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# 1. Activities of the European Institutions

# 1.1 European Commission

| Date         | Event           | Subject                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| 5 September  | College Meeting | Amongst others: Commission Decision on the admissibility of the proposed citizens' initiative entitled 'End the Cage Age'; Draft Commission implementing decision pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the adequate protection of personal data by Japan: information to the Commission;                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 11 September | College Meeting | Amongst others: a) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on preventing the dissemination of terrorist content online; b) Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council: A Europe that protects: an initiative to extend the competences of the European Public Prosecutor's Office to cross-border terrorist crimes; c) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the European Cybersecurity Industrial, Technology and Research Competence Centre and the Network of National Coordination Centres; d) Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: Securing free and fair European elections; e) Free and fair elections: Commission guidance document on the application of Union data protection law in the electoral context; f) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014 as regards a verification procedure related to infringements of rules on the protection of personal data in the context of elections to the European Parliament; g) Commission Recommendation on election cooperation networks, online transparency, protection against cybersecurity incidents and fighting disinformation campaigns in the context of elections to the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Border and Coast Guard and repealing Council Joint Action No 98/700/JHA, Regulation (EU) No 1052/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Regulation (EU) No 2016/1624 of the European Parliament and of the Council on common standards and procedures in |

States for returning illegally staying third-country nationals (recast); k) Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council- Enhancing legal pathways to Europe: an indispensable part of a balanced and comprehensive migration policy; l) Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the evaluation of the European Border Surveillance System (EUROSUR); a) to l) are also contributions from the European Commission to the Leaders' meeting in Salzburg on 19-20 September 2018;

m) Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the European Council and the Council on a new Africa-Europe Alliance for Sustainable Investment and Jobs: Taking our partnership for investment and jobs to the next level; n) Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the European Council, the Council and the European Investment Bank: Towards a more efficient financial architecture for investments outside the European Union; o) Communication from the Commission to the European Council, the European Parliament and the Council: A stronger global actor: a more efficient decision-making for EU Common Foreign and Security Policy: A more efficient decision-making for EU Common Foreign and Security Policy; p) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council discontinuing seasonal changes of time and repealing Directive 2000/84/EC; q) Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Central Bank, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: Strengthening the Union framework for prudential and anti-money laundering supervision for financial institutions; r) Amended proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 1093/2010 establishing a European Supervisory Authority (European Banking Authority); Regulation (EU) No 1094/2010 establishing a European Supervisory Authority (European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority); Regulation (EU) No 1095/2010 establishing a European Supervisory Authority (European Securities and Markets Authority); Regulation (EU) No 345/2013 on European venture capital funds; Regulation (EU) No 346/2013 on European social entrepreneurship funds; Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 on markets in financial instruments; Regulation (EU) 2015/760 on European long-term investment funds; Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 on indices used as benchmarks in financial instruments and financial contracts or to measure the performance of investment funds; Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 on the prospectus to be published when securities are offered to the public or admitted to trading on a regulated market; and (EU) Directive 2015/849 on the prevention of the use of the financial system for the purposes of money-laundering or terrorist financing;

All meetings of the College of Commissioners

| 1.2 Council        |                                                              |                   |
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| Date               | Event                                                        | Location          |
| 3 September        | Informal meeting of Youth Ministers                          | Vienna, Austria   |
| 7-8 September      | Informal meeting of Economic and Financial Affairs Ministers | Vienna, Austria   |
| 10-11<br>September | Informal meeting of Health Ministers                         | Vienna, Austria   |
| 17-18<br>September | Informal meeting of Energy Ministers                         | Linz, Austria     |
| 18 September       | General Affairs Council (Art. 50)                            | Brussels          |
| 19-20<br>September | Informal meeting of Heads of State or Government             | Salzburg, Austria |
| 23-25<br>September | Informal meeting of Agriculture Ministers                    | Vienna, Austria   |
| 27-28<br>September | Competitiveness Council                                      | Brussels          |
| 2 October          | Economic and Financial Affairs Council                       | Luxembourg        |

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| 1.3 Europea        | ın Parliament  |                                                                                      |            |
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| Plenary Sessions   | 5              |                                                                                      |            |
| Date               | Event          | Subjects                                                                             | Location   |
| 10-13<br>September | <u>Plenary</u> | Among others: <u>State of the Union-</u><br><u>Statement by the President of the</u> | Strasbourg |

Commission Jean-Claude Juncker; European Solidarity Corps; Structural Reform Support Programme: financial envelope and general objective; the impact of EU cohesion policy on Northern Ireland; Specific measures for Greece; July 2018 fires at Mati in the Attica Region-Commission statement:, Greece and the EU response; pathways for the reintegration of workers recovering from injury and illness into quality employment; measures to prevent and combat mobbing and sexual harassment at the workplace, in public spaces, and in political life in the EU; relationships between the EU and third countries concerning financial services regulation and supervision; language equality in the digital age: transparent and accountable management of natural resources in developing countries: the case of forests; boosting growth and cohesion in EU border regions; Debate with the Prime Minister of Greece, Alexis Tsipras, on the Future of Europe; Address by Michel Aoun, President of the Lebanese Republic; the situation in Hungary; copyright in the Digital Single Market; Autonomous weapon systems-Statement by the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Federica Mogherini; state of EU-US relations; The emergency situation in Libya and the Mediterranean- Statement by the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Federica Mogherini: The threat of demolition of Khan al-Ahmar and other Bedouin villages-Statement by the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy; state of EU-China relations; controls on cash entering or leaving the Union; countering money laundering by criminal the future of pensions: fighting privatisation and strengthening public security universal social systems; Presentation by the Council of its position on the draft general budget- 2019 financial year; protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and free movement of such data; joint debate- Plastics Strategy and chemical, product and waste legislation; A European against One Health Action Plan

|              |                                            | Antimicrobial Resistance; Single Digital Gateway; Europe on the Move: an agenda for the future of mobility in the EU; Implementation of the Plant Protection Products Regulation; dual quality of products in the Single Market; debates on cases of breaches of human rights, democracy and the rule of law: Uganda, arrest of parliamentarians from the opposition; Myanmar, notably the case of journalists Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo; Cambodia, notably the case of Kem Sokha;                                                                                                                                                             |          |
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| 24 September | Committee on Culture and Education         | Among others: European Social Fund Plus (ESF+); Protection of persons reporting on breaches of Union law; minimum standards for minorities in the EU; study requested by CULT Committee, commissioned and managed by the Policy Department "Digital Skills in the 21st Century"; public hearing on "Education in the digital era"; education in the digital era: challenges, opportunities and lessons for EU policy design; European Regional Development Fund and on the Cohesion Fund; establishing the InvestEU Programme;                                                                                                               | Brussels |
| 24 September | Committee on Petitions                     | Please consult the website                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Brussels |
| 24 September | Committee on<br>Development                | Among others: Announcements by the Commission (tbc); hearing: engaging the African diaspora in Europe to promote effective development cooperation policies; Association of the Overseas Countries and Territories with the European Union including relations between the European Union on the one hand, Greenland and the Kingdom of Denmark on the other ('Overseas Association Decision'); the sustainable use of oceans (SDG 14); the situation in Burundi and the funding of Burundian UN troops from the African Peace Facility financed through the European Development Fund; EU development assistance in the field of education; | Brussels |
| 24 September | Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs | Among others: Monetary Dialogue with<br>Mario Draghi, President of the European                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Brussels |

|              |                                                                                                       | Central Bank; promotion of the use of SME growth markets; reduction of the impact of certain plastic products on the environment; protection of persons reporting on breaches of Union law; prudential requirements of investment firms; prudential supervision of investment firms;                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |          |
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| 24 September | Committee on Economic<br>and Monetary Affairs &<br>Committee on Women's<br>Rights and Gender Equality | Among others: Gender equality and Taxation policies in the EU;                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Brussels |
| 24 September | Committee on Employment and Social Affairs                                                            | Please consult the website                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Brussels |
| 24 September | Committee on Industry,<br>Research and Energy                                                         | Among others: Workshop 'Brexit and industry and space policy'; Implementation and functioning of the .eu top level domain name; Promoting fairness and transparency for business users of online intermediation services; promoting fairness and transparency for business users of online intermediation services; Blockchain: a forward-looking trade policy; ITRE mission to Norway (7-9 May 2018), Debriefing;                                                                                                         | Brussels |
| 24 September | Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection                                              | Among others: Prolongation of the transitional use of means other than the electronic data-processing techniques provided for in the Union Customs Code; Application of the Euro 5 step to the type-approval of two- or three- wheel vehicles and quadricycles; establishing the Digital Europe programme for the period 2021-2027; Representative actions for the protection of the collective interests of consumers; autonomous driving in European Transport;                                                          | Brussels |
| 24 September | Committee on Transport<br>and Tourism                                                                 | Among others: Establishing the Digital Europe programme for the period 2021-2027; establishing the InvestEU Programme; port reception facilities for the delivery of waste from ships; Common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund Plus, the Cohesion Fund, and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and financial rules for those and for the Asylum and Migration Fund, the Internal Security Fund and the Border Management and Visa Instrument; Implementation report as | Brussels |

|                    |                                                                      | regards Regulation 1/2005 on the protection of animals during transport within and outside the EU; European Regional Development Fund and on the Cohesion Fund;                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |          |
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| 24 September       | Committee on Agriculture<br>and Rural Development                    | Please consult the website                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Brussels |
| 24 September       | Committee on Fisheries                                               | Among others: European Maritime and Fisheries Fund; Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on a multiannual recovery plan for Mediterranean swordfish and amending Regulations (EC) No 1967/2006 and (EU) 2017/2107; Fishing in the GFCM (General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean) Agreement area; establishing a multi-annual plan for the fisheries exploiting demersal stocks in the western Mediterranean Sea; Committee on Fisheries' visit to Ireland- 17–19 September 2018; | Brussels |
| 24 September       | Committee on Legal<br>Affairs                                        | Please consult the website                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Brussels |
| 24 September       | Subcommittee on Security and Defence                                 | Please consult the website                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Brussels |
| 24 September       | Committee on Constitutional Affairs & Committee on Petitions         | Please consult the website                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Brussels |
| 24-26<br>September | Committee on Budgets                                                 | Please consult the website                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Brussels |
| 26 September       | Special Committee on financial crimes, tax evasion and tax avoidance | Please consult the website                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Brussels |
| 27 September       | Committee on Budgetary Control                                       | Please consult the website                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Brussels |
| 27 September       | Committee on Regional Development                                    | Please consult the website                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Brussels |

| 27 September | Committee on Women's<br>Rights and Gender Equality                      | Among others: With the Council and Commission: The Situation and Rights of Women with disabilities- exploratory opinion from the European Economic and Social Committee under Rule 137; Gender equal workplaces: best practices and use of care services; Annual report on human rights and democracy in the world 2017 and the European Union's policy on the matter; Experiencing Backlash in Women's Rights and Gender Equality in the EU; | Brussels |
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| 27 September | Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs                  | Please consult the website                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Brussels |
| 27 September | Special Committee on the Union's authorisation procedure for pesticides | Please consult the website                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Brussels |

## All European Parliament Committee Meetings

| 1.4 Commit         | tee of the Regions (CoR)                                                                                                                                |          |
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| Date               | Event                                                                                                                                                   | Location |
| 13 September       | The Interreg Europe good practice database for regions and cities                                                                                       | Brussels |
| 19 September       | Conference on renewable energy developments and the EU Nature  Legislation (12th meeting of the Technical Platform)                                     | Brussels |
| 20 September       | 2nd European Day of Sustainable Communities                                                                                                             | Brussels |
| 20-21<br>September | 20th Commission for Citizenship, Governance, Institutional and External  Affairs (CIVEX) Meeting                                                        | Brussels |
| 21 September       | Commission for Economic Policy (ECON) Stakeholders' consultation on the<br>"Reform Support Programme and European Investment Stabilisation<br>Function" | Brussels |

| 24 September | <u>Diabetes and Non-Communicable Diseases Prevention in Europe</u> | Brussels |
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| 26 September | ECON - Stakeholders' consultation on the "InvestEU Programme       | Brussels |
|              | Further Events of the Committee of the Regions                     |          |

| 1.5 European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) |                                                                                         |                         |
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| Date                                              | Event                                                                                   | Location                |
| 3 September                                       | Justice, Rights and Values Fund meeting the needs                                       | Brussels                |
| 6 September                                       | European Regional Development and Cohesion Policy                                       | Brussels                |
| 7 September                                       | EESC Civil Society Prize                                                                | Brussels                |
| 10 September                                      | Public Hearing on European Company Law Package                                          | Thessaloniki,<br>Greece |
| 13 September                                      | Romanian Coal Regions in energy transition                                              | Petroșani,<br>Romania   |
| 19 September                                      | 537th Plenary session                                                                   | Brussels                |
| 20 September                                      | European Day of Sustainable Communities                                                 | Brussels                |
| 26 September                                      | Consumers at the heart of finance in Europe                                             | Brussels                |
| 28 September                                      | Implementing SDGs- civil society in action                                              | Brussels                |
| 3 October                                         | Delivery of essential services in conjunction with the European Pillar of Social Rights | Brussels                |
| 30 October                                        | SDGs and Initiatives for Sustainable Global Value Chains                                | Brussels                |

#### Further events of the European Economic and Social Committee

| 1.6 International Relations |                            |                 |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Date                        | Event                      | Venue/Location  |
| 15 November                 | 7th EU-South Africa Summit | Brussels        |
| December<br>(tbd)           | EU-Africa Summit           | Vienna, Austria |

# 2. Conferences & Meetings

## 2.1 DG JRC Conferences and Events

| Date                     | Event                                                             | Organiser                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Location              |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 13 August-<br>19 October | Photo Contest: How green is your lab                              | EC, JRC                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Online                |
| 5-7<br>September         | Evidence and policy summer school: Science, policy and demography | JRC, Austrian Presidency of the Council of the European Union, Federal Ministry Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Austria, Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research of the Republic of Austria | Laxenburg,<br>Austria |

| 17-21<br>September | ELINDER Specific Course 1: decommissioning planning and cost assessment                     | JRC, Slovak<br>University of<br>Technology<br>(STUBA)                                  | Bratislava,<br>Slovakia |
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| 18-20<br>September | 12th INSPIRE conference- INSPIRE users: Make it work together                               | DG ENV, JRC,<br>Government of<br>Belgium,<br>Government of<br>The Netherlands          | Antwerp, Belgium        |
| 19-21<br>September | RemTech Europe international conference and exhibition                                      | JRC, RemTech<br>Expo                                                                   | Ferrara, Italy          |
| 24-28<br>September | 35th European photovoltaic solar energy conference and exhibition (EU PVSEC)                | EC, JRC                                                                                | Brussels                |
| 25<br>September    | Smart specialisation: from the EU to the world                                              | JRC                                                                                    | Seville, Spain          |
| 26-28<br>September | SMARTER Conference on smart specialisation and territorial development                      | JRC                                                                                    | Seville, Spain          |
| 1-2<br>October     | <u>Visit of Director-General Vladimir Šucha to the Republic of Serbia</u>                   | JRC, Serbian<br>Ministry for<br>Education, Science<br>and Technological<br>Development | Belgrade, Serbia        |
| 8 October          | Opening of the ARTEFACTS exhibition: What future do we want for our one and only planet?    | JRC, Natural<br>Science Museum<br>Berlin                                               | Berlin, Germany         |
| 10-11<br>October   | Use of reference materials and the estimation of measurement uncertainty (2018)             | JRC                                                                                    | Geel, Belgium           |
| 18-19<br>October   | Technology Transfer in Nanotechnology                                                       | JRC and Italian<br>National Research<br>Council (CNR)                                  | Lecce, Italy            |
| 23 October         | Peer eXchange and Learning (PXL) workshop on Monitoring for Smart Specialisation Strategies | JRC                                                                                    | Vilnius, Lithuania      |

#### Further upcoming DG JRC Events

### Further upcoming events in the EU Newsroom Calendar

| 2.2 Further European Conferences and Meetings |                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                      |                            |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 11 September                                  | 8th Global TechMining Conference                                                                                     | Vantage Point (VP)<br>Institute                                                                                                      | Leiden, The<br>Netherlands |
| 11-13<br>September                            | The 3rd Integrated Carbon Observation System (ICOS) Science Conference on Greenhouse Gases and Biogeochemical Cycles | ICOS                                                                                                                                 | Prag, Czech<br>Republic    |
| 12-14<br>September                            | 4th International Conference on Research Infrastructure (ICRI) 2018)                                                 | EC, Austrian Presidency<br>of the Council of the EU,<br>Austrian Federal<br>Ministry for Education,<br>Science and Research,<br>ICRI | Vienna,<br>Austria         |
| 12-14<br>September                            | Air Sensors International Conference (ASIC)                                                                          | ASIC                                                                                                                                 | Oakland, USA               |
| 12-14<br>September                            | URBACT City Festival 2018                                                                                            | EC, DG REGIO                                                                                                                         | Lisbon,<br>Portugal        |
| 14 September                                  | Citizens' dialogue with Commissioners Corina Crețu<br>and Phil Hogan                                                 | EC                                                                                                                                   | Cluj-Napoca,<br>Romania    |
| 14 September                                  | 2018 seminar on fisheries science                                                                                    | DG MARE                                                                                                                              | Brussels                   |
| 14 September                                  | 4th stakeholder conference on biosimilar medicines                                                                   | EC                                                                                                                                   | Brussels                   |
| 16-22<br>September                            | European Mobility Week                                                                                               | EC                                                                                                                                   | Brussels                   |
| 17 September                                  | 1st Artic stakeholder conference: Knowing, developing and connecting the Artic                                       | EC                                                                                                                                   | Brussels                   |
| 17 September                                  | Charge for change: Innovative technologies for energy-intensive industries                                           | Austrian Presidency of<br>the Council of the EU                                                                                      | Linz, Austria              |

| 18-21<br>September | European, Food Safety Authority (EFSA): 3rd scientific conference              | EFSA                                                                                                                                                    | Parma, Italy        |
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| 19 September       | Delivering for the future II: Workshop on developments in the postal sector    | DG GROW                                                                                                                                                 | Brussels            |
| 19 September       | Conference on renewable energy developments and the EU nature legislation      | EC, European<br>Committee of the<br>Regions (CoR)                                                                                                       | Brussels            |
| 19-20<br>September | Workshop on the European Technical Standard Order (ETSO)                       | European Aviation<br>Safety Agency (EASA)                                                                                                               | Cologne,<br>Germany |
| 19-20<br>September | 10 years of joint programming: Achievements and way forward                    | EC, Austrian Presidency<br>of the Council of the EU                                                                                                     | Vienna,<br>Austria  |
| 20 September       | <u>Citizens' dialogue with Commissioner Vytenis</u><br><u>Andriukaitis</u>     | EC                                                                                                                                                      | Turin, Italy        |
| 20 September       | Seminar on the benefits of Plant Variety Protection                            | Community Plant Variety Office (CPVO), Executive Agency for variety testing, field inspection and seed control of the Bulgarian Ministry of Agriculture | Sofia,<br>Bulgaria  |
| 20 September       | When digital meets postal- Evolution or revolution?                            | DG GROW                                                                                                                                                 | Brussels            |
| 20 September       | Bringing the EU action plan to life: Towards a fact-<br>based circular economy | Austrian Presidency of<br>the Council of the EU,<br>ERSTE Campus                                                                                        | Vienna,<br>Austria  |
| 20-21<br>September | EU water conference 2018                                                       | EC, Austrian Presidency<br>of the Council of the EU                                                                                                     | Vienna,<br>Austria  |
| 20-21<br>September | The new student: Flexible learning paths and future learning environments      | Austrian Presidency of<br>the Council of the EU                                                                                                         | Vienna,<br>Austria  |
| 20-21<br>September | 10th Citizen's Energy Forum                                                    | EC                                                                                                                                                      | Dublin,<br>Ireland  |

| 20-21<br>September | Sustainable policy responses: EU and US perspectives                                                   | European Investment<br>Bank (EIB), European<br>Monetary and Finance<br>Forum (SUERF),<br>Columbia University,<br>Sociéte Générale.                                                                                                           | New York,<br>USA       |
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| 21 September       | <u>Citizen's dialogue with Commissioner Věra Jourová</u>                                               | EC                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Nicosia,<br>Cyprus     |
| 21 September       | Conference on the economic dimension of sport                                                          | Austrian Presidency of the Council of the EU                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Vienna,<br>Austria     |
| 21 September       | The contribution of producer organisations to an efficient agri-food supply chain                      | DG AGRI                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Brussels               |
| 22 September       | Jubel Festival                                                                                         | EC, European Parliament (EP), Committeee of the Regions (CoR), European Economic and Social Committee (EESC), King Baudoin Foundation, Region Bruxelles Capitale, French Government, Belgian Government, Nordic Council of Ministers, et al. | Brussels               |
| 24-26<br>September | European cycling summit                                                                                | Austrian Presidency of the Council of the EU                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Salzburg,<br>Austria   |
| 24-27<br>September | Annual science conference 2018 of the International  Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES)     | ICES, Thünen, German<br>Federal Ministry of Food<br>and Agriculture                                                                                                                                                                          | Hamburg,<br>Germany    |
| 25 September       | Citizen's dialogue with Commissioner Mariya Gabriel                                                    | EC                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Vienna,<br>Austria     |
| 25 September       | Matching health needs and pharmaceutical research—<br>How to set the research agenda for public health | EC, Austrian Presidency<br>of the Council of the EU                                                                                                                                                                                          | Vienna,<br>Austria     |
| 25-26<br>September | High-level conference on sustainable small-scale fisheries in the Mediterranean and Black Sea          | EC, FAO, Maltese<br>Parliamentary<br>Secretariat for<br>Agriculture, Fisheries                                                                                                                                                               | St. Julian's,<br>Malta |

|                    |                                                                                                                               | and Animal Rights,<br>General Fisheries<br>Commission for the<br>Mediterranean, WWF                                                                               |                     |
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| 25-28<br>September | <u>Fundamental Rights Forum</u>                                                                                               | European Union Agency<br>for Fundamental Rights<br>(FRA)                                                                                                          | Vienna,<br>Austria  |
| 26 September       | EU-EMAS conference 2018                                                                                                       | Austrian Presidency of<br>the Council of the EU                                                                                                                   | Vienna,<br>Austria  |
| 26-28<br>September | European mineral resources confederation conference (EUMICON): Raw materials of today – Value chain of tomorrow               | Austrian Presidency of<br>the Council of the EU,<br>EUMICON                                                                                                       | Vienna,<br>Austria  |
| 26-28<br>September | Counterfactual methods for policy impact evaluation (COMPIE 2018)                                                             | EC, Humboldt-<br>Universität Berlin, RWI-<br>Leibniz Institute for<br>Economic Research                                                                           | Berlin,<br>Germany  |
| 27 September       | Citizen's dialogue with Vice-President Jyrki Katainen                                                                         | EC                                                                                                                                                                | Sopot, Poland       |
| 27-28<br>September | Second International Seminar on the Active Ageing Index                                                                       | EC, UNECE, University of<br>the Basque Country,<br>Oxford Institute of<br>Population Ageing,<br>Government of Biscay                                              | Bilbao, Spain       |
| 27-29<br>September | Employment for all - strategies for the implementation of the UN convention on the rights of persons with disabilities (CRPD) | Austrian Presidency of<br>the Council of the EU                                                                                                                   | Vienna,<br>Austria  |
| 28 September       | Financing Energy Efficiency, The Investors'  Perspective                                                                      | EC, UN Environment<br>Finance Initiative                                                                                                                          | Online              |
| 28 September       | Human biomonitoring in Europe – Science and policy for healthy citizens                                                       | EC, Austrian Presidency<br>of the Council of the EU,<br>HBM4EU, Austrian<br>Federal Ministry for<br>Sustainability and<br>Tourism, Austrian<br>Environment Agency | Vienna,<br>Austria  |
| 28-29              | 18th Austrian Day of European law: The future of the                                                                          | Austrian Presidency of<br>the Council of the EU                                                                                                                   | Seefeld,<br>Austria |

| September                                                                                                                           | EU, reforms from an internal and external perspective             |                                                     |                    |
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| 8-11 October                                                                                                                        | European Week of Regions and Cities                               | EC                                                  | Brussels           |
| 18-19 October                                                                                                                       | 7th Annual Forum of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR) | EC, DG REGIO, EUSDR                                 | Sofia,<br>Bulgaria |
| 20-21<br>November                                                                                                                   | 11th SET Plan Conference 2018                                     | EC, Austrian Presidency<br>of the Council of the EU | Vienna,<br>Austria |
| EIT 2018 Call for Proposals for new EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities (KICs) in Urban Mobility and Added Value Manufacturing |                                                                   | EIT                                                 | Brussels           |

|                    | 2.3 International Conferences and events                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                  |                           |  |  |
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| Date               | Event                                                                                                                                                                           | Organiser                                                                                                                        | Location                  |  |  |
| 2-7<br>September   | 10th International Aerosol Conference (IAC)                                                                                                                                     | IAC                                                                                                                              | Saint Louis, USA          |  |  |
| 3-4<br>September   | Auxdefense 2018                                                                                                                                                                 | Portuguese Ministry<br>of National Defense,<br>University of Minho                                                               | Lisbon, Portugal          |  |  |
| 10-19<br>September | 7th United Cities and Global Governments (UCLG) Asia Pacific Network of Science and Technology Centres (ASPAC) Congress on Innovation-driven Development for Sustainable Cities | UCLG, ASPAC                                                                                                                      | Surabaya,<br>Indonesia    |  |  |
| 12-14<br>September | Global Climate Action Summit                                                                                                                                                    | Global Climate Action                                                                                                            | San Francisco,<br>USA     |  |  |
| 12-14<br>September | 4th Science Forum South Africa (SFSA) 2018                                                                                                                                      | SFSA                                                                                                                             | Pretoria, South<br>Africa |  |  |
| 16-18<br>September | International Conference on Risk Assessment of Indoor Air Chemicals                                                                                                             | German Federal<br>Ministry for the<br>Environment, Nature<br>Conservation and<br>Nuclear Safety,<br>German Environment<br>Office | Berlin, Germany           |  |  |

| 17-18<br>September | Three Seas Initiative (3TSI) Summit                                                                                                                              | 3TSI                                                                                     | Bucharest,<br>Romania   |
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| 17-21<br>September |                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                          | Bratislava,<br>Slovakia |
| 18-27<br>September | General Assembly of the United Nations                                                                                                                           |                                                                                          | New York, USA           |
| 19-21<br>September | First conference on Innovations in Food Analytics                                                                                                                | Acad-Indus<br>International, Global<br>Harmonization<br>Initiative, Stadthalle<br>Erding | Erding, Germany         |
| 20-21<br>September | Meeting of the Arctic Council Expert Group on Black Carbon and Methane                                                                                           | Arctic Council                                                                           | Helsinki, Finland       |
| 23-26<br>September | 21st European Congress on Alternatives to Animal Testing (EUSAAT) 2018                                                                                           | EUSAAT                                                                                   | Linz, Austria           |
| 24<br>September    | European Council of Academies of Applied Sciences, Technologies and Engineering (Euro-CASE) Annual Conference- How will Artificial Intelligence shape our Future | Euro-CASE                                                                                | Zürich,<br>Switzerland  |
| 25<br>September    | <u>Croissant Event of UAS4EUROPE: Universities of Applied</u> <u>Sciences (UAS) on the Horizon of Europe</u>                                                     | UAS4Europe                                                                               | Brussels                |
| 25-28<br>September | World Social Science Forum (WSSF)                                                                                                                                | WSSF                                                                                     | Fukuoka, Japan          |
| 26<br>September    | Launch of the European Academies' Science Advisory Council (EASAC) policy report on "Opportunities for soil sustainability in Europe"                            | EASAC                                                                                    | Brussels                |
| 19-21<br>October   | Arctic Circle 2018                                                                                                                                               | Arctic Circle                                                                            | Reykjavik,<br>Iceland   |
| 5-8<br>November    | 2018 Symposium on International Safeguards                                                                                                                       | IAEA                                                                                     | Vienna, Austria         |

| 6 November                                      | EuroTech Universities Alliance High Level Event 2018                                                                                                                                                             | Euro Tech<br>Universities Alliance | Brussels                   |
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| 6-7<br>November                                 | International Network for Government Science Advice (INGSA) 2018- Science advising in a changing world                                                                                                           | INGSA                              | Tokyo, Japan               |
| 17-29<br>November                               | 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP14) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)                                                                                                            | COP 14                             | Sharm-El-<br>Sheikh, Egypt |
| 10-11<br>December                               | Intergovernmental Conference to Adopt the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration                                                                                                                 | United Nations                     | Marrakech,<br>Morocco      |
| 13-14<br>December                               | <u>United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change</u> <u>Conference (UNFCCC)- COP 24</u>                                                                                                                  | UNFCCC, Government<br>of Poland    | Katowice, Poland           |
| 11-15<br>March 2019                             | Fourth session of the UN Environment Assembly                                                                                                                                                                    | UNEP                               | Nairobi, Kenya             |
| 29 April-3<br>May 2019                          | Global Young Academy 9th International Conference for 2019 Young Scientists (1-2 May 2019) and 10th Anniversary AGM (Annual General Meeting) 2019: Re-Enlightenment? Truth, reason and science in a global world | AGM                                | Halle, Gerany              |
| 20-23<br>November<br>2019                       | World Science Forum 2019                                                                                                                                                                                         | World Science Forum                | Budapest,<br>Hungary       |
| Global Young Academy (AGM) Call for New Members |                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | AGM                                | Halle, Germany             |

# 3. DG JRC News

| September | DG JRC Newsletter September 2018                                                                |
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| 2017      | JRC Annual Report                                                                               |
| Open      | Open access to JRC Research Infrastructures- Call Actinide User Laboratory-ActUsLab             |
| Open      | The EU is recruiting researchers- Call for expressions of interest                              |
| Open      | JRC Alumni Network: Membership registration for JRC Alumni and <a href="mailto:staff">staff</a> |

July and August Highlights

4-5 July <u>Investment Readiness of Innovation Projects in South East Europe</u>

The workshop was organised by the European Commission (DG JRC) in collaboration with the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering and Naval Architecture of Zagreb University, the Centre for Technology Transfer Ltd. and the Croatian Agency for SMEs, Innovation and Investments (HAMAG-BICRO). The event explored the support mechanisms required for innovations to grow and scale up in South Eastern Europe and develop bankable projects. The main focus of this workshop was to exchange best practices in supporting investment readiness for technology-based scale-ups and start-ups in South East Europe and the Western Balkans and

understand the requirements for developing bankable projects. Policy initiatives, implementation processes, instruments and capacity building activities will be presented, as well as first-hand experiences and case studies from across the region and beyond. The conclusions of this event are expected to feed into broader political developments, and to contribute to existing and tailor-made instruments that can wider support innovative companies in the area.

9-14 July

Sharing science: towards new horizons- JRC at the EuroScience Open Forum 2018

The Joint Research Centre (JRC) was present at the EuroScience Open Forum (ESOF) in Toulouse with an exciting programme combining science talks, workshops, TED type talks and Pecha Kucha presentations.

16-27July

Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) International Summer School 2018

The ten-day course covered all aspects of satellite navigation, including:

- theory of Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS),
- threats to satnav systems,
- patents and intellectual property,
- creation of satnay-based businesses.

The main emphasis of the course will be the development of a group business project, building on an innovative idea to take in the planning of the product or service, its technical realisation and finally its marketing to customers.

The International Summer School on Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) 2018 was organised by the European Space Agency (ESA) and the Joint Research Centre (JRC). It took place from 16 to 27 July 2018 in Loipersdorf, Austria. The Summer School was open to: graduate students (more than 3 years studies), PhD students and postdoctoral researchers (< 38 years) and young engineers and professionals from industry and agencies (< 38 years).

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