

Main topics and media events 18 February – 3 March 2019

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 18 February 2019

The Council will discuss Ukraine, Venezuela, Syria and the Horn of Africa. The Council is expected to adopt conclusions on Yemen.

Competitiveness Council (Internal market, industry and research), Monday 18 and Tuesday 19 February 2019

On 18 February, the Council will exchange views on the future of the Single Market in preparation of future discussions at European Council level. It will also discuss (and adopt conclusions on) the impact of artificial intelligence on EU industry. Furthermore, the Council will debate the industry-related aspects of the Commission communication “A clean planet for all”, as well as the impact of the European Semester process on the real economy.

On 19 February, the Council will take stock of the progress achieved so far regarding the Specific Programme implementing Horizon Europe.

General Affairs Council, Tuesday 19 February 2019

The Council will start the preparation of the March European Council and will discuss the Article 7(1) procedures concerning Hungary and Poland, the multiannual financial framework and a reflection paper on sustainability.

EU-League of Arab States Summit, Sunday 24 and Monday 25 February 2019

Leaders from both sides will seek to strengthen Arab-European ties. They will also address a wide range of issues and common challenges, such as: multilateralism, trade and investment, migration, security and the situation in the region.

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