



**COUNCIL OF
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COMPETITIVENESS Council¹, 26 and 27 September

Place: Justus Lipsius Building, Brussels
Chair(s): **Evaldas GUSTAS**, Minister of Economy of Lithuania
Dainius PAVALKIS, Minister of Education and Science of Lithuania

The following points will be discussed at this meeting:

THURSDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER (10.00)

INTERNAL MARKET AND INDUSTRY

- Supporting SME competitiveness in Europe: Contribution to the European Council of 24-25 October 2013
Policy debate
- Industrial Policy
 - (a) Framework conditions for a competitive industry in Europe
 - (b) Communication on "Towards a more competitive and efficient defence and security sector"
Presentation by the Commission
Exchange of views

FRIDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER (09.30)

RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

- Proposals by the Commission to establish public-public partnerships with Member States under Article 185 TFEU for joint implementation of national research programmes on:
 - (a) Active and Assisted Living Research and Development Programme
 - (b) Second European and Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership Programme
 - (c) European Metrology Programme
 - (d) Research performing small and medium-sized enterprises Programme
Presentation by the Commission
State of play
(in public session²)

¹ The 3258th meeting of the Council of the European Union.

² The Council meets in public when deliberating or voting on legislative acts. The Council's first deliberation on important non-legislative acts relating to the adoption of legally binding rules is also open to the public. The Council regularly holds public debates on important issues affecting the interests of the Union and its citizens, as well as on the Council's and Commission's programmes.

P R E S S

- Proposals by the Commission for Joint Technology Initiatives established under Article 187 TFEU in the fields of:
 - (a) bio-based Industries
 - (b) aeronautics ("Clean Sky 2")
 - (c) electronic components and systems ("ECSEL")
 - (d) fuel cells and hydrogen
 - (e) innovative medicines I("IMI 2)

*Presentation by the Commission
State of play*

Communication on "Public-private partnerships in Horizon 2020: a powerful tool to deliver on innovation and growth in Europe"

*Presentation by the Commission
(in public session²)*

- Innovation Union and the European Research Area
 - (a) Communication on "State of the Innovation Union 2012 - Accelerating change"
 - (b) Communication on "Measuring innovation output in Europe: towards a new indicator"
 - (c) First progress report on the European Research Area

*Presentation by the Commission
Policy debate*

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Press conferences:

- internal market and industry: Thursday 26/9 at +/- 17.00;
- research and innovation: Friday 27/9 at +/- 12.45.

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Public debates/Public deliberations²:

The list of items for public debate / deliberation will be available on the [Open Sessions](#) page of the Council website.

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