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BACKGROUND¹
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G7 summit
Charlevoix, Canada
8-9 June 2018

This year's G7 summit will be held in Charlevoix, Quebec, Canada, on 8-9 June 2018. It will bring together the heads of state or government from Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom and the United States as well as the President of the European Council, Donald Tusk, and the President of the European Commission, Jean-Claude Juncker.

The main themes chosen by the Canadian G7 presidency are inclusive growth, jobs of the future, gender equality, a more peaceful and secure world and climate change and oceans.

The summit will also provide an opportunity for leaders to discuss the latest developments in trade, climate and foreign affairs, such as the situations with Iran, Russia and North Korea.

The summit will start on **Friday 8 June** at 11.45 with the official welcome by the Canadian Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau. Leaders will start their first working session on "economic growth that works for everyone" over lunch at 12.30. This will be followed by the traditional family photo. In the afternoon the second working session, on "economic growth, the future of work and trade", will start at 15.00. This will be followed by a working dinner at 18.30 on "a more peaceful and secure world".

On **Saturday 9 June** the summit will resume at 08.00 with a G7 and Gender Equality Advisory Council breakfast. This will be followed by the G7 signing of the scroll. The fourth working session, devoted to "gender equality and women's empowerment", starts at 09.30. The fifth and last G7 working session "climate change and clean energy" will start at 10.45. At 12.15 the outreach partners will join for a working session on "oceans". This will be followed by a family photo with the partners before the summit will finish with a joint G7 and outreach working lunch at 13.45.

On Friday 8 June at 10.00 (local time) Presidents Tusk and Juncker will hold a press briefing in Charlevoix, Canada.

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<http://tvnewsroom.consilium.europa.eu>

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Economy, inclusive growth and trade

The leaders of the G7 will discuss issues such as the global economic outlook, how to ensure that growth benefits all citizens, the fight against tax evasion and avoidance, innovation, artificial intelligence as well as health. Leaders are expected to discuss trade and investment, including WTO reforms, global excess capacity and other market-distorting measures. The summit will also be an opportunity to discuss recent unilateral trade measures by the US.

Equality and women's empowerment

One of the main themes of the Canadian G7 presidency is gender equality and inclusiveness. Leaders are expected to underline the significance of women's participation in the labour market, and to highlight the importance of education for girls and women, especially in developing countries. Taking into account today's rapid technological advancements and with the aim of having the same human rights for individuals both offline and on-line, leaders are also expected to discuss sexual and gender-based violence, abuse and harassment in digital contexts.

Security and foreign policy

Leaders will exchange views and seek common ground on the most pressing foreign policy challenges such as Russia (Ukraine, Salisbury, cyber, MH17), North Korea and the situation in Syria, Venezuela and Myanmar and the fight against terrorism. The nuclear deal with Iran and how to deal with its ballistic missile programme and regional activities is also expected to feature high in the discussions. Leaders are also expected to discuss how to defend our democratic societies and institutions and our electoral processes from foreign threats.

Climate change and oceans

Leaders are expected to address a number of environmental issues, with a focus on climate change, clean energy and oceans. Recognising that oceans and seas directly support the livelihoods, food security and economic prosperity of billions of people, the G7 leaders will discuss concrete action together with the outreach partners. Leaders are also expected to discuss the need to ensure and promote energy security.

The EU as G7 member

In 1977, representatives of the then European Community began participating in the London summit. Originally, the EU had a role limited to those areas in which it had exclusive competences, but the EU's role has grown over time. It was gradually included in all political discussions on the summit agenda and took part in all summit working sessions as of the Ottawa summit (1981). The EU has all the responsibilities of membership. The previous G7 summit was held in Italy last year and the next one will take place in France in 2019.

Outreach guests: Argentina, Bangladesh, Haiti, Jamaica, Kenya, Marshall, Islands, Norway, Rwanda, Senegal, Seychelles, South Africa, and Vietnam, as well as the heads of the UN, OECD, IMF and World Bank.

For more information see: [G7 summit on the Council website](#)

See also: [G7 Canada official website](#)