Forward look: 3 - 16 May 2021



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

Foreign Affairs Council (Defence), Thursday 6 May

EU ministers of foreign affairs will be briefed about current affairs and exchange views on the Strategic Compass.

Porto Social Summit, Friday 7 May

The Porto Social Summit, a high-level conference with broad participation of social partners followed by an informal meeting of leaders, will give political impetus to the implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights and its Action Plan.

Informal meeting of heads of state or government, Saturday 8 May

An Informal meeting of EU leaders will discuss the European Pillar of Social Rights in Porto. They are expected to adopt a Porto Declaration endorsing three EU-level targets in the areas of employment, skills and social protection to be achieved by 2030.

EU-India leaders' meeting via video conference, Saturday 8 May

EU leaders in Porto will meet Prime Minister Modi via video conference to discuss how they can advance the EU-India partnership and reinforce cooperation, especially on fighting the COVID-19 pandemic.

Foreign Affairs Council, Monday 10 May

EU ministers of foreign affairs will be briefed about current affairs and exchange views on Western Balkans, transatlantic relations and Belarus.

General Affairs Council, Tuesday 11 May

The Council will prepare for the special European Council meeting on 25 May 2021. Ministers will also focus on COVID-19 EU coordination and the Conference on the Future of Europe.