

# Main topics and media events 19 February – 4 March 2018

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

## **Agriculture and Fisheries Council, 19 February 2018**

The Council will have exchanges of views on “The Future of Food and Farming” and the revision of the EU bioeconomy strategy, and will be informed about the EU protein plan.

## **Economic and Financial Affairs council, 20 February 2018**

The Council will discuss sustainable finance, issues related to the EU budget and the role of public procurement in investment and innovation.

## **Informal meeting of the 27 heads of state or government, 23 February 2018**

On 23 February EU leaders will meet informally in Brussels under the Leaders’ Agenda to discuss institutional issues and the political priorities for the next multiannual financial framework.

## **Foreign Affairs Council, 26 February 2018**

The Council will debate and adopt conclusions on the Republic of Moldova. Foreign ministers will discuss Venezuela, review prospects for the Middle East Peace Process, and prepare for a lunch with representatives of the League of Arab States (LAS). The lunch will be an opportunity to discuss how to pursue further options aimed at achieving a two-state solution jointly with the LAS.

## **General Affairs Council, 27 February 2018**

The Council will begin preparations of the March European Council. The Commission will present its reasoned proposal under Article 7(1)TEU regarding the rule of law in Poland.

## **General Affairs (Art. 50) Council, 27 February 2018**

The Council, in EU27 format, will be informed by the Commission's chief negotiator Michel Barnier about the state of play of the Brexit negotiations with the UK, and will consider a draft annotated agenda for the next European Council (Article 50).

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