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**NOTE**

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Subject: European Semester 2019  
- Updated roadmap

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

This is a proposal by the Presidency for the scenario in which the Commission delays the adoption of the country-specific recommendations (initially planned for 29 May) to 5 June 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

#### **18 February 2019: Competitiveness Council**

- Exchange of views

#### **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**

- 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**

- Exchange of views

### **11-14 March 2019: European Parliament plenary session**

- 13 March: Joint debate - European Semester for economic policy coordination

### **12 March 2019: Economic and Financial Affairs Council**

- Implementation of country-specific recommendations focussing on investments: exchange of views

### **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

### **19 March 2019: General Affairs Council**

- Preparation of the March **European Council**:
  - Draft conclusions
  - 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**
  - 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

#### **5 June 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.

#### **Mid-June**

- EFC, EPC, EMCO and SPC draft horizontal notes for ministerial discussions (EPSCO, ECOFIN) focusing on relevant issues addressed in the 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: discussion on relevant issues addressed in the country-specific recommendations on the basis of a horizontal note
- Opinions of EMCO and SPC on the National Reform Programmes 2019 and the implementation of the 2018 country-specific recommendations: endorsement
- Employment guidelines: approval

#### **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: discussion on relevant issues addressed in the country-specific recommendations on the basis of a horizontal note

#### **18 June 2019: General Affairs Council**

- Preparation of the June European Council: draft conclusions
- Discussion of a synthesis horizontal note reporting on the EPSCO and ECOFIN debates on relevant issues addressed in the country-specific recommendations and transmission to the European Council

#### **20-21 June 2019: European Council**

- Discussion of a conclusion on relevant issues addressed in the country-specific recommendations, on the basis of a synthesis horizontal note

#### **End June-early July**

- EFC, EPC, EMCO and SPC EFC, EPC, EMCO and SPC preparatory work on the final drafting of country-specific recommendations.

#### **8 July 2019: Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council (tbc)**

- Contribution on employment and social policies aspects of the country-specific recommendations, and, if relevant, on the "comply-or-explain" note: approval

#### **9 July 2019: Economic and Financial Affairs Council**

- 2019 Country-specific recommendations and Council Opinions on the updated Stability or Convergence Programmes and, if relevant, "comply-or-explain" note: approval
- Integrated country-specific recommendations: adoption.