

November 2017 compared with October 2017 – Industrial producer prices up by 0.6% in both euro area and EU28

In November 2017, compared with October 2017, industrial producer prices rose by 0.6% in both the **euro area** (EA19) and the **EU28**, according to estimates from **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**. In October 2017, prices increased by 0.4% in both zones.

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CALENDRIER du 08 au 14 janvier 2018

(Susceptible de modifications en cours de semaine)

Déplacements et visites

Lundi 08 janvier 2018

President Jean-Claude **Juncker**, Mr Jyrki **Katainen**, Mr Günther **Oettinger** and Ms Corina **Crețu** participate in [“Shaping our future: Designing the next Multiannual Financial Framework \(MFF\)” conference](#), organised by the European Political Strategy Centre (EPSC), and deliver speeches, in Brussels.

President Jean-Claude **Juncker** receives Mr Borut Pahor, President of Slovenia.

Mr Frans **Timmermans** receives Mr Gernot Blümel, Federal Minister for EU, Art, Culture and Media of Austria.

Mr Valdis **Dombrovskis** receives Mr Mário Centeno, Minister for Finance of Portugal.

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** receives representatives of the European Chemical Industry Council (Cefic).

Mr Christos **Stylianides** in The Hague, the Netherlands: meets Mr Ferdinand Grapperhaus, Minister for Justice and Security of the Netherlands.

Ms Věra **Jourová** meets Mr Martin Stropnický, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, in Brussels.

Mr Tibor **Navracsics** in Budapest, Hungary: delivers a speech at the [Budapest](#)

[Circus Festival](#): 250th Anniversary event of the birth of the modern circus art in Europe.

Ms Margrethe **Vestager** in Agerskov, Denmark: delivers a keynote speech on the future of the EU at a New Year's Reception of Danish Farmers.

M. Julian **King** à Paris, France: rencontre M. Louis Gautier, Secrétaire Général de la Défense et de la Sécurité nationale (DGDSN); et M. Laurent Nunez, Chef de la Direction Générale de la Sécurité intérieure (DGSI).

Ms Mariya **Gabriel** receives Mr Nicolas Brusson, CEO and Co-founder of BlaBlacar.

Mme Mariya **Gabriel** reçoit M. Radu Mihăileanu, Président de la Société Civile des Auteurs-Réalisateurs-Producteurs (l'ARP), M. Pierre Jolivet, Vice-président; et d'autres membres de l'ARP.

Mardi 09 janvier 2018

President Jean-Claude **Juncker** receives Mr Mateusz Morawiecki, Prime Minister of Poland, for a working dinner.

Ms Federica **Mogherini** receives Mr Horst Köhler, Personal Envoy of the United Nations Secretary-General for Western Sahara.

Ms Federica **Mogherini** and Mr Jyrki **Katainen**, together receive Mr Werner Hoyer, President of the European Investment Bank (EIB).

Mr Andrus **Ansip**, Ms Elżbieta **Bieńkowska**, Ms Věra **Jourová**, Mr Julian **King** and Ms Mariya **Gabriel** receive representatives of online platforms for a roundtable to discuss the actions to fight illegal content online.

Mr Andrus **Ansip** receives Mr Daniel Ek, CEO and Founder of Spotify.

Mr Valdis **Dombrovskis** receives Mr Robert Ophèle, Chairman of the French Financial Markets Regulator (AMF).

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** attends a working dinner with the Presidency of the European People's Party (EPP) Group in the European Parliament, in Brussels.

Mr Johannes **Hahn** receives Mr Horst Köhler, Personal Envoy of the United Nations Secretary-General for Western Sahara.

Ms Cecilia **Malmström** in Stockholm, Sweden: participates in an event on free trade and trade policy organised by Rotary International; visits BabyBjörn AB.

Mr Miguel **Arias Cañete**, receives Mr Motoo Hayashi, Minister for Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan, Minister in charge of Industrial Competitiveness, and of the Response to the Economic Impact caused by the Nuclear Accident.

Mr Miguel **Arias Cañete** receives the CEOs of the renewable energies' sector.

Mr Miguel **Arias Cañete** receives Mr Andrew McDowell, Vice-President of the European Investment Bank (EIB).

Mr Miguel **Arias Cañete** receives Mr Alberto Nadal, State Secretary for the Budget and Expenditure of Spain.

Mr Dimitris **Avramopoulos** delivers a speech at the second annual Counterterrorism Experts Seminar, in Brussels.

Mr Dimitris **Avramopoulos** participates in a Roundtable on 'Tackling illegal content online', in Brussels.

M. Pierre **Moscovici** à Paris, France: rencontre M. Alexis Kohler, Secrétaire Général de la présidence de la République française.

Mr Christos **Stylianides** receives Mr Horst Köhler, Personal Envoy of the United Nations Secretary-General for Western Sahara.

Mr Christos **Stylianides** meets Mr Jan Jambon, Vice-Prime Minister and Minister for Security and Home Affairs, in charge of Urban Policy and State Buildings of Belgium, in Brussels.

Mr Phil **Hogan** in The Hague, the Netherlands: meets Ms Carola Schouten, Deputy Prime Minister, and Minister for Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality of the Netherlands; participates in a [Citizens' Dialogue](#) with Ms Carola Schouten; and attends the official opening of the Dutch Federation of Agriculture and Horticulture (LTO Nederland) Office.

Ms Věra **Jourová** receives EU Prosecutors to discuss cross-border access to electronic evidence in criminal matters.

Ms Věra **Jourová** receives Mr Daniel Ek, CEO and Founder of Spotify.

Ms Věra **Jourová** receives experts on the evaluation of the EU Framework for National Roma Integration Strategies.

Ms Corina **Crețu** receives Mr Hervé Morin, President of the Association of French Regions.

Mr Julian **King** participates in a meeting with CEOs and high-level representatives of online platforms, in Brussels.

Ms Mariya **Gabriel** receives Mr Daniel Ek, CEO and Founder of Spotify.

Ms Mariya **Gabriel** receives Mr Christian Van Thillo, Chairman of the European Publishers Council (EPC).

Ms Mariya **Gabriel** receives Mr Evan Spiegel, CEO and Founder of SnapChat.

Mercredi 10 janvier 2018

College meeting

Mr Valdis **Dombrovskis** receives Mr Steven Maijoor, Chair of the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA).

Mr Valdis **Dombrovskis** participates in the 35th anniversary of the European Parliament's resolution supporting independence of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, co-organised by the European Commission, in Brussels.

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** delivers opening remarks at the meeting of the Multi-Stakeholder Platform on the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals in the EU, in Brussels.

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** receives Mr David Malpass, Undersecretary of Treasury for International Affairs of the United States.

Mr Miguel **Arias Cañete** receives Mr José Portilla, Director-General of SERNAUTO.

Mr Karmenu **Vella** delivers a speech at the Our Ocean Conference follow-up event organised by the European Parliament Intergroup for Seas, Rivers, Islands and Coastal Areas (SEARICA): "[What next steps for Our Ocean?](#)", in Brussels.

Mr Vytenis **Andriukaitis** hosts a discussion "Baltic States' call for the freedom heard" at the European Parliament, in Brussels.

M. Pierre **Moscovici** reçoit M. David Malpass, Sous-secrétaire du Trésor pour les affaires internationales des Etats-Unis.

M. Pierre **Moscovici** reçoit M. Ming Zhang, Chef de la Mission de la République populaire de Chine auprès de l'Union européenne.

Mr Phil **Hogan** receives Mr Pim van Ballekom, Vice-President of the European Investment Bank.

Mr Tibor **Navracsics** in Bruges, Belgium: attends the National Hungarian Week for a dialogue with citizens at the College of Europe; and meets Mr Jörg Monar, Rector of the College of Europe.

Ms Corina **Crețu** receives Mr Peter Gašperšič, Minister for Infrastructure of Slovenia.

Ms Margrethe **Vestager** receives Mr Torsten Fels, CEO of the Danish labour market pension fund, (PenSam); Ms Marie Foltmann, Director; and Mr Dennis Kristensen, Chairman.

Ms Mariya **Gabriel** receives Mr Philippe Vannier, Chairperson of the European Cyber Security Organisation (ECSO), and Mr Luigi Rebuffi, Secretary General of ECSO.

Ms Mariya **Gabriel** receives Mr Paul-Bernhard Kallen, CEO of Hubert Burda Media.

Ms Mariya **Gabriel** receives Mr Harald Flemming, Managing Director of the

German Association of Private Radio and Telemedia (VPRT), Mr Hans Demmel, Chairman of the Board, and Ms Julia Maier-Hauff, Senior Counsel European Affairs.

Jeudi 11 janvier 2018

President Jean-Claude **Juncker**, together with Members of the College, attends the King of the Belgians' New Year's reception, in Brussels.

President Jean-Claude **Juncker** and the College of Commissioners in Sofia, Bulgaria (until 12/01): for the official launch of the Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the European Union: participates in the opening ceremony of the Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the EU; and in the official dinner for the beginning of the Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the EU.

Ms Mariya **Gabriel** delivers an opening address at the [Connected Smart Cities Conference](#), organised by the European Commission, in Brussels.

Vendredi 12 janvier 2018

President Jean-Claude **Juncker** in Sofia, Bulgaria: meets Mr Boyko Borissov, Prime Minister of Bulgaria; Mr Rumen Radev, President of Bulgaria; together with Members of the College, participates in a working lunch with the Bulgarian Government; and meets Ms Tsveta Karayancheva, President of the Bulgarian National Assembly, and the chairs of the National Assembly committees.

Ms Elżbieta **Bieńkowska** in Tychy, Poland: meets entrepreneurs, local authorities and representatives of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Samedi 13 janvier 2018

Mr Vytenis **Andriukaitis** participates in the opening of the "Lithuanian Freedom run" organised by the Lithuanian community in Brussels.

Prévisions du mois de janvier:

15-18/01 European Parliament plenary session, in Strasbourg.

22/01 – Foreign Affairs Council, in Brussels.

22/01 – Eurogroup, in Brussels.

23/01 – Economic and Financial Affairs Council, in Brussels.

25-26/01 – Informal meeting of justice and home affairs ministers, in Sofia, Bulgaria.

29/01 – Agriculture and Fisheries Council, in Brussels.

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[State aid: Commission approves Greek auction scheme for renewable electricity](#)

Commissioner Margrethe **Vestager**, in charge of competition policy, said: *“Greece will bring down costs for renewable energy with competitive auctions to support renewable electricity generation. This is very good and the scheme will facilitate Greece’s efforts to reach its 2020 climate goals.”*

Under the scheme Greece will organise regular, competitive auctions to grant support to renewable energy sources:

- In 2018, Greece will organise separate auctions for wind and solar installations in order to determine their market potential.

- As of 2019, joint auctions for both wind and solar installations will be held to increase competition and reduce the cost for consumers of renewable energy in Greece.

State support for other renewable energy technologies will be subject to auctions as soon as they become more mature in the Greek electricity market, i.e. when they reach a predefined level of market penetration. Moreover, Greece will evaluate the bidding processes in 2020, before designing bidding processes for the period 2021-2025.

The Commission has assessed the scheme under EU State aid rules, in particular the [2014 Guidelines on State Aid for Environmental Protection and Energy](#). The Guidelines require competitive auctions for renewables support since 2017, so as to ensure that the use of public funds is limited to the minimum and there is no overcompensation. On this basis, the Commission concluded that the Greek auctioning scheme will boost the share of electricity produced from renewable energy sources, in line with EU [environmental objectives](#), while any distortion of competition caused by the state support is minimised.

Background

Today's decision follows the Commission's decision of November 2016 which [approved a support scheme for the production of electricity from renewable energy sources and high efficiency cogeneration in Greece \(SA.44666\)](#).

The [Renewable Energy Directive](#) established targets for all Member States' shares of energy renewable energy sources in gross final energy consumption by 2020. For Greece, that target is 18% of domestic energy supplies produced from renewable sources by 2020.

More information on today's decision will be available, once potential confidentiality issues have been resolved, in the [State aid register](#) on the Commission's [competition](#) website under the case number SA.48143. The [State Aid Weekly e-News](#) lists new publications of State aid decisions on the internet and in the EU Official Journal.