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NOTE

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Subject: European Semester 2019
- Roadmap

Delegations will find below the above-mentioned roadmap, as presented by the Presidency and the incoming Presidency.

Following established practice, the Presidency and the incoming Presidency have prepared this roadmap outlining the key steps of the 2019 European Semester.

The objectives of the roadmap are to ensure that all relevant Council configurations, and their preparatory bodies, work in a coordinated and consistent manner towards a thorough preparation of the European Council debates on the European Semester and to enable the General Affairs Council and Coreper to oversee the process.

The roadmap is divided into two phases: the first, in more detail, covers the period up to the March European Council, and the second, more indicative, covers the period between the European Council meetings in March and June 2019.

The incoming Presidency is initiating discussions with the Chairs of the committees with a view to coordinating the management of their work throughout the semester. The incoming Presidency will keep Coreper informed.

The Presidency and the incoming Presidency acknowledge the parliamentary dimension, both at national and European level, of the European Semester and take note of the intention to hold a joint debate on the European Semester with the European Parliament in March 2019.

FIRST PHASE

Run-up to the March European Council

2 October 2018: Economic and Financial Affairs Council

- Lessons learnt: exchange of views

Mid October 2018

- submission of Draft Budgetary Plans by euro area members

12 November 2018: General Affairs Council

- European Semester 2019 Roadmap: presentation by the Presidency and the incoming Presidency

21 November 2018: Annual Growth Survey 2019

- Adoption by the Commission of the Annual Growth Survey 2019, alongside the draft Joint Employment Report, the proposal for Employment Guidelines, the Alert Mechanism Report and the draft Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area
- Adoption by the Commission of the opinions on the Draft Budgetary Plans for euro area Member States

End November

- Immediately after the publication of the draft Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area, the division of labour and the coordination arrangements between committees, as well as the methods for consolidating committees' views, will be confirmed.

End November, early December

- Committees (EFC, EPC-EA, EMCO, SPC) prepare the joint contribution covering the employment and social aspects of the draft Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area.

4 December 2018: Economic and Financial Affairs Council

- Annual Growth Survey 2019, Alert Mechanism Report 2019 and draft Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area: presentation by the Commission and exchange of views

5-14 December 2018: Bilateral meetings between the Commission and Member States

- State of play of the implementation of country-specific recommendations

6 December 2018: Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council

- Annual Growth Survey 2019, Alert Mechanism Report 2019, draft Joint Employment Report and draft Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area: presentation by the Commission and exchange of views
- Contribution on social and employment aspects of the draft Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area: approval

11 December 2018: General Affairs Council

- Annual Growth Survey 2019: presentation by the Commission

21 January 2019: Eurogroup

- Draft Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area

22 January 2019: Economic and Financial Affairs Council

- Draft Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area: approval
- Annual Growth Survey 2019 and Alert Mechanism Report 2019: Council conclusions

15 February 2019: EYCS (Education) Council

- Thematic debate (tbc)

18 February 2019: Competitiveness Council

- Thematic debate (tbc)

18-19 February 2019: Parliamentary week in the framework of the European Semester

- Debates between members of relevant committees from the European Parliament and national parliaments

19 February 2019: General Affairs Council

- Preparation of the March **European Council**: annotated draft agenda

27 February 2019 (tbc):

- Publication of country-specific analysis (country reports) by the Commission, including, where relevant, In-depth reviews under the Macroeconomic Imbalance Procedure

5 March 2019: Environment Council

- Thematic debate (tbc)

11-14 March 2019: European Parliament plenary session

- Joint debate on the European Semester (tbc)

12 March 2019: Economic and Financial Affairs Council

- Implementation of country-specific recommendations drawing on the Alert Mechanism Report and the country reports: exchange of views
- Thematic debate

15 March 2019: Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council

- Annual Growth Survey 2019 and Joint employment report - Council conclusions: adoption
- Joint Employment Report: adoption
- (poss.) General approach on the employment guidelines
- Thematic debate

19 March 2019: General Affairs Council

- Preparation of the March **European Council**:
 - Draft conclusions
 - (poss.) Synthesis report on Council contributions on the 2019 European Semester
 - Draft Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area: transmission to the **European Council**
 - (poss.) Updated roadmap on the 2019 European Semester

21-22 March 2019: European Council

- Exchange of views on the economic situation
- Guidance to Member States for their 2019 Stability and Convergence Programmes and National Reform Programmes
- Draft Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area

SECOND PHASE

Run-up to June European Council

18-22 March 2019: Bilateral meetings Commission - Member States

- State of play
- Outstanding country-specific issues

Mid-April 2019

- Further to the guidance provided by the European Council, Member States submit their National Reform Programmes and Stability or Convergence Programmes

17 May 2019: Economic and Financial Affairs Council

- Macroeconomic Imbalances Procedure (MIP) - country reports (In depth-reviews): Council conclusions

May 2019

- Commission to present its recommendations for Council Recommendations on the National Reform Programmes and delivering a Council Opinion on the Stability and Convergence Programmes
- Immediately after publication of the country-specific recommendations, division of labour and coordination and cooperation arrangements between committees as well as the methods for consolidating committee views will be confirmed.

May-early June

- EFC, EPC, EMCO and SPC preparatory work on country-specific recommendations

13 June 2019: Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council

- 2019 Country-specific recommendations related to Member States' employment and social policies and draft explanatory note: approval
- Opinions of EMCO and SPC on the National Reform Programmes 2019 and the implementation of the 2018 country-specific recommendations: endorsement
- (poss.) General approach on the employment guidelines

14 June 2019: Economic and Financial Affairs Council

- 2019 Country-specific recommendations and Council Opinions on the updated Stability or Convergence Programmes and draft explanatory note: approval

18 June 2019: General Affairs Council

- Preparation of the June European Council: draft conclusions
- Approval of integrated country-specific recommendations and transmission to the European Council

20-21 June 2019: European Council

- Integrated country-specific recommendations

9 July 2019: Economic and Financial Affairs Council

- Integrated country-specific recommendations: adoption
