

Main topics and media events 19 November – 2 December 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.

General Affairs Council (Art.50), Monday 19 November 2018

EU27 ministers will prepare the special meeting of the European Council (Article 50) that is expected to endorse the Brexit deal.

Agriculture and Fisheries Council, Monday 19 November 2018

The Council is due to agree on the 2019-20 TACs for deep-sea fish stocks and exchange views on: CAP reform, plant protection, the market situation and the Task Force on Rural Africa.

Foreign Affairs Council, Monday 19 November 2018

Foreign ministers will discuss Central Asia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ukraine and Yemen. They will have a joint session with defence ministers to discuss major initiatives in EU cooperation in the field of security and defence.

Foreign Affairs Council (Defence), Tuesday 20 November 2018

On Monday 19, defence ministers will have a joint session with foreign ministers to discuss major initiatives in EU cooperation in the field of security and defence. On Tuesday 20, they will discuss EU-NATO cooperation and CSDP operations and missions.

Special meeting of the European Council (Article 50), Sunday 25 November 2018

EU27 leaders will meet to endorse the Brexit **withdrawal agreement** and approve the **political declaration on future**.

Education, Youth, Culture and Sports Council, Monday 26 and Tuesday 27 November 2018

On Monday 26, ministers are expected to reach a partial general approach on a proposal for a Regulation on the European Solidarity Corps 2021-2027 and on a Regulation on the Erasmus programme. On Tuesday 27, ministers will focus on the Creative Europe programme, and on how to tackle the spread of disinformation online. They will also hold a debate on major sporting events as drivers for innovation in the presence of a guest speaker, Martin Kallen, CEO of UEFA events.

Foreign Affairs Council (Development), Monday 26 November 2018

Development ministers will discuss the Africa-Europe alliance for sustainable investment and jobs, the MFF negotiations on the neighbourhood, development and international cooperation instrument (NDICI), and gender and human rights issues.

Competitiveness Council, Thursday 29 November 2018

The Competitiveness Council is expected to agree on general approaches on the draft regulations on platforms to business, the single market programme (partial general approach) and the general safety of vehicles. It will also adopt conclusions on the future EU industrial policy strategy and will exchange views on the future of the single market.

Competitiveness Council, Friday 30 November 2018

The Council will take stock of progress so far on the proposed EU space programme. It will be invited to adopt a partial general approach on the Horizon Europe (framework programme) and take stock of progress on the specific programme implementing Horizon Europe. The Council will also adopt conclusions on the European Research Area.

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