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1. Activities of the European Institutions

1.1 European Commission

Date	Event	Subject
3 May	College Meeting	<i>Among others: Exchange of views to prepare the discussion paper on the control of globalization, in the framework of the follow-up to the White Paper on the Future of Europe; Recommendation for a Council decision authorizing the Commission to open negotiations with a view to concluding an agreement with the United Kingdom setting out the arrangements for its withdrawal from the European Union</i>
All meetings of the College of Commissioners		

1.2 Council

Date	Event	Venue/Location
3 May	Informal meeting of competitiveness ministers	Valletta, Malta
4-5 May	ACP - EU Council of ministers	Brussels
11 May	EU-Tunisia Association Council	Brussels
11 May	Agriculture and Fisheries Council	Brussels
11 May	Foreign Affairs Council	Brussels

16 May	General Affairs Council	Brussels
18 May	Foreign Affairs Council	Brussels
18 May	Justice and Home Affairs Council	Brussels
18-19 May	Informal meeting of energy ministers	Valletta, Malta
19 May	Foreign Affairs Council	Brussels
21-23 May	Informal meeting of agriculture ministers	Valletta, Malta
22-23 May	Education, Youth, Culture and Sports Council	Brussels
22 May	General Affairs Council	Brussels
23 May	Economic and Financial Affairs Council	Brussels
29-30 May	Competitiveness Council	Brussels
All meetings of the Council		

1.3 European Parliament

Plenary Sessions

Date	Event	Subjects	Venue/Location
15-18 May	EP Plenary	<p><i>Among others: Annual report 2015 on the protection of EU's financial interests-fight against fraud; EU Cohesion Policy; FinTech: the influence of technology on the future of the financial sector; EU eGovernment action plan 2016-2020; resource efficiency: reducing food waste, improving food safety; evaluation of external aspects of customs performance and management as a tool to facilitate trade and fight illicit trade; harnessing globalisation by 2025-Commission statement; Implementation of the European Fund for Strategic Investments; EU Strategy on Syria-Statement by the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy; Implementation of the EU-Korea Free Trade Agreement; State-of-play of the implementation of the Sustainability Compact in Bangladesh; EU-Norway agreement; Conclusions of the European Council meeting of 29 April 2017-European Council and Commission statements; address by António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations; preparation of the G7 Summit-Council and Commission statements; cross-border portability of online content services in the internal market; annual report 2014 on subsidiarity and proportionality; road transport in the European Union-Commission statement; European Agenda for the collaborative economy; debates on cases of breaches of human rights, democracy and the rule of law; a longer lifetime for products: benefits for consumers and companies;</i></p>	Strasbourg

Committee Meetings

2-3 May	Committee on Foreign Affairs	<i>Among others: Report on the 2016 Commission Report on Turkey; Recommendation to the Council on the 72nd Session of the United Nations General Assembly; establishing an instrument contributing to stability and peace; exchange of views on EU-ASEAN relations; EU political relations with ASEAN; jointly with the Committee on Culture and Education: Towards an EU strategy for international cultural relations; Setting up a Union regime for the control of exports, transfer, brokering, technical assistance and transit of dual-use items (recast); EU political relations with India; exchange of views on the fight against impunity with particular focus on the International Criminal Court and the Kampala Amendments to the Rome Statute; EU political relations with Latin America;</i>	Brussels
2-3 May	Committee on Employment and Social Affairs	<i>Among others: Exchange of views, as part of the structured dialogue, with Vice-President Valdis Dombrovskis and Commissioner Marianne Thyssen;</i>	
2-3 May	Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection	<i>Among others: Dialogue with the Commission on the first integrated report on the implementation of the EU standardisation policy; a new skills agenda for Europe; 2018 Budget-Mandate for the Trilogue; European Electronic Communications Code (Recast); European services e-card and related administrative facilities;</i>	
2-3 May	Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development	<i>Among others: Agreement between the EU and the Republic of Chile on trade in organic products; policy support for productivity vs. sustainability in EU agriculture: towards viable farming and green growth;</i>	
3 May	Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs	<i>Among others: Loss-absorbing and Recapitalisation Capacity for credit institutions and investment firms; exempted entities, financial holding companies, mixed financial holding companies, remuneration, supervisory measures and powers and capital conservation measures; Double Taxation Dispute Resolution Mechanisms in the European Union;</i>	

3 May	Committee on Constitutional Affairs	<i>Among others: Interparliamentary Committee Meeting: The implementation of the Treaty provisions concerning national Parliaments; The preparation of the negotiations on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union; Rules and general principles concerning mechanisms for control by Member States of the Commission's exercise of implementing powers; Monitoring the application of EU law 2015;</i>	
3 May	Committee on Development	<i>Among others: Structured dialogue on the Commission work programme;</i>	Brussels
3 May	Committee on Constitutional Affairs-Extraordinary Meeting	<i>Among others: Exchange of views with Frans Timmermans, First Vice-President of the European Commission, in charge of Better Regulation, Inter-Institutional Relations, the Rule of Law and the Charter of Fundamental Rights</i>	
3-4 May	Subcommittee on Security and Defence	<i>Among others: EU-NATO cooperation-Exchange of views with Jens Stoltenberg, NATO Secretary General; A Space Strategy for Europe;</i>	Brussels
3-4 May	Committee on International Trade	<i>Among others: Mission to Malta report (2-3 March 2017); ad-hoc delegation to ECOWAS countries-Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana; corruption and human rights in third countries; definition, presentation and labelling of spirit drinks, the use of the names of spirit drinks in the presentation and labelling of other foodstuffs and the protection of geographical indications for spirit drinks</i>	Brussels
3-4 May	Subcommittee on Human Rights	<i>Among others: Hearing on Business and Human Rights in the EU External Policies : due diligence, non-financial reporting and access to remedies; impact of international trade and the EU's trade policies on global value chains</i>	Brussels
3-4 May	Committee on Budgetary Control	<i>Among others: General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2018-all sections</i>	Brussels

3-4 May	Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety	<i>Among others: Exchange of views with the Commission on cross-border healthcare; exchange of views with Mr Vytenis Andriukaitis, Commissioner for Health & Food Safety as part of the structured dialogue; exchange of views with H.E. Mr Peter Thomson, President of the UN General Assembly on the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and the Ocean Conference; restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment; exchange of views with Dr Bernhard Url, Executive director of EFSA; exchange of views with the Commission and EFSA on vegetable oil</i>	Brussels
3-4 May	Committee on Transport and Tourism	<i>Among others: Exchange of views with Commissioner Bulc on CWP 2017; a European Strategy for Low-Emission Mobility; Effectively integrating urban nodes in TEN-T corridors, boosting innovation and interoperability;</i>	Brussels
3-4 May	Committee on Legal Affairs	<i>Among others: Exchange of views with Věra Jourová, European Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality, in the context of the structured dialogue between Parliament and the Commission; Copyright and the proposed Cab-Sat Regulation;</i>	Brussels
3-4 May	Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs	<i>Among others: Court of Auditors special report "The EU's response to the refugee crisis: the hotspot approach", eleventh report on relocation and resettlement; follow-up of the EU anti-corruption report of 3 February 2014 by the European Commission; European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS)</i>	Brussels
3-4 May	Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality	<i>Among others: The need for an EU strategy to end and prevent the Gender Pension Gap; 10 key messages to the European Commission; Visit of Věra Jourová, Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality; EIGE Expert Forum;</i>	Brussels

4 May	Committee of Inquiry to investigate alleged contraventions and maladministration in the application of Union law in relation to money laundering, tax avoidance and tax evasion	<i>Among others: Hearing with Pierre Moscovici, Commissioner responsible for Economic and Financial Affairs, Taxation and Customs</i>	Brussels
4 May	Committee on Culture and Education	<i>Among others: Report on the implementation of Directive 2011/93/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 2011 on combating the sexual abuse and sexual exploitation of children and child pornography; control of spending and monitoring of EU Youth Guarantee schemes cost-effectiveness</i>	Brussels
8 May	Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs	<i>Among others: Follow-up to the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants: Global Compact on Refugees and the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF); Joint Way Forward (JWF) on migration issues between Afghanistan and the EU; Commission Staff Working Document-Refit Evaluation of the EU legal framework against facilitation of unauthorised entry, transit and residence: the Facilitators Package;</i>	Brussels
11 May	Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection	<i>Among others: Laying down rules on the making available on the market of CE marked fertilising products; legislative scrutiny: Implementation update of Directive on Network and information systems across the Union; copyright in the Digital Single Market; proportionality test before adoption of new regulation of professions</i>	Brussels
11 May	Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs	<i>Agenda to be consulted on website</i>	Brussels
18 May	Committee on Regional Development- Extraordinary Meeting	<i>Agenda to be consulted on website</i>	Brussels
29-30 May	Committee on Regional Development	<i>Agenda to be consulted on website</i>	Brussels

29-30 May	Committee on Industry, Research and Energy	<i>Agenda to be consulted on website</i>	Brussels
29-30 May	Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs	<i>Agenda to be consulted on website</i>	Brussels

[All European Parliament Committee Meetings](#)

1.4 Committee of the Regions (CoR)

Date	Event	Venue/Location
2 May	The Future of Industry in Europe - Challenges and Instruments for Local and Regional Authorities	Brussels
2 May	One World - International Human Rights Documentary Film Festival	Brussels
2-3 May	Brussels MEU 2017	Brussels
3 May	13th Commission for Economic Policy (ECON) Meeting	Brussels
6 May	Open Day of the European Institutions	Brussels
6 May	Citizens' Dialogue: Listening (to) Europe. Experiences and prospects of local citizens' movements	Brussels
8 May	The Future of Europe	Santiago De Compostela, Spain
8 May	Europe - Opportunities for young people	Breitenwang, Austria
9 May	Ripensare l'Europa, Citizens' Dialogue in Italy	Vittorio Veneto, Italy
9 May	Erasmus: building together the future of the EU	Navarre, Sapin

9 May	Citizens' Dialogue on the Future of Europe- Reflecting on Europe	Innsbruck, Austria
10 May	How Europe helps cities and regions to foster smart development	Vienna, Austria
10 May	Health in cities: making it everyone's business	Brussels
11 May	123rd CoR plenary session	Brussels
15 May	What solutions for (this) Europe?	Maia, Portugal
16 May	Regeneration of Port Cities and Port Areas	Brussels
17 May	13th Commission for Territorial Cohesion Policy and EU Budget (COTER) Meeting	Brussels
18 May	Alliance on the future of Cohesion Policy in the EU	Brussels
19 May	SEDEC Commission Seminar on "Culture for Social Inclusion, Social Innovation and Intercultural Dialogue	Brussels
22 May	Towards an EU strategy for international cultural relations. A regional contribution	Brussels
23 May	Living, Learning and Working in a Border Region - What is Europe doing?	Görlitz, Germany
30 May	Lunchtime briefing - The European Investment Project Portal: helping regions and cities to successfully promote their projects	Brussels
31 May	3rd Enlargement Day 2017	Brussels
9-12 October	15th European Week of Regions and Cities	Brussels

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

1.5 European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)

Date	Event	Venue/Location
3 May	A better life in rural areas: From Cork 2.0 Declaration to concrete actions	Brussels

4 May	Implementation of legal migration legislation	Brussels
5 May	Debate on the Taxation of the Digital Economy	Brussels
6 May	Open Day 2017	Brussels
10 May	Application of State aid rules for compensating the provision of services of general economic interest (SGEI)	Brussels
11 May	Does the EU encourage private sector's investment?	Valletta, Malta
12 May	New technologies and digitalisation: opportunities and challenges for Social Economy and Social Enterprise	Brussels
15 May	Waste to energy under the Circular Economy	Brussels
15-16 May	28th Meeting of ACP-EU Economic and Social Interest Groups	Brussels
17 May	Civil society support for refugees and migrants	Brussels
18 May	Erasmus Time! Living European Identity	Brussels
18-19 May	Responsible research and innovation in the health industry	Brussels
19 May	Equal treatment, equality bodies and other possible means of redress for Roma	Brussels
22-23 May	The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: a new frontier of rights and progress for the EU	Brussels
23 May	Transparency, methodology and resources for evaluations	Brussels
24 May	A favourable tax system for fair competition and growth	Brussels
29 May	Family and traditional businesses in regional development	Thessaloniki, Greece
Further events of the European Economic and Social Committee		

1.6 International Relations

Date	Event	Venue/Location
8-9 May	EU-Latin America dialogue on raw materials	Buenos Aires, Argentina
2 June	EU-China Summit	Brussels
26-27 October	EU-CELAC Summit 2017	San Salvador, El Salvador
29-30 November	Africa-EU Summit	Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire (tbc)

2. Conferences & Meetings

2.1 DG JRC Conferences and Meetings

Date	Event	Organiser	Venue/Location
3 May	Scientific support to policy making: socio-ecological systems approach for a socially and environmentally sustainable growth	DG JRC, OECD, WIFO	Paris, France
3 May	Science meets Regions	DG JRC	Bilbao, Spain
3-4 May	Symposium on nanomaterials in food: reliability of measurement results	DG JRC, DG SANTE	Ispra, Italy
10 May	3rd meeting on the implementation of the Practical Arrangements between the IAEA and the EC on Cooperation on Nuclear Security Technical Issue	DG JRC, IAEA	Vienna, Austria
11 May	Launch of the EASAC report on Sustainable Forests	DG JRC	Brussels

11-12 May	Seismic Risk Assessment Tools Workshop	DG JRC	Brussels
16 May	DG JRC Lunchtime Science Lecture by Govinda Upadhyay	DG JRC	Brussels
16-19 May	1st International JRC Summer School on Alternative Approaches for Risk assessment	DG JRC	Ispira, Italy
18 May	STS Contro-Corrente Seminars: Brian Wynne	DG JRC	Ispira, Italy
29-31 May	2017 IACS Workshop - Control and management of agricultural land in Integrated Agricultural Control System (IACS)	DG JRC, Agriculture and Fisheries Department of Belgium-Flanders	Ghent, Belgium
4-9 June	14th International Workshop on Separation Phenomena in Liquids and Gases (SPLG 2017)	DG JRC, EC	Stresa, Italy
3-7 July	Geospatial Technologies for Sustainable Water Management	Central European University- In-service ICT Training for Environmental Professionals (ISEPEI), United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs, DG JRC	Budapest, Hungary
4-15 September	International Summerschool on GNSS 2017	DG JRC, ESA	Svalbard-Spitsbergen, Norway
27-29 September	CONCORDi 2017: Innovation and Industrial Dynamics: Challenges for the next decade	DG JRC, DG GROW, OECD	Seville, Spain

[Further upcoming DG JRC Events](#)

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

2.2 Further European Conferences and Meetings

3-4 May	Conference on European network codes	EC, ACER, ENTSO-E and ENTSOG	Brussels
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4 May	Ministerial Conference on Strengthening Euro-Mediterranean Cooperation Through Research and Innovation	EC, Maltese Presidency of the Council	Valletta, Malta
4 May	Citizens' Dialogue in Antwerp with Vice-President Maroš Šefčovič	EC	Antwerp, Belgium
5 May	Citizens' Dialogue in Košice with Vice-President Maroš Šefčovič	EC	Košice, Slovakia
6 May	Europe Day	EU	Brussels, Strasbourg, Luxembourg, all Member states
6 May	Citizens' Dialogues in Brussels with Commissioners Oettinger, Thyssen and Moedas	EC	Brussels
8 May	High level conference on sustainable tourism and EMAS awards 2017	EC, Malta Competition and Consumer Affairs Authority (MCCAA)	Valletta, Malta
10 May	Smart regions with smart robots: a winning formula	EC	Brussels
10-12 May	eHealth week 2017	EC, Maltese Presidency of the Council, WHO et al.	Valletta, Malta
11 May	Spotlight on Blockchain: a new generation of digital services	EP	Brussels
11 May	Joint EC-CEPT workshop on the World Radiocommunication Conference 2019 (WRC-19)	EC	Brussels
11-12 May	2nd Forum of the EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR)	EC, EUSAIR	Ioannina, Greece
12 May	Stakeholders conference on the Digital Competence Framework for citizens (DigComp) and the Entrepreneurship Competence Framework (EntreComp)	EC	Brussels

12 May	Stakeholder conference on the digital competence framework for citizens (DigComp) and the entrepreneurship competence framework (EntreComp)	EC	Brussels
12 May	Announcement of the winners of the 2017 EU Prize for Contemporary Architecture	EC, Mies van der Rohe Foundation	Brussels
15 May	Europa Nostra Awards 2017/EU prize for cultural heritage	EC, Europa Nostra	Turku, Finland
15-16 May	Meetings of the Energy and Managing Authorities (EMA) network	EMA	Brussels
16-17 May	Meeting of the European Electricity Regulatory Forum	EC	Florence, Italy
16-18 May	5th International meeting of the National Focal Points of the EU CBRN Risk Mitigation Centres of Excellence	EC	Brussels
16-18 May	39th European Safeguards Research & Development Association (ESARDA) Symposium on Safeguards and Nuclear Non-Proliferation	EC, ESARDA	Düsseldorf, Germany
17-19 May	17th EAN Workshop	European Platform on preparedness for nuclear and radiological emergency response and recovery (NERIS)	Lisbon, Portugal
18 May	European Maritime Day 2017	EC, Government of the United Kingdom, Borough of Poole	Poole, United Kingdom
19 May	Joint conference of the European Commission and European Central Bank (ECB) on European Financial Integration	EC, ECB	Brussels
19 May	Regional conference on Financing Energy Efficiency in Nordic countries	EC, Confederation of Danish Enterprise, UNEP	Copenhagen, Norway
19 May	2017 work forum on the implementation of the UN Convention on the rights of persons with disabilities in the EU and the Member States	EC	Brussels

23 May	Awards Ceremony celebrating the winners of the 2017 European Union Prize for Literature (EUPL)	EC	Brussels
23-24 May	Workshop on the role of Science/ Technology Parks and Incubators in Innovation Ecosystems	EC, International Association of Science and Technology Parks and Areas of Innovation (IASP), Thessaloniki Technology Park, i4g Incubators, AREA Science Park	Thessaloniki, Greece
29 May-2 June	EU Green Week 2017	EC	Brussels
31 May	Cities for food systems innovation and green jobs	EC	Brussels
8 June	Health systems for the future-Making EU health systems resilient and innovative	EP	Brussels
28-29 June	Fourth European Nuclear Safety Regulators Group (ENSREG) Conference on Nuclear Safety	EC, ENSREG	Brussels
3 July	Research & Innovation – shaping our future	EC	Brussels
5-6 October	Our Ocean. An Ocean for life	EC	Valletta, Malta
16 October	INNOVEIT 2017: EIT's Innovation Forum	EC	Budapest, Hungary

2.3 International Conferences

Date	Event	Organiser	Venue/Location
3-4 May	The Food Defense Conference 2017	Food Protection and Defense Institute	Minneapolis, USA

7-10 May	10th European and Global Conference and Exhibition for Clinical Nanomedicine & Targeted Medicine: Enabling Technologies for Personalized Medicine	The European Foundation for Clinical Nanomedicine	Basel, Switzerland
7-11 May	Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry (SETAC) Europe Annual Meeting in 2017	SETAC	Brussels
8-11 May	Global Food Innovation Summit: Seeds & Chips	Seeds&Chips	Milan, Italy
8-12 May	Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling	WHO, FAO	Budapest, Hungary
11 May	European Migration Network (EMN) annual conference: Moving policy forward, keeping research relevant	EMN	Luxembourg
11 May	10th Arctic Council Ministerial Meeting	Arctic Council	Fairbanks, USA
14-15 May	Belt and Road Forum	Government of the Republic of China	Beijing, China
14-17 May	Euroheat & Power Congress	The Association for Decentralised Energy, Scottish Renewables, Scottish Development International	Glasgow, United Kingdom
15-18 May	The Second International Conference on National Urban Policy	OECD	Paris, France
15-19 May	7th Annual Conference and General Meeting of the Global Young Academy (GYA)	GYA	Aviemore, United Kingdom
15-19 May	79th IUVSTA Workshop: 3D Chemical Imaging – from fundamentals to advancing applications	National Physical Laboratory	Santa Margherita di Pula, Italy
17 May	OECD Working Party on Territorial Indicators	OECD	Paris, France
17-19 May	Dresden Nexus Conference 2017 - SDGs and NEXUS Approach: Monitoring and Implementation	United Nations University (UNU), Institute for Integrated Management of Material Fluxes and of Resources (UNU-Flores)	Dresden, Germany

19-20 May	Meeting of G20 Health Ministers	G20	Berlin, Germany
22-26 May	The 2017 Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction	UNISDR	Cancun, Mexico
23-25 May	10th Annual International Conference on Sustainable Development through Nuclear Research and Education	ICN	Pitesti, Romania
25-26 May	European Academies' Science Advisory Council (EASAC) Meeting	EASAC	Tallinn, Estonia
26-27 May	G7 Summit	G7	Taormina, Italy
29-30 May	5th European Women Rectors Conference	European Women Rectors Association (EWORA)	Brussels
29-31 May	ASAAQ – 4th International Conference on Atmospheric Sciences and Application to Air Quality	Strasbourg University	Strasbourg, France
29-31 May	Eurachem Workshop & Annual Meeting	Eurachem	Nicosia, Cyprus
31 May-3 June	EMAEE 2017 : 10th European Meeting on Applied Evolutionary Economics	Bureau d'Economie Théorique et Appliquée (BETA), Strasbourg University	Strasbourg, France
5-9 June	The Ocean Conference: United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 14 Conference	UN	New York, USA
6-7 June	Second Mission Innovation (MI-2) High Level Meeting	Government of the Republic of China	Beijing, China
6-8 June	Clean Energy Ministerial 8 (CEM8)	Government of the Republic of China	Beijing, China
6-8 June	United Nations Statistical Commission's Expert Group Meeting on international trade and economic globalization statistics	Eurostat, United Nations Statistical Commission	Luxembourg
6-8 June	Offshore wind energy 2017	WindEurope, RenewableUK	London, United Kingdom
6-8 June	The World Reconstruction Conference	EC, UNDP, World Bank Group, et al.	Brussels
18-23 June	STARMUS IV Festival	Norwegian University of Science and Technology, The Research Council of Norway	Trondheim Norway
26 June-7	European University Institute (EUI) Migration	EUI	Florence, Italy

July	Summer School: Thinking beyond the crisis		
27-29 June	Summer Davos: Annual Meeting of the New Champions-Technological Innovation and Sustainable Development	World Economic Forum	Dalian, China
28-30 June	International Migration, Integration and Social Cohesion (IMISCOE) Annual Conference: Migrations, Diversity and the City	IMISCOE	Rotterdam, the Netherlands
7-8 July	G20 Summit of Heads of State and Government	G20	Hamburg, Germany
24-28 July	Innovations in Disaster Risk Reduction	Central European University- In-service ICT Training for Environmental Professionals (ISEPEI), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)	Budapest, Hungary
7-8 November	Euro-CASE Annual Conference 2017	Euro-CASE	Poznan, Poland
7-11 November	World Science Forum 2017	Royal Scientific Society of Jordan	Dead Sea, Jordan
16-18 November	2017 EU-US Frontiers of Engineering Symposium	National Academy of Engineering	Davis, USA
25-28 November	World Bosai Forum IDRC 2017	Sendai City, the Tohoku University, IRIDeS, Global Risk Forum GRF Davos	Sendai, Japan
7-8 December	Science Forum South Africa 2017	Department of Science and Technology of the Republic of South Africa	Pretoria, South Africa

3. DG JRC News

2015	<u>DG JRC Annual Report</u>
2015	<u>Overview of the scientific process of the EU Agencies network for scientific advice (EU-ANSA)</u>
April	<u>DG JRC Newsletter April 2017</u>
Open	<u>The EU is recruiting researchers - Call for expressions of interest</u>
Open	<u>Call for Expression of Interest to participate to JRC's Institutional History Project (iHiP): Arts-booklet, Story-telling and Exhibition initiatives</u>

April Highlights

20 April [New Narratives of Energy and Sustainability](#)

The task of this series of inspirational workshops is to bring unconventional thinking about different topics. This inspirational workshop focused on energy and energy policies inside the EU institutions and had ensuing discussions about different insights. Heterodox narratives about energy and more in general sustainability may be useful for enriching the perspectives in the discussion of energy policies. We contended that different stories (telling) are not only desirable but also possible, but they need to be examined within the complexity of current and future energy settings.

26 April [Urban Water Atlas for Europe - 360° view on water management in cities](#)

On 27 April 2017, the European Commission published the [Urban Water Atlas for Europe](#). The publication- the first of its kind- shows how different water management choices, as well as other factors such as waste management, climate change and even our food preferences, affect the long-term sustainability of water use in our cities. The new atlas illustrates the role of water in European cities and informs citizens as well as local authorities and experts about good practices and cutting-edge developments that can contribute to ensuring that water is used more efficiently and sustainably, helping to save this valuable resource. Detailed factsheets in the Urban Water Atlas for Europe present the state of water management in more than 40 European cities and regions, together with a number of overseas examples

28 April

[Scientific guidance to help prevent and mitigate chemical accidents](#)

A [handbook](#) published by the JRC supports EU Member States and third countries in their decisions to reduce the impacts of major industrial accidents. It provides common reference scenarios for authorities to assess the risks associated with industrial sites where dangerous substances are present, taking into account their proximity to residential areas, transport infrastructure or other public spaces.

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