

# Main topics and media events 10 – 23 December 2018

Overview of the main subjects to be discussed at meetings of the Council of the EU over the next two weeks.

## **Foreign Affairs Council, Monday 10 December 2018**

Foreign ministers will discuss Iran, the Western Balkans, EU- African Union cooperation, Ukraine and Venezuela.

## **General Affairs Council, Tuesday 11 December 2018**

The Council will discuss the next multiannual financial framework, prepare the December European Council and approve its 18-month programme. Under Article 7(1) TEU, it will hold a hearing on the rule of law in Poland and exchange views on the respect for EU values in Hungary.

## **European Council and Euro Summit, Thursday 13 & Friday 14 December 2018**

The European Council on 13-14 December 2018 will focus on the EU's long-term budget, single market, disinformation, citizens' dialogues and external relations. The Euro summit is expected to take decisions on the reform of the economic and monetary union.

## **Agriculture and Fisheries Council, Monday 17 & Tuesday 18 December 2018**

The Council is due to decide on 2019 fishing opportunities for the Atlantic and North Sea and exchange views on a progress report on the post 2020 CAP reform package, as well as the updated EU bioeconomy strategy.

## **Transport, Telecommunications and Energy Council (Energy), Wednesday 19 December 2018**

The Council will exchange views on the Commission's strategy for long-term greenhouse gas emissions reduction. Ministers will be informed about the state of play on the clean energy package, the Connecting Europe Facility and the gas directive.

## **Environment Council, Thursday 20 December 2018**

Environment ministers will discuss the LIFE programme, CO2 emission standards for trucks, and the EU's new climate action strategy for 2050.

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