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NOTE

From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

Subject: European Semester 2023
- Updated roadmap

Delegations will find below the European Semester roadmap, as prepared by the Presidency.

The Presidency has prepared this roadmap to outline the key steps of the 2023 European Semester cycle.

The objective of the roadmap is 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 Coreper and the General Affairs Council 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 of March and June 2023.

FIRST PHASE

Run-up to the March European Council

15 October 2022

- Submission of draft Budgetary Plans by euro area Member States

17 October 2022: Agriculture and Fisheries Council

- Key employment challenges: Key messages from the Employment Committee based on the Annual Employment Performance Report and the Employment Performance Monitor - *endorsement*
- Key social challenges: Key messages from the Social Protection Committee based on the Annual Review of the Social Protection Performance Monitor – *endorsement*

21 November 2022: Agriculture and Fisheries Council

- Council Decision on guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States – (Legal basis proposed by the Commission: Art. 148(2) TFEU) - *adoption*

22 November 2022: European Semester Autumn package 2023

- Adoption by the Commission of the Annual Sustainable Growth Survey, the Alert Mechanism Report, the recommendation for a Council Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area, and the proposal for a Joint Employment Report
- Adoption by the Commission of the opinions on the draft Budgetary Plans for euro area Member States

End of November 2022

Immediately after the publication of the recommendation for a Council 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, are confirmed

End of November, mid-December 2022

- Committees (Economic Policy Committee in Eurogroup format, Eurogroup working group - Alternates) prepare the draft Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area, including the joint contribution covering the employment and social aspects by the Employment Committee and the Social Protection Committee

5 December 2022: Eurogroup

- Draft Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area - *presentation by the Commission*
- Assessment of euro area Member States' draft Budgetary Plans and of the euro area budgetary situation and prospects – *Eurogroup statement*

6 December 2022: Economic and Financial Affairs Council

- European Semester 2023 – *exchange of views*
 - Annual Sustainable Growth Survey 2023, Alert Mechanism Report 2023, and Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area - *presentation by the Commission*

8 December 2022: Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council

- European Semester 2023 - *policy debate*
- Annual Sustainable Growth Survey 2023, Alert Mechanism Report, draft Joint Employment Report 2023 and Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area - *presentation by the Commission*

13 December 2022: General Affairs Council

- European Semester 2023 - Roadmap - *presentation by the Presidency and the incoming Presidency*

16 January 2023: Eurogroup

- Draft Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area

17 January 2023: Economic and Financial Affairs Council

- Conclusions on the Annual Sustainable Growth Survey 2023 - *approval*
- Conclusions on the Alert Mechanism Report 2023 - *approval*
- 2023 Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area - *approval*

30 January 2023: Agriculture and Fisheries Council

- Employment and social aspects of the Council Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area - *approval*

21 February 2023: General Affairs Council

- Preparation of the March European Council - annotated draft agenda

27-28 February 2023, European Parliament: European Semester Parliamentary Week 2023

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

13 March 2023: Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council (Social)

- European Semester 2023 – *exchange of views*
- Joint Employment Report 2023 – *adoption*
- Council conclusions on the Annual Sustainable Growth Survey 2023 and Joint Employment Report – *approval*

14 March 2023: European Parliament plenary session

- Joint debate on the European Semester

16 March 2023: Environment Council

- Greening the European Semester - *exchange of views*

21 March 2023: General Affairs Council

- Preparation of the March European Council:
 - Draft conclusions
 - Synthesis report on Council contributions on the European Semester 2023 - *exchange of views*
 - Updated roadmap on the European Semester 2023 - *presentation by the Presidency*
 - Draft 2023 Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area - *transmission to the European Council*

23-24 March 2023: European Council

- Exchange of views on the economic and employment situation of Member States and guidance to their 2023 Stability and Convergence Programmes and National Reform Programmes
- Draft Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area - *endorsement*

SECOND PHASE

Run-up to June European Council

Before 30 April 2023

- Further to the guidance provided by the European Council, Member States submit their 2023 Stability and Convergence Programmes and National Reform Programmes

16 May 2023: Economic and Financial Affairs Council

- Draft Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area - *adoption*

24 May 2023: Spring package

- Commission presents country-specific analysis (country reports), recommendations for Council Recommendations delivering Opinions on the 2023 Stability and Convergence Programmes and on national reform programmes (country-specific recommendations) and, where applicable, in-depth reviews under the Macroeconomic Imbalances Procedure
- Implementation of the Stability and Growth Pact
- Commission to publish its proposal for a Council Decision on Guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States

End of May 2023

- 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

Early June 2023

- Economic and Financial Committee, Economic Policy Committee, Economic and Financial Committee - Alternates, Employment Committee and Social Protection Committee preparatory work on the 2023 country-specific recommendations.

12 June 2023: Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council

- European Semester 2023 – *exchange of views*
- Opinion of the Employment Committee and the Social Protection Committee on the assessment of the 2023 country-specific recommendations (CSRs) and the implementation of the 2022 CSRs - *endorsement*
- European Semester 2023: employment and social aspects of the country-specific recommendations - *approval*

16 June 2023: Economic and Financial Affairs Council

- European Semester 2023 country-specific recommendations - *approval*
- (poss.) Implementation of the Stability and Growth Pact

27 June 2023: General Affairs Council

- Preparation of the June European Council - *draft conclusions*
- European Semester 2023: Integrated country-specific recommendations - *approval and transmission to the European Council*

29-30 June 2023: European Council

- Council conclusions
- European Semester 2023: Integrated country-specific recommendations - *endorsement*

14 July 2023: Economic and Financial Affairs Council

- European Semester 2023: Integrated country-specific recommendations - *adoption*
- Council conclusions on the 2023 in-depth reviews under the Macroeconomic Imbalance Procedure