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# 1. Activities of the European Institutions

## 1.1 European Commission

Date	Event	Subject
5 December	<a href="#">College Meeting</a>	<i>Among others: Joint Communication to the European Parliament, the European Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: action plan against disinformation; Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the European Council, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on the implementation of the Communication "Combating Disinformation on the Internet: A European Approach"; Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the European Council (EURO Summit), the Council, the European Central Bank, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: Towards a stronger international role for the Euro;</i>
11 December	<a href="#">College Meeting</a>	<i>Among others: Preparations for the European Council meeting (Brussels, 13 and 14 December 2018) and Euro Summit (Brussels, 14 December 2018) and state of play of other current dossiers such as ratification of the EU-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement; Commission Decision granting empowerment to adopt the necessary protective measures in the event of the Council's failure to act when fixing for 2019 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and, for Union fishing vessels, in certain non-Union waters; Seventeenth progress report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the European Council and the Council towards an effective and genuine Security Union;</i>

[All meetings of the College of Commissioners](#)

## 1.2 Council

Date	Event	Location
3 December	<a href="#">Eurogroup</a>	Brussels
3 December	<a href="#">Transport, Telecommunications and Energy Council (Transport)</a>	Brussels
4 December	<a href="#">Economic and Financial Affairs Council</a>	Brussels
4 December	<a href="#">Transport, Telecommunications and Energy Council (Telecommunication)</a>	Brussels
6-7 December	<a href="#">Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council</a>	Brussels
6-7 December	<a href="#">Justice and Home Affairs Council</a>	Brussels
10 December	<a href="#">Foreign Affairs Council</a>	Brussels
11 December	<a href="#">General Affairs Council</a>	Brussels
13-14 December	<a href="#">European Council</a>	Brussels
14 December	<a href="#">Euro Summit</a>	Brussels
17-18 December	<a href="#">Agriculture and Fisheries Council</a>	Brussels
20 December	<a href="#">Environment Council</a>	Brussels
8 January 2019	<a href="#">General Affairs Council</a>	Brussels

[All meetings of the Council](#)

## 1.3 European Parliament

### Plenary Sessions

Date	Event	Subjects	Location
10-13 December	<a href="#">Plenary</a>	<p><i>Among others: establishing a Programme for the Environment and Climate Action (LIFE); Joint debate- EU-Japan Partnership Agreement; protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to carcinogens or mutagens at work; transparency and sustainability of the EU risk assessment in the food chain; full application of the provisions of the Schengen acquis in Bulgaria and Romania; short presentations of the following reports: military mobility, education in the digital era: challenges, opportunities and lessons for EU policy design, new European Agenda for Culture; findings and recommendations of the Special Committee on Terrorism; debates on foreign affairs issues in the presence of the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security European Foreign, Security and Defence Policy (Article 36 TEU); Annual Report on human rights and democracy in the world 2017 and the European Union's policy on the matter; EU-Ukraine Association Agreement; EU Agencies Cedefop, EU-OSHA and Eurofound; Digital services tax; expedited settlement of commercial disputes; activities of the European Ombudsman in 2017; deliberations of the Committee on Petitions 2017; debates on cases of breaches of human rights, democracy and the rule of law (Rule 135);</i></p>	Strasbourg

3 December	<a href="#">Committee on Employment and Social Affairs</a>	<i>Among others: Report on ongoing interinstitutional negotiations; discharge 2017: General budget of the EU- European Commission; discharge 2017: European Training Foundation (ETF); discharge 2017: Report on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the agencies of the European Union for the financial year 2016: performance, financial management and control; discharge 2017: European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop); discharge 2017: European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (EUROFOUND); discharge 2017: European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA);</i>	Brussels
3 December	<a href="#">Committee on Budgets</a>	<i>Among others: establishment of the Reform Support Programme;</i>	Brussels
3 December	<a href="#">Subcommittee on Human Rights</a>	<i>Among others: hearing on the role of digitalisation in the promotion/ protection of human rights and human rights defenders; implementation of the GSP Regulation No 978/2012;</i>	Brussels
3 December	<a href="#">Subcommittee on Security and Defence</a>	<i>Among others: European Peace Facility- the state of play; security situation in the Sea of Azov and the Kerch Strait; public hearing on Russian influence in South-East Europe;</i>	Brussels
3 December	<a href="#">Committee on International Trade</a>	<i>Among others: delegation to OECD, Paris, 21 November 2018; state of play of ongoing trilogue negotiations; implementation of the GSP Regulation No 978/2012; strengthening the competitiveness of the Internal Market by developing the EU customs union and its governance; Council Decision on the conclusion of the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Singapore; investment Protection Agreement between the EU and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Singapore of the other part; conclusion of the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam; investment Protection Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Socialist Republic</i>	Brussels

		<i>of Viet Nam, of the other part;</i>	
3 December	<a href="#">Committee on Industry, Research and Energy</a>	<i>Among others: presentation of STOA study on "3D bio-printing for medical and enhancement purposes"; internal market for electricity (recast); common rules for the internal market in electricity (recast); risk-preparedness in the electricity sector; European Union Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (recast); regulation on ENISA, the "EU Cybersecurity Agency", and repealing Regulation (EU) 526/2013, and on Information and Communication Technology cybersecurity certification ("Cybersecurity Act"); adapting Directive 2012/27/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on energy efficiency [as amended by Directive 2018/XXX/EU] and Regulation (EU) 2018/XXX of the European Parliament and of the Council [Governance of the Energy Union], by reason of the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union;</i>	Brussels
3 December	<a href="#">Committee on Transport and Tourism</a>	<i>Among others: Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013 with regard to the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union; Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 391/2009 with regard to the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union; discharge 2017: General budget of the EU-European Commission; discharge 2017: European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA); discharge 2017: European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA); discharge 2017: European Union Agency for Railways (ERA); discharge 2017: Joint undertaking- safety of air navigation (SESAR); discharge 2017: Shift2Rail Joint Undertaking (SHIFT2RAIL); presentation of a study by Policy Department on BREXIT: transport and tourism- the consequences of a no-deal scenario;</i>	Brussels
3 December	<a href="#">Committee on Regional Development</a>	<i>Among others: discharge 2017: General budget of the EU- European Commission; Commission Delegated Regulation laying down the list of indicators for the report on the application of Regulation (EC) No 1082/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council on a European grouping of territorial cooperation (EGTC); European Regional Development Fund and on the Cohesion Fund;</i>	Brussels



3 December	<a href="#">Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development</a>	<p><i>Among others: presentation of the report on the AGRI mission to Bulgaria, 29-31 October 2018; presentation by a Commission representative (DG AGRI) on the state of play regarding the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) [C(2018) 6622] of 17 October 2018 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards applications for protection of designations of origin, geographical indications and traditional terms in the wine sector, the objection procedure, restrictions of use, amendments to product specifications, cancellation of protection, and labelling and presentation (C(2018) 7868 final); presentation by Janusz Wojciechowski, Member of the European Court of Auditors, of Special report No 31/2018: animal welfare in the EU: closing the gap between ambitious goals and practical implementation; presentation of an EPRS Study on "Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 on the protection of animals during transport and related operations"; implementation report as regards Regulation 1/2005 on the protection of animals during transport within and outside the EU; unfair trading practices in business-to-business relationships in the food supply chain;</i></p>	Brussels
3 December	<a href="#">Committee on Culture and Education</a>	<p><i>Among others: 'Erasmus': the Union programme for education, training, youth and sport; exchange of views with Commissioners Oettinger and Navracsics on synergies between the MFF programmes;</i></p>	Brussels
3 December	<a href="#">Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs</a>	<p><i>Among others: the implementation of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union in the EU institutional framework; implementation of the Treaty provisions concerning enhanced cooperation; the Fundamental Rights of People of African Descent in Europe; LIBE mission on the Rule of Law to Warsaw, Poland, 19-21 September 2018; Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 767/2008, Regulation (EC) No 810/2009, Regulation (EU) 2017/2226, Regulation (EU) 2016/399, Regulation XX/2018 [Interoperability Regulation], and Decision 2004/512/EC and repealing Council Decision 2008/633/JHA; listing the third countries whose nationals</i></p>	Brussels



		<i>must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders and those whose nationals are exempt from that requirement, as regards the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union;</i>	
3 December	<a href="#">Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs</a>	<i>Among others: establishment of the Reform Support Programme; discharge 2017: European Banking Authority (EBA); discharge 2017: European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority (EIOPA); discharge 2017: European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA);</i>	Brussels
6 December	<a href="#">Committee on Foreign Affairs</a>	<i>Among others: conclusion of a Partnership and Cooperation Agreement with Turkmenistan; state of EU-Russia political relations; discharge 2017: General budget of the EU- European External Action Service; Discharge 2017: General budget of the EU- European Commission; building EU capacity on conflict prevention and mediation; establishing the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument; EU-Japan relations;</i>	Brussels
6 December	<a href="#">Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety</a>	<i>Among others: establishing rules on support for strategic plans to be drawn up by Member States under the Common agricultural policy (CAP Strategic Plans) and financed by the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) and by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD); European Semester for economic policy coordination: Annual Growth Survey 2019; discharge 2017: General budget of the EU- European Commission; discharge 2017: European Food Safety Authority (EFSA); discharge 2017: European Environment Agency (EEA); discharge 2017: European Chemicals Agency (ECHA); discharge 2017: European Medicines Agency (EMA); discharge 2017: European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC); establishment of a framework to facilitate sustainable investment;</i>	Brussels
6 December	<a href="#">Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection</a>	<i>Among others: mutual recognition of goods lawfully marketed in another Member State; import of cultural goods; complementing EU type-approval legislation with regard to the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union; prolongation of the transitional use of means other than the electronic data-processing techniques provided for in the</i>	Brussels

		<i>Union Customs Code; type-approval requirements for motor vehicles and their trailers, and systems, components and separate technical units intended for such vehicles, as regards their general safety and the protection of vehicle occupants and vulnerable road users; establishing the Programme for single market, competitiveness of enterprises, including small and medium-sized enterprises, and European statistics; discontinuing seasonal changes of time; establishing the European Cybersecurity Industrial, Technology and Research Competence Centre and the Network of National Coordination Centres; High Level Forum for a better functioning food supply chain- feedback from the Commission;</i>	
6 December	<a href="#">Committee on Legal Affairs</a>	<i>Among others: action of the Union following its accession to the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications; a comprehensive European industrial policy on artificial intelligence and robotics; preventive restructuring frameworks, second chance and measures to increase the efficiency of restructuring, insolvency and discharge procedures; contracts for the supply of digital content; rules on the exercise of copyright and related rights applicable to certain online transmissions of broadcasting organisations and retransmissions of television and radio programmes; copyright in the Digital Single Market;</i>	Brussels
6 December	<a href="#">Committee on Constitutional Affairs</a>	<i>Among others: proposal for amending Parliament's Decision 94/262/ECSC, EC, Euratom of 9 March 1994 on the regulations and general conditions governing the performance of the Ombudsman's duties; implementation of the Treaty provisions on Parliament's power of political control over the Commission; Implementation of the Treaty provisions related to EU Citizenship; implementation of the legal provisions and the Joint Statement ensuring parliamentary scrutiny over decentralised agencies; the implementation of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union in the EU institutional framework; establishment of the European Monetary Fund;</i>	Brussels

6 December	<a href="#">Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs</a>	<i>Among others: establishment of a framework to facilitate sustainable investment; Public Hearing with Elke König, Chairperson of the Single Resolution Board (SRB);</i>	Brussels
10 December	<a href="#">Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs</a>	<i>Among others: report on ongoing interinstitutional negotiations; sovereign bond-backed securities; Economic Dialogue and exchange of views on the Commission's Autumn package, including its opinions on the Draft Budgetary Plans of euro area member states, in particular that of Italy under Article 7(3) of Regulation 473/2013 with Valdis Dombrovskis, Vice-President for the Euro and Social Dialogue, also in charge of Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union- Pierre Moscovici, Commissioner for Economic and Financial Affairs, Taxation and Customs; European Semester for economic policy coordination: Annual Growth Survey 2019;</i>	Strasbourg
10 December	<a href="#">Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs</a>	<i>Among others: 4th Security Dialogue with Commissioner King "Cooperation with the Western Balkans in the field of security"; European Production and Preservation Orders for electronic evidence in criminal matters; LIBE ad-hoc delegation to Washington D.C., USA, 16 - 19 July 2018;</i>	Strasbourg
10 December	<a href="#">Committee on Development</a>	<i>Among others: exchange of views with the representatives of the 2018 Sakharov Prize laureate- Oleg Sentsov;</i>	Strasbourg
10 December	<a href="#">Committee on International Trade</a>	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Strasbourg
10 December	<a href="#">Committee on Budgets</a>	<i>Among others: New General Budget of the European Union for the financial year 2019; amendment of the EIB Statute; building policy- exchange of views on any new information received;</i>	Strasbourg
10 December	<a href="#">Special committee on financial crimes, tax evasion and tax avoidance</a>	<i>Among others: exchange of views with Věra Jourová, European Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality; exchange of views with Margrethe Vestager, European Commissioner responsible for Competition;</i>	Strasbourg

[All European Parliament Committee Meetings](#)

## 1.4 Committee of the Regions (CoR)

Date	Event	Location
4 December	<a href="#">Working Together for Migrant Integration: Conference of the Urban Agenda Partnership on Inclusion of Migrants and Refugees</a>	Brussels
4 December	<a href="#">Committee for Transport and Tourism (TRAN)- Commission for Territorial Cohesion Policy (COTER) joint workshop: Financing clean and sustainable transport: The role of cities and regions</a>	Brussels
4 December	<a href="#">Digital Cities Mayors Summit</a>	Brussels
5 December	<a href="#">132nd CoR plenary session</a>	Brussels
11 December	<a href="#">Delivering reforms, investments and cohesion: How to make the European Semester work</a>	Brussels
13 December	<a href="#">21st European Parliament Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON) Meeting</a>	Brussels
14 December	<a href="#">21st Commission for Territorial Cohesion Policy and EU Budget (COTER) Meeting</a>	Brussels
17 January 2019	<a href="#">European Entrepreneurial Region (EER) 2020 Info Day</a>	Brussels
21 January 2019	<a href="#">Europe for Her</a>	Brussels
27 February 2019	<a href="#">Euro-Mediterranean Regional and Local Assembly (ARLEM) Award - Young local entrepreneurship in the Mediterranean</a>	Seville, Spain

[Further Events of the Committee of the Regions](#)

## 1.5 European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)

Date	Event	Location
5 December	<a href="#">Promoting freedom of assembly and freedom of expression: challenges, risks and solutions</a>	Warsaw, Poland
6 December	<a href="#">Challenges and opportunities of SMEs in the context of future of work and digitalisation</a>	Brussels
6-7 December	<a href="#">Bursting Brussels' 'Bubble': How to communicate Your Europe</a>	Brussels
8 December	<a href="#">Building partnerships and tracking progress – role of non-state and subnational actors</a>	Katowice, Poland
8 December	<a href="#">Making finance work for climate transition</a>	Katowice, Poland
11-12 December	<a href="#">4th joint meeting of the EU Domestic Advisory Group and representatives from the domestic mechanisms of Colombia Peru and Ecuador and Civil Society Open Session</a>	Quito, Ecuador
12-13 December	<a href="#">539th Plenary session</a>	Brussels
13 December	<a href="#">2018 EESC Civil Society Prize</a>	Brussels
17-18 December	<a href="#">The 2018 Euro-Mediterranean Summit of Economic and Social Councils and similar Institutions</a>	Turin, Italy
18 December	<a href="#">12th meeting of the EU-Montenegro Civil Society Joint Consultative Committee</a>	Brussels
16 January 2019	<a href="#">European Philanthropy: an untapped potential</a>	Brussels
24-25 January 2019	<a href="#">Social Innovation for Refugee Inclusion: A Sense of Home" Co-organised conference</a>	Brussels

[Further events of the European Economic and Social Committee](#)

## 1.6 International Relations

Date	Event	Venue/Location
5 December	<a href="#">8th Trilateral EU-US-Japan Conference on Critical Materials</a>	Tokyo, Japan
6-7 December	<a href="#">3rd meeting of the EU-Chile Joint Consultative Committee</a>	Santiago de Chile, Chile
18 December	<a href="#">EU-Ukraine renewable energy investment forum</a>	Kyiv, Ukraine

# 2. Conferences & Meetings

## 2.1 DG JRC Conferences and Events

Date	Event	Organiser	Location
3 December	<a href="#">How can EU policy benefit from new microdata?</a>	JRC	Brussels
3-7 December	<a href="#">European Learning Initiatives for Nuclear decommissioning and Environmental Remediation (ELINDER) Training Course - Decommissioning of nuclear installations</a>	JRC, SCK-CEN Belgian Nuclear Research Centre	Mol, Belgium
12 December	<a href="#">Energy, Climate change &amp; Sustainable development - Poland-Science meets Regions</a>	JRC	Wielkopolska region, Poland
14 December	<a href="#">Launch of the Competency Centre on Technology Transfer</a>	JRC	Brussels

8-9 January 2019	<a href="#">Promoting Sustainable Finance</a>	JRC, European Commission's Technical Expert Group on Sustainable Finance (TEG), Community of Practice in Financial Research (CoPFiR)	Brussels
5 February 2019	Second Annual JRC Alumni Network Event	JRC	Brussels
<a href="#">Further upcoming DG JRC Events</a>			
<a href="#">Further upcoming events in the EU Newsroom Calendar</a>			

## 2.2 Further European Conferences and Meetings

3 December	<a href="#">#EUROat20: an extraordinary journey</a>	ECFIN	Brussels
3-4 December	<a href="#">Cyber Security Conference</a>	Austrian Presidency of the Council of the EU, Austrian Federal Chancellery	Vienna, Austria
3-4 December	<a href="#">European Day of persons with disabilities 2018</a>	EC, European Disability Forum	Brussels
3-5 December	<a href="#">FI Campus 2018: What next for European Structural and Investments Funds (ESIF) financial instruments? Creating new opportunities under the Omnibus Regulation</a>	EC, European Investment Bank (EIB)	Brussels
3-6 December	<a href="#">European Space Week 2018: Connecting the future</a>	EC, European Global Navigation Satellite Systems Agency (GSA)	Marseille, France
3-14 December	<a href="#">Conferences of the Parties (COP 24) - 24th conference on climate change</a>	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), Presidency of	Katowice, Poland



		Poland	
4 December	<a href="#">Enhancing healthcare cooperation in cross-border regions</a>	EC	Brussels
4 December	<a href="#">From institutions to community living: achieving deinstitutionalisation in the EU</a>	European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA), European Expert Group	Brussels
4 December	<a href="#">Workshop on conditional capacity</a>	European Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER)	Brussels
4 December	<a href="#">NON.NO.NEIN. Ending violence against women – Taking stocks and next steps</a>	EC	Brussels
4 December	<a href="#">European Parliamentary Technology Assessment (EPTA) Conference 2018: Towards a digital democracy– Opportunities and challenges</a>	Science and Technology Options Assessment (STOA), European Parliament	Brussels
4 December	<a href="#">2018 - Quantum technologies, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity: Catching up with the future</a>	STOA, European Parliament	Brussels
4-5 December	<a href="#">12th Rotorcraft symposium</a>	European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA)	Cologne, Germany
4-6 December	<a href="#">ICT 2018: Imagine digital– Connect Europe</a>	Austrian Presidency of the Council of the EU, EC	Vienna, Austria
5 December	<a href="#">Financing energy efficiency in Germany, France and Austria</a>	EC, German Ministry of Economics and Energy, UN Environment Finance Initiative	Frankfurt, Germany
5-6 December	<a href="#">Security Research Event (SRE) 2018</a>	Austrian Presidency of the Council of the EU, EC, Austrian Ministry for Transport, Innovation and Technology	Brussels

5-6 December	<a href="#">e-Justice conference</a>	Austrian Presidency of the Council of the EU	Vienna, Austria
6 December	<a href="#">Rail Freight Day 2018</a>	Austrian Presidency of the Council of the EU, EC, RailNet Europe	Vienna, Austria
6 December	<a href="#">Health Equity pilot project (HEPP) final conference: Evidence into practice, action on health inequalities</a>	EC DG Health and Food Safety	Brussels
6 December	<a href="#">Eastern Partnership business forum 2018</a>	Austrian Presidency of the Council of the EU, Austrian Federal Economic Chamber, Austrian Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs, Austrian Federal Ministry for Digital and Economic Affairs.	Vienna, Austria
6-7 December	<a href="#">2018 EU Agricultural Outlook conference: The future of food and farming</a>	EC, DG AGRI	Brussels
6-7 December	<a href="#">Boosting circularity among SMEs</a>	EC, KPMG, Corporate social responsibility (CSR) Netherlands, Circle Economy	Brussels
6-7 December	<a href="#">Europe for culture: closing conference of the European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018</a>	Austrian Presidency of the Council of the EU, EC	Vienna, Austria
7 December	<a href="#">European Investment Bank investment conference</a>	European Investment Bank (EIB)	Sofia, Bulgaria
7 December	<a href="#">Annual conference of the Eastern Partnership (EaP): a stronger economy for stronger societies- Investing in people for sustainable growth</a>	Austrian Presidency of the Council of the EU	Vienna, Austria
7 December	<a href="#">Puzzles in non-financial corporations (NFCs) debt, savings and investment</a>	EC, DG ECFIN	Brussels
10 December	<a href="#">Seminar on sport and physical activity in the workplace</a>	Austrian Presidency of the Council of the EU	Vienna, Austria

11 December	<a href="#">EU Energy Day 2018</a>	EC, DG ENER	Katowice, Poland
13 December	<a href="#">Webinar: financing energy efficiency in the industry sector</a>	Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (EASME), UN Environment Finance Initiative	Online
13 December	<a href="#">Technology and Policy Impact on Welfare Systems</a>	Austrian Presidency of the Council of the EU, High Level Group on Innovation Policy Management, Austrian Institute of Technology, Salzburg University's Centre on European Studies	Salzburg, Austria
13-14 December	<a href="#">Expert conference on general education- The implementation of education reforms in Europe: Maximising the positive effects of change processes</a>	Austrian Presidency of the Council of the EU	Vienna, Austria
13-14 December	<a href="#">72nd meeting of the European Judicial Network (EJN) in civil and commercial matters</a>	Austrian Presidency of the Council of the EU, European e-Justice Portal	Vienna, Austria
14 December	<a href="#">Connecting Europe and Asia</a>	Austrian Presidency of the Council of the EU, Austrian National Bank, Reinventing Bretton Woods Committee	Vienna, Austria
14 December	<a href="#">Impacts on performance management</a>	Austrian Presidency of the Council of the EU	Vienna, Austria
14 December	<a href="#">European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI)– Stakeholders' consultation event</a>	European Investment Bank (EIB)	Luxembourg
17 December	<a href="#">Multimodal sustainable transport- which role for the internalisation of external costs?</a>	DG MOVE	Brussels
17-18 December	<a href="#">High-Level Forum Africa-Europe</a>	Austrian Presidency of the Council of the EU	Vienna, Austria

18 December	<a href="#">Sustainable building conference: Level(s)– Bringing buildings into the circular economy</a>	DG ENV	Brussels
10 January 2019	<a href="#">Innovative solutions for research in healthcare</a>	Science and Technology Options Assessment (STOA) European Parliament	Brussels
15 January 2019	<a href="#">2nd stakeholder workshop to support the fitness check of the EU ambient air quality directives</a>	DG ENV	Brussels
<a href="#">Open public consultation on the "Revision of the Regulation establishing the EIT and adoption of the Strategic Innovation Agenda of the EIT for 2021-2027"</a>		EIT	Brussels

### 2.3 International Conferences and events

Date	Event	Organiser	Location
1 December	<a href="#">G20 Summit</a>	Council of the European Union	Buenos Aires, Argentina
3-14 December	<a href="#">24th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC COP24)</a>	UNFCCC, Government of Poland	Katowice, Poland
6-7 December	<a href="#">2nd High-Level Workshop on Understanding the Water-Energy Nexus: Integrated Water and Power System Modelling</a>	JRC, DG RTD, US Department of Energy (DoE)	Washington, DC
9 December	<a href="#">From theory to practice: innovative uses of evidence for forward-looking migration policies</a>	JRC, International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD)	Marrakesh, Morocco
9-11 December	<a href="#">Evidence-informed Policymaking Seminar - Water-Energy-Food-Health</a>	JRC, UK Research and Innovation, International Network for Government Science Advice (INGSA), The African Academy of Sciences	Pretoria, South Africa

10-11 December	<a href="#">Intergovernmental Conference to Adopt the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration</a>	United Nations	Marrakech, Morocco
12-14 December	<a href="#">4th Science Forum South Africa (SFSA) 2018</a>	Ministry of Science and Technology of South Africa, Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAF), National Research Foundation (NRF)	Pretoria, South Africa
11-15 March 2019	<a href="#">Fourth session of the UN Environment Assembly (UNEA-4)</a>	UN Environment Assembly (UNEP)	Nairobi, Kenya
29 April-3 May 2019	<a href="#">Global Young Academy (GYA) 9th International Conference for 2019 Young Scientists (1-2 May 2019) and 10th Anniversary AGM (Annual General Meeting) 2019: Re-Enlightenment? Truth, reason and science in a global world</a>	GYA	Halle, Germany
8-9 May 2019	<a href="#">European Federation of Academies of Sciences and Humanities (ALLEA) 25th anniversary: Science and Society in Present-Day Europe</a>	ALLEA	Bern, Switzerland
20-23 November 2019	<a href="#">World Science Forum 2019</a>	World Science Forum	Budapest, Hungary

## 3. DG JRC News

December	<a href="#">DG JRC Newsletter december 2018</a>
2017	<a href="#">JRC Annual Report</a>
Open	<a href="#">Open access to JRC Research Infrastructures- Call Actinide User Laboratory-ActUsLab</a>
Open	<a href="#">The EU is recruiting researchers- Call for expressions of interest</a>
Open	<a href="#">JRC Alumni Network: Membership registration for JRC Alumni and staff</a>

### November Highlights

5-9 November

[JRC Week on Composite Indicators and Scoreboards](#)

The JRC Week on Composite Indicators and Scoreboards is an annual five-day event. Local and international policy and decision makers, academics, think tanks, and practitioners in a wide range of socio-economic fields learned from best practices and showcased their capacity to inform policies through the use of indicator systems that summarise multidimensional concepts from social rights and social trust to innovation and competitiveness.

13-15 November

[11th Annual Meeting of the Integrated Assessment Modeling Consortium \(IAMC\) 2018](#)

From 13th to 15th November 2018, the Joint Research Centre hosted the IAMC 11th Annual Meeting in Seville, Spain. The purpose of the IAMC Annual Meeting was to: present and discuss the state of the art in integrated assessment modeling; review the status of ongoing community activities including both multi-model studies and the activities of the IAMC Scientific Working Groups; facilitate interaction with collaborating communities; evaluate and revisit the priorities of the integrated assessment community.

14-15 November

[Supporting the reduction of CO2 emissions and fuel consumption from road transport in Europe: JRC Tools VECTO and CO2MPAS](#)

The reduction of CO2 emissions from road transport is a political objective of the European Union. The Joint Research Centre (JRC) has been supporting the European Commission in the conception, formulation and implementation of relevant EU policies. The Sustainable Transport Unit of the JRC has organised a dedicated two-day workshop to introduce participants from enlargement and integration (E&I) countries to the two main tools developed by the JRC in the support of policies in the field: VECTO and CO2MPAS.

14-16 November

[DYNARE Course - Identification analysis and global sensitivity analysis for Macroeconomic Models](#)

In this course, participants received a general introduction to: methods of identification and global sensitivity analysis, their DYNARE implementation (identification toolbox and global sensitivity analysis toolbox) and their application to Dynamic Stochastic General Equilibrium (DSGE) macroeconomic models.

15-16 November

[Start-ups in Innovation Ecosystem in South-East Europe](#)

The workshop was organised by the Joint Research Centre in collaboration with the Technology Park Ljubljana Ltd. The event aimed to provide policy makers and innovation practitioners with knowledge and training/practical insights in setting up successful start-up platforms with support programs strengthening regional/national innovation ecosystems. Participants had the opportunity to discuss key elements in the development of successful innovation ecosystem such as: building a pipeline of projects, attracting industrial partners, providing business support services, involving governmental entities.

20-21 November

[The resilience of the financial system- 1st annual conference of the JRC Community of Practice in Financial Research](#)

The financial and economic crisis that started in 2008 still has effect on our lives. Ten years after the collapse of Lehman Brothers, to what extent have we managed to increase the resilience of the financial system? The 1st Annual Conference of the JRC Community of Practice in Financial Research (CoPFiR) dealt with the resilience of the banking sector and the financial system at large. It also tried to identify future challenges to financial stability: this two-day event allowed researchers to present policy-relevant papers and promoted the exchange of ideas and knowledge between academics and policy makers.



20-21 November	<a href="#">11th SET-Plan Conference</a>
<p>The European Strategic Energy Technology Plan (SET-Plan) aimed to accelerate the development and deployment of low-carbon technologies. It sought to improve new technologies and bring down costs by coordinating national research efforts and helping to finance projects. Annual SET-plan conferences have been organised in, and together with, EU Council Presidency countries since 2008, offering a chance for decision-makers, stakeholders and researchers to meet and assess the SET-Plan's progress. This year's SET-Plan conference focused on the EU energy transition; discussions covered its European and international dimensions, such as the State of the Energy Union, Mission Innovation, external dimensions as well as financial effects and future prospects.</p>	
21-22 November	<a href="#">24th MARS Conference</a>
<p>The conference provided a platform to present and discuss Member States' experiences and general observations regarding the Integrated Administration and Control System (IACS), including developments in shared management.</p>	
23 November	<a href="#">Legal and regulatory implications of Artificial Intelligence (AI): the case of autonomous vehicles, e-health and data mining</a>
<p>The Joint Research Centre (JRC), the European Commission's science and knowledge service, in collaboration with the European Institute of Technology (EIT) organised an interactive workshop focusing on the legal and regulatory challenges start-ups and research projects active within the field of artificial intelligence (AI) may face. The event was part of a broader JRC-EIT project and aimed to bring together policymakers, legal experts and practitioners to explore major legal challenges intrinsic to working with AI technology. Participants had the opportunity to exchange knowledge and provide input on three scoping papers that serve as the basis of the workshop, focusing on: e-health, autonomous vehicles, and text and data mining. The workshop brought together policymakers and representatives from the European Commission; practitioners, start-ups and research projects active within the field of AI; experts on the legal issues and challenges AI technology can bring.</p>	
27 November	<a href="#">Data Challenge on Integration of Migrants in Cities (D4I) - Final Workshop</a>
<p>The aim of the Data Challenge on Integration of Migrants in Cities (D4I) was to stimulate research on various aspects of the integration of migrants at local level.</p>	
27-28 November	<a href="#">S3 Thematic Platform Days: Conference and Meetings</a>
<p>This two-day event brought together partners from the three Thematic Platforms: Agri-Food, Energy and Industrial Modernisation. Representatives of the European Institutions working on the development of Smart Specialisation Strategies across European Regions and thematic experts also attended.</p>	

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