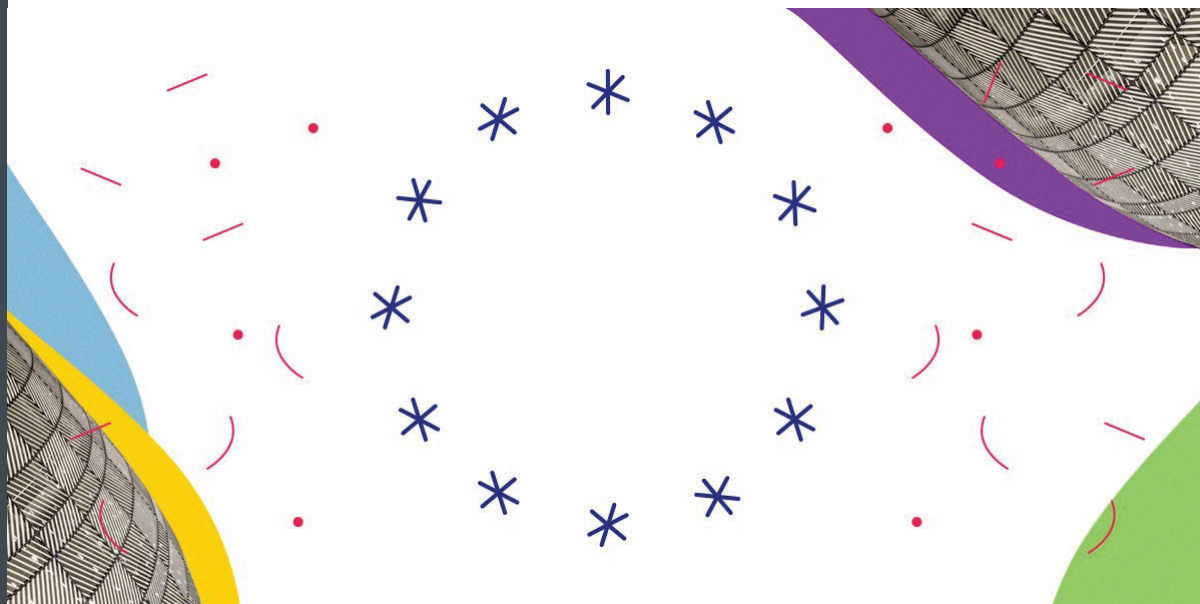


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Editorial

Summer means the start of the holidays for some of us, but work is just about to begin for others. This month, Germany has taken over the presidency of the Council of the European Union and we have taken a closer look for you at their programme and how the presidency works.

The first big milestone is fast approaching; next week EU leaders meet to discuss the EU's recovery plan and long-term budget. Watch out for first proposals being presented by European Council President Charles Michel later this week.

If you prefer a different way of tuning into the German presidency, listen to our [Spotify list!](#)

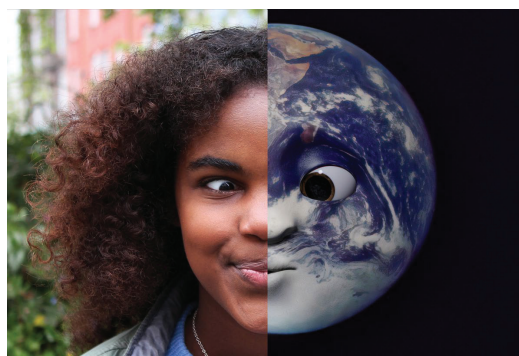
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The German presidency of the Council: focus on youth

Fighting COVID-19 and supporting the economic recovery are key priorities of the current presidency. But Germany has also prepared several actions tailored to the needs of young Europeans.

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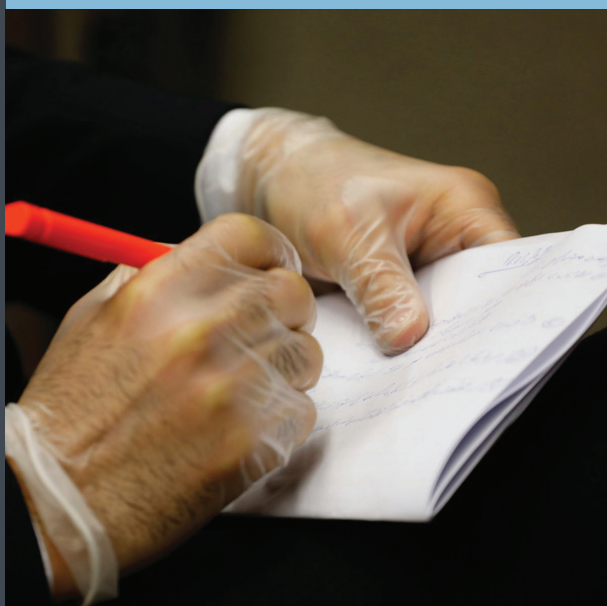


An artist's take on climate action: Do you speak Earth?

Artist Olafur Eliasson's latest project gives a voice to young people – and to our planet. Listen and watch how children speak up about shaping our world for the future.

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A look behind the scenes



How do journalists report on virtual Council meetings?

Since the COVID-19 outbreak, physical Council meetings have been replaced by video conferences. The virtual format is a game-changer for everyone, including the press. Take a closer look at how they work.

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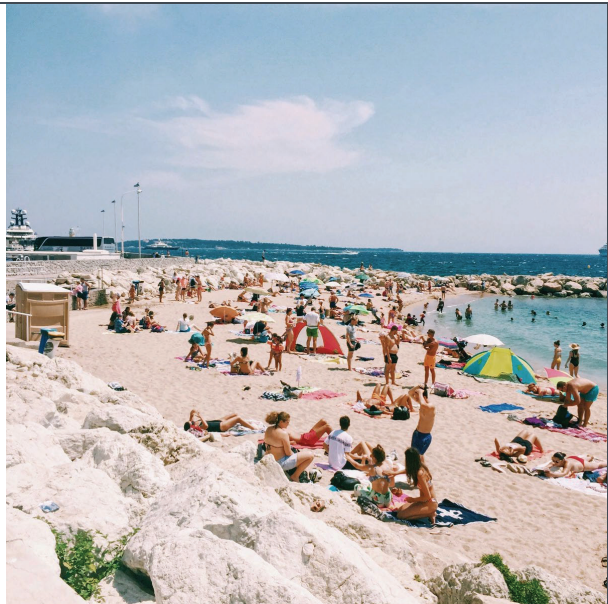
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Re-open EU – a website making travelling easier

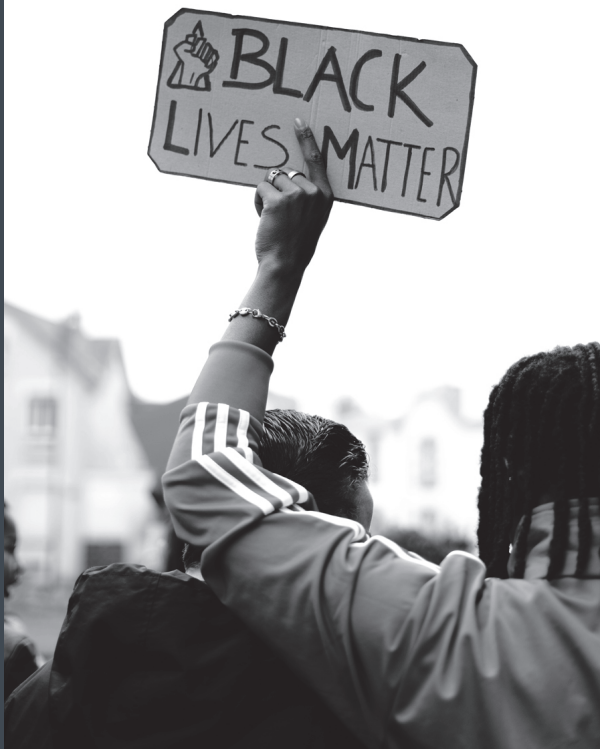
Are you wondering if COVID-19 restrictions might impact your summer plans? The EU has just launched '[Re-open EU](#)', a web platform where you

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Worth a long read



Committed to fighting racism

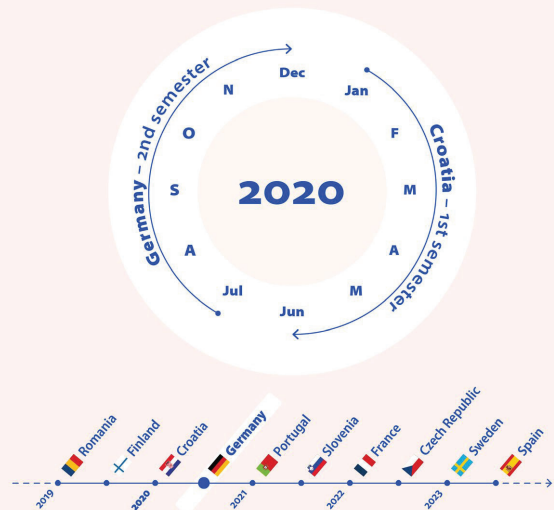
After the killing of George Floyd by a white police officer in Minneapolis, thousands of European citizens have come out in support of the Black Lives Matter protests, showing solidarity with the American movement. The protests shine a spotlight on the fact that systemic racism is also an issue here in Europe.

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Explanation corner

The Council presidency

Every six months, another EU country takes over the Council presidency. From July until the end of December, it is up to Germany to drive forward the Council's work. But what is the Council presidency and [how does it work?](#)



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