

“Die EU ist nach wie vor entschlossen, Sicherheit und Verteidigung zu stärken”: Rat verabschiedet Schlussfolgerungen

Over the past 20 years, the European Union has put in place some of the highest common asylum standards in the world. And in the past two years, European migration policy has advanced in leaps and...

‘Europe will not be made all at once, or according to a single plan. It will be built through concrete achievements which first create a de facto solidarity.’ Robert Schuman 9 May 1950 on 25 March 2017,...

In response to the illegal annexation of Crimea and deliberate destabilisation of a neighbouring sovereign country, the EU has imposed restrictive measures against the Russian Federation. Overview...

European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker delivered his annual State of the Union speech at the European Parliament on 14 September 2016, just two days ahead of the informal meeting of 27...

Enlargement is the process whereby countries join the EU. Since it was founded in 1957, the EU has grown from 6 member countries to 28. Any European country that respects the principles of liberty,...

Remarks by HR/VP Federica Mogherini at the joint press point fol

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Good afternoon.

We are pleased today to welcome the Deputy Secretary General of the United Nations, Amina Mohammed, who makes us the honour to join the Development Ministers today in Brussels to work together on the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, the Agenda 2030. I had the pleasure of meeting her last week in New York together with the [UN] Secretary General [António] Guterres and my first message is one of gratitude for the leadership that she

has personally shown and the UN system is showing on sustainable development but also on the related agenda that is a fundamental pillar of our own European security and development. We believe that investing in development but also in peacekeeping, in humanitarian, in climate change is a way to strengthen our own resilience, our own security, and this is why the United Nations system will always find the European Union at this side.

We strongly believe that the multilateral approach that the UN represents is the way to go. This is why also today, with the Development Ministers, we have adopted a new Consensus on Development that will contribute greatly to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals on the external side. We will also obviously do our part when it comes to the European policies on our internal dimension.

So Amina [Mohammed], once again, thank you very much for being together with us today and I leave you the floor.

Statement by the Spokesperson on the situation in Guinea Bissau

The enduring political crisis in Guinea Bissau is threatening the stability and the development of the country and has wider regional implications. The Economic Community Of West African States (ECOWAS) and United Nations engagement and ongoing mediation efforts have been critical to promote a political solution.

The latest ECOWAS Ministerial Mission to Bissau on 25 April reaffirmed the Conakry Accord as the only basis for a peaceful, consensual and inclusive solution. The EU fully supports the Conakry Accord and agrees that it must be implemented without further delay.

It is important that all political actors in the country now engage to meet the ECOWAS timeline of 30 days, as set in the statement following the April ECOWAS Ministerial Mission. In this respect, individuals impeding the implementation of the Conakry Accord need to be held responsible.

Since 2014 the EU has actively supported the ECOWAS Mission in Guinea Bissau (ECOMIB), which is now in the process to progressively withdraw from the country. The EU expects the defence and security forces not to intervene in the political crisis. It is crucial that all stakeholders show restraint in public declarations and avoid any action out of the Constitutional order and Rule of Law.

Andrew Gwynne response to Ruth Davidson's comments on the removal of the Winter Fuel Allowance

Andrew Gwynne, Labour's National Elections Coordinator, responding to Ruth Davidson's criticism of Tory plans to remove the Winter Fuel Allowance from some pensioners, said:

"When the Scottish Tory Leader comes out against her own Party's attack on pensioner incomes I think it's fair to say the policy is starting to unravel.

"The Tory attack on pensioners' Winter Fuel Allowance is unfair and outrageous, and lays bare the threat they pose to pensioners' security and living standards.

"The Tories should admit they've got it wrong, apologise and drop it immediately."

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Notes to editors

"We've made a different choice in Scotland in our Scottish manifesto today. We believe there shouldn't be means testing for the winter fuel payment."
Ruth Davidson, Leader of the Scottish Conservatives, Sky News, 19 May 2017

CALENDRIER du 22 mai au 28 mai 2017

(Susceptible de modifications en cours de semaine)

Déplacements et visites

Lundi 22 mai 2017

21-23/05 Informal meeting of agriculture and fisheries ministers

Eurogroup

22-23/05 Education, Youth, Culture and Sport Council

Mr Frans **Timmermans** in New York, the United States (until 23/05): meets the organisers of New York Women's March, at the City University of New York; Mr

Michael Bloomberg, United Nations Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Cities and Climate Change; and Mr David Miliband, President and CEO of the International Rescue Committee.

Ms Federica **Mogherini** receives Mr Abdelkader Messahel, Minister of Maghreb Affairs, African Union and the Arab League of Algeria.

Mr Andrus **Ansip** receives Mr Christian Van Thillo, CEO of Persgroep and Chairman of the European Publishers Council.

Mr Maroš **Šefčovič** receives representatives from 'Green 10'.

Mr Maroš **Šefčovič** receives Mr Christian Westermeier, President of SolarPower Europe.

Mr Valdis **Dombrovskis** delivers a keynote speech "What are the next steps for better economic governance in the Eurozone?" at the European Business Summit, in Brussels.

Mr Valdis **Dombrovskis** receives Mr Uldis Cērps, Senior Adviser to the Director General, Swedish Financial Supervisory Authority.

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** participates in the European People's Party's (EPP) ECOFIN Ministerial Meeting, in Brussels.

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** participates in the [European Business Summit](#): delivers a speech at the Sustainable Development Goals Conference; and a keynote speech at the plenary session "A New Narrative for Europe".

Ms Cecilia **Malmström** receives a group of students from the European School in Strängnäs, Sweden.

Ms Cecilia **Malmström** delivers a speech at a roundtable "Europe's trade strategy: new trade deals for Europe" at the European Business Summit, in Brussels.

Mr Neven **Mimica** in New York, the United States (until 23/05): participates in the 2nd high-level [Forum on Financing for Development Follow-up](#) of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

Mr Miguel **Arias Cañete** in Berlin, Germany: participates in the 8th Petersberg Climate Dialogue "Working Together on Solutions".

Mr Karmenu **Vella** in Malta (until 23/05): delivers a speech at a conference on Circular Economy organised by Ms Miriam Dalli, Member of the European Parliament.

Mr Vytenis **Andriukaitis** in Ireland (until 23/05): visits the 'Health and food audits and analysis' Directorate of the European Commission's Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety together with Mr Simon Harris, Minister for Health of Ireland, and Mr Andrew Doyle, Minister of State for Food, Forestry and Horticulture; and participates in a [Citizens' Dialogue](#) on Health and Food Safety, together with Ms Mairead McGuinness, Member of the European

Parliament.

Mr Phil **Hogan** in Malta (until 23/05): participates in the Informal meeting of agriculture and fisheries ministers; meets Mr Bronius Markauskas, Minister for Agriculture of Lithuania; and Mr Jari Leppä, Minister for Agriculture and Forestry of Finland.

Ms Elżbieta **Bieńkowska** in Katowice, Poland: delivers a speech at the conference “Tourism, education, employment” at Katowice School of Economics.

Ms Elżbieta **Bieńkowska** in Vienna, Austria (until 23/05): meets business associations’ representatives.

Ms Věra **Jourová** in Prague, the Czech Republic: delivers a keynote speech at [Jean Monnet International Scientific Conference](#) “The EU in time of multi crisis and its greatest challenges – up-to-date solutions, future visions and prospects”; delivers a keynote speech at the [International e-Privacy Meeting](#), organised by the International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP); meets Mr Jiří Havlíček, Minister for Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic; and receives an Award for Important Contribution to the Development of European Co-operation of Palacký University Olomouc.

Ms Corina **Crețu** in Cairo, Egypt: delivers a keynote speech at the [“Second Union for the Mediterranean \(UfM\) Ministerial Conference on Sustainable Urban Development”](#); and participates in the launch of the UfM labelled project “Imbaba urban upgrading” hosted by Mr Mostafa Madbouly, Minister for Housing, Utilities and Urban Communities of Egypt.

Mr Carlos **Moedas** in Portugal (until 23/05): delivers a speech at the conference “Growth of the Portuguese economy – myths and realities”; and a speech on the Future of Europe in the cycle of conferences entitled “Europe at a Crossroads” organised by Geographical Society of Lisbon (SGL).

Mr Julian **King** receives Mr Abdelkader Messahel, Minister of Maghreb Affairs, African Union and the Arab League of Algeria.

Mr Julian **King** receives Mr Meng Hongwei, President of the International Police Organisation (INTERPOL).

Mr Julian **King** delivers a keynote speech on “Protecting our Individual Freedom: European Security for Companies and Citizens” at the [European Business Summit](#), in Brussels.

Mardi 23 mai 2017

21-23/05 Informal meeting of agriculture and fisheries ministers

22-23/05 Education, Youth, Culture and Sport Council

Economic and Financial Affairs Council

President Jean-Claude **Juncker** meets Mr Donald Tusk, President of the European Council; and Mr Jens Stoltenberg, Secretary-General of NATO, for a working lunch.

Mr Frans **Timmermans** in New York, the United States: delivers the opening remarks at the seminar on [Sustainable Development, Global Partnership Dialogue 2017](#); meets Mr Peter Thomson of Fiji, President of the 71st United Nations General Assembly; meets Mr Amina Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Ms Federica **Mogherini** chairs the 17th meeting of the EU-Republic of Armenia Cooperation Council, in Brussels.

Ms Federica **Mogherini** hosts a meeting of the Libya Quartet, in Brussels.

Ms Federica **Mogherini** receives Mr Martin Kobler, Special Representative of the UN Secretary General and Head of the United Nations Support Mission in Libya.

Mr Maroš **Šefčovič** delivers a keynote speech at the [European Business Summit](#), in Brussels.

Mr Maroš **Šefčovič** receives Mr Mateusz Morawiecki, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Economic Development and Finance of Poland.

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** attends the annual meeting of the Board of Governors of the European Investment Bank, in Brussels.

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** receives Mr Ambroise Fayolle, Vice-President of the European Investment Bank (EIB).

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** receives Mr Mateusz Morawiecki, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Economic Development and Finance of Poland.

Mr Günther H. **Oettinger** delivers a keynote speech at the European Business Summit in Brussels.

Mr Günther H. **Oettinger** receives Mr Thomas Drozda, Federal Minister for Arts and Culture, Constitution and Media of Austria.

Mr Günther H. **Oettinger** receives Mr Märt Kivine, Deputy Minister on EU Budget of Estonia.

Mr Johannes **Hahn** receives Mr Carmel Agius, President of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY).

Ms Cecilia **Malmström** in Hamburg, Germany: meets Mr Olaf Scholz, First Mayor of Hamburg; and delivers a speech on “Trade in a Protectionist World” at a lunch hosted by the Friedrich Naumann Foundation.

Mr Miguel **Arias Cañete** in Prague, the Czech Republic: delivers a keynote speech at the plenary meeting of the European Nuclear Energy Forum (ENEF); meets Mr Jiří Havlíček, Minister for Industry and Trade; and Mr Richard

Brabec, Minister for the Environment of the Czech Republic.

Mr Karmenu **Vella** in Valetta, Malta: participates in the Informal meeting of agriculture and fisheries ministers.

Mr Vytenis **Andriukaitis** in Dublin, Ireland: meets representatives of the Joint Committee on Health and Children, Oireachtas; and meets Mr Simon Harris, Minister for Health of Ireland.

Mr Dimitris **Avramopoulos** hosts the 2nd European Dialogue on Skills and Migration, in the context of the [European Business Summit](#), in Brussels.

Ms Marianne **Thyssen** attends the [European Business Summit](#) and participates in the 2nd European Dialogue on Skills and Migration, in Brussels.

Ms Marianne **Thyssen** in Leuven, Belgium: participates in a lecture "[Future of Europe](#)", chaired by Mr Wolfgang Schäuble, Minister for Finance of Germany.

M. Pierre **Moscovici** participe à la réunion annuelle du Conseil des gouverneurs de la Banque européenne d'investissement (BEI), à Bruxelles.

M. Pierre **Moscovici** prononce un discours au [Sommet des entreprises européennes](#), à Bruxelles.

M. Pierre **Moscovici** à Tournai, Belgique: participe à un [Dialogue citoyen sur l'Union européenne](#) à l'invitation de M. Rudy Demotte, Ministre-Président de la Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles.

Mr Phil **Hogan** in Valetta, Malta: participates in the Informal meeting of agriculture and fisheries ministers.

Ms Violeta **Bulc** receives Mr William Todts, Executive Director of Transport & Environment.

Ms Elżbieta **Bieńkowska** in Vienna, Austria: meets key representatives of the Austrian social partners; Ms Ulrike Rabmer-Koller, President of European Association of Craft, Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (UEAPME); and Mr Harald Mahrer, Federal Minister for Science, Research and Economy of Austria; and delivers a speech at a conference of start-ups.

Mr Tibor **Navracsics** meets Mr Thomas Drozda, Federal Minister for Arts, Culture, Constitution and Media of Austria.

Ms Věra **Jourová** receives Ms Lavly Perling, Prosecutor General of Estonia; Mr Pavel Zeman, Supreme Public Prosecutor of the Czech Republic; and Mr Jean-François Thony, Prosecutor General of the Court of Appeal of the Alsace region.

Ms Věra **Jourová** delivers a speech at the "[2nd EU Day against impunity for genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes](#)", in Brussels.

Ms Margrethe **Vestager** receives Mr Louis Grech, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for European Affairs and Implementation of the Electoral Manifesto

of Malta.

Ms Margrethe **Vestager** receives Mr Mateusz Morawiecki, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Economic Development and Finance of Poland.

Ms Margrethe **Vestager** receives Mr Euclid Tsakalotos, Minister for Finance of Greece.

Mr Carlos **Moedas** in Beja, Portugal: delivers a speech at 'Melhor Alentejo' event.

Mr Carlos **Moedas** in Spain: meets Mr Guillermo Fernández Vara, President of Extremadura region, Spain.

Mr Julian **King** in Vienna, Austria: meets Mr Sebastian Kurz, Federal Minister for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs of Austria; Mr Wolfgang Sobotka, Federal Minister for the Interior; Mr Jan Jambon, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Security and Home Affairs of Belgium; and delivers opening remarks at the ["OSCE-wide Counter-Terrorism Conference 2017: Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism and Radicalisation that Leads to Terrorism"](#).

Mercredi 24 mai 2017

College meeting

Ms Federica **Mogherini** receives Mr Stéphane Dion, Special Envoy of the Prime Minister of Canada to the EU and Europe, and Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany.

Ms Federica **Mogherini** hosts a working dinner with the Prime Ministers of the Western Balkans 6 (WB6).

Mr Andrus **Ansip** and Ms Věra **Jourová** deliver speeches at a business roundtable on General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) implementation and Privacy Shield.

Mr Maroš **Šefčovič** in Lithuania (until 25/05): on Energy Union Tour: meets Ms Dalia Grybauskaitė, President of Lithuania; meets Mr Saulius Skvernelis, Prime Minister; and meets Mr Žygimantas Vaičiūnas, Minister of Energy. He also visits and meets representatives of the BOD Group; attends a joint meeting with Mr Rokas Masiulis, Minister for Transport and Communication; Mr Kęstutis Navickas, Minister for the Environment, Mr Gediminas Kirkilas, Deputy Speaker of the Seimas and Chair of the European Affairs Committee, and Mr Virginijus Sinkevičius, Chair of the Economic Committee of the Seimas.

Mr Karmenu **Vella** receives Mr Stéphane Dion, Special Envoy of the Prime Minister of Canada to the EU and Europe, and Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany.

Mr Vytenis **Andriukaitis** receives Ms Dolors Montserrat, Minister for Health, Social Services and Equality of Spain.

Mr Christos **Stylianides** in Cancun, Mexico (until 26/05): participates in the

5th session of the [Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction](#) organised by the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction.

Mr Phil **Hogan** and Ms Violeta **Buļc** attend the launch of the partnership between Ryanair and the [Erasmus Student Network](#), in Brussels.

Ms Elżbieta **Bieńkowska** in Valetta, Malta: delivers an opening speech at a high-level conference “Enhancing Europe’s Tourism Competiveness through New Products”.

Ms Věra **Jourová** receives Mr Stavros Kontonis, Minister for Justice, Transparency and Human Rights of Greece.

Ms Corina **Creţu** participates in a meeting “The Future of EU cohesion policy, presenting the Dutch position paper”, organised by the House of the Dutch Provinces, in Brussels.

Ms Corina **Creţu** receives Mr Viorel Ştefan, Minister of Public Finance of Romania.

Ms Corina **Creţu** receives Mr Ioan Vulpescu, Minister for Culture and National Identity of Romania.

Jeudi 25 mai 2017

President Jean-Claude **Juncker** meets Mr Donald Trump, President of the United States; and participates in the EU-US Leaders’ Meeting, in Brussels.

President Jean-Claude **Juncker**, together with President Donald Tusk, meets Mr Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, President of Turkey, in Brussels.

President Jean-Claude **Juncker** receives Mr Emmanuel Macron, President of France.

Mr Maroš **Šefčovič** in Lithuania: on Energy Union Tour: meets Mr Viktoras Pranckietis, Speaker of the Seimas; attends the plenary session of the Seimas; meets and discusses with stakeholders, experts, opinion makers and academia.

Mr Miguel **Arias Cañete** in Madrid, Spain: participates in the Debate on the Law on Climate Change and Energy Transition organised by the Ministry for the Environment of Spain.

Mr Karmenu **Vella** in London, the United Kingdom: delivers a speech “Our circular future: setting standards to create new opportunities around the globe” at the Circular Economy Summit “Accelerating a business model revolution” organised by the Financial Times.

M. Pierre **Moscovici** à Marrakech, Maroc: participe à la Conférence Tribunes de Marrakech organisée par l’Université Cadi Ayyad.

Mr Carlos **Moedas** in Lisbon, Portugal (until 26/05): delivers the opening address of the 4th the Asia-Europe Meeting of Governors and Mayors (ASEM MGM4).

Vendredi 26 mai 2017

President Jean-Claude **Juncker** in Taormina, Italy (until 27/05): holds a joint press conference together with Mr Donald Tusk, President of the European Council, ahead of the G7 Summit; and participates in the G7 Summit.

Mr Maroš **Šefčovič** in Bratislava, Slovakia: meets Mr Peter Pellegrini, Deputy Prime Minister for Investment and Informatisation of Slovakia; participates at annual [GLOBSEC Bratislava Global Security Forum](#).

Mr Carlos **Moedas** in Lisbon, Portugal: delivers a speech at the think-tank 'Clube de Lisboa' on the "Role of Scientific Diplomacy in peace and development".

Samedi 27 mai 2017

President Jean-Claude **Juncker** in Taormina, Italy: participates in the G7 Summit.

Prévisions du mois de mai:

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23/05 Economic and Financial Affairs Council

29-30/05 Competitiveness Council

31/05 European Parliament Plenary Session in Brussels

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