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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
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Subject: European Semester 2023  
- Updated roadmap

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Delegations will find attached 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 covers the period up to the March European Council, and the second 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 or 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 National Reform Programmes and Stability or Convergence Programmes

#### **16 May 2023: Economic and Financial Affairs Council**

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

#### **24 May 2023: Spring package**

- Commission presented country reports, recommendations for Council Recommendations on the 2023 National Reform Programmes and Council opinions on the updated Stability or Convergence Programmes (country-specific recommendations) and in-depth reviews under the Macroeconomic Imbalances Procedure, where applicable
- Commission published 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 are to 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 – *policy debate*
  - Presentation by the respective chairs of the Employment Committee and the Social Protection Committee of the key messages on the Social Convergence Framework
- Contribution on employment and social policies aspects of the country-specific recommendations: Recommendations on the 2023 National Reform Programmes to each Member State - *approval*
- Assessment of the country-specific recommendations for 2023 and implementation of the country-specific recommendations for 2022: Opinion of the Employment Committee and the Social Protection Committee - *endorsement*

## 16 June 2023: Economic and Financial Affairs Council

- European Semester 2023: Council Recommendations on the 2023 National Reform Programmes and delivering Council Opinions on the updated Stability or Convergence programmes - *approval*

### **27 June 2023: General Affairs Council**

- Preparation of the June European Council
  - 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
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