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1. Activities of the European Institutions

1.1 European Commission

Date	Event	Subject
2 October	College Meeting	<i>Among others: Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: Making Public Procurement work in and for Europe; Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: Helping investment through a voluntary ex-ante assessment of the procurement aspects for large infrastructure projects; Commission Recommendation on the professionalisation of public procurement: Building an architecture for the professionalisation of public procurement; exchange of views on recent political developments in Spain; preparation of EU-India Summit;</i>

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

1.2 Council

Date	Event	Venue/Location
9 October	Agriculture and Fisheries Council	Luxembourg
10 October	Economic and Financial Affairs Council	Luxembourg
12-13 October	Justice and Home Affairs Council	Luxembourg
13 October	Environment Council	Luxembourg
16 October	Foreign Affairs Council	Luxembourg
17 October	General Affairs Council (Art. 50)	Luxembourg
19-20 October	European Council	Brussels
6-7 November	Agriculture and Fisheries Council	Brussels

7 November	Economic and Financial Affairs Council	Brussels
9 November	Justice and Home Affairs Council	Brussels
10 November	Foreign Affairs Council on trade	Brussels
13 November	Foreign Affairs Council	Brussels
14 November	Foreign Affairs Council on defence	Brussels

[All meetings of the Council](#)

1.3 European Parliament

Plenary Sessions

Date	Event	Subjects	Venue/Location
2-5 October	EP Plenary	<i>Among others: The fight against cybercrime; women's economic empowerment in the private and public sectors in the EU; addressing shrinking civil society space in developing countries; EU political relations with ASEAN; Commission Statement: state of play of negotiations with the United Kingdom; restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment; Statement by the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy: situation in Moldova; 2017 UN Climate Change Conference in Bonn; Oral question to the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative: ending child marriages. Safety of passenger ships; CE marked fertilising products; Council and Commission statements: preparation of the European Council meeting of 19 and 20 October 2017; presentation of the Court of Auditors' annual report 2016; enhanced cooperation: European Public Prosecutor's Office; prison systems and condition; monitoring the application of EU law 2015;</i>	Strasbourg
23-26 October	EP Plenary	<i>Please consult the website</i>	

Committee Meetings

2 October	Committee on Industry, Research and Energy	<i>Among others: Exchange of views with Commissioner Elżbieta Bieńkowska on EU's industrial policy and in particular on the Defence Industrial Development Programme; European Electronic Communications Code (Recast); Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications; respect for private life and the protection of personal data in electronic communications and repealing Directive 2002/58/EC (Regulation on Privacy and Electronic Communications) Towards a digital trade strategy; establishing the Bio-based Industries Joint Undertaking;</i>	Strasbourg
2 October	Committee on Legal Affairs	<i>Among others: Legitimate measures to protect whistle-blowers acting in the public interest when disclosing the confidential information of companies and public bodies; application of Directive 2004/35/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 April 2004 on environmental liability with regard to the prevention and remedying of environmental damage (the 'ELD'); contracts for the online and other distance sales of goods; protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data;</i>	Strasbourg
2 October	Committee on Foreign Affairs, Committee on Development, Subcommittee on Human Rights	<i>Among others: Sakharov Prize 2017: Presentation of candidates</i>	Strasbourg
2 October	Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development: Extraordinary meeting	<i>Among others: Recommendation to the Council on the proposed negotiating mandate for trade negotiations with Australia, New Zealand; promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources;</i>	Strasbourg

5 October	<u>Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs</u>	<i>Among others: Copyright in the Digital Single Market; EU Citizenship Report 2017: Strengthening Citizens' Rights in a Union of Democratic Change; minimum provisions on the constituent elements of criminal acts and penalties in the field of illicit drug trafficking, as regards the definition of the term 'drug'; EU Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation (Eurojust); reflection paper on the future of EU finances;</i>	Strasbourg
9-10 October	<u>Committee on Development</u>	<i>Among others: Women, gender equality and climate justice; Gender Equality in EU Trade Agreements; the EU-Africa Strategy: a boost for development; humanitarian situation in Myanmar/Bangladesh; countering money laundering by criminal law; promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources (recast); exchange of views with the European Commission (DG DEVCO): the state of play of PCD reporting; Development Committee Delegation to the UN ECOSOC High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, United Nations, New York, 17-19 July 2017; World Food Day 2017: understanding and addressing the links between food security, conflict, displacement and migration; Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment: Transforming the Lives of Girls and Women through EU External Relations 2016-2020;</i>	Brussels
9-10 October	<u>Committee on Budgets</u>	<i>Among others: Exchange of views on the Brexit negotiations in the presence of the EP coordinator for Brexit Guy Verhofstadt (in camera);</i>	Brussels
9-10 October	<u>Committee on Fisheries</u>	<i>Among others: Public hearing on "Super-trawler: destructive or sustainable"; report on the delegation of the Committee on Fisheries which was held from September 18 to 22, 2017 in Japan; exchange of views with the Commission: overall data on fishing effort for catches in Mauritania waters; conservation of fisheries resources and protection of marine ecosystems through technical measures; workshop on Recreational Fishing</i>	Brussels

9-10 October	Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs	<i>Among others: Annual Report on the Financial Activities of the European Investment Bank; proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council to empower the competition authorities of the Member States to be more effective enforcers and to ensure the proper functioning of the internal market; mutual recognition of freezing and confiscation orders; European Central Bank Annual Report for 2016; Rules and general principles concerning mechanisms for control by Member States of the Commission's exercise of implementing powers; interpretation and implementation of the interinstitutional agreement on Better Law-Making; ranking of unsecured debt instruments in insolvency hierarchy; value added tax obligations for supplies of services and distance sales of goods; administrative cooperation and combating fraud in the field of value added tax; Action Plan on Retail Financial Services; economic policies of the Euro area; Common Corporate Tax Base; Common Consolidated Corporate Tax Base (CCCTB);</i>	Brussels
9-10 October	Committee on Regional Development	<i>Among others: Annual Report on the Financial Activities of the European Investment Bank; accelerating Clean Energy Innovation; territorial typologies (Tercet); deployment of cohesion policy instruments by regions to address demographic change; study commissioned by Policy Department B on the "Financial instruments for energy efficiency and renewable energy";</i>	Brussels
10 October	Committee on Culture and Education	<i>Among others: EU Citizenship Report 2017: Strengthening Citizens' Rights in a Union of Democratic Change; European Solidarity Corps;</i>	Brussels
10 October	Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality	<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; the situation and rights of Women with disabilities; Gender Equality in EU Trade Agreements;</i>	Brussels
11-12 October	Subcommittee on Security and Defence	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels

11-12 October	<u>Committee on International Trade</u>	<p><i>Among others: State of play of ongoing trilogue negotiations; EU launch of Global Alliance for Torture-Free Trade, New York, 18 September 2017; Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions A Balanced and Progressive Trade Policy to Harness Globalisation; Ad hoc delegation of the Steering Committee of the Parliamentary Conference to the WTO Public Forum, Geneva, 26-28 September 2017; state of play of the negotiations ahead of the 11th WTO Ministerial Conference; exchange of views with the Council and the Commission on Turkey bilateral trade relations and on the modernisation of the Customs Union; exchange of views with the Court of Auditors on trade related matters: macro financial assistance, trade defence instruments, trade and development and customs; Recommendation to the Council on the proposed negotiating mandate for trade negotiations with Australia and New Zealand; trade related aspects of Economic Governance; recommendation for a Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations for a Convention establishing a multilateral court for the settlement of investment disputes; Annual Report on Competition Policy; rules and general principles concerning mechanisms for control by Member States of the Commission's exercise of implementing powers; exchange of views with the Commission on Trade and Sustainable Development (TSD) chapters in EU Trade Agreements;</i></p>	Brussels
11-12 October	<u>Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety</u>	<p><i>Among others: Joint ENVI-AGRI public hearing on "The Monsanto papers and glyphosate"; hearing of the candidate for the function of Executive Director of ECHA; exchange of views with the Commission and EFSA on GMO Environmental Risk Assessment (ERA) criteria; exchange of views with the Commission on the draft Delegated Act on scientific criteria for endocrine disruptors; exchange of views with Mr Maroš Šefčovič, Vice-President of the Commission, responsible for Energy Union as part of the structured dialogue; exchange of views with Mr Jyrki Katainen, European Commission Vice-President responsible for Jobs, Growth, Investment and Competitiveness, as part of the structured dialogue;</i></p>	Brussels

11-12 October	Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection	<i>Among others: Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council to empower the competition authorities of the Member States to be more effective enforcers and to ensure the proper functioning of the internal market; 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; establishing a single digital gateway to provide information, procedures, assistance and problem solving services; a European strategy on Cooperative Intelligent Transport Systems; implementation of Directive 2005/36/EC as regards regulation and the need for reform in professional services; proportionality test before adoption of new regulation of professions;</i>	Brussels
16 October	Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
19 October	Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
19 October	Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
20-21 October	Committee on Development	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
22-23 October	Subcommittee on Security and Defence	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
22-23 October	Committee on International Trade	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels

[All European Parliament Committee Meetings](#)

1.4 Committee of the Regions (CoR)

Date	Event	Venue/Location
2 October	Exhibition: Far from Brussels	Brussels

9 October	Briefing on the future of Cohesion Policy beyond 2020	Brussels
9-11 October	125th CoR Plenary	Brussels
9-12 October	15th European Week of Regions and Cities	Brussels
12 October	Yes, local governments innovate!	Brussels
12 October	Disaster Risk Management in European Regions: Towards reducing the number of affected people	Brussels
24 October	19th meeting of the Euro-Mediterranean Regional and Local Assembly (ARLEM) Bureau	Brussels
9-10 November	8th European Public Communication Conference: [Re]shaping European Dialogues	Brussels
29 November	Science meets Regions	Brussels

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

1.5 European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)

Date	Event	Venue/Location
3 October	Public Hearing: The future of the EU Disability strategy after 2020	Brussels
3-4 October	9th Meeting of European Union, Latin American and Caribbean Organised Civil Society - Panama city	Panama
4-10 October	20 years of the European Disability Forum	Brussels
6 October	Quality under the lens	Brussels
6 October	Working for a better future. Digitalisation and innovation: opportunities and challenges	Tallinn, Estonia
10 October	Intergenerational fairness and solidarity in Europe	Brussels

24 October	The LeaderSHIP 2020 strategy as a vision for the maritime technology industry	Brussels
25 October	Advantages of Digital society	Tallinn, Estonia
26 October	The EU-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement: the way forward	Brussels
6 November	Air Traffic Management continuity in an Open and Connected Europe	Brussels
27 November	Transition to post-2020 Europe	Budapest, Hungary

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

1.6 International Relations

Date	Event	Venue/Location
5-6 October	EU-India Summit	New Delhi, India
24 November	Eastern Partnership Summit	Brussels
29-30 November	Africa-EU Summit	Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire

2. Conferences & Meetings

2.1 DG JRC Conferences and Events

Date	Event	Organiser	Venue/Location
22 September-22 October	Resonances II exhibition FAIR/FEAR - What makes a fair society?	DG JRC	Ispra and Milan, Italy
29 September-15 October	Art Spaces. Nuclear Decommissioning: the science at the service of the future generation	DG JRC	Ispra, Italy
4-5 October	Next-generation sequencing technologies and antimicrobial resistance	DG JRC	Varese, Italy
6 October	60 years of JRC Ispra Ceremony	DG JRC	Ispra, Italy
6-10 October	2017 Neutron Resonance Analysis School	DG JRC	Geel, Belgium
9-10 October	XX Edoardo Amaldi Conference	DG JRC, Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei	Rome, Italy
11-12 October	Science meets Parliament Slovenia	DG JRC, Ministry of Education, Science and Sport of Slovenia	Ljubljana, Slovenia
11-12 October	Use of reference materials and the estimation of measurement uncertainty	DG JRC	Geel, Belgium
12-13 October	Training on citizen engagement in Policy relevant Science, Technology and Innovation	DG JRC, Ministry of Civil Affairs Bosnia and Herzegovina	Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

16 October	Workshop: The future of Migration	DG JRC	Brussels
18 October	Contributing to market transparency – future challenges of agricultural monitoring systems. 25th anniversary of the MARS Bulletins	DG JRC, DG AGRI	Brussels
19-20 October	JRC tools to support reduction of fuel/energy consumption, CO2 and pollutant emissions from road transport in Europe	DG JRC, University of Belgrade	Belgrade, Republic of Serbia
25 October	The JRC Community of Practice in Financial Research-(COPFIR) Launch Event	DG JRC	Brussels
25 October	Railways of the future	DG JRC, European Committee for Standardization (CEN), European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization (CENELEC), DG GROW	Brussels
26 October	Launch of the Competence Centre on Modelling	DG JRC	Brussels
27 October	Launch of the JRC Africa Report	DG JRC	Brussels
6-10 November	15th JRC Annual Training on Composite Indicators and Scoreboards & 2017 Annual meeting of Community of Practice.	DG JRC	Ispra, Italy
15-17 November	Quantitative methods for integrated food and nutrition security measurement – lessons to be learned!	DG JRC, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)	Brussels
20 November	Science meets Parliament Germany	DG JRC, Saxon State Parliament	Dresden, Germany
23 November	60 Years of JRC Karlsruhe	DG JRC	Karlsruhe, Germany
28 November	Science meets Parliament 2017	DG JRC, EP (STOA)	Brussels

14-16 December	The 2nd International workshop on Modelling of Physical, Economic and Social Systems for Resilience Assessment	DG JRC, National Institute of Standards and Technology, US Department of Commerce (NIST), Colorado State University	Ispra
Further upcoming DG JRC Events			
Further upcoming events in the EU Newsroom Calendar			

2.2 Further European Conferences and Meetings

2-4 October	39th Meeting of the Directors-General for civil protection of the European Union, the European Economic Area and candidate countries	Estonian Presidency of the Council of the EU	Tallinn, Estonia
3 October	European Social Fund financial instruments supporting social inclusion in the 2014-2020 programming period	EC	Madrid, Spain
3-4 October	Industrial innovation information days 2017	EC	Brussels
4 October	e-Partnership conference: Trust in e-governance in Eastern Partnership countries	Estonian Presidency of the Council of the EU	Tallinn, Estonia
4-6 October	Soil for sustainable food production and ecosystem services	Estonian Presidency of the Council of the EU	Tallinn, Estonia
5 October	Capacity building for environmental tax reform	EC, Institute for European Environmental Policy, CoR	Brussels

5 October	Internal audit service conference 2017- Innovation and creativity in internal audit: myth or reality?	EC, Internal Audit Service	Brussels
5-6 October	Ministerial e-Government Conference	Estonian Presidency of the Council of the EU	Brussels
5-6 October	Our Ocean. An Ocean for life	EC	Valletta, Malta
7-22 October	2017 EU Code Week	EC	Europe-wide
9-12 October	Workshop on silver economy	European Week of regions and cities (EWRC), EC, European Committee of the Regions	Brussels
10 October	Supporting cities and regions to become successful digital ecosystems	EC	Brussels
10 October	Third annual EU conference on EAFRD financial instruments for agriculture and rural development in 2014-2020	EC, EIB	Paris, France
11 October	Therapies for the future - Exploring solutions for innovative treatments in Europe	EP	Brussels
11 October	Gender Equality Index 2017, conference 11 October	European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE); Estonian Presidency of the Council of the EU	Brussels
11 October	GENCAD conference on gender and health – Awareness, facts and European perspectives	EC	Brussels
11 October	MSP for Blue Growth - How to plan for a sustainable Blue Economy	EC	Brussels
11 October	Making inter-regional and strategic cluster collaboration work for SMEs– the case of advanced manufacturing	EC	Brussels

11-12 October	Agri Innovation Summit (AIS) 2017	Portuguese Government, EIP-AGRI Network, European Network for Rural Development	Lisbon, Portugal
12 October	European Research Excellence - Impact and Value for Society	Estonian Presidency of the Council of the EU	Tallinn, Estonia
12-13 October	Beyond 2020: Supporting Europe's coastal communities	Estonian Presidency of the Council of the EU	Tallinn, Estonia
13 October	Crossing boundaries: new approaches to science for policy in Europe- side event to European Research Excellence	Science Advice for Policy by European Academies (SAPEA)	Tallinn, Estonia
16 October	Harnessing research and innovation for FOOD 2030: a science policy dialogue	EC	Brussels
16 October	New technologies and Regional Policy	EP	Brussels
16-17 October	INNOVEIT 2017: EIT's Innovation Forum	EIT	Budapest, Hungary
16-18 October	eHealthTallinn 2017: health in the digital society, digital society for health	Estonian Presidency of the Council of the EU	Tallinn, Estonia
16-18 October	Aviation: The journey to achieving effective safety management	Estonian Presidency of the Council of the EU	Tallinn, Estonia
17 October	The role of social financial intermediaries in deploying financial instruments under the European Social Fund in the 2014-2020 programming period	EC	Brussels
17 October	ESMA conference 2017: The state of European financial markets	ESMA	Paris, France
17-18 October	Conference on innovation procurement	Estonian Presidency of the Council of the EU in cooperation with the Estonian Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications	Tallinn, Estonia

17-18 October	Annual eu-LISA conference 2017: Going digital for a safe and secure Europe	EU Agency for Large-Scale IT Systems, Other bodies and agencies, Estonian Presidency of the Council of the EU	Tallinn, Estonia
17-19 October	Science delivery for sustainable use of the Baltic Sea living resources	Estonian Presidency of the Council of the EU	Tallinn, Estonia
18 October	6th Annual Forum of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region	EC, The Hungarian Presidency of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region	Budapest, Hungary
18 October	5th Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC) stakeholder forum	BEREC	Brussels
18 October	EU agencies - How to manage the risk of reputational damage	European Ombudsman	Brussels
18 October	Power from Statistics	Eurostat	Brussels
18-19 October	European Cybercrime Centre (EC3)- European Union Agency for Network and Information Security (ENISA) internet of things security conference	EC3, ENISA	The Hague, The Netherlands
18-19 October	Circular Procurement Congress II – Mainstreaming circular procurement	Estonian Presidency of the Council of the EU	Tallinn, Estonia
19 October	Should we fear the future- is it rational to be optimistic about artificial intelligence?	EP	Brussels
19 October	16th European Tourism Forum	Estonian Presidency of the Council of the EU	Tallinn, Estonia
19-20 October	Futur-e-Justice conference	Estonian Presidency of the Council of the EU	Tallinn, Estonia

19-20 October	6th International cooperation forum	European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA)	Cologne, Germany
20 October	Validation workshop for Baseline Security Measures for the Internet of Things (IoT)	EU Agency for Network and Information Security (ENISA)	The Hague, The Netherlands
23 October	Third international symposium on drug-impaired driving	European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA)	Lisbon, Portugal
23-25 October	Horizon 2020 Energy Info Days 2017	EC	Brussels
24 October	Health and Social Responses to Drug Problems: a European Guide	EMCDDA	Lisbon, Portugal
24 October	Raising perspectives for talented researchers by institutions implementing the Human Resources Strategy (HRS4R)	EC	Brussels
24-25 October	Manufuture 2017	Estonian Presidency of the Council of the EU	Tallinn, Estonia
24-26 October	Nature-based solutions: from innovation to common-use	Estonian presidency of the Council of the EU, Estonian Ministry of the Environment and Tallinn University	Tallinn, Estonia
24-26 October	Lisbon Addiction 2017: Second European Conference on addictive behaviours and dependencies and EMCDDA Scientific Award	EMCDDA	Lisbon, Portugal

25-26 October	Joint EFSA/EBTC scientific colloquium on evidence integration in risk assessment: the science of combining apples and oranges	European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), Evidence Based Toxicology Collaboration (EBTC)	Lisbon, Portugal
26 October	Electronic official control of food and plant products	EC	Brussels
26-27 October	Testing the Waters 2017	EMCDDA, Sewage Analysis CORE Group (SCORE)	Lisbon, Portugal
27 October	Climathon 2017	Estonian Presidency of the Council of the EU	Tallinn, Estonia
30-31 October	CTI-EU Bonding EU cyber threat intelligence	European Union Agency for Network and Information Security (ENISA), DG CNCT, Europol, CERT-EU and the European Defence Agency (EDA)	Rome, Italy
6-10 November	Raw materials week 2017	EC	Brussels
27 November – 1 December	9th European Innovation Summit and Innovation Week	Knowledge4Innovation	Brussels

2.3 International Conferences and events

Date	Event	Organiser	Venue/Location
1-3 October	Science and Technology in Society (STS) Forum	STS	Kyoto, Japan
3-5 October	Croenergy 2017	Government of Croatia, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development	Bracak, Croatia
11 October	1st Women and Leadership	Women and Leadership Affinity Group, Redscope	Brussels

	Transatlantic Dialogue	Consulting, Sofia Foundation	
11-13 October	International Workshop: assessing the Security Implications of Genome Editing Technology	Volkswagen Foundation	Hanover, Germany
15-17 October	World Health Summit (WHS) 2017	WHS	Berlin, Germany
16-18 October	Oceanography and Marine Biology: Contemporary challenges and innovative solutions for sustainable oceans	Gangneung-Wonju National University (South Korea), Kaohsiung Medical University (Taiwan), Stockholm University (Sweden), Ministry of Water Resources, Ganga Rejuvenation and River Development, Khadakwasla (India), National Institute of Ocean Technology and Integrated Coastal and Marine Area (India), Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium (USA), Aquatic Animal Health at the Life science and Environment Research Institute (Saudi Arabia), The University of the South Pacific (Fiji Islands)	Seoul, South Korea
17 October	European University Association (EUA) RIS3 Workshop: Universities in regional innovation ecosystems: coherent policies for Europe beyond 2020	EUA et al.	Tartu, Estonia
17-20 October	Conference of European Schools for Advanced Engineering Education and Research (CESAER) Annual Meetings	CESAER	Budapest, Hungary
20-21 November	OECD Observatory of Public Sector Innovation (OPSI) Conference: Innovation in Government: The New Normal	OPSI	Paris, France
23 October	OECD Seminar on Fairness and Resilience	OECD, DG JRC	Paris, France
26 October	2nd Joint Programming Initiative (JPI) Oceans conference, 26	JPI Oceans, CSA Oceans 2	Lisbon, Portugal

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7-8 November	European Council of Academies of Applied Sciences (Euro-CASE) Annual Conference 2017: Cybersecurity	Euro-CASE	Poznan, Poland
7-11 November	World Science Forum 2017	Royal Scientific Society of Jordan, Hungarian Academy of Sciences (MTA), International Council for Science (ICSU), UNESCO	Dead Sea, Jordan
16-18 November	2017 EU-US Frontiers of Engineering Symposium	National Academy of Engineering	Davis, USA
23-24 November	European Academies Science Advisory Council (EASAC) Meeting	EASAC	Sofia, Bulgaria
25-28 November	World Bosai Forum IDRC 2017	Sendai City, 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
21-26 January	Arctic Frontiers 2018-Connecting the Arctic	Arcticfrontiers	Tromsø, Norway

3. DG JRC News

2016	<u>DG JRC Annual Report</u>
July	<u>DG JRC Newsletter October 2017</u>
Open	<u>Open access to JRC Research Infrastructures - Call</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>

September Highlights

4-5 September	<u>International GNSS Summer School 2017</u>
<p>This year the International GNSS Summer School was hosted by the Norwegian Space Centre and held at Longyearbyen, Svalbard – Spitsbergen, Norway. The summer school was held in cooperation with the European Space Agency (ESA), the Joint Research Centre and four internationally renowned universities: the Bundeswehr</p>	

Universität München, ISAE Supaero, Stanford University and Technical University (TU) Graz. The summer school provided key information, fresh ideas, innovative approaches and practical advices on topics like satellite navigation, ionospheric and tropospheric effects, carrier-phase positioning, GNSS signals, receivers and performance. Specific focus was devoted to emerging subjects such as GNSS threats and countermeasures, navigation in GNSS denied environments, cyber safety for civilian navigation, GNSS integrity, the principle of smartphone location and the future of the satellite systems. Many laboratory sessions were carried out providing attendees with the “hands-on” experience. In addition, lectures on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) and patents as well as on business aspects were given. The emphasis was put on the development of group projects using innovative ideas and covering all aspects from the idea and business plan development, the technical realisation and the final marketing of the product and services. The program was open to graduate students (with a first university degree), Ph.D. candidates, early-stage researchers and young professional willing to broaden their knowledge. More information is available on the [Summer School website](#).

The role of the JRC: The Joint Research Centre of the European Commission has been supporting the ESA/JRC summer school on GNSS since 2013. The JRC contributed to the organization of the event and structuring the relevant programme, inviting prominent speakers, and making its technical and scientific competences available to the students throughout lectures, laboratory work and project work.

6-8 September

JRC-SAS-INGSA Evidence and Policy Summer School

In a world flooded with information from a multitude of sources, collecting, managing, making sense of and communicating knowledge, or evidence, is highly challenging. Procuring, producing and using relevant evidence in policymaking is an even more complex task. It demands a set of distinct skills and additionally a mutual understanding between researchers and policymakers. To help researchers to have more impact and policymakers to use evidence for policy solutions, the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC), together with the International Network for Government Science Advice (INGSA) and the Slovak Academy of Sciences, organised the third Evidence and Policy Summer School in Senec, Slovakia. The thematic topic of the 2017 Summer School was migration and demographic changes—a key strategic area for the future of Europe. However, the workshop focused on the tools and approaches to inform the policymaking process through evidence.

11-15 September

9th International Summer School on Nuclear Decommissioning and Waste Management

The 9th International Summer School on Nuclear Decommissioning and Waste Management took place at the Joint Research Centre (JRC) in Ispra, Italy. Nuclear Decommissioning and Waste Management are important parts of the nuclear power plants' life cycle and a crucial factor in public acceptance of nuclear power generation. At the end of the operational life of the first generation of nuclear power plants, an effective nuclear decommissioning process and management of its waste will prove to be vital. A thorough analysis of waste production routes is needed in order to manage waste safely for workers, the public and the environment. This needs also to be applied to research, medical applications and industrial activities such as mining, as well as electrical power generation. An effective characterisation and management of waste includes appropriate environmental monitoring and the application of sound principles of the waste cycle. This includes policy, regulatory issues, radiation protection, human resources management and aspects of stakeholders' involvement. Participants were able to discuss nuclear decommissioning and waste management directly with experts and other delegates, and had the opportunity to learn from their international experience.

25 September

Annual lecture: Ignorance and the Community of Knowledge

Steven Sloman is a cognitive scientist who studies how people think. His recent book "The Knowledge Illusion", written with Philip Fernbach, sets out how our habits of thought influence the way we see the world and then decide what actions to take. Humans have built hugely complex societies and technologies, but most of us don't know how a simple technology such as a pen actually works. How have we achieved so much despite understanding

so little? Sloman argues that we survive and thrive despite our mental shortcomings because we live in a community of knowledge. The key to our intelligence lies in our connections to the people and things around us. We're constantly drawing on information and expertise stored outside our heads: in our bodies, our environment, our possessions, and the community with which we interact—and usually we don't even realise we're doing it. These findings have the potential to help us re-think the place of knowledge in policymaking and our democracy by responding to the incredibly complex political and societal challenges we face with communities of knowledge that are, as Professor Sloman says "the super-intelligence of the future". Organisations like the JRC are trying to draw on these ideas in practice in making better sense of the wealth of knowledge available for EU policymaking. Its recent drive to develop knowledge and competence centres that bring experts and policymakers together in real and virtual communities of practice and knowledge is an example of an attempt to build communities of knowledge.

The event was moderated by Simon Kuper of the Financial Times. Simon is the author of an influential weekly column in the Financial Times, which frequently looks at current social and political issues from a European perspective. As a British citizen based in Paris who grew up partly in the Netherlands, Simon is a journalist able to write in the English language about European politics from more than one cultural perspective. He is also the author of several books about European and global football. Simon has also been involved in a recent JRC research project on "big data, psycho-targeting and the future of democracy" on which two of his recent articles were based. The project investigated the extent to which psycho-targeted social media advertising was used as a tool of political influence, notably via social media, in political campaigns in 2016. It found that psychological influencing techniques are now heavily used in social media campaigns in combination with demographic targeting. However, psycho-targeting at the individual level is not (yet) common practice in political campaigns.

26 September

EU4FACTS: Evidence for policy in a post-fact world

The interaction between science and policy has never been straightforward. But this relationship has been further complicated by the current post-fact debate. This crisis is a challenge for the whole of society, not only scientists, experts, the media and policymakers, but also for politicians. We need to learn from past success and failures in building policy on evidence, to understand the causes of this crisis and to chart a new course for organisations operating at the inter-section of facts, politics and the media. Policy making needs to find the balance between facts and values. Linear thinking cannot be applied to the relationship between science, society and policy anymore. Scientists, politicians and citizens need new models and processes to connect, to develop new thinking and to communicate new narratives. The process needs to become more open, involving all interest groups (scientists, policymakers and society) from the design and production to the delivery phase. In addition to listening to speeches and discussions between leading scientists and politicians, the participants had a possibility to interact with the speakers via a live app during sessions, as well as meet them in person during dedicated time slots after each session.

26 September

Copernicus Marine Service: An EU asset for sustainable oceans

JRC scientist Jean-Noël Druon had been invited to be a guest speaker at the Event "Copernicus Marine Service: An EU asset for sustainable oceans", hosted by the European Parliament Intergroup on "Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development" and the MEPs Pavel Poc, Françoise Grossetête and Ricardo Serrão Santos at the European Parliament in Brussels on 26 September 2017. This dedicated morning session was part of the Copernicus Marine Week (25-29/09/2017). As an invited guest for Panel 1, Jean-Noël introduced the video "Tracking Essential Fish Habitat: future fisheries management will be dynamic" on the use of essential fish habitat to protect and rebuild fish stocks (Article 8 of the EU Common Fisheries Policy), and take part in the ensuing discussion.

The Copernicus programme is a cornerstone of the European Union's efforts to monitor the Earth and its many ecosystems. The Copernicus Marine Environment Monitoring Service (CMEMS), launched in 2015, is committed to delivering state-of-the-art information about the state of the ocean on a daily basis, enabling the development of a wide range of blue applications. 2017 marks a very important political year for Europe and its institutions. Amongst other milestones, the entire Copernicus Programme is undergoing a full review and new ideas were put forth for the next phase of the programme. A dedicated morning session was organised at the European Parliament, to hold an open forum for discussion that gives all stakeholders the chance to convey their messages. This conference was an occasion to highlight the many ways CMEMS supports Public Authorities in the implementation of EU legislation

such as the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD, 2008/56/EC), contributes to blue growth development, supports the private sector in their respective markets and is engaged in ocean literacy. Stakeholders from the public sector, private sector and civil society highlighted current achievements, answered questions, as well as opened the floor to discuss the challenges of tomorrow. Further information:

•[Copernicus Marine Week](#)

•[Copernicus Marine Environment Monitoring Service](#)

27-29 September

[6th European Conference on Corporate R&D and Innovation CONCORDi 2017](#)

The biennial European Conference on Corporate R&D and Innovation proposed a 3 days programme networking with researchers from nearly 30 universities and technological institutes from across the world: Europe, North and South America. The plenary and parallel sessions also hosted international financial institutions, corporations and policy representatives from the US Patent and Trademark Office, the OECD or the European Commission.

CONCORDi 2017 was organised by the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission in association with the OECD. It took place in Seville. For more information visit [CONCORDi 2017 website](#).

28 September

[Webinar: Complex Systems and Social Practices in Energy Transitions](#)

This webinar, organised by the Joint Research Centre, gave participants the opportunity to follow the conversation with some of the authors of a new book on how complex systems and social practice theories reframe the issue of energy sustainability in the time of renewables. Participants had also the possibility to chat with the authors and learned about the insights these authors provided on how complex dynamics generated by present socio-technical systems and the ongoing transition to renewables will oblige researchers and policy makers to review their ideas concerning energy consumption and energy sustainability. To find out more about the book, and to browse authors' bios and chapters' abstracts, please visit its page on the [European Energy Efficiency Platform](#).

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