exhibition on the EU Architecture Prize - Mies Award 2017</a>   | EC   | Brussels                  |
| 7-8 September   | <a href="#">European Centre for the Development of Vocational training (Cedefop) policy learning forum (PLF) on apprenticeships</a> | Cedefop  | Thessaloniki, Greece      |
| 8 September     | <a href="#">Investment and investment finance – the Spanish case</a>  | EIB  | Madrid, Spain             |
| 11-14 September | <a href="#">Young EUROSAI conference (YES)</a>  | Estonian Presidency of the Council of the EU   | Tallinn, Estonia          |
| 12 September    | <a href="#">Vegetable varieties open day</a>  | Community Plant Variety Office, Other bodies and agencies                                | Edinburgh, United Kingdom |
| 12 September    | <a href="#">ESIF financial instruments in the 2014-2020 programming period – Opportunities for Finnish regions</a>                  | EC, EIB  | Kuopio, Finland           |
| 12-13 September | <a href="#">Regional workshop on strengthening local resilience.investing in communities</a>  | EC, Asian Development Bank (ADB), Government of the United Kingdom, Government of Canada | Bangkok, Thailand         |
| 13-14 September | <a href="#">Future of work: making IT e-easy</a>  | Ministry of Social Affairs of Estonia - Estonian Presidency of the Council of the EU     | Tallinn, Estonia          |
| 14 September    | <a href="#">Final conference of the European Sustainable Chemicals Support Service</a>  | EC, European Chemical Regions Network (ECRN)   | Brussels                  |
| 14 September    | <a href="#">EIB investment in digitalisation outside the EU</a>   | EIB  | Brussels                  |
| 14-16 September | <a href="#">European Young Leaders</a>  | Estonian Presidency of the Council of the EU   | Tallinn, Estonia          |
| 14-15 September | <a href="#">EU cybersecurity conference: Digital single market, common digital security 2017</a>                                    | Estonian Presidency of the Council of the EU   | Tallinn, Estonia          |

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| 15 September    | <a href="#">Black Sea stakeholder conference on blue economy</a>  | EC, Government of Georgia   | Batumi, Georgia      |
| 16-22 September | <a href="#">European Mobility Week</a>  | EC  | EU-wide              |
| 18 September    | <a href="#">Where digital meets energy</a>  | Estonian Presidency of the Council of the EU  | Tallinn, Estonia     |
| 18-19 September | <a href="#">From prototype to production: Follow-up of the 2017 European Big Data Hackathon</a>   | Eurostat, Cedefop   | Thessaloniki, Greece |
| 19-20 September | <a href="#">Contemporary approaches to learning and teaching</a>  | Estonian Presidency of the Council of the EU  | Tallinn, Estonia     |
| 19-20 September | <a href="#">Europol Intellectual Property Crime Conference</a>  | Europol   | Antwerp, Belgium     |
| 19-21 September | <a href="#">5th conference of the Consultation Forum for Sustainable Energy in the Defence and Security Sector</a>                                    | EC, EDA   | Thessaloniki, Greece |
| 20 September    | <a href="#">European Consumer and Competition Day conference: Paradigm shift in consumer and competition environments – embracing the new reality</a> | Estonian Presidency of the Council of the EU  | Tallinn, Estonia     |
| 20-21 September | <a href="#">Boosting growth and cohesion in EU border regions</a>   | EC  | Brussels             |
| 20-23 September | <a href="#">Sport, education, university: Joining efforts for athletes' dual career and active societies</a>  | Estonian Presidency of the Council of the EU  | Tartu, Estonia       |
| 21-22 September | <a href="#">Connecting Europe</a>   | EC, Estonian Presidency of the Council of the EU and Ministry of Economic Affairs and Infrastructure of the Republic of Estonia | Tallinn, Estonia     |
| 21-23 September | <a href="#">EUROPEA international conference: From rural to digital</a>   | Estonian Presidency of the Council of the EU  | Tartu, Estonia       |

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| 22 September    | <a href="#">Clean energy for all European islands – Inaugural forum</a>   | EC   | Chania, Crete              |
| 24-26 September | <a href="#">European Agency statistics on inclusive education</a>   | Estonian Presidency of the Council of the EU                               | Tallinn, Estonia           |
| 26 September    | <a href="#">Copernicus Marine Service: An EU asset for sustainable oceans</a>   | EC, Copernicus, Mercator Ocean   | Brussels                   |
| 26 September    | <a href="#">7th Annual Meeting between the European Commission Services and the European Institute of Innovation &amp; Technology (EIT) Community &amp; EIT House Opening</a> | EIT  | Brussels                   |
| 26-27 September | <a href="#">ECHA biocides stakeholders' day 2017</a>  | European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)   | Helsinki, Finland          |
| 27 September    | <a href="#">Achieving a sovereign and trustworthy ICT industry in the EU</a>  | EP   | Brussels                   |
| 27-28 September | <a href="#">EIP water conference on water innovation: bridging gaps, creating opportunities</a>   | EC, Government of Portugal   | Porto, Portugal            |
| 27-28 September | <a href="#">European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) workshop on additive manufacturing</a>   | EASA   | Cologne, Germany           |
| 27-28 September | <a href="#">Conference on lifelong guidance policy and practice</a>   | Estonian Presidency of the Council of the EU                               | Tallinn, Estonia           |
| 27-28 September | <a href="#">Western Balkans Steering Platform on Research and Innovation &amp; 6<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Meeting</a>   | EC, Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development of Serbia | Belgrade, Serbia           |
| 27-28 September | <a href="#">Info session on applications – pesticides – technical meeting with stakeholders on European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) guidance on dermal absorption</a>        | EFSA   | Parma, Italy               |
| 27-28 September | <a href="#">6th international conference on ethanol from lignocellulosis</a>  | EC   | Brussels                   |
| 27-29 September | <a href="#">5th Europol/Interpol cybercrime conference</a>  | Europol, Interpol  | The Hague, the Netherlands |



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| 27-29 September | <a href="#">East and West: civil societies in cooperation</a>   | Estonian Presidency of the Council of the EU  | Tartu, Estonia          |
| 27-29 September | <a href="#">CIVITAS FORUM 2017</a>  | EC, Civitas   | Torres Vedras, Portugal |
| 28 September    | <a href="#">Promotion and financing energy efficiency in Ireland and the United Kingdom</a>                                     | EC  | Dublin, Ireland         |
| 28 September    | <a href="#">Modern biotechnologies in agriculture – paving the way for responsible innovation</a>                               | EC  | Brussels                |
| 29 September    | <a href="#">European Cybersecurity Month kick-off event 2017</a>  | Estonian information systems authority and the European Union Agency for Network and Information Security (ENISA) | Tallinn, Estonia        |
| 29 September    | <a href="#">Single Resolution Board (SRB) conference</a>  | Single Resolution Board (SRB)   | Brussels                |
| 29 September    | <a href="#">Mayors &amp; Water conference 2017</a>  | EC, Government of Portugal  | Porto, Portugal         |
| 29 September    | <a href="#">High-level seminar on long-term strategy of customs IT</a>  | Estonian Presidency of the Council of the EU  | Tallinn, Estonia        |
| 5-6 October     | <a href="#">Our Ocean. An Ocean for life</a>  | EC  | Valletta, Malta         |
| 7-22 October    | <a href="#">2017 EU Code Week</a>   | EC  | Europe-wide             |
| 11 October      | <a href="#">Therapies for the future - Exploring solutions for innovative treatments in Europe</a>                              | EP  | Brussels                |
| 12 October      | <a href="#">European Research Excellence - Impact and Value for Society</a>   | Estonian Presidency of the Council of the EU  | Tallinn, Estonia        |
| 13 October      | <a href="#">Crossing boundaries: new approaches to science for policy in Europe- side event to European Research Excellence</a> | Science Advice for Policy by European Academies (SAPEA)   | Tallinn, Estonia        |
| 16-17 October   | <a href="#">INNOVEIT 2017: EIT's Innovation Forum</a>   | EIT   | Budapest, Hungary       |

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| 16-18 October  | <a href="#">eHealthTallinn 2017: health in the digital society, digital society for health</a>  | Estonian Presidency of the Council of the EU  | Tallinn, Estonia           |
| 17-18 October  | <a href="#">Conference on innovation procurement</a>  | Estonian Presidency of the Council of the EU in cooperation with the Estonian Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications                             | Tallinn, Estonia           |
| 17-18 October  | <a href="#">Annual eu-LISA conference 2017: Going digital for a safe and secure Europe</a>  | EU Agency for Large-Scale IT Systems, Other bodies and agencies, Estonian Presidency of the Council of the EU   | Tallinn, Estonia           |
| 18 October     | <a href="#">6<sup>th</sup> Annual Forum of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region</a>  | EC, The Hungarian Presidency of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region   | Budapest, Hungary          |
| 18-19 October  | <a href="#">EC3-ENISA internet of things security conference</a>  | European Cybercrime Centre (EC3) and the European Union Agency for Network and Information Security (ENISA)   | The Hague, The Netherlands |
| 24-26 October  | <a href="#">Nature-based solutions: from innovation to common-use</a>   | Estonian presidency of the Council of the EU, Estonian Ministry of the Environment and Tallinn University   | Tallinn, Estonia           |
| 25-26 October  | <a href="#">Joint EFSA/EBTC scientific colloquium on evidence integration in risk assessment: the science of combining apples and oranges</a> | European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), Evidence Based Toxicology Collaboration (EBTC)   | Lisbon, Portugal           |
| 30-31 October  | <a href="#">CTI-EU Bonding EU cyber threat intelligence</a>   | European Union Agency for Network and Information Security (ENISA) with the support of DG Connect, Europol, CERT-EU and the European Defence Agency (EDA) | Rome, Italy                |
| 6-10 November  | <a href="#">Raw materials week 2017</a>   | EC  | Brussels                   |
| 7-8 November   | <a href="#">Euro-CASE Annual Conference 2017 - Cybersecurity</a>  | Euro-CASE   | Poznan, Poland             |
| 20-21 November | <a href="#">OECD Observatory of Public Sector Innovation (OPSI) Conference: Innovation in Government: The New Normal</a>                      | OPSI  | Paris, France              |

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| 27<br>November –<br>1 December | <a href="#">9<sup>th</sup> European Innovation Summit and Innovation Week</a> | Knowledge4Innovation | Brussels |
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## 2.3 International Conferences and events

| Date                         | Event   | Organiser  | Venue/Location              |
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| 18<br>September              | <a href="#">UN General Assembly</a>   | UN   | New York, USA               |
| 18<br>September              | <a href="#">PlasticsEurope Innovation Conference</a>  | PlasticsEurope   | Brussels                    |
| 13-15<br>September           | <a href="#">Human Planet Forum 2017</a>   | GEO  | Enschede<br>The Netherlands |
| 15<br>September              | <a href="#">Black Sea Stakeholder Conference On Blue Economy</a>  | EC, Government of Georgia  | Batumi, Georgia             |
| 20<br>September              | <a href="#">From excellent research to excellent innovation: are Universities ready for the future?</a>   | EuroTech Universities  | Brussels                    |
| 21-22<br>September           | <a href="#">Workshop on IP issues in OECD Test Guidelines</a>   | OECD   | Paris, France               |
| 22-23<br>September           | <a href="#">Leopoldina's Annual Assembly on "Genome Editing – Challenges for the Future"</a>  | Leopoldina National Academy of Sciences                                  | Halle, Germany              |
| 26<br>September              | <a href="#">2nd Joint Programming Initiative (JPI) Oceans conference</a>  | JPI  | Lisbon, Portugal            |
| 26<br>September              | <a href="#">Reinventing plastics - closing the circle</a>   | EC   | Brussels                    |
| 26<br>September              | <a href="#">Drivers of change for the public sector: bringing governments closer to citizens and businesses in a digital age through ethics and trust</a> | Estonian presidency of the Council of the EU, European Court of Auditors | Luxembourg                  |
| 26-27<br>September           | <a href="#">European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) biocides stakeholders' day 2017</a>  | ECHA   | Helsinki, Finland           |
| 29<br>September-4<br>October | <a href="#">Science and Technology in Society (STS) Forum 2017</a>  | STS  | Kyoto and Tokyo,<br>Japan   |
| 17 October                   | <a href="#">European University Association (EUA) RIS3 Workshop: Universities in regional</a>   | EUA et al.   | Tartu, Estonia              |

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|                   | <a href="#"><u>innovation ecosystems: coherent policies for Europe beyond 2020</u></a>   |   |                           |
| 17-20<br>October  | <a href="#"><u>Conference of European Schools for Advanced Engineering Education and Research (CESAER) Annual Meetings</u></a> | CESAER  | Budapest,<br>Hungary      |
| 7-11<br>November  | <a href="#"><u>World Science Forum 2017</u></a>  | Hosted by the Royal Scientific Society of Jordan                              | Dead Sea,<br>Jordan       |
| 16-18<br>November | <a href="#"><u>2017 EU-US Frontiers of Engineering Symposium</u></a>   | National Academy of Engineering   | Davis, USA                |
| 16-18<br>November | <a href="#"><u>2017 EU-US Frontiers of Engineering Symposium</u></a>   | National Academy of Engineering   | Davi, USA                 |
| 25-28<br>November | <a href="#"><u>World Bosai Forum IDRC 2017</u></a>   | Sendai City, the Tohoku University,<br>IRIDeS, Global Risk Forum GRF<br>Davos | Sendai, Japan             |
| 7-8<br>December   | <a href="#"><u>Science Forum South Africa 2017</u></a>   | Department of Science and<br>Technology of the Republic of<br>South Africa    | Pretoria, South<br>Africa |
| 21-26<br>January  | <a href="#"><u>Arctic Frontiers 2018-Connecting the Arctic</u></a>   | Arcticfrontiers   | Tromsø, Norway            |

## 3. DG JRC News

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

### August Highlights

23-25 August

#### **[Strengthening Space Cooperation for Global Health](#)**

JRC scientist and Head of Unit Alan BELWARD had been invited to participate in the United Nations/World Health Organization/Switzerland Conference on Strengthening Space Cooperation for Global Health.

The Conference, co-organised by the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA) and the World Health Organization (WHO), fostered dialogue between better utilisation of space-based data and technologies in addressing global health. The Conference also showcased selected global health initiatives in their various uses of space technologies, data access, data provision services and information sharing, with a focus on Resiliency (e.g. looking at how space technologies can provide services despite breakdowns in ground-based infrastructures, notably in emergency situations and humanitarian crises) and Interoperability (looking at challenges of coordinating services and data sources to foster synergies and strengthen global health).

The outcomes and recommendations identified at this key Conference provided inputs for the United Nations Report on the agreed thematic priority addressing space cooperation for global health, to be delivered in June 2018 for UNISPACE+50, an event celebrating the 50th anniversary of the first UN Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, and an opportunity for the international community to gather and consider the future course of global space cooperation for the benefit of humankind.

As recently discussed at a Central European University Summer Course between Alan and Mr Lorant Czaran (UNOOSA), the Copernicus Global Land Service is increasingly concerned with indicators that can support the Sustainable Development Agenda process, and the Global Surface Water Explorer in particular could help with the monitoring of the health-related SDGs.

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