



The Czech Republic took up the rotating Presidency of the Council of the European Union on July 1st and will be presiding until the end of December 2022. Its programme was published under the motto "Europe as a task: Rethink, Rebuild, Repower".

The Czech Presidency has set out the following priorities:

- Managing the refugee crisis and postwar reconstruction of Ukraine
- Energy security
- Strengthening European defence capabilities and cybersecurity
- Strategic resilience of the European economy
- Resilience of democratic institutions

This Dods EU Political Intelligence report provides details of the key priorities and dates of the new Presidency.







Czech Presidency – Priorities

General Affairs

Ukraine

o Mitigating the impact of the war on the EU

COVID-19

o Mitigation of any potential new waves

• Strengthening European Democracy

- o Implementation of the European Democracy Action Plan
- o Protection of election integrity

Rule of Law and Protection of Fundamental Rights

- o Discussions on the rule of law, including in Poland and Hungary
- o Independence of the media

• Conference on the Future of Europe

• Relations with the UK

Enlargement

- o Further integration of the Eastern Partnership Countries
- Supporting the efforts of the Western Balkans countries

Better Resilience

- Strengthening the EU's resilience against hybrid and cyber threats
- General approach on the cybersecurity proposal at the EU institutions
- Implementation of the EU's cybersecurity strategy

Economic, Social and Territorial Cohesion

- Adoption of Council conclusions on cohesion policy
- Mobilisation of funds to address the impact of the war on affected Member States
- Progress on the general cohesion regulation

Foreign Affairs, Security & Trade

Ukraine

- Defence of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine
- o Supporting the integration of the FLI
- o The supply of EU arms to Ukraine

Russia

- Application and enforcement of the sanctions regime
- Accountability for crimes against humanity

• Western Balkans

- o Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Normalisation of relations between Serbia and Kosovo

EFTA

- Future adjustments of the EU's relations with Switzerland
- Negotiation of the Association Agreement with Andorra, Monaco and San Marino

North America

- Deepen ties on security and defence
- o The Trade and Technology Council
- o Deepening of the EU-Canada strategic partnership

Asia

- o EU strategy for Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific
- o EU-Asia Connectivity Strategy
- o Preparation of the EU-ASEAN Summit

Africa

- o Stabilisation of the Sahel
- The EU Global Connectivity Strategy
- External aspects of energy security



• Defence

- Strengthening EU-NATO cooperation
- Strengthening of EU defence capacities
- Joint defence research and development
- Joint procurement
- o A joint European Defence Investment Programme
- Implementation of the Strategic Compass
- o Strengthening of EU resilience
- The external aspects of the fight against terrorism
- o Military mobility
- Hybrid threats, cyber threats, space and new technologies

Development

- Private sector involvement and blended finance
- Implementation of the NDICI regulation
- o Implementation of Team Europe initiatives
- o Disaster risk reduction

• Humanitarian Aid

- o EU Global Human Rights Sanctions regime
- Humanitarian assistance to Ukraine

Trade

- o Diversification of trade flows
- Advancing bilateral trade negotiations, particularly with Latin America and the Indo-Pacific
- Trade and sustainable development
- o The facilitation of digital trade
- o WTO reform
- o The Trade and Technology Council
- o Launch of trilogues on the revision of the GSP regulation
- o Reform of the investment dispute resolution mechanism

Economic and Financial Affairs

• Recovery and Growth:

- Implementation of the Recovery and Resilience Facility, and also taking into account the REPowerEU initiative
- o Short-term financial assistance to Ukraine
- o Possible reform of the fiscal rules
- o European Semester 2023

Financial Services

- o Common approach on Basel III
- Revision of MiFIR
- o ESAP
- o EU green bond standards
- o Revision of the ELTIF framework
- o Review of AIFM
- The fight against money laundering and countering the financing of terrorism

• Taxation

- o Combatting tax evasion
- o The energy tax directive
- Implementing fairer taxation by writing the OECD agreement into EU law
- Updating the EU list of noncooperative jurisdictions

• The EU Budget

- Agreeing on the EU Budget for 2023
- o New EU own resources
- o Revision of the Financial regulation

Customs

- o Reform of the Customs Union
- The Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism



Justice & Home Affairs

Justice

- Cooperation with the International Criminal Court on the investigation of war crimes by Russia
- The freezing and seizing of the assets of persons on the EU sanctions list
- o Council decision on the extension of the list of euro crimes
- Directive on asset recovery and confiscation
- Achievement of a general approach on the protection of the environment through criminal law
- o The acquisition of electronic evidence
- Package on the digitisation of cross-border judicial cooperation
- Proposals on the protection against strategic lawsuits against public participation
- o Protecting vulnerable adults
- o Cross-border family situations
- o The EU's accession to the ECHR
- Amendments to the functioning of the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights

Home Affairs

- o Cooperation with the Eastern Partnership countries
- o The Security Union Strategy
- The fight against child sexual abuse and the protection of children on the internet
- The European Police Cooperation Code
- EU Strategy for the fight against
 Organised Crime
- o EMPACT 2022+
- o Implementation the EU strategy on the trafficking of human beings
- o The EU Counter-Terrorism agenda
- o The dissemination of terrorist content online
- o EU pact on Migration and Asylum

- Addressing the instrumentalisation of migration by Belarus
- Drugs Policy Revision of the regulation on the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction
- Drug trafficking in the virtual environment
- Conclusions on the rationalisation of drugs policies
- External justice and home affairs relations

Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs

• Employment and social policy

- o Tackling energy poverty
- o The effective integration of refugees
- o The ageing of European society
- Improving skills and adapting workers to a changing labour market
- The integration of persons with disabilities into the labour market
- o Lifelong learning and training
- o The implementation of the Action Plan to support the Social Economy
- The implementation of the Commission's recommendations on effective and active labour market measures
- General approach on the working conditions of workers on online platforms
- Directive on the protection of workers exposed to asbestos
- Reducing child poverty by 2030 by promoting their access to education
- o The implementation of the European Child Guarantee
- o Revision of the Barcelona targets
- o An EU Care Strategy
- o An EU minimum income strategy
- o A Union of equality





- Directive on ensuring transparency in the remuneration of men and women
- Proposal to strengthen the role and independence of equality bodies

Health

- o Cancer
- Approval of a recommendation on cancer screening
- Agreement on the European Health Data Space proposal
- o Council conclusions on vaccination
- Negotiation of the Pandemic Convention
- Amendments to the International Health Regulations
- Proposal to set up coordination mechanisms between the groups of health diplomats working at the World Health Organization (WHO) in Geneva and at the EU in Brussels
- Preparation of the EU Strategy for Global Health
- o Revision of the legislation on human blood, tissues and cells
- o The implementation of the Pharmaceutical Strategy
- o Progress report on the revision of the EMA fees regulation
- Regulation laying down Community procedures for the authorisation and supervision of medicinal products for human and veterinary use and establishing a European Medicines Agency
- Directive on the Community code relating to medicinal products for human use
- The Orphan Medicinal Products
 Regulation
- o Regulation on medicinal products for paediatric use
- o Rare diseases

Competitiveness & Internal Market

Internal Market and Industry

- Strengthening open strategic autonomy and increasing the competitiveness of European industry
- The resilience of Industry and supply chains
- o General approach on the European Chips Act proposal
- The implementation of the European Industrial Strategy and the mapping of strategic dependencies
- o The free movement of services
- o The work of the Single Market Enforcement Taskforce
- Negotiations on the Single Market Emergency Instrument
- o The Ecodesign regulation
- Technical harmonisation of products: construction products, motor vehicles and non-road mobile machinery
- European Standardisation Regulation
- Reduction of the regulatory burden

Company Law

- o Common approach on sustainable corporate governance
- Political agreement on the revision of the NFRD

Competition

- Foreign subsidies in the Single Market
- Assistance to SMEs

Consumer Protection

- o General product safety
- Trilogue agreement on the Consumer Credit Directive





IPR

- Modernisation of the system of protection of industrial designs
- o Protection of GIs for craft and industrial products

Tourism

- Long-term strategy for sustainable development and the postpandemic recovery
- o An Agenda for Tourism 2030
- o Beginning talks on the regulation on short-term rentals

Research and Innovation

- The role of research infrastructures as a facilitator of unique data collections, cutting-edge knowledge and advanced technologies
- o The European Open Science Policy
- o Council conclusions on the prioritisation of investment in research infrastructures
- Council conclusions on synergies in research and the Prague Declaration
- Widening of the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation
- o The Communication on innovation
- The Single European Act in partnership with the Horizon Europe Framework Programme
- o The creation of the Chips Joint Undertaking

Space

- The creation of a Union programme for secure connectivity
- Communication on Space Traffic Management
- o The use of data from EU satellite systems

Transport, Telecommunications & Energy

Transport

- The Regulation on TEN-T
- Continuing work on the Fit for 55
 Package proposals: Alternative
 Fuels Infrastructure Regulation
 (AFIR), "FuelEU Maritime" and
 "ReFuelEU Aviation"
- Intelligent Transport MobilitySystems
- Efficient and Green Mobility
 package Directive on the
 framework for the
 deployment of Intelligent Transport
 Systems
- The EU's common position for meetings of the International Civil Aviation Organization
- o The Regulation on a level playing field for sustainable aviation
- o The revision of the Single European Sky framework
- o Council conclusions on NAIADES III

Energy

- o REPowerEU
- o General Approach on the gas decarbonisation package
- The role of nuclear energy and lowemission hydrogen in decarbonisation
- Trilogues on the Directives on energy efficiency and on the use of energy from renewable source
- General approach on the energy performance of buildings
- General approach on the Regulation on the reduction of methane emissions in the energy sector
- Negotiation of the modernisation of the Energy Charter Treaty



INTELLIGENCE

Digital

- European Declaration on Digital Rights and Principle
- Development of the data economy - Common approach on the Data
- General approach on the European Digital Identity framework
- European Digital Identity Wallet
- o Common management of interoperability of public administrations of EU Member States
- General approach on Al
- Agreement on the Digital Goals for
- Digital Decade Policy Programme
- o Revision of the Directive on measures to reduce the cost of deploying highspeed electronic communications networks
- Radio Spectrum Policy Programme
- Cyber Resilience Act
- Council conclusions on supply chain security in the context of cybersecurity
- General approach on ensuring a high level of cybersecurity in the institutions, bodies and agencies of the Union
- The Trade and Technology Council
- The Indo-Pacific Digital Partnership
- The TTC with India

Agriculture, Food & Fisheries

Agriculture and Food

- Food security
- o Sustainable agricultural and food production
- Regulation on the sustainable use of pesticides
- The New Forest Strategy 2030
- o Starting trilogues with the Parliament on deforestation
- The labelling of nutritional information on the front of food packaging

- The labelling of durability and expiry dates
- The labelling of ingredients in alcoholic beverages
- The extension of country-of-origin labelling
- Establishing nutritional profiles
- Promoting policies for agricultural products
- o A common approach to the revision of the rules for the geographical indications for agricultural products

Fisheries

- o Development and revision of EU and international agreements on fishing opportunities
- o Council conclusions on strategic principles for a more sustainable and competitive aquaculture

Animal Health

- Prevention of dangerous animal diseases
- o The ban on battery caged hens in the EU by 2030
- o Revision of the Regulation on additives used in animal nutrition
- Initiatives for the sustainable use of antimicrobials and combatting antimicrobial resistance in veterinary medicine
- Debate on carbon farming



Environment

The Fit for 55 package

- The revision of the EU ETS
 Emissions Trading Directive and the Market Stabilisation Reserve (MSR) Decision, the revision of the Effort Sharing Regulation, the revision of the LULUCF (Land Use and Forestry) Regulation and the revision of the Regulation setting CO2 limits for new passenger cars and light commercial vehicles)
- Regulation on fluorinated greenhouse gases
- Regulation on substances that deplete the ozone layer
- EU Adaptation Strategy
- EU Soil Strategy
- Coordination of the EU position for COP 27
- Circular economy
- Trilogue agreement on batteries and waste batteries
- General approach on the shipment of waste
- Proposal to enshrine nature restoration objectives
- Starting trilogues on the proposal on commodities and products contributing to deforestation and forest degradation
- Preparing the EU position for CBD COP 15
- The Ambient Air Quality Directive
- Revision of the Industrial Emissions
 Directive
- Starting talks on the proposals in the area of water protection, packaging waste and chemicals
- Prepare for global environmental talks

Education, Youth, Culture & Sports

• Education:

- o Well-being in digital education
- o Council recommendations in the area of digital learning
- o Recommendation on Pathways to School Success

• Youth:

- o Intergenerational solidarity
- Council conclusions on equity in youth policies and youth work
- o The 9th cycle of the EU Youth Dialogue
- o Conference on the European Year of Youth 2022

• Culture:

- o Work Plan for Culture 2023-2026
- o The status of the artist
- o The New European Bauhaus initiative
- o The protection of cultural heritage
- o The European Media Freedom Act
- Creativity: the basis for competitiveness and development of the youth in the field of culture

Sport:

- Council conclusions on sustainable and accessible sports infrastructure
- o Sport and EU values



Czech Presidency – Key Dates

General Affairs

July 14-15: <u>Informal meeting of European</u> affairs ministers

July 25: Economic and Financial Affairs
Council (Budget)

 Council's position on the draft Union Budget for 2022

September 1-2: <u>Informal meeting of</u> ministers responsible for cohesion policy

September 8-9: Round Table with Civil Society from Western Balkans on Challenges of European Integration

September 20: General Affairs Council

October 18: General Affairs Council

- Regulation on transparency and targeting of political advertising -General approach
- Regulation laying down measures for a high common level of cybersecurity at the institutions, bodies, offices and agencies of the Union (EUIBA) - General approach

October 20-21: European Council

November 9-11: <u>Conference Innovative</u> <u>Region: Opportunities and Challenges</u>

November 11: <u>Economic and Financial</u> <u>Affairs Council (Budget)</u>

Union budget for 2023

November 18: General Affairs Council

November 22: <u>General Affairs Council</u> (Cohesion)

December 13: General Affairs Council

 Conclusions on the enlargement and stabilisation and association process -Approval December 15-16: European Council

Foreign Affairs, Security & Trade

July 5-15: <u>High-level Political Forum on</u> <u>Sustainable Development 2022</u>

July 6-7: Conference on "Responsive CSDP: Navigating through Troubled Waters of Geopolitics"

July 18: Foreign Affairs Council

- EU-Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) relations
- Digital diplomacy

July 19-20: Conference on "Importance of Modern Technologies for European Defence and Security"

August 30-31: <u>Informal meeting of foreign</u> <u>affairs ministers - Gymnich</u>

August 30: <u>Informal meeting of defence</u> ministers

August 31: Forum for European Democratic Ukraine

September 19-20: <u>Seminar on "EU-NATO Defence Planning Coherence"</u>

September 26: <u>Pact of Free Cities Summit</u> (<u>Prague</u>)

October 11: Conference on Strengthening Resilience and Countering Hybrid Interference

October 16-18: <u>Eastern Partnership</u>
<u>Business Forum: Building up a partnership</u>
<u>for the future</u>

October 17: Foreign Affairs Council

- India
- Gulf

November 7-9: Seminar "Military Mobility" – Weaknesses and strengths of EU member states in the area of military mobility





November 14: Foreign Affairs Council

- China
- Western Balkans
- Humanitarian aspects

November 15: Foreign Affairs Council (Defence)

- Strategic Compass: implementation
- **EU-NATO** cooperation

November 25: Foreign Affairs Council (Trade)

- WTO reform and follow-up to the 12th WTO Ministerial Conference
- Bilateral trade relations, including ongoing negotiations
- EU-US trade relations
- Trade impact of the war in Ukraine

November 28: Foreign Affairs Council (Development)

Triple nexus approach (humanitarian, development, peace)

December 12: Foreign Affairs Council

- Tunisia/South and East Mediterranean
- **Great Lakes**

Economic and Financial Affairs

July 11: Eurogroup

July 12: Economic and Financial Affairs Council

- European Semester 2022: conclusions on the 2022 in-depth reviews under the Macroeconomic Imbalance Procedure -Approval
- Conclusions on the 2021 fiscal sustainability report

September 8-10: Informal meeting of economic and financial affairs ministers

October 3: Eurogroup

October 4: Economic and Financial Affairs Council

- Regulation on REPowerEU chapters in recovery and resilience plans - General Approach
- Commission communication on economic governance review
- Conclusions on climate finance in view of the 27th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP 27) in Sharm El-Sheikh on 7-18 November 2022
- Conclusions on the revision of the EU list of non-cooperative jurisdictions for tax purposes

October 24-26: High-Level Seminar for Directors General of the Customs Administrations

November 7: Eurogroup

November 8: Economic and Financial Affairs Council

- Implementation of Basel III -General approach
- Directive 1999/62/EC as regards certain provisions on vehicle taxation - Political agreement

December 5: <u>Eurogroup</u>

December 6: Economic and Financial Affairs Council

- New own resources: state of play -Policy debate
- Implementation of the global agreement on re-allocation of taxing rights (pillar one) - Policy debate
- Directive laying down rules to prevent the misuse of shell entities - Progress
- Council Directive laying down rules on a debt-equity bias reduction and on limiting the deductibility of interest for corporate income tax purposes -Progress report
- Carbon border adjustment mechanism (CBAM) - Political agreement



- INTELLIGENCE
 - Revision of the energy taxation Directive - Policy debate
 - Anti-money laundering: AML regulation and AML directive - General approach

Justice & Home Affairs

July 11-12: Informal meeting of justice and home affairs ministers

July 20-21: Presidency Workshop on Preparedness and response to long-term emergencies

September 15-16: The Conference of Experts on Terrorism

September 26-27: EU-US Senior Official Meeting on Justice and Home Affairs

September 29-30: Conference of Directors of Judicial Academies of the European **Judicial Training Network**

October 6: International conference "Urban <u>environment - security threat or opportunity</u> for prevention?"

October 13-14: Conference of Probation and Mediation Service

October 13-14: Justice and Home Affairs Council

- e-evidence Progress report
- Directive against strategic lawsuits against public participation ("anti-SLAPP Directive") – Progress report

October 26-27: Conference on Accountability, Transparency and Trust

November 1-3: EFSA 2030 Conference

November 24: <u>Seminar on the issues of</u> antisemitism

December 8-9: <u>lustice and Home Affairs</u> Council

Regulation on the digitalisation of the visa procedure - General approach

- Border Screening Regulation Political agreement
- Amendment to the Schengen Borders Code Regulation - Political agreement
- Revision of the long-term residence Directive – Progress report
- Revision of the Single Permit Directive -Progress report
- Regulation for addressing situations of instrumentalisation in the field of migration and asylum - General Approach/Progress report
- e-evidence Political agreement
- Directive on asset recovery and confiscation – Policy debate/Progress
- Directive against strategic lawsuits against public participation ("anti-SLAPP Directive") - (Partial) general approach/Policy debate
- Regulation concerning the digital information exchange in terrorism cases - Political agreement
- Directive on protection of the environment through criminal law -General approach
- Digitalisation of justice General approach

Employment, Social Policy, Health and **Consumer Affairs**

July 13-14: Expert meeting on Oncology

September 5-6: High Level Group on **Gender Mainstreaming**

September 6-7: Informal meeting of health ministers

September 20-21: Conference: Disability and Labour Market Integration

September 21: Conference on a HealthyLifestyle4All

September 22-23: Informal meeting of Consumer Protection Ministers





October 13-14: <u>Informal meeting of</u> <u>employment and social affairs ministers</u>

October 19: Tripartite Social Summit

October 25-26: 2022 European Platform for Roma Inclusion

November 8-9: Workshop on Housing Focal Points: Accessible, Sustainable and Inclusive Housing in Europe

December 8: Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council (Employment and social policy)

- Directive on improving working conditions in platform work - Progress report /General approach
- Directive on equal treatment (Article 19)
 Progress report
- Directive on the protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to asbestos - Progress report /General approach
- European Semester 2023 Policy debate
- Conclusions on integration of persons with disabilities in the labour market

December 9: Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council (Health)

- Regulation on the European Health Data Space - Progress report
- Blood, tissues and cells Progress report
- EMA fees Progress report
- Revised Council Recommendation on cancer screening
- Conclusions on vaccination

Competitiveness & Internal Market

July 1: Conference on Investment Security: SMEs, startups, spinoffs and EDTs

July 7-8: Conference on the Synergies in Research and Innovation Funding

July 19-20: <u>Informal meeting of competitiveness ministers (Internal market and industry)</u>

July 21-22: <u>Informal meeting of competitiveness ministers (Research)</u>

September 15: <u>Workshop: Electronic Public Procurement</u>

September 26-27: <u>Conference on insolvency</u>

September 26-27: <u>European Cluster</u> <u>Conference</u>

September 29: <u>Competitiveness Council</u> (<u>Internal market and industry</u>)

- Single Market Emergency Instrument (SMEI) - Policy debate
- Regulation establishing a framework for setting ecodesign requirements for sustainable products and repealing Directive 2009/125/EC - Policy debate

September 30: <u>Competitiveness Council</u> (<u>Research</u>)

October 4-5: <u>Public Procurement</u>
Conference

October 10: European Competition Day

October 18-19: <u>European Strategy Forum</u> on Research Infrastructures

October 19-21: <u>ICRI 2022 – International</u> conference on research infrastructures

November 28-30: <u>SME Assembly</u>

December 1: <u>Competitiveness Council</u> (Internal market and industry)



- INTELLIGENCE
 - Regulation establishing a framework of measures for strengthening Europe's semiconductor ecosystem (Chips Act) - General approach
 - Regulation on geographical indication protection for craft and industrial products - Progress report / General approach
 - Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive - Progress report / General approach
 - Directive empowering consumers for the green transition through better protection against unfair practices and better information -Progress report / General approach

December 2: Competitiveness Council (Research and space)

- Conclusions on Research Infrastructures
- Conclusions on innovation

December 8: Conference on the 30th anniversary of the Single Market

Transport, Telecommunications & Energy

July 11-12: Informal Workshop on Climate Change

July 13-15: Conference on Audiovisual and Copyright

September 12-14: <u>European Conference on</u> Security Research in Cyberspace

September 14-16: <u>EU CULTNET – Expert</u> <u>Conference on the Protection of Cultural</u> <u>Heritage</u>

September 20-22: <u>Urban Mobility Days</u> 2022

October 7-8: <u>Tirana Connectivity Forum</u> 2022

October 11-12: <u>Informal meeting of energy ministers</u>

October 11: Conference on Need for Heat and Hydrogen: The Role of Low-Carbon Nuclear

October 12-13: TEMPEST Seminar

October 20-21: <u>Informal meeting of transport ministers</u>

October 22: Conference on the Future of Living: Artificial Intelligence and SDGs

October 25: Transport, Telecommunications and Energy Council (Energy)

- Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the energy performance of buildings (recast) - General approach
- Regulation on methane emissions reduction in the energy sector and amending Regulation (EU) 2019/942 - General approach
- Directive on common rules for the internal markets in renewable and natural gases and in hydrogen and Proposal for a Regulation on the internal markets for renewable and natural gases and for hydrogen Policy debate
- Gas Storage Exchange of views
- Energy prices Exchange of views

November 2-4: <u>Conference on EU Secure</u> and <u>Innovative Digital Future</u>

November 9-10: <u>Digital construction</u> <u>conference</u>

November 14-16: <u>European Tourism Forum</u>

November 28-29: <u>European Space Start-up</u> <u>Conference + Copernicus User forum</u>

November 29-30: <u>Defending European</u> <u>Interests in Space</u>





November 30 – December 1: Consultation Forum for Sustainable Energy in Defence and Security Sector - CF SEDSS III

December 5: Transport, Telecommunications and Energy Council (Transport)

- Revision of the TEN-T Regulation -General approach
- Revision of the Maritime accident investigation Directive - Progress report
- Revision of the Port State control Directive - Progress report
- Revision of the Flag State control Directive - Progress report

December 6: Transport, Telecommunications and Energy Council (Telecommunications)

- Regulation laying down harmonised rules on artificial intelligence (Artificial Intelligence Act) - General approach
- Regulation establishing a framework for a European electronic identity (eIDAS revision) - General approach
- Regulation on harmonised rules on fair access to and use of data (Data Act) -Progress report / General approach
- Broadband Cost Reduction Directive -(poss.) Progress report
- Proposal on interoperable digital public services - Progress report
- Cyber Resilience Act Progress report

December 19: Transport, Telecommunications and Energy Council (Energy)

- Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the energy performance of buildings (recast) -General approach
- Directive on common rules for the internal markets in renewable and natural gases and in hydrogen and Proposal for a Regulation on the internal markets for renewable and

- natural gases and for hydrogen (recast) - Progress report / General approach
- Regulation on methane emissions reduction in the energy sector and amending Regulation (EU) 2019/942 -Progress report / General approach

Agriculture, Food & Fisheries

July 18: Agriculture and Fisheries Council

- Implementation of the new CAP -Approval of strategic plans Information from the Commission
- Regulation on the sustainable use of plant protection products -Presentation from the Commission
- Conclusions on aquaculture
- Market situation in particular following the invasion of Ukraine

September 14-16: Informal meeting of agriculture and fisheries ministers

September 26: Agriculture and Fisheries

- Agricultural aspects of the revision of the Industrial Emission Directive -Information from the Commission
- Market situation in particular following the invasion of Ukraine

October 14-21: 68th Meeting of the International Whaling Commission

October 17-18: Agriculture and Fisheries Council

- Trade-related agricultural issues
- Market situation in particular following the invasion of Ukraine
- Council Regulation fixing for 2023 the fishing opportunities applicable in the Baltic Sea - Political agreement
- Fishing opportunities 2023: Fish stocks shared with the UK



November 14-25: 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora

November 21-22: <u>Agriculture and Fisheries</u> <u>Council</u>

- Current challenges of the EU Forestry sector
- Market situation in particular following the invasion of Ukraine
- Regulation on the making available on the Union market as well as export from the Union of certain
- commodities and products associated with deforestation and forest degradation - Information from the Presidency
- Regulation on the promotion of agrifood products - Information from the Presidency on the state of play

November 27-29: International Scientific Conference: European Agri-Food Sustainability & Innovation

December 12-13: <u>Agriculture and Fisheries</u> <u>Council</u>

- Regulation on geographical indications and quality schemes - Progress report
- Market situation in particular following the invasion of Ukraine
- Regulation on the sustainable use of plant protection products - Progress report
- Council Regulation fixing for 2023 and 2024 the fishing opportunities for Union fishing vessels for certain deep-sea fish stocks - Political agreement
- Council Regulation fixing for 2023 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks in the Mediterranean and Black Seas - Political agreement

 Council Regulation fixing for 2023 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and, for Union fishing vessels, in certain non Union waters - Political agreement

Environment

July 11-16: 44th Open-ended Working Group Meeting and 5th Extraordinary Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol

July 12-14: <u>Informal meeting of environment ministers</u>

August 27 – September 2: 4th Intersessional Preparatory Meeting for the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals and Waste Management beyond 2020 process

August 27 – September 10: Fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from

August 29 – September 10: <u>Tenth meeting</u> of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

August 29 – September 10: <u>United Nations</u>
<u>Conference on Biodiversity (15th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the</u>
Convention on Biological Diversity)

September 5-6: <u>Conference on geoparks, geoeducation and geotourism</u>

September 12: <u>Conference on Raw</u> <u>Materials Security of Europe</u>

September 13: <u>Conference on EU Designing</u> <u>Resilient Landscape</u>



INTELLIGENCE

September 14-16: Workshop on the <u>Implementation of the New EU Forest</u> **Strategy**

October 10-21: 15th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the UN Convention to Combat Desertification

October 24: Environment Council

- Revision of Directive 2010/75/EU on industrial emissions and Directive 1999/31/EC on the landfill of waste -Exchange of views
- Regulation establishing a framework for setting ecodesign requirements for sustainable products and repealing Directive 2009/125/EC - Exchange of views
- Conclusions on the preparations for the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) meetings
- Conclusions on the preparations for the Conference of the Parties of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD COP 15)

October 26: Conference on Light pollution 2022

October 31 - November 4: 34th Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol

November 7-18: 17th session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol

November 7-18: 27th session of the Conference of Parties

November 21-29: 14th Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties to the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar Convention)

November 24: Air Quality Conference

November 29 - December 1: 12th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of **Industrial Accidents**

December 20: Environment Council

- Regulation on shipments of waste -Progress report
- Air quality Exchange of views
- Nature restorations Exchange of views
- Review of the Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive - Exchange of views

Education, Youth, Culture & Sports

July 7-8: High Level Presidency Conference on Child Support in the Context of the Child Guarantee

July 11-13: <u>EU Youth Conference</u>

September 22-23: Sustainable and Accessible Sports Infrastructure Conference

September 28-30: Conference of European **Group of Policing Football and NFIP Experts**

October 10-12: Conference on Architecture and Building Culture Policies

November 21-22: CZEDUCON 2022 -International Conference on Strategy and Policy in Higher Education

November 28-29: Education, Youth, Culture and Sports Council

- Council Conclusions on supporting wellbeing in digital education
- Conclusions of the Council and the representatives of the Governments of the Member States meeting within the Council on promoting the intergenerational dimension in the youth field to foster dialogue and social cohesion
- Media Freedom Act Progress report / General approach
- Council Resolution on the EU Work Plan for Culture 2023-2026





Council conclusions on sustainable and accessible sports infrastructure

December 1-2: <u>Eastern Partnership Media</u> <u>Conference</u>

December 6: <u>European Year of Youth</u> Conference

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