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## NOTE

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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
To: Delegations

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Subject: Council Open Sessions - Statistics on Open Sessions held during the  
Luxembourg Presidency (July - December 2015)  
- Information from the General Secretariat of the Council

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Delegations will find in the Annex a statistical overview of the Council's open sessions held during the Luxembourg Presidency (July - December 2015).

For better understanding of the tables in the Annex, below is a reminder of the different types of open sessions held by the Council:

- **Legislative deliberations**  
(art. 7 Council Rules of Procedure)
  
- **Public debates**
  - on important issues affecting EU citizens  
(art 8(2) Council Rules of Procedure)
  - Council and Commission work programmes  
(art 8(3) Council Rules of Procedure).

The document also contains some statistical information on press conferences of the Council and of the European Council.

**LUXEMBOURG PRESIDENCY**  
July - December 2015

<b>Legislative deliberations</b>		<b>Public debates</b>	
"A" Items for adoption	Agenda Items for discussion	Issues affecting EU citizens	Programmes
45	59	39	17
104 65%		56 35%	
<b>TOTAL: 160</b>			

**LUXEMBOURG PRESIDENCY**  
**July - December 2015**

**Legislative deliberations (agenda items)  
per Council formation**

EPSCO	JHA	TTE	ECOFIN	AGRI	ENV	EYCS	COMP
8	22	5	12	6	6	0	0

**Public debates  
per Council formation**

EPSCO	JHA	TTE	ECOFIN	AGRI	ENV	EYCS	COMP
22	0	6	0	1	1	4	3









## LUXEMBOURG PRESIDENCY July - December 2015

3403rd ECOFIN 14 July		3413th ECOFIN 6 October		3421st ECOFIN 11 November		3424th ECOFIN 13/14 November		3435th ECOFIN 8 December	
LIVE	Recorded	LIVE	Recorded	LIVE	Recorded	LIVE	Recorded	LIVE	Recorded
165	411	270	349	72	115	54	61	447	347
Press conference 1034	Press conference 114	Press conference 90	Press conference 13	Press conference 165					

**LIVE Average: approximately 252 viewers**

**3435th ECOFIN**  
**8 December 2016**

Location of the **447** viewers  
 watching the broadcast *LIVE*

	Belgium	171		France	40
	Luxembourg	61		Estonia	12
	United Kingdom	45		USA	8
	Germany	41		Sweden	6

- Items:
- Enhanced cooperation in the area of financial transaction tax
  - Common Consolidated Corporate Tax Base (CCCTB)
  - Completing the Banking Union











## LUXEMBOURG PRESIDENCY July - December 2015

3409th ENV 18 September 2015		3419th ENV 26 October 2015		3441st ENV 16 December 2015	
LIVE	Recorded	LIVE	Recorded	LIVE	Recorded
91	242	316	578	751	789
Press conference 124		Press conference 70		Press conference 120	

**LIVE Average: approximately 386 viewers**

**3441st Environment  
16 December 2015**

**Location of the 751 viewers  
watching the broadcast LIVE**

	Belgium	243		Finland	21
	United Kingdom	120		Netherlands	19
	Germany	84		Poland	18
	Luxembourg	50		Italy	16
	USA	25		Switzerland	15

**Items:** Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the reduction of national emissions of certain atmospheric pollutants (2013/0443 (COD))  
– General approach

## LUXEMBOURG PRESIDENCY July - December 2015

EUROPEAN COUNCIL (informal) <b>23 September</b> Press conference		EUROPEAN COUNCIL <b>15 October</b> Press conferences		EUROPEAN COUNCIL (informal) <b>12 November</b> Press conferences		EUROPEAN COUNCIL <b>17/18 December</b> Press conference	
<i>LIVE</i>	Recorded	<i>LIVE</i>	Recorded	<i>LIVE</i>	Recorded	<i>LIVE</i>	Recorded
251	545	182	426	68	78	615	894
<b>Discussed/Decided:</b> mainly discussed the migrant crisis: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• agreed on priorities for immediate action</li> <li>• discuss how to respond to long term migratory challenges</li> </ul>		<b>Discussed/Decided:</b> mainly discussed the migrant crisis: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• agreed on a EU-Turkey joint action plan</li> <li>• discuss the strengthening of the EU's external borders and the issue of return</li> </ul>		<b>Discussed/Decided:</b> mainly discussed the migrant crisis: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• decisions on relocation</li> <li>• setting up hotspots in GR, IT</li> <li>• reinforcing control of EU external borders</li> </ul>		<b>Discussed/Decided:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refugee crisis</li> <li>• Referendum in the UK</li> <li>• Fight against terrorism</li> <li>• Welcomed COP 21</li> </ul>	



**Euro Summit  
12 July 2015**

**Location of the 4 000 viewers  
watching the press conference LIVE**

	Belgium	2292		Germany	169
	Netherlands	238		Luxembourg	102
	USA	222		Norway	88
	United Kingdom	196		Italy	82
	Australia	35		Hong Kong	30
	Japan	33		Singapore	30

**Others:** Canada, China, India, Malaysia, Malawi, Mexico and Russia.