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NOTE

From: General Secretariat of the Council
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Subject: European Semester 2020
- 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 2020 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 2020.

The incoming Presidency is initiating discussions with 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 of the European Semester, both at national and European level, and take note of the European Parliament's intention to hold debates with national parliaments in February and a joint debate in March 2020.

FIRST PHASE

Run-up to the March European Council

10 October 2019: Economic and Financial Affairs Council

- Lessons learnt: exchange of views

24 October 2019: Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council

- Employment Performance Monitor (EPM) - Report on key employment challenges and main messages from EMCO
- Social Protection Performance Monitor (SPPM) - Report on key social challenges and main messages from SPC

= Endorsement of key messages

Mid October 2019

- submission of Draft Budgetary Plans by euro area members

20 November 2019

- Adoption by the Commission of the opinions on the Draft Budgetary Plans for euro area Member States and of the Enhanced Surveillance Report for Greece

4 December 2019: Eurogroup

- Eurogroup statement on the Draft Budgetary Plans for euro area Member States

6-13 December 2019: Bilateral meetings Commission - Member States

- Discussion of a topic of shared interest

10 December 2019: General Affairs Council

- European Semester 2020 Roadmap: presentation by the Presidency and the incoming Presidency

Second half of December 2019: Annual Growth Survey 2020

- Adoption by the Commission of the Annual Growth Survey 2020, 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
- 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.

20 January 2020: Eurogroup

- Draft Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area: exchange of views

21 January 2020: Economic and Financial Affairs Council

- Presentation of the Annual Growth Survey and Alert Mechanism Report: exchange of views
- Draft Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area: exchange of views

Late January 2020

- 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.

17 February 2020: Foreign Affairs Council/Agriculture and Fisheries Council - 'A' items list

- Contribution on the social and employment aspects of the draft Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area recommendation: approval

17 February: Eurogroup

- Draft Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area

17-18 February 2020: Parliamentary week in the framework of the European Semester

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

18 February 2020: Economic and Financial Affairs Council

- Conclusions on the Annual Growth Survey: adoption
- Conclusions on the Alert Mechanism Report: adoption
- Draft Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area: approval

20 February 2020: Education, Youth, Culture and Sport

- Resolution on education and training in the European Semester: adoption

25 February 2020: General Affairs Council

- Preparation of the March European Council - annotated draft agenda

26 February 2020 (tbc):

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

27 February 2020: Competitiveness Council (Internal Market and Industry)

- European Semester 2020: policy debate

5 March 2020: Environment Council

- Greening the European Semester: exchange of views

10-11 March 2020: European Parliament plenary session

- Joint debate on the European Semester (tbc)

17 March 2020: Economic and Financial Affairs Council

- Implementation of 2019 country-specific recommendations: exchange of views
- Thematic debate

19 March 2020: Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council

- European Semester 2020 - Priorities for action in the areas of employment and social policies: Political guidance for 2020: policy debate
- 2020 Annual Growth Survey and Joint Employment Report: Council conclusions: adoption
- Joint Employment Report: adoption

24 March 2020: General Affairs Council

- Preparation of the March European Council:
 - Draft conclusions
 - Synthesis report on Council contributions on the 2020 European Semester: exchange of views
 - Draft Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area: transmission to the European Council
 - (poss.) Updated roadmap on the 2020 European Semester

26-27 March 2020: European Council

- Exchange of views on the economic situation
- Guidance to Member States for their 2020 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

Second half of March 2020: Bilateral meetings Commission - Member States

- State of play
- Outstanding country-specific issues

Mid-April 2020

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

19 May 2020: Economic and Financial Affairs Council

- 2020 country-reports and In depth-reviews and implementation of the 2019 country-specific recommendations: Council conclusions: adoption

20 May 2020 (tbc):

- Commission to present its recommendations for Council Recommendations on the National Reform Programmes and delivering a Council Opinion on the Stability and Convergence Programmes (country-specific recommendations)
- 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.

End of May - early June 2020:

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

11 June 2020: Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council

European Semester 2020: policy debate

- Draft Council recommendations on the national reform programmes 2020 to each Member State and draft explanatory note: approval

- Assessment of the 2020 country-specific recommendations and the implementation of the 2019 country-specific recommendations: endorsement of the opinions of the **Employment Committee** and the **Social Protection Committee**
- (poss.) Council Decision on Guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States: political agreement/adoption

12 June 2020: Economic and Financial Affairs Council

- 2020 Country-specific recommendations and Council Opinions on the updated Stability or Convergence Programmes: approval

16 June 2020: General Affairs Council

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

18-19 June 2020: European Council

- Integrated country-specific recommendations: endorsement

July 2020: Economic and Financial Affairs Council

- Integrated country-specific recommendations: adoption