

Weekly schedule of President Donald Tusk

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EU releases its proposal for rules on global electronic commerce

As part of its commitment to transparency and inclusiveness in development of its trade policy, the Commission today made public its [proposal](#) for future international rules on e-commerce. Despite a fast increase in digital trade, there are currently no multilateral rules in this area. In January 2019, a group of 76 members of the World Trade Organisation (WTO), including the EU, decided to launch [negotiations](#) that should result in a multilateral legal framework that consumers and businesses could rely on to make it easier and safer to buy, sell and do business online. The rules proposed by the EU would among others guarantee the validity of e-contracts and e-signatures, strengthen consumers' trust in the on-line environment, introduce measures to effectively combat spam, tackle barriers that prevent cross-border sales and permanently ban customs duties on electronic transmissions. A group of interested WTO Members held a first meeting on 6 March to agree on the process for WTO e-commerce negotiations. The EU proposal will be discussed along proposals from other participating WTO members during meetings planned from 13 to 15 May in Geneva. More information available [here](#). (For more information: Enrico Brivio – Tel.: + 32 229 56172; Kinga Malinowska – Tel: +32 229 51383)

Strengthening EU-Japan cooperation in artificial intelligence, research and innovation

Today, Andrus **Ansip**, European Commission Vice-President for the Digital Single Market, and Carlos **Moedas**, Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation, met Takuya Hirai, Japan's Minister of State for Science and Technology Policy. They discussed new opportunities to strengthen cooperation, building on the [joint statement](#) of the 26th EU-Japan summit, which took place on 25 April. More specifically, Vice-President **Ansip** and Minister Hirai discussed how to promote a human-centric approach to artificial intelligence as well as common work on data and trust (in line with the recent [Communication on Building trust in human-centric artificial intelligence](#)). Today's discussions also aimed to prepare the ministerial meetings on digital of the G7 and G20 respectively taking place in Paris on 15 May and in Japan on 8-9 June. Vice-President **Ansip** will participate in both events. Commissioner **Moedas** and Minister Hirai discussed the introduction of new programmes for research and innovation on both sides. They expect EU-Japan cooperation in science, technology and innovation to increase in areas of mutual interest, in line with last year's [EU-Japan Strategic Partnership Agreement](#). More information on the meetings and joint statements are available [here](#) and [here](#). *(For more information: Nathalie Vandystadt – Tel.: +32 229 67083; Lucía Caudet – Tel. +32 229 56182; Inga Höglund – Tel.: +32 229 50698)*

TRADE: Commission publishes first trade defence measures based on new anti-dumping methodology

The Commission today published its first [anti-dumping](#) and [anti-subsidy](#) measures based on the [new anti-dumping methodology](#) for imports from countries with significant market distortions. The measures published today will ensure fair market conditions for EU producers of organic coated steel, used mainly in the construction sector. The measures on Chinese imports put in place initially in 2013 will now be extended for another 5-year period. The duties range from 13.7% to 58.3%. This is one more example of the Commission's consistent action to support the European steel industry when confronted with unfair trade, in line with a [strategy](#) adopted in 2016 to handle consequences of the global overcapacity crisis. 52 EU anti-dumping and anti-subsidy measures currently in place concern steel products and shield 141,000 direct jobs in the sector. The value of the European market of organics coated steel is estimated for €4 billion. *(For more information: Enrico Brivio – Tel.: + 32 229 56172; Kinga Malinowska – Tel: +32 229 51383)*

State aid: Commission publishes the non-confidential version of decision to open in-depth investigation into Luxembourg's tax treatment of Huhtamäki

Today, the Commission has published the non-confidential version of its decision, adopted on 7 March 2019, to [open an in-depth investigation into Luxembourg's tax treatment of Huhtamäki](#). The Commission has concerns that three tax rulings granted by Luxembourg to Finnish food and drink packaging company Huhtamäki may have allowed the company to pay less tax and, hence, given it an unfair advantage over its competitors, in breach of EU State aid

rules. The opening of an in-depth investigation gives Luxembourg and interested third parties an opportunity to submit comments. It does not prejudge the outcome of the investigation. One of the three tax rulings under investigation was disclosed as part of the over 500 files disclosed as part of the “Luxleaks” investigation led by the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists in 2014. Furthermore, about 200 files disclosed as part of “Luxleaks” concerned financing companies and intercompany financing. In January 2017, following discussions with the Commission, Luxembourg introduced changes to their national tax rules to make the tax treatment of financing companies more stringent. The new rules, which concern a significant number of “Luxleaks” rulings aim to ensure that financing companies are taxed sufficiently and imply that the rulings regarding certain financing companies issued before 2017, including those from the Luxleaks files, no longer bind the tax authorities in Luxembourg. The decision is available under the case number [SA.50400](#) on the Commission’s [competition](#) website. (For more information: Lucía Caudet – Tel. +32 229 56182; Giulia Astuti – Tel.: +32 229 55344)

Eurostat: Les prix à la production industrielle en baisse de 0,1% dans la zone euro, hausse de 0,1% dans l’UE28

En mars 2019 par rapport à février 2019, les prix à la production industrielle ont diminué de 0,1% dans la zone euro (ZE19) et ont augmenté de 0,1% dans l’UE28, selon les estimations d’Eurostat, l’office statistique de l’Union européenne. En février 2019, les prix avaient augmenté de 0,1% dans la zone euro et de 0,2% dans l’UE28. En mars 2019 par rapport à mars 2018, les prix à la production industrielle ont augmenté de 2,9% dans la zone euro et de 3,1% dans l’UE28. Un communiqué de presse est [disponible en ligne](#). (Pour plus d’informations: Lucía Caudet – Tél.: +32 229 56182; Victoria Von Hammerstein – Tél.: +32 229 55040)

Eurostat: Estimation rapide – avril 2019 – Le taux d’inflation annuel de la zone euro en hausse à 1,7%

Le taux d’inflation annuel de la zone euro est estimé à 1,7% en avril 2019, contre 1,4% en mars selon une estimation rapide publiée par Eurostat, l’office statistique de l’Union européenne. S’agissant des principales composantes de l’inflation de la zone euro, l’énergie devrait connaître le taux annuel le plus élevé en avril (5,4%, comparé à 5,3% en mars), suivie des services (1,9%, comparé à 1,1% en mars), de l’alimentation, alcool & tabac (1,5%, comparé à 1,8% en mars) et des biens industriels hors énergie (0,2%, comparé à 0,1% en mars). Un communiqué de presse est [disponible en ligne](#). (Pour plus d’informations : Vanessa Mock +32 22956194; Enda McNamara – Tél.: +32 229 58615)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Le commissaire Navracsics à Paris pour la réunion ministérielle à la suite de l’incendie dans la cathédrale de Notre-Dame

Tibor **Navracsics**, commissaire chargé de l’éducation, de la culture, de la jeunesse et des sports, est aujourd’hui à Paris pour assister à une réunion

spéciale des ministres de la Culture, organisée à la suite de l'incendie qui a frappé Notre-Dame de Paris. Les discussions porteront sur la mise en place d'un mécanisme de coopération pour mettre en commun des ressources et des compétences afin de mieux protéger le patrimoine culturel européen en péril. Le commissaire Tibor **Navracsics** a déclaré: « *Notre patrimoine culturel est une ressource commune sur laquelle nous devons bâtir notre avenir. Nous ne devons jamais oublier que l'absence d'action, le manque d'entretien ou de prévention sont également coûteux. Nous devons investir davantage, mais il s'agit d'une responsabilité partagée des gouvernements, des entreprises et des citoyens de toute l'Europe. L'UE se tient toujours prête à aider à mieux promouvoir et protéger notre patrimoine culturel.* » Parallèlement à la réunion des ministres de la Culture, les ministres des Affaires européennes discuteront des moyens d'améliorer la coordination et l'utilisation des mécanismes de financement existants de l'UE pour soutenir le patrimoine. Une réunion conjointe de tous les ministres suivra, au cours de laquelle ils devraient adopter une déclaration. En 2018, en clôture de [l'Année européenne du patrimoine culturel](#), la Commission avait annoncé une [série d'actions](#) en faveur du patrimoine culturel. (Pour plus d'informations: Nathalie Vandystadt – Tél .: +32 229 67083, Joseph Waldstein Tél.: +32 2 29 56184)

27ème Journée Portes Ouvertes des institutions européennes: le Berlaymont ouvre ses portes aux visiteurs

Demain, les institutions européennes se mobilisent une journée entière pour faire découvrir l'Europe et leur travail au public. Du côté de la Commission européenne, la cérémonie d'ouverture est prévue au Berlaymont à 10 heures, en présence du commissaire chargé de l'aide humanitaire et de la gestion des crises, Christos **Stylianides**. Trente stands y présenteront de manière divertissante et interactive les principales réussites de l'UE et mettront en lumière ce que l'Europe fait pour les citoyens dans la vie quotidienne ainsi que pour promouvoir l'engagement dans le processus démocratique. Des visites guidées du 13ème étage de la Commission, où se trouve la salle de réunion du Collège des Commissaires, seront proposées aux visiteurs, ainsi que des visites des studios audiovisuels, de la salle de presse et de la salle de cinéma avec la projection de court métrages de réalisateurs européens dans le cadre de la campagne EUandMe. Une série de mini-débats/présentations avec des personnalités de la Commission européenne sera organisée à partir de 11 heures. Des activités de plein air sur l'esplanade du Berlaymont seront aussi disponibles, avec un jeu de l'Oie géant sur l'UE, un grand mur d'expressions, des animations et concerts. 15 000 visiteurs sont attendus demain à la Commission européenne. Plus d'informations [ici](#). (Pour plus d'informations: Enrico Brivio – Tél.: + 32 229 56172)

Food Waste: 6th meeting of EU Platform to focus on the business case for food waste prevention

Next Monday, 06 May, Vice-President for Jobs, Growth, Investment and Competitiveness, Jyrki **Katainen**, currently in charge of Health and Food Safety, will open the 6th [EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste](#), which will take stock of recent progress made in [EU actions to fight food waste](#) as one of the priority areas of the Circular Economy [Action Plan](#) of the [Commission](#). Ahead of the meeting, Vice-President **Katainen** said: "The actions

launched in recent years have put the EU at the forefront of global action aiming to halve food waste by 2030. However, this target cannot be reached without making food waste reduction and prevention part and parcel of business operations and of our daily lives. Together, we need to redesign a food system that minimises losses, promotes circularity and maximises value. Europe needs a comprehensive, innovative and integrated approach to move towards more sustainable food systems and each actor has an important role to play. I look forward to hearing innovative proposals in the context of this sixth Platform meeting." Launched in 2016, the Platform brings together both public and private interests in order to foster cooperation amongst all key players in the food value chain and help accelerate the EU's progress towards the global [Sustainable Development Goal](#) of halving food waste by 2030. On 06 May, members will discuss the importance of assessing the effectiveness of food waste prevention actions in order to accelerate transfer of learning, adoption and uptake of food waste prevention solutions. With support of the Platform, the Commission has adopted EU guidelines to facilitate food donation and the feed use of food no longer intended for human consumption, developed food waste measurement methodology and is undertaking work to improve date marking practices. The meeting will be web-streamed [here](#). (For more information: Anca Paduraru – Tel.: +32 229 66430 – Aikaterini Apostola – Tel. +32 229 8762)

Commissioner Hahn in Bratislava in the run-up to the Eastern Partnership 10th Anniversary

Johannes **Hahn**, Commissioner for European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations, will travel to Bratislava, Slovakia on 6 May to participate in the informal Eastern Partnership [V4](#) ministerial meeting. The meeting is organised by the [Visegrád Group](#) and precedes the [10th year Anniversary event of the Eastern Partnership](#), which will take place in Brussels from 13 to 14 May. The Bratislava meeting will focus on the future of the Eastern Partnership, regional security, economic cooperation, connectivity, infrastructure and energy. "This year the EU and its six Eastern partner countries are celebrating 10 years of strengthened cooperation within the framework of the Eastern Partnership", said Commissioner **Hahn**. "This meeting will provide all partners with the opportunity to showcase our many joint achievements. The implementation of reforms and delivering tangible benefits for citizens will remain a key priority in the years to come. In this context, the commitment of the Visegrád countries to the Eastern Partnership demonstrates that we are stronger together." Commissioner **Hahn** will meet with Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Visegrád Group – Czechia, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia – and of the Eastern Partnership countries – [Armenia](#), [Azerbaijan](#), [Belarus](#), [Georgia](#), the [Republic of Moldova](#) and [Ukraine](#). Photos and video of the mission will be available on [EbS](#). (For more information: Maja Kocijancic – Tel.: +32 229 86570; Adam Kaznowski – Tel: +32 229 89359)

Le commissaire Moscovici à Nancy, France, pour participer à un Dialogue

citoyen ce lundi

Le commissaire Pierre **Moscovici**, en charge des affaires économiques et financières, la fiscalité et les douanes, sera à Nancy, en France, ce lundi 6 mai pour participer à [un Dialogue citoyen](#) avec les étudiants de Sciences Po sur le thème « Quelle Europe au lendemain des élections européennes ? ». Le débat sera retransmis [en direct sur Facebook](#). Il rencontrera également M. Laurent Hénart, Maire de Nancy et des membres du Conseil Municipal. Le Commissaire participera aussi à un déjeuner de travail avec M. Eric Freysselinard, préfet de Meurthe-et-Moselle, le Maire de Nancy et des acteurs locaux sur le thème « Comment favoriser le développement de l'économie locale avec l'Europe », à la Mairie de Nancy. (*Pour plus d'informations : Vanessa Mock +32 22956194; Enda McNamara – Tél.: +32 229 58615; Patrick McCullough – Tel.: +32 229 87183*)

[Calendar](#)– Commissioner's weekly activities

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CALENDRIER du 6 mai au 12 mai 2019

(Susceptible de modifications en cours de semaine)

Déplacements et visites

Lundi 6 mai 2019

President Jean-Claude **Juncker** receives Mr Hans Peter Doskozil, *Landeshauptmann* of Burgenland.

President Jean-Claude **Juncker**, accompanied by Ms Marianne **Thyssen**, participates in an informal dinner with the European Social Partners hosted by Mr Donald Tusk, President of the European Council.

President Jean-Claude **Juncker** receives the European Leadership Award at the European Business Summit 2019.

Ms Federica **Mogherini** in San José, Costa Rica: co-chairs a meeting of the International Contact Group on Venezuela.

Mr Andrus **Ansip** gives a keynote speech and participates in a panel at the Plenary Session of the 2019 [European Business Summit "Tomorrow's Europe: Inclusive, Innovative, Interconnected"](#), in Brussels.

Mr Maroš **Šefcovic** in Bratislava, Slovakia: meets Mr Peter Pellegrini, Prime Minister of Slovakia.

Mr Maroš **Šefčovič** in Bratislava, Slovakia: meets Mr Richard Rasi, Deputy Prime Minister of Slovakia.

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** delivers a keynote speech at the high-level lunch of the EU-China Business Association, in Brussels.

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** participates in a roundtable meeting at the [European Business Summit](#), in Brussels.

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** opens the 6th meeting of the [EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste](#), in Brussels.

Günther H. **Oettinger** in Luxembourg: meets with Xavier Bettel, Prime Minister of Luxembourg, and holds a Citizens' Dialogue together with him.

Mr Johannes **Hahn** in Bratislava, Slovakia: participates in the Visegrád Group + Eastern Partnership (EaP) ministerial meeting.

Mr Johannes **Hahn** in Vienna, Austria: participates in a [panel discussion on "The Future of the EU"](#).

Ms Cecilia **Malmström** in Gothenburg, Sweden: participates in a conference on the future of Europe and the European elections.

Mr Neven **Mimica** in Cairo, Egypt: meets Mr Mostafa Madbouly, Prime Minister of Egypt; meets Mr Sameh Hassan Shoukry, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Egypt, meets Mr Sahar Nasr, Minister for Investment and International Cooperation of Egypt.

Mr Karmenu **Vella** in Metz, France: represents the European Commission at the G7 Environment Ministers Meeting.

M. Pierre **Moscovici** à Nancy, France : rencontre M. Laurent Hénart, Maire de Nancy ; rencontre les membres du Conseil Municipal ; participe à un déjeuner de travail avec M. Eric Freysselinard, Préfet de Meurthe-et-Moselle, M. Laurent Hénart, Maire de Nancy et les acteurs locaux sur le thème « Comment favoriser le développement de l'économie locale avec l'Europe », à la Mairie de Nancy ; participe au Dialogue Citoyen à Sciences Po sur le thème « Quelle Europe au lendemain des élections européennes ? ».

Mr Phil **Hogan** participates in the high level EU-Africa Business Summit Roundtable, in Brussels.

Mr Phil **Hogan** in Helsinki, Finland: meets Mr Petteri Orpo, Deputy Prime Minister of Finland; and meets Mr Jari Leppä, Minister for Agriculture and Forestry of Finland.

Ms Violeta **Bulc** receives representatives of the Urban Air Mobility (UAM) Initiative.

Mr Tibor **Navracsics** in Budapest, Hungary: holds a Citizens' Dialogue with students at the Budapest Metropolitan University.

Ms Margrethe **Vestager** participates in an on-stage discussion hosted by the Open Society Institute and Carnegie, in Brussels.

Ms Margrethe **Vestager** and Ms Violeta **Bulc** in Bruges, Belgium: hold a [Citizens' Dialogue](#).

Mr Carlos **Moedas** participates in a panel discussion at the European Political Strategy Centre (EPSC)'s launch event of the landmark Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) publication 'The European Project and Its Core Values', in Brussels.

Mr Julian **King** delivers the keynote speech at the Forum on Internal Security "Cybercrime: A still underestimated challenge?" organised by the Representation of the Free State of Bavaria to the EU together with the Hanns-Seidel-Foundation and Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation, in Brussels

Mardi 7 mai 2019

College Meeting

President Jean-Claude **Juncker** holds a press conference ahead of the informal meeting of EU27 leaders in Sibiu, Romania.

President Jean-Claude **Juncker** receives Mr Pierre Gattaz, President of BusinessEurope.

President Jean-Claude **Juncker** receives Mr Laurent Berger, Secretary-General of the *Confédération française démocratique du travail* (CFDT).

Ms Federica **Mogherini** in San José, Costa Rica: co-chairs a meeting of the International Contact Group on Venezuela.

Mr Andrus **Ansip** receives Mr Mark Chandler, Executive Vice President and Chief Legal officer for Cisco.

Mr Valdis **Dombrovskis** and Mr Phil **Hogan** in Riga, Latvia: deliver keynote speeches and take part in a panel discussion at the conference: "15 out of 100. The 15 years of Latvia's Membership in the European Union"; and participate in a discussion with farmers organisations and NGOs, with the participation of Mr Kaspars Gerhards, Minister for Agriculture of Latvia.

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina (until 08/05): chairs the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) Board of Governor's meeting.

Ms Cecilia **Malmström** participates in a roundtable discussion at the European Business Summit, in Brussels.

Ms Cecilia **Malmström** delivers a keynote address at the Flanders International Economic Summit, in Brussels.

Ms Cecilia **Malmström** receives Mr Guy Ryder, Director-General of the International Labour Organization.

Mr Miguel **Arias Cañete** in Stockholm, Sweden: presents the Commission's 2050 Long-Term Strategy "*A Clean Planet for all*" to the Swedish Parliament; meets Ms Isabella Lovin, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Environment and Climate of Sweden; meets Mr Anders Ygeman, Minister for Energy and Digital Development.

Mr Karmenu **Vella** delivers a speech at the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Summit 2019, in Brussels.

Mr Karmenu **Vella** presents the EU's electronic Catch Documentation and Traceability (CDT) System, and visits stands at [Seafood Expo Global](#), in Brussels.

Mr Dimitris **Avramopoulos** in Valetta, Malta : meets with the President of Malta George Vella, Prime Minister Joseph Muscat, Minister of Foreign Affairs Carmelo Abela, Tabib Michael Farrugia, Minister for Home Affairs and National Security and Minister of European Affairs Helena Dalli; and takes part in a Citizens' Dialogue on Migration and the Future of Europe.

Mr Christos **Stylianides** receives Cardinal Louis Raphaël Sako I, Patriarch of the Chaldean Catholic Church of Iraq.

Ms Věra **Jourová** speaks at the conference Digital Czech Republic: Technological Heart of Europe, Brussels

Ms Věra **Jourová** in Passau: meets Dr Florian Herrmann, Head of the State Chancellery and Minister for Federal and European Affairs and Medias of Bavaria and speaks at the Citizen's Dialogue organised by University of Passau

Mr Carlos **Moedas** in Paris, France: meets a group of students from the Paris School of International Affairs (PSIA) of the Institut d'Études Politiques (SciencesPo) to discuss policy making in the area of Science Diplomacy.

Mr Julian **King** meets Mark Chandler, Executive Vice President and Chief Legal Officer of Cisco Systems, in Brussels

Mercredi 8 mai 2019

President Jean-Claude **Juncker** participates in a Citizens' Dialogue, together with Mr Klaus Iohannis, President of Romania, in Sibiu, Romania.

Ms Federica **Mogherini** in Tirana, Albania: participates in the Brdo–Brijuni Process Summit.

Mr Karmenu **Vella** receives Mr Harald Nesvik, Minister of Fisheries of Norway.

Ms Marianne **Thyssen**, together with Mr Tibor **Navracsics** in Sibiu, Romania: opens the Youth Event [“Let’s shape the future of Europe together”](#); and attends the Award Ceremony of the #MySocialEurope photo competition.

Ms Violeta **Bulc** in Ljubljana, Slovenia: participates in the official celebration marking 15 years of EU membership of Slovenia.

Mr Tibor **Navracsics** in Sibiu, Romania: hands over awards to the monthly winners of the photo contest “My magical European Solidarity Corps moment”.

Ms Margrethe **Vestager** in Berlin, Germany: participates the discussion in the re:publica event [Fairness and Competitiveness in a Digitalised World](#).

Ms Mariya **Gabriel** in Sliven, Bulgaria: delivers opening speech as patroness of the XXI National Children’s Book Festival.

Jeudi 9 mai 2019

Anniversaire de la Déclaration de Schuman – Jour férié de la Commission

Informal meeting of heads of state or government, Sibiu

President Jean-Claude **Juncker** participates in the EPP Summit, in Sibiu, Romania.

President Jean-Claude **Juncker** participates in the informal meeting of EU27 leaders in Sibiu, Romania.

President Jean-Claude **Juncker** holds a joint press conference, together with Mr Donald Tusk, President of the European Council, following the informal meeting of EU27 leaders in Sibiu, Romania.

Mr Frans **Timmermans** in Sibiu, Romania: on the occasion of the informal meeting of EU27 leaders.

Ms Federica **Mogherini** in Tirana, Albania: participates in the Brdo–Brijuni Process Summit.

Ms Federica **Mogherini** in Sibiu, Romania: attends the informal meeting of EU27 leaders.

Mr Valdis **Dombrovskis** in Cēsis, Latvia: takes part in a [Citizens’ Dialogue](#) on the Future of Europe and attends the Europe Day Reception.

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** in Warsaw, Poland: meets Ms Jadwiga Emilewicz, Minister of entrepreneurship, Mr Henryk Kowalczyk, Minister of environment; takes part in a [Citizens’ Dialogue](#) with former President of Poland Aleksander Kwaśniewski on the Future of Europe, 15 years of Poland in the EU and Youth in the EU; participates in the Europe Day reception organised by the European Commission Representation and the European Parliament Office in Poland; and attends a dinner with Mr Rafał Trzaskowski, Mayor of Warsaw.

Mr Johannes **Hahn** in Grafenegg, Austria: participates in the ceremony on the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Iron Curtain.

Ms Cecilia **Malmström** in Stockholm, Sweden: participates in a conference on the future of Europe and the European elections, hosted by Stockholm University.

Mr Dimitris **Avramopoulos** in Nicosia, Cyprus : participates in Europe Day celebrations.

Ms Elżbieta **Bieńkowska** is in Bytom, Poland: receives a European Prize of the town of Bytom.

Ms Věra **Jourová** in Prague: speaks at the Day of Europe public debate “15 Years Together” with the Czech Minister of Foreign Affairs Tomáš Petříček and Prague mayor Zdeněk Hřib

Mr Tibor **Navracsics** in Budapest, Hungary: promotes the European Games in 2019 by running with the Hungarian Olympic Committee and the Olympic Flame through Budapest.

Ms Margrethe **Vestager** in Copenhagen, Denmark: delivers a keynote speech on the Europe Day celebration.

Mr Carlos **Moedas** in Braga, Portugal: participates at a Citizens’ Dialogue; participates at an Official Ceremony in occasion of Europe’s Day; attends a Rui Veloso Solidarity Concert organised by the European Commission, the European Parliament and the European Bank of Investments in occasion of Europe’s Day.

Ms Mariya **Gabriel** in Sofia, Bulgaria: speaks at the annual [network meeting of the European Educational Publishers Group \(EEPG\)](#); speaks at the opening of the [Business Forum Balkan – Mediterranean with B2B meetings](#) organised by the Human Resources Development Agency.

Vendredi 10 mai 2019

Mr Valdis **Dombrovskis** in Riga, Latvia: visits Iļģuciema secondary school under a “back to school” initiative and delivers a speech on the European and Latvian economy and on sustainable finance.

Günther H. **Oettinger** in Frankfurt, Germany: meets with Angela Merkel, German Chancellor; and takes part in the [Future Europe](#) conference.

Mr Phil **Hogan** in Tokyo, Japan: meets Mr Takamori Yoshikawa, Minister of Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries of Japan; and meets with leading agri-food professionals, importers, traders and retailers in the region.

Ms Věra **Jourová** in Paris: participates in G7 Ministerial Meeting dedicated to gender equality

Mr Tibor **Navracsics** in Veszprém, Hungary: participates in and speaks at the ENriCH Conference – Reveal Your European Cultural Heritage, co-organised by the Municipality of Veszprém together with partners from four other European cities.

Ms Margrethe **Vestager** in Copenhagen, Denmark: participates in the Youth European Summit; delivers a keynote speech at the Technology Day of DK Ingeniørforeningen; delivers a keynote speech on Competition and the rule of law to the European Association of Judges.

Mr Carlos **Moedas** in Oeiras, Portugal: visits the ISQ, a specialized engineering consultancy company.

Samedi 11 mai 2019

Mr Andrus **Ansip** in Tallinn, Estonia: speaks at the [“AI-Policy or AI-Policing” conference](#) Session I – AI Policy.

Mr Phil **Hogan** in Niigata, Japan (until 12/05): participates in the G20 Agriculture Ministers meeting.

Dimanche 12 mai 2019

Mr Phil **Hogan** in Niigata, Japan: participates in the G20 Agriculture Ministers meeting.

Prévisions du mois de mai 2019 :

13/05 Foreign Affairs Council

14/05 Agriculture and Fisheries Council; Foreign Affairs Council (Defence)

16/05 Eurogroup; Foreign Affairs Council (Development)

17/05 Economic and Financial Affairs Council

20/05 Informal meeting of environment ministers

21/05 Informal meeting of environment ministers; General Affairs Council

22-23/05 Education, Youth, Culture and Sports Council

27-28/05 Competitiveness Council

28/05 Foreign Affairs Council (Trade

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[ESMA submits technical advice on Sustainable Finance to the European Commission](#)

The two final reports contain technical advice to the EC on the integration of sustainability risks and factors, relating to environmental, social and good governance considerations with regards to investment firms and investment funds, into the Markets in Financial Instruments Directive II (MiFID II) ([investment services](#)), the Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive (AIFMD) and the Undertakings in Collective Investment in Transferable Securities (UCITS) Directive ([investment funds](#)).

ESMA ran a public consultation and [hearing](#) on its technical proposals and conducted a cost-benefit-analysis and has taken into account the opinion of the Securities Markets Stakeholder Group (SMSG).

ESMA, to ensure consistency, has developed its final report in cooperation with the European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority (EIOPA), which has received a similar mandate regarding Solvency II and the Insurance Distribution Directive (IDD).

Next steps

ESMA's initial consultation contained a separate paper on guidelines for disclosure requirements applicable to credit ratings, including the consideration of environmental, social and governance factors. The final report of this paper is expected to be published by the end of July.

March 2019 compared with February 2019 Industrial producer prices down by 0.1% in euro area Up by 0.1% in EU28

In March 2019, compared with February 2019, industrial producer prices fell by 0.1% in the **euro area** (EA19) and rose by 0.1% in the **EU28**, according to estimates from **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**. In February 2019, prices increased by 0.1% in the **euro area** and by 0.2% in the **EU28**.

[Full text available on EUROSTAT website](#)