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

The indicated format of each meeting (physical or virtual) are subject to change.

Video conference of development ministers, 23 November 2020

EU ministers of development will exchange views on linking debt relief and investments to the Sustainable Development Goals, and promoting gender equality and women's empowerment in all external action

Video conference of research ministers, 27 November 2020

Ministers in charge of research will have an informal exchange of views on the investment targets for research and development proposed by the Commission in its Communication "A new ERA for Research and Innovation" of 30 September 2020

Video conference of youth ministers, 30 November 2020

Youth ministers will discuss youth mobility during the pandemic and beyond and will be briefed about the ongoing work in the area of democratic awareness among young people and the European Youth Work Agenda

Video conference of education ministers, 30 November 2020

Education ministers will express solidarity with the victims of terrorist attacks in Europe and will discuss the European Education Area and the European cooperation in education and training beyond 2020

Video conference of economics and finance ministers, 1 December 2020

Ministers are expected to discuss administrative cooperation in the field of taxation, the Banking Union, the Capital Markets Union, European Semester 2021, international debt relief, in particular for African countries, and

international tax issues

Video conference of culture ministers, 1 December 2020

Ministers will discuss the recovery of the culture and media sector from the pandemic and will be briefed about the conclusions on gender equality in the field of culture, and on safeguarding a free and pluralistic media system

Video conference of sport ministers, 1 December 2020

Ministers will discuss the international sporting events during the pandemic and will be briefed about the EU Work Plan on Sport 2021-2024 and the conclusions on promoting cross-sectoral cooperation for the benefit of sport and physical activity in society

Video conference of justice ministers, 2 December 2020

Ministers will discuss the justice aspects of counter terrorism, as well as rule of law developments in the field of justice. They will be informed of the state of play on the proposal for a regulation on assignments of claims and of the latest developments in the setting up of the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPP0)

Video conference of health ministers, 2 December 2020

Ministers will discuss ways to build a European Health Union and will exchange views about the pharmaceutical strategy for Europe

Video conference of employment and social policy ministers, 3 December 2020

Ministers will discuss social protection in the Platform economy and how to implement the Commission's Gender Equality Strategy 2020-2025

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