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1. Activities of the European Institutions

1.1 European Commission

Date	Event	Subject
5-6 July	Visit of the College of Commissioners to Austria	<i>Amongst others: The Visit of the College of Commissioners to the country that holds the Presidency of the Council of the European Union (Austria) represents a traditional appointment.</i>
July & August	College Meeting	<i>Please consult the website</i>
All meetings of the College of Commissioners		

1.2 Council

Date	Event	Location
12-13 July	Informal meeting of Justice and Home Affairs Ministers	Innsbruck, Austria
13 July	EU-the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Stabilisation and Association Council	Brussels
13 July	Economic and Financial Affairs Council	Brussels
16-17 July	EU - CELAC Ministerial meeting	Brussels
17 July	Informal meeting of Competitiveness Ministers (Research)	Vienna, Austria
17 July	General Affairs Council (Art. 50)	Brussels
19-20 July	Informal meeting of Employment and Social Policy Ministers	Vienna, Austria

24 July	Economic and Financial Affairs Council (Budget)	Brussels
29-30 August	Informal meeting of Defence Ministers	Vienna, Austria
30-31 August	Informal meeting of Foreign Affairs Ministers (Gymnich)	Vienna, Austria
All meetings of the Council		

1.3 European Parliament

Plenary Sessions

Date	Event	Subjects	Location
2-5 July	Plenary	<i>Among others: European Defence Industrial Development Programme; integrated farm statistics; violation of rights of indigenous peoples in the world; towards an EU external strategy against early and forced marriages; climate diplomacy; Report presentations: Role of cities in the institutional framework of the Union; Report presentation: Three-dimensional printing: intellectual property rights and civil liability; Review of the Bulgarian Council Presidency- Council and Commission statements; Conclusions of the European Council meeting of 28 and 29 June 2018- European Council and Commission statements; autonomous weapon systems- Statement by the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy; the migration crisis and humanitarian situation in Venezuela and at its borders- Statement by the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy; Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo- Council and Commission statements; Guidelines for Member States to prevent that humanitarian assistance is criminalised; the definition of SMEs; joint debate- Partnership Agreement between the</i>	Strasbourg

		<p><i>EU and EAEC and Armenia; debate with the Prime Minister of Poland, Mateusz Morawiecki, on the Future of Europe; Conclusion of the third economic adjustment programme for Greece- Council and Commission statements; 2019 budget-Trilogue mandate; joint debate- European Travel Information and Authorisation System (ETIAS); adequacy of the protection afforded by the EU-US Privacy Shield- Commission statement; Statute for social and solidarity-based enterprises; financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union; the adverse effects of the US Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act on EU citizens; participation of persons with disabilities in the European elections- Commission statement;</i></p>	
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Committee Meetings

2 July	<u>Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs</u>	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Strasbourg
5 July	<u>Special Committee on Terrorism</u>	<i>Among others: Findings and recommendations of the Special Committee on Terrorism;</i>	Strasbourg
5 July	<u>Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs</u>	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Strasbourg
5 July	<u>Subcommittee on Human Rights</u>	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Strasbourg
9 July	<u>Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs</u>	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
9-10 July	<u>Committee on Budgets</u>	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
9-10 July	<u>Committee on Foreign Affairs</u>	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
9-10 July	<u>Committee on International Trade</u>	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
9-10 July	<u>Committee on Industry, Research and Energy</u>	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels

9-10 July	<u>Committee on Transport and Tourism</u>	<i>Amongst others: General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2019; exchange of views with EIB Vice-President, Mr Hudák, on transport funding; common rules for certain types of combined transport of goods between Member States; promotion of clean and energy-efficient road transport vehicles; common rules for access to the international market for coach and bus services; presentation of Austrian Presidency priorities by Austrian Federal Minister for Transport, Innovation and Technology, Mr Norbert Hofer; presentation by the Commission on next CEF; port reception facilities for the delivery of waste from ships; public hearing on airline distribution channel discrimination;</i>	Brussels
9-10 July	<u>Committee on Regional Development</u>	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
9-10 July	<u>Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development</u>	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
9-10 July	<u>Committee on Legal Affairs</u>	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
9-10 July	<u>Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality</u>	<i>Amongst others: Action Plan on tackling the gender pay gap; Why is Iceland ranked as the most gender equal country in the world?; Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 as regards support to structural reforms in Member States; establishing a European Labour Authority; the situation of Muslim women in Europe; care services in the EU for improved gender equality; Council Presidency; transparent and predictable working conditions in the European</i>	Brussels

		<i>Union; General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2019;</i>	
11 July	Committee on Culture and Education	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
11 July	Committee on Constitutional Affairs	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
11 July	Committee on Petitions	<i>Among others: In the presence of the European Commission: Petitions for discussion in committee on the basis of the Commission's written reply or other documents received on environment and environment waste; Chair's announcements concerning Coordinators' decisions on animal welfare, health, environment; justice, discrimination; Petitions which are proposed to close in the light of the Commission's written reply or other documents received;</i>	Brussels
11 July	Subcommittee on Security and Defence	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
11-12 July	Special Committee on Terrorism	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
11-12 July	Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
11-12 July	Subcommittee on Human Rights	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
11-12 July	Committee on Employment and Social Affairs	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
11-12 July	Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection	<i>Among others: Presentation of the Council Presidency's programme with Margarete Schramböck, Austrian Federal Minister of Economy; approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States as regards the accessibility requirements for products and services; contracts for the supply of digital content; laying down rules on the making available on the market of CE marked fertilising products; Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and</i>	Brussels

		<i>of the Council on health technology assessment and amending Directive 2011/24/EU; setting out the conditions and procedure by which the Commission may request undertakings and associations of undertakings to provide information in relation to the internal market and related areas; General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2019; prolongation of the transitional use of means other than the electronic data-processing techniques provided for in the Union Customs Code; better enforcement and modernisation of EU consumer protection rules; rules and procedures for compliance with and enforcement of Union harmonisation legislation on products; mutual recognition of goods lawfully marketed in another Member State; unfair trading practices in business-to-business relationships in the food supply chain; autonomous driving in European Transport; re-use of public sector information (recast); Late Payments: the impact and the state of implementation of the Late Payment Directive in the Member States;</i>	
11-12 July	Committee on Fisheries	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
24 August	Committee on Industry, Research and Energy	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
29 August	Committee on Fisheries	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
29-30 August	Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
29-30 August	Committee on Budgets	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
29-30 August	Committee on Foreign Affairs	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
29-30 August	Committee on International Trade	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels

29-30 August	Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
29-30 August	Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
29-30 August	Committee on Transport and Tourism	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
29-30 August	Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
29-30 August	Committee on Development	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
29-30 August	Committee on Employment and Social Affairs	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
30 August	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
3 July	Stakeholder consultation on an opinion on the Digital Education Action Plan	Brussels
4 July	130th CoR plenary session	Brussels
4 July	Debate on the Future of Europe with National Associations	Brussels

4 July	Cohesion Alliance Celebration Reception	Brussels
9 July	Lunchtime briefing– EFSI 2.0– New Opportunities for Cities & Regions?	Brussels
10 July	Stakeholder consultation: models of local energy ownership	Brussels
19 September	Conference on renewable energy developments and the EU Nature Legislation (12th meeting of the Technical Platform)	Brussels
Further Events of the Committee of the Regions		

1.5 European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)

Date	Event	Location
9 July	The Next EU Youth Strategy	Brussels
11-12 July	536th Plenary Session	Brussels
17 July	11th meeting of the EU-Montenegro Civil Society Joint Consultative Committee	Podgorica, Montenegro
17 July	5th Meeting EU-Africa Economic and Social stakeholders' network	Brussels
Further events of the European Economic and Social Committee		

1.6 International Relations

Date	Event	Venue/Location
9 July	EU-Ukraine Summit	Brussels

2. Conferences & Meetings

2.1 DG JRC Conferences and Events

Date	Event	Organiser	Location
2 July	Austrian Presidency of the Council of the European Union Opening	JRC	Ispra, Italy
4-5 July	Investment Readiness of Innovation Projects in South East Europe	JRC, Faculty of Mechanical Engineering and Naval Architecture of Zagreb University, Centre for Technology Transfer Ltd., Croatian Agency for SMEs, Innovation and Investments (HAMAG-BICRO)	Zagreb, Croatia
9-13 July	ELINDER Generic Course 5- Decommissioning Summer School	JRC	Ispra, Italy
16-27 July	Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) International Summer School 2018	JRC, European Space Agency (ESA)	Loipersdorf, Austria

5-7 September	Evidence and policy summer school: Science, policy and demography	JRC, Austrian Presidency of the Council of the European Union, Federal Ministry Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Austria, Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research of the Republic of Austria	Laxenburg, Austria
Further upcoming DG JRC Events			
Further upcoming events in the EU Newsroom Calendar			

2.2 Further European Conferences and Meetings

2 July	EIB MED conference: the EU Bank's economic resilience initiative improving lives and creating new opportunities	EC, European Investment Bank (EIB)	Amman, Jordan
2-4 July	Informal meeting of Directors General and Attachés for Fishery	Austrian Presidency of the Council of the European Union	Mondsee, Austria
3 July	Meeting of the Common Assessment Framework (CAF) Working Group	Austrian Presidency of the Council of the European Union	Brussels
3-6 July	Press Trip of the Brussels Media Corps	Austrian Presidency of the Council of the European Union	Vienna, Austria
4 July	Webinar: practitioner's guide on energy performance contracts	Executive Agency for Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (EASME), UN Environment Finance Initiative	Online

4 July	The Western Balkans and the European Union: Moving? In the right direction?	Austrian Presidency of the Council of the European Union	Brussels
4-6 July	Informal meeting of Rural Development Directors	Austrian Presidency of the Council of the European Union	Bregenz, Austria
4-6 July	WIRE 2018- 9th Week of innovative regions in Europe	Austrian Presidency of the Council of the European Union	Innsbruck, Austria
5-6 July	Events for a Greener Europe- Green Events Austria Conference 2018	Austrian Presidency of the Council of the European Union	Mauerbach
5-6 July	Economic and Monetary Union- deepening and convergence	Austrian Presidency of the Council of the European Union	Linz, Austria
5-6 July	Informal meeting of the EU Political Directors	Austrian Presidency of the Council of the European Union	Vienna/Wachau, Austria
5-6 July	Taxation of the digital economy	Austrian Presidency of the Council of the European Union	Vienna, Austria
9-10 July	VET expert conference: "The Future of Vocational Education and Training in Europe"	Austrian Presidency of the Council of the European Union	Vienna, Austria
10 July	Expert conference: "Enhancing Synergies: Military Assistance to Civilian Institutions	Austrian Presidency of the Council of the European Union	Vienna, Austria
10 July	1st workshop of the multimodal risk management framework	European Railway Agency (ERA), Ministry of Sustainable Development and Infrastructure of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, National Railway Company of Luxembourg (CFL)	Luxembourg

10-11 July	The EU's vision for a modern, clean economy – Stakeholder event	EC, Université Libre de Bruxelles	Brussels
10-11 July	Workshop on Disaster Recovery	Austrian Presidency of the Council of the European Union	Vienna, Austria
11-12 July	EU-Neighbouring Countries Workshop on Critical Infrastructure Protection (EPCIP)	Austrian Presidency of the Council of the European Union	Vienna, Austria
11-13 July	Meeting of the Heads of Medicines Agencies I (HMA I)	Austrian Presidency of the Council of the European Union	Vienna, Austria
16 July	Finance 5.0– a challenge for cyber security?	Austrian Presidency of the Council of the European Union, Österreichische Nationalbank	Vienna, Austria
16-17 July	Commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the adoption of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court	International Criminal Court	The Hague, The Netherlands
18-19 July	Informal meeting of the EU Defence Policy Directors	Austrian Presidency of the Council of the European Union	Vienna, Austria
23-24 July	High Level Group on Gender Mainstreaming	Austrian Presidency of the Council of the European Union	Vienna, Austria
4-6 September	Second space weather workshop	European Space Safety Agency (EASA)	Cologne, Germany
10-14 September	ELINDER Specific Course 1: decommissioning planning and cost assessment	Slovak University of Technology (STUBA)	Bratislava, Slovakia
13-14 September	URBACT City Festival 2018	EC, DG REGIO	Lisbon, Portugal
18-21 September	European Food Safety Authority (EFSA): 3rd scientific conference	EFSA	Parma, Italy

2.3 International Conferences and events

Date	Event	Organiser	Location
4-6 July	International Conference on the Management of Energy, Climate and Air for as Sustainable Environment	Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, École Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne, Cubaenergia, Swiss National Science Foundation	La Havana, Cuba
9-13 July	LERU Summer School 2018: The global society- the importance of interdisciplinary collaboration to tackle societal challenges	University of Leuven	Leuven, Belgium
9-14 July	EuroScience Open Forum (ESOF) 2018	ESOF	Toulouse, France
9-18 July	High level Political Forum (HLPF) 2018 on Sustainable Development	HLPF	New York, USA
10 July	5th Western Balkans Summit of Heads of States and Governments	Foreign & Commonwealth Office of the United Kingdom	London, UK
11-12 July	NATO Summit	NATO	Brussels
15-31 August	European Forum Alpbach	European Forum Alpbach	Alpbach, Austria
21-22 September	INGSA International Conference	Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST), National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS)	Tokyo, Japan

25-28 September	World Social Science Forum (WSSF)	WSSF	Fukuoka, Japan
19-21 October	Arctic Circle 2018	Arctic Circle	Reykjavik, Iceland
5-8 November	2018 Symposium on International Safeguards	IAEA	Vienna, Austria
29 April-3 May 2019	Global Young Academy (AGM) 2019: Anniversary Conference and Meeting	AGM	Halle, Germany

3. DG JRC News

June	DG JRC Newsletter June 2018
2017	JRC Annual Report
Open	Open access to JRC Research Infrastructures- Call Actinide User Laboratory-ActUsLab (deadline 31 August 2018)
Open	The EU is recruiting researchers- Call for expressions of interest
Open	JRC Alumni Network: Membership registration for JRC Alumni and staff

June Highlights

4-5 June

[FTA2018 - Future in the making](#)

Today's policymaking environment is complex. People seem to lose trust in policymakers and democracy. This is already leading to profound transformation. The number and variety of actors increased. There are new channels of involvement and influence. Policymakers are confronted with an accelerating speed of change. The emergence of novelty requires not only rapid reaction but also creation of new meaning and sense. The conference contributed to transformation and innovation in policymaking by:

- Presenting and debating insights from recent future-oriented work on specific policy relevant topics
- Sharing experiences of how foresight has been used in policymaking
- Demonstrating how foresight has influenced policy processes and decisions
- Supporting the advancement of methods, practices and complementary approaches to changing policymaking needs
- Stimulating the uptake of these approaches and exchange between practitioners and policymakers

5 June

[Conference on Higher Education and Smart Specialisation: Partnerships for Regional Transformation](#)

The objective of the conference was to show how regional partnerships involving universities and other higher education institutions (HEIs) can drive Smart Specialisation Strategies. It brought together the outcomes of two related projects: Higher Education for Smart Specialisation (HESS), managed by the European Commission's Joint Research Centre in cooperation with DG Education and Culture, and Thinking Smart, an Erasmus+ funded consortium of European HEIs. An overall vision of the European policy context was provided by representatives from DG JRC, DG REGIO and DG EAC, together with the presentation of the JRC handbook that illustrates how national and regional authorities can form strategic, mutually beneficial partnerships with HEIs. The conference gave the opportunity to discuss about different HEIs capacities, specific contributions they can make to the design and implementation of S3, incentives that could be put in place and learn from examples from across Europe to inspire and exchange experiences. The event brought together three European Commission Directorate Generals, national/regional public authorities managing S3, higher education institutions, EU networks representing regions and development agencies, EU university associations and other stakeholders interested in promoting university collaborations for regional growth.

6 June	<u>EU Sustainable Energy Week (EUSEW)- Energy storytelling: why stories matter to scientists and policy-makers in energy policy</u>
<p>In the context of the EUSEW 2018 Policy Conference, the European Commission's Joint Research Centre organised the workshop "Energy storytelling: why stories matter to scientists and policy-makers in energy policy". The workshop addressed the growing gap between scientists and EU-citizens when it comes to understanding the science behind- and the relevance of- energy, climate, and transport to our everyday lives. To have a policy impact, science needs to move from an arms-length, one-shot, fragmented delivery of knowledge towards an iterative, collaborative, holistic approach. This means new skills, and tools: visualisation, research synthesis, knowledge management and community facilitation, citizen/society/stakeholder engagement, etc. Storytelling can form a valuable tool in order to get our message across.</p>	
11-12 June	<u>2nd Symposium on Management of Future Motorway and Urban Traffic Systems (MFTS2018)</u>
<p>The 2nd Symposium on Management of Future Motorway and Urban Traffic Systems (MFTS2018) was hosted by the Joint Research Centre (JRC) in Ispra (Italy). Representatives of policy, industry and science discussed the latest advances in the field of traffic management. MFTS2018 aimed at giving answers to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to address challenges of current and future traffic management • How connectivity and automation can support an enhanced traffic management in the future • Options for a future enhanced traffic management: centralised vs. decentralised 	
11-15 June	<u>The Tenth Summer School on Sensitivity Analysis of Model Output (SAMO) 2018</u>
<p>This Tenth Summer School on Sensitivity Analysis, organised by the Joint Research Centre (JRC), aims at illustrating the motivations to conduct Sensitivity Analysis on simulation models. It offered accessible treatment of the techniques used in Global Sensitivity Analysis. The programme started from the first principles and guided the students through the full range of recommended practices with exercises and application examples.</p>	
11-12 June	<u>Scientific and Technical Committee (STC) of EURATOM meeting</u>
<p>The STC gives advice on all nuclear-related matters, based on the Articles 4, 7 and 8 of the Treaty, dealing respectively with research, training and the Joint Research Centre. Its members are appointed by the Council following nomination by the Member States, but its members are named in their personal capacity and thus should not act as national representatives. The meeting took place at the JRC in Karlsruhe.</p>	

25 June

[Big Data for Migration Alliance- BD4M](#)

The [European Commission's Knowledge Centre on Migration and Demography \(KCMD\)](#) and the [IOM's Global Migration Data Analysis Centre \(GMDAC\)](#) launched the Big Data for Migration Alliance (BD4M) to advance discussions on how to harness the potential of big data sources for the analysis of migration and its relevance for policymaking, while ensuring the ethical use of data and the protection of individuals' privacy. As conveners of BD4M, the KCMD and IOM's GMDAC welcomed the participation of representatives from international organisations and non-governmental organisations, members of national statistical offices, private sector representatives, researchers and data scientists interested in contributing, in various capacities, to realising the potential of big data to complement traditional data sources on migration.

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