

Media advisory – Video conference of transport ministers, 8 December 2020



Indicative programme

Chair: Mr Andreas Scheuer, Federal Minister for Transport and Digital Infrastructure of Germany

10.00 Beginning of the video conference of transport ministers

Eurovignette ([public session](#))

Any other business ([public session](#))

- new mobility approach
- current rail transport proposals
- investment in the extension of the European rail network
- 4th High Level Meeting on Connected and Automated Driving

13.00 – 14.30 Break

14.30 Single European Sky ([public session](#))

Any other business ([public session](#))

- impact of COVID-19 on air passengers rights
- Passenger Locator Forms: Update on exchange platform
- social aspects in air transport
- crew changes in maritime transport
- Joint Visegrad Group statement on the upcoming revision of the TEN-T
- work programme of the incoming Portuguese Presidency

At the end of the videoconference (+/- 18.30) – **press conference** on [live streaming](#).

Arrangements for the press conference

Please note that there will be no physical press conference. EU accredited journalists will be able to ask questions remotely using [this link](#).

Deadline for registration: Tuesday, 8 December 2020, 17.00

Those who already registered for the previous video conferences of Transport and Telecommunications Council do not need to do it again. Further instructions will be sent to all registered participants approximately half an hour after the deadline.

[Videos and photos from the event](#)

[Visit the meeting page](#)

[ESMa publishes 2020 ESEF XBRL Taxonomy files and ESEF Conformance suite](#)

ESMA aims to facilitate the implementation of the European Single Electronic Format (ESEF) by providing to XBRL taxonomy files and Conformance Suite test files that reflect the requirements contained in the 2020 [draft update](#) to the ESEF Regulation and the 2020 [update](#) to the ESEF Reporting Manual.

The 2020 ESEF taxonomy is based on the 2020 [IFRS Taxonomy](#), prepared and updated annually by the IFRS Foundation. The taxonomy package includes labels in all EU languages.

The ESEF Regulation requires that all issuers with securities listed on an EU regulated market prepare their annual financial reports in xHTML and mark-up the IFRS consolidated financial statements contained therein using XBRL tags and the iXBRL technology.

[Media advisory – Video conference of European affairs ministers of 8 December 2020](#)



Indicative programme

Chair: Michael Roth, German Minister of State for Europe

9.00 Doorstep by minister Roth

10.00 – Video conference of European affairs ministers

Agenda

Preparation of the European Council on 10-11 December 2020: Conclusions
(poss.) EU-UK relations

Legislative programming

– Joint declaration on the EU legislative priorities for 2021

– Joint conclusions on the policy objectives and priorities for 2020-2024

European Democracy Action Plan

Any other business

At the end of the meeting (+/- 14.30) – press conference in [live streaming](#).

Arrangements for the press

Please note that the press conference after the meeting will take place remotely. In order to participate and ask questions, EU accredited journalists should register using [this link](#).

Those who already registered for the previous video conferences and press briefings of European affairs ministers do not need to do it again.

Deadline for the registration: Tuesday 8 December, 13.30

Further instructions will be sent to all registered participants after the respective deadlines.

[Visit the meeting page](#)

[Venezuela: Declaration by the High Representative on behalf of the EU on the elections for the National Assembly](#)



The Venezuelan elections of 6 December 2020 for the National Assembly regrettably went ahead without a national agreement on electoral conditions and failed to comply with the minimum international standards for a credible process and to mobilise the Venezuelan people to participate. This lack of respect for political pluralism and the disqualification and prosecution of opposition leaders do not allow the EU to recognise this electoral process as credible, inclusive or transparent, and its results as representative of the will of the Venezuelan people.

Venezuela urgently needs a political solution to end the current impasse and to allow for the delivery of the urgently required humanitarian assistance to its people. The European Union calls on the Venezuelan authorities and leaders to prioritise the interests of the Venezuelan people and to urgently come together to start a Venezuelan-led transition process, in order to find a peaceful, inclusive and sustainable solution to the political crisis, through credible, inclusive and transparent presidential and legislative elections. The EU stands ready to support such a process and will continue to work with all relevant actors.

[Forward look: 7 – 20 December 2020](#)



Overview of the main topics and events at the Council of EU and European Council.

The location and the format (physical or virtual) indicated for each meeting are subject to change.

7 December 2020

Foreign Affairs Council

EU ministers of foreign affairs will be briefed about current affairs and exchange of views on transatlantic relations and strategic autonomy

Video conference of telecommunication ministers

Ministers will discuss the proposal for a data governance act, published by the Commission on 25 November

Video conference of European affairs ministers

European Council and (poss.) EU-UK relations will be on the agenda of the videoconference of EU Affairs ministers

8 December 2020

Video conference of transport ministers

Ministers will discuss a proposal to revise the EU road-charging directive (Eurovignette), and the Commission's proposals concerning the Single European Sky

10-11 December 2020

European Council

EU leaders will meet in Brussels to discuss further coordination on COVID-19, climate change, security and external relations

14 December 2020

Justice and Home Affairs Council

Home affairs ministers will discuss the migration and asylum pact, as well as how to improve EU engagement with third countries on migration. The Council is also expected to approve conclusions on internal security and the European Police Partnership and to take stock of progress in the implementation of

interoperability

Video conference of energy ministers

Energy Ministers will exchange views on Energy System Integration and receive information from the Commission on recent developments in the field of external energy relations

15-16 December 2020

Agriculture and Fisheries Council

Ministers will seek to agree the fishing opportunities in the Atlantic and North Sea, Mediterranean and Black Seas for next year and adopt conclusions on animal welfare and front-of-pack nutrition labelling

17 December 2020

Environment Council

Environment Ministers will aim to reach a general approach on the European Climate Law reflecting the outcome of the discussions in the European Council of 10-11 December 2020

For video coverage of Council sessions and audiovisual material, please see the following Council websites: