



Council of the European Union

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BACKGROUND¹
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GENERAL AFFAIRS Council **13 October 2015 in Luxembourg**

Starting at 10.00, the Council will prepare the **October European Council** meeting (15-16 October) by discussing the draft conclusions.

The Council will take note of a presidency synthesis note reflecting the Council's views on the **Commission's** priorities for its **2016 work programme**.

Press conference: at the end of the meeting (+/- 13.00).

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Preparation for the October European Council

The Council will examine the draft conclusions for the European Council meeting to be held on 15-16 October, prepared by the President of the European Council, Donald Tusk, in cooperation with the Luxembourg presidency and the Commission.

The European Council is expected to focus on:

- **Migration:** leaders will address the challenges of migration in its various aspects; they will assess the implementation of their orientations agreed on 23 September and talk about actions to be taken under the European agenda for migration. They will also take stock of the high level conference on the Eastern Mediterranean – Western Balkans Route to be held on 8 October and prepare the Valletta Summit on 11-12 November
- **Other items:** the European Council will among other take stock of the discussions on the Presidents' report on completing Europe's Economic and Monetary Union. It might discuss specific foreign policy issues in the light of current events.

An [annotated draft agenda](#) was discussed by the Council on 14 September.

[tbc] Commission's priorities for its Work Programme for 2016

The Council will take stock of the views exposed in the Council's preparatory bodies on the Commission's priorities for its Work Programme for 2016. The Commission is expected to adopt its Work Programme on 27 October.

Other items

The presidency will inform ministers on the state of play of the negotiations on an agreement between the Commission, the European Parliament and the Council on better regulation. The Commission's proposal is aimed at securing a common commitment of the three institutions to improve the way the EU legislates.
