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# PROVISIONAL MEDIA PROGRAMME

**Thursday 26 October 2023**  
**European Council**

|                |                                                                                                                                               |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| from +/- 14.15 | Arrival and possible doorsteps of members of the European Council ( <i>EB forum photo/TV opportunity</i> )                                    |
| +/- 15.00      | Exchange of views with the President of the European Parliament                                                                               |
| +/- 15.30      | Press conference by the President of the European Parliament ( <i>JL press room - photo/TV opportunity</i> )                                  |
| +/- 15.30      | Working session of the European Council                                                                                                       |
| +/- 19.30      | Working dinner of the European Council                                                                                                        |
| tbc            | Press conference by the President of the European Council and the President of the Commission ( <i>JL press room - photo/TV opportunity</i> ) |
| tbc            | Poss. national press conferences and doorsteps ( <i>EB forum photo/TV opportunity</i> )                                                       |

## Friday 27 October 2023

### European Council

|               |                                                                                                                                               |
|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| from +/- 8.45 | Arrival and possible doorsteps of members of the European Council ( <i>EB forum photo/TV opportunity</i> )                                    |
| +/- 9.30      | Working session of the European Council                                                                                                       |
| +/-13.00      | Working session of the Euro Summit                                                                                                            |
| tbc           | Press conference by the President of the European Council and the President of the Commission ( <i>JL press room - photo/TV opportunity</i> ) |
| tbc           | Poss. national press conferences and doorsteps ( <i>EB forum photo/TV opportunity</i> )                                                       |

Any changes to the programme will be announced on internal screens.

## **MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES**

- Arrivals and departures: EB forum (photo/TV coverage)
- Roundtables (pool/agencies)
- Press conference and national press briefings will be announced on internal screens

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

In order to allow the smooth execution of media operations during the VIP arrivals, journalists and operators at the EB forum are kindly requested to comply with the following provisions:

- Broadcast camera and journalists have priority (shooting with smartphones is allowed on the sides)
- Microphones not connected to a broadcast camera are not allowed

## ACCREDITATION

Media access to the Council premises will be restricted to persons with a valid accreditation.

➡ Details of the online accreditation procedure:  
[consilium.europa.eu/en/press/accreditation](https://consilium.europa.eu/en/press/accreditation)

### Collection of badges

Badges must be collected from the LEX building, Rue de la Loi 145, Brussels:

- Wednesday 25 October: 14.00 - 18.00
- Thursday 26 October: 8.30 - 19.00
- Friday 27 October: 8.30 - 14.00

**LOST BADGES SHOULD BE REPORTED  
IMMEDIATELY TO THE COUNCIL SECURITY  
CENTRE ON +32 (0)2 281 78 50**

## PRESS CONTACTS

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To call internal numbers from inside the Council premises: dial the last 4 digits of the phone number, e.g. press info desk (02.281) 9000. For an outside line (local or abroad): first dial 0.

**Emergency number: +32 (0)2 281 20 00**

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## BRIEFING ROOMS

| <b>Level 02</b>    |                                                                   |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| BD 24              | Denmark                                                           |
| BD 28              | Czechia                                                           |
| BD 30              | Luxembourg                                                        |
| BD 40              | Belgium                                                           |
| BD 42              | Romania                                                           |
| BD 77              | Austria                                                           |
| CD 42              | Slovenia                                                          |
| CD 54              | Estonia                                                           |
| <b>Level 01</b>    |                                                                   |
| BD 13              | Slovakia                                                          |
| BD 15              | Ireland                                                           |
| BD 21              | Portugal                                                          |
| BD 25              | Spain                                                             |
| BD 27              | Malta                                                             |
| BD 57              | Poland                                                            |
| BD 63              | Sweden                                                            |
| BD 69              | Bulgaria                                                          |
| BD 75              | The Netherlands                                                   |
| <b>Level 00</b>    |                                                                   |
| Main press room JL | President of the European Council and President of the Commission |
| <b>Level 10</b>    |                                                                   |
| BD 28              | Croatia                                                           |
| BD 34              | Latvia                                                            |

| <b>Level 20</b> |           |
|-----------------|-----------|
| 20.2            | Finland   |
| 20.3            | Hungary   |
| 20.4            | Germany   |
| 20.45           | France    |
| 20.5            | Italy     |
| 20.6            | Greece    |
| 20.7            | Cyprus    |
| 20.8            | Lithuania |

## BRIEFING ROOMS BY COUNTRY

|          |          |
|----------|----------|
| Austria  | 02 BD 77 |
| Belgium  | 02 BD 40 |
| Bulgaria | 01 BD 69 |
| Croatia  | 10 BD 28 |
| Cyprus   | 20.6     |
| Czechia  | 02 BD 28 |
| Denmark  | 02 BD 24 |
| Estonia  | 02 CD 54 |
| Finland  | 20.2     |
| France   | 20.45    |
| Germany  | 20.4     |
| Greece   | 20.7     |
| Hungary  | 20.3     |
| Ireland  | 01 BD 15 |
| Italy    | 20.5     |

|                 |          |
|-----------------|----------|
| Latvia          | 10 BD 34 |
| Lithuania       | 20.8     |
| Luxembourg      | 02 BD 30 |
| Malta           | 01 BD 27 |
| The Netherlands | 01 BD 75 |
| Poland          | 01 BD 57 |
| Portugal        | 01 BD 21 |
| Romania         | 02 BD 42 |
| Slovakia        | 01 BD 13 |
| Slovenia        | 02 CD 42 |
| Spain           | 01 BD 25 |
| Sweden          | 01 BD 63 |

## INTERNET ACCESS

**Wi-Fi (Consilium, ConsiliumSummit)** is available in all Council premises. No password required, but users have to accept the terms of use (click the 'Access' button).

A limited number of network cables are available; they can be borrowed from the Press Centre info desk. Please note that no PCs are installed.

**ConferenceNetAV** is a dedicated internet service for devices without a user interface allowing online acceptance of the terms of use. To activate this service you need an exception for the MAC address of the network interface of your device: please make your request via <https://council.eu/registeronwifi/> or contact the press info desk.

Please note that **ConsiliumSummit** is only available during summits and for devices supporting 5GHz Wi-Fi. We recommended that you use this service as it provides the best performance in situations with a high number of users.

### **In order to ensure good connectivity to the Council's internet/Wi-Fi system:**

- use wired equipment for cameras and microphones (and not e.g. wireless routers)
- do not deploy Wi-Fi access points or activate personal hotspots on smartphones, especially in the 2.4 GHz and 5 GHz spectrum
- do not have both wired and wireless connections to the Consilium service active at the same time on one device

## REMOVAL OF TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT

- ➡ All equipment must be removed via the Etterbeek entrance:
  - either on Friday 27 October after the security perimeter has been lifted, or
  - on Saturday 28 October between 8.00 and 18.00

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## SATELLITE VEHICLES/STAND-UP POSITIONS

- ➡ Stand-up positions are located in the JL Atrium mezzanine and must be reserved in advance.
- ➡ Satellite vehicles must be parked on Place Jean Rey behind the Council building. Parking permit to be requested.

**Contacts and technical questions:** Federico BAGIOLI, tel.: +32 (0)2 281 68 29, mobile: +32 (0)473 52 19 64 [presse.standup@consilium.europa.eu](mailto:presse.standup@consilium.europa.eu)

## AUDIOVISUAL SERVICES

Video coverage is provided by the Council's host broadcaster.

### Video/photo distribution platform

[council.eu/tv](https://council.eu/tv)

All photos, as well as host broadcaster footage (arrivals, departures, roundtable, press conference) can be downloaded in HD broadcast quality and used free of charge (indicating as source 'European Union'). The video files are available shortly after the event.

### Live Streaming

European Council events are also available via the "Council live" page [video.consilium.europa.eu](https://video.consilium.europa.eu)

### TV/radio booth services - procedure

1. Tel. + **32 (0)474 40 36 29**
  2. Please identify yourself by naming your TV station
  3. Have your workspace number ready (e.g. E60)
  4. Advise which signal you would like to receive where (e.g. switch German briefing to line B in workspace E60)
- For advance bookings, please contact [councilsignals@be.emglive.com](mailto:councilsignals@be.emglive.com)

## **Satellite services**

<https://www.eurovision.net/events/news#>

<https://audiovisual.ec.europa.eu/en/aboutubs>

### **PLEASE NOTE THAT IS FORBIDDEN:**

- **To film or to photograph the security installations and personnel**
- **To use drones inside and outside the council premises**

## ACCESS TO THE JUSTUS LIPSIUS BUILDING

The Belgian federal police will establish a security perimeter around the JL and EB and will refuse access to anyone without an accreditation badge and identity document.

### Main access to the Press Centre

Main entrance of the Justus Lipsius building (175 Rue de la Loi) upon presentation of proof of identity and accreditation badge. Everyone entering the building will undergo a security check.

### Parking

Parking inside the security perimeter is not permitted.

### Public transport

- Metro (Lines 1 and 5) - Schuman and Maalbeek stations. Please check latest information on [www.stib.be](http://www.stib.be) about changes due to the security perimeter in Schuman area.
- Trains (SNCB) - Schuman station [www.b-rail.be](http://www.b-rail.be)

### Taxis

- Corner of Rue de la Loi and Boulevard Charlemagne
- Crossroad of Rue Franklin and Rue Archimède (behind the Berlaymont building)

## CATERING

| <b>Press bar (Press Centre - level 00)</b>                                         |                                     |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Thursday 26 October                                                                | 8.00 - until the end of the meeting |
| Friday 27 October                                                                  | 8.00 - until the end of the meeting |
| <b>Cafeteria Loi<br/>(to the right of the main entrance on level 10)</b>           |                                     |
| Thursday 26 October                                                                | 8.30 - 15:45                        |
| Friday 27 October                                                                  | 8.30 - 15:45                        |
| <b>Self-service restaurant<br/>(to the right of the main entrance on level 01)</b> |                                     |
| Thursday 26 October                                                                | 12.00 - 14.30<br>18.00 - 21.00      |
| Friday 27 October                                                                  | 12.00 - 14.30                       |

Any changes to opening hours will be announced on internal screens.

Water fountains can be found at several points around the Press Centre.

## SERVICES

### Lockers

Lockers are available in the Press Centre (behind the main press room on level 00).

### Cash dispenser

Cash dispensers can be found on Rond-Point Schuman.

### Lost property

Lost property may be retrieved from the reception desk at the main entrance. The General Secretariat of the Council is not liable for the loss of any items belonging to members of the press. We recommend that you use the lockers provided.

### Medical Assistance

A first aid stand, provided by the Red Cross, can be found near the reception (Justus Lipsius building).

**PLEASE NOTE THAT SMOKING IS NOT  
ALLOWED IN THE JL AND EB BUILDINGS**

## WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

**Website:** [www.consilium.europa.eu](http://www.consilium.europa.eu)

### **X (hashtag #EUCO):**

President of the European Council: [@CharlesMichel](#) and  
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Press Office of the Council: [@EUCouncilPress](#)

Audiovisual service of the Council: [@EUCouncilTVNews](#)

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President of the European Council: [www.facebook.com/CharlesMichel](https://www.facebook.com/CharlesMichel)

Council of the European Union: [www.facebook.com/eucouncil](https://www.facebook.com/eucouncil)

### **YouTube:**

President of the European Council: [www.youtube.com/EUCouncil](https://www.youtube.com/EUCouncil)



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