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-  www.eucouncil.tv (video material available for download in broadcast quality and photo gallery).

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Thursday 13 (10.00) and Friday 14 June (10.00) 2019

Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council

European Convention Centre, Luxembourg

The Council meeting on 13 June will be dedicated to Employment and Social Policy issues. Ministers will be briefed on the progress achieved on the Directive on equal treatment and will hold a debate on the European semester 2019.

The Council will also adopt conclusions on a European Court of Auditors’ report on the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived, on measures for closing the gender pay gap and on the changing world of work.

In the margins of the meeting on 13 June ministers will hold a vote as part of the selection procedure for the seat of the European Labour Authority.

The Council meeting on 14 June will be dedicated to Health issues. Ministers are expected to adopt conclusions on combatting antimicrobial resistance and will hold a debate on how to use EU funds to support health investments.

Press briefing: Tuesday, 11 June at 9.00

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The Council will have an exchange of views on "Clean Planet for all", the Commission's communication on a strategic long term vision for a climate-neutral economy. The discussion will focus in particular on sustainable finance and taxation aspects of the strategy.

The Council will be invited to discuss the financial transaction tax, on the basis of an update by member states participating in the enhanced cooperation. The objective of the Financial Transaction Tax (FTT) is to ensure that the financial sector makes a fair contribution to national tax revenues and to discourage transactions that do not enhance the efficient allocation of resources by the financial markets.

Ministers will hold a debate on economic and financial policy aspects of the country-specific recommendations in the framework of the 2019 European Semester exercise. The Commission and the Presidency will also present the main outcomes of the G20 Finance meeting of 8-9 June.

Ministers should also endorse a progress report on the state of play on the banking union and take stock of the implementation of the action plan to tackle non-performing loans in Europe.

**Press briefing:** Wednesday, 12 June at 9.00 followed by a press briefing on Eurogroup at 10.30

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Monday 17 June 2019 (08.30)
Foreign Affairs Council
European Convention Centre, Luxembourg

The Foreign Affairs Council, chaired by the EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Federica Mogherini, will start at 8.30 with a discussion on current affairs, allowing ministers to review pressing issues and latest developments on the international agenda.

They will then discuss ways to improve the effectiveness of the Common Foreign and Security Policy.

EU foreign ministers will be joined by defence ministers for a comprehensive discussion on the EU Global Strategy, three years after its launch. They will take stock of progress and reflect on future perspectives. Ministers may give guidance on the next steps, in particular on the priorities and possible new challenges to be taken into account. Following this debate, the Council is expected to adopt conclusions on effective multilateralism and conclusions on security and defence.

Foreign ministers will then discuss Sudan, in light of recent developments.

Over lunch, EU foreign ministers will have an exchange of views with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Jordan, Ayman Safadi, focusing on recent developments in the region.

The Council is expected to adopt a number of conclusions and decision without debate, including conclusions on Central Asia strategy and on EU’s engagement to the Black Sea regional cooperation.

The EU-Jordan Association Council will take place in the afternoon.

For further information:
- EU Global Strategy (EEAS)
- EU cooperation on security and defence (background information)
- Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) (EEAS)

Press briefing: Friday 14 June 2019, 10.00

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**Tuesday 18 June 2019 (10.00)**

**General Affairs Council**

**European Convention Centre, Luxembourg**

In public session, the Council will hold a policy debate on the next multiannual financial framework. Ministers are expected to exchange views on a revised draft Negotiating Box addressed to them by the Romanian presidency following a series of technical and political discussions in the Council.

Ministers will also continue preparations for the European Council meeting on 20-21 June by examining draft conclusions. They will take stock of the implementation of previous European Council conclusions.

The Council will discuss the **2019 enlargement package** presented by the Commission on 29 May.

As part of the European Semester process, the Council is expected to discuss a horizontal report on **country-specific recommendations** and transmit it to the European Council.

**Further information**

- Commission proposals on the multiannual financial framework for 2021-2027
- European Council meeting on 20-21 June 2019
- European Commission's 2019 enlargement package

**Press briefing:** Wednesday, 12 June at 9.00

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The Council will seek to agree a partial general approach on the regulation on the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF). The EMFF is a European funding scheme which supports fisheries policy, inland fishing, aquaculture and the maritime sector. For the EU's 2021-2027 financial framework, a €6.14 billion budget is proposed.

The Commission will then present to the Council its communication on the state of play of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) and consultation on the fishing opportunities for 2020. The communication gives an opportunity for an early political debate that will be followed by the actual setting of TACs and quotas in the second half of the year.

As regards agriculture, the presidency will present its progress report on the post 2020 CAP reform package.

Press briefing: Tuesday, 11 June at 9.00

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The European Council is expected to take the relevant decisions on appointments for the next institutional cycle and adopt the EU's strategic agenda for 2019-2024.

Leaders will also revert to the issue of the 2021-2027 multiannual financial framework (MFF) and discuss climate change ahead of the United Nations Secretary-General's Climate Action Summit on 23 September 2019.

The heads of state or government will take note of a report on disinformation and elections prepared by the Romanian presidency in cooperation with the Commission and the High Representative. In light of events, the European Council may also address specific foreign policy issues.

In the context of the European semester, the European Council will also discuss the country-specific recommendations.

On Friday, the EU27 leaders will meet for a Euro Summit in extended format. Leaders are expected to discuss the deepening of the Economic and Monetary Union (EMU).

Further information:
- European Council, 20 and 21 June 2019 meeting page
- Euro Summit, 21 June 2019 meeting page

Press briefing: Wednesday, 19 June (ttbc)

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**Other events**

**Thursday 13 June**
- Eurogroup meeting (Luxembourg)
- EU-Armenia Partnership Council (Brussels)

**Monday 17 June**
- EU-Jordan Association Council

[Romanian presidency website]