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**NOTE**

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Subject: European Semester 2021  
- Updated roadmap

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

## **FIRST PHASE**

### **Run-up to the March European Council**

#### **17 September 2020: Annual Sustainable Growth Strategy 2021**

- Adoption by the Commission of the Annual Sustainable Growth Strategy 2021

#### **6 October 2020: Informal videoconference of the Ministers of the Economy and Finance**

- Lessons learnt: exchange of views and presentation of the Annual Sustainable Growth Strategy 2021 by the Commission

#### **13 October 2020: General Affairs Council**

- Council Decision on guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States: adoption

#### **12 October 2020: Foreign 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

#### **By 15 October 2020**

- Submission of 2021 Draft Budgetary Plans by euro area Member States

#### **4 November 2020: Informal videoconference of economy and finance ministers**

- Conclusions on the Annual Sustainable Growth Strategy 2021 - information from the Presidency  
*Council Conclusions on the Annual Sustainable Growth Strategy 2021: adopted by written procedure on 6 November 2020*

#### **17 November 2020: Informal videoconference of the ministers responsible for European affairs**

- European Semester 2021 Roadmap: presentation by the Presidency and the incoming Presidency

#### **18 November 2020: Autumn package**

- Adoption by the Commission of the draft 2021 Joint Employment Report, the Alert Mechanism Report 2021, and the draft 2021 Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area
- Adoption by the Commission of the opinions on the 2021 Draft Budgetary Plans for euro area Member States

## **End November**

- Immediately after the publication of the draft 2021 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 fiscal, economic, employment and social aspects of the draft 2021 Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area.

*p.m. Council Conclusions on 2021 European Semester: employment and social aspects of the Annual Sustainable Growth Strategy 2021 - adopted by written procedure on 23 November 2020*

## **1 December 2020: Informal videoconference of economy and finance ministers**

- Alert Mechanism Report 2021 and draft Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area: presentation by the Commission and exchange of views

## **16 December 2020: Eurogroup**

- Draft Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area

## **19 January 2021: Informal videoconference of economy and finance ministers**

- Conclusions on the 2021 Alert Mechanism Report: approval
- Draft 2021 Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area: approval
- Implementation of the Recovery and Resilience Facility: exchange of views

## **16 February 2021: Informal videoconference of economy and finance ministers**

- Implementation of the Recovery and Resilience Facility: exchange of views

*p.m. Employment and social aspects of the draft 2021 Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area - approved by the Foreign Affairs Council on 25 January 2021*

## **22 February 2021: Parliamentary week in the framework of the European Semester**

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

## **23 February 2021: Informal videoconference of the ministers responsible for European affairs**

- Preparation of the March European Council - annotated draft agenda

## **25 February 2021: Informal videoconference of the ministers responsible for internal market and industry**

- European Semester: National Recovery and Resilience Plans as an instrument for delivering on Industrial Policy goals: strengthening the Single Market, the Twin Transitions and the Strategic Autonomy in an Open EU: policy debate

## **26 February 2021: Informal videoconference of the ministers responsible for research**

- Recovery and Resilience Plans and the European Research Area: Synergies in the context of investments and reforms: policy debate

*pm: Council conclusions on the 2021 Joint Employment Report: approved by written procedure on 8 March*

*2021 Joint Employment Report: adopted by written procedure on 9 March 2021*

## **10 March 2021: European Parliament plenary session**

- Joint debate on the European Semester

*p.m. 12 March 2021: Informal videoconference of the Ministers of Health - COVID-19 – the way ahead: policy debate*

*p.m. 12 March 2021: Informal videoconference of the Ministers of Home Affairs - AoB on the digitalisation of justice in the context of the Recovery and Resilience Facility*

## **15 March 2021: Informal videoconference of the ministers of employment and social policy**

- Employment and social policies in the Semester in the context of the Recovery and Resilience plans: exchange of views

## **16 March 2021: Informal videoconference of economy and finance ministers**

- The economic Recovery in Europe: implementation of the Recovery and Resilience Facility: state of play / exchange of views

## **18 March 2021: Informal videoconference of the ministers of environment**

- European Semester:
  - a) the role of recovery and resilience plans for a Green Transition;
  - b) the future of the Semester in the context of the Recovery and Resilience Facility in view of the Green Transition;
    - exchange of views

## **23 March 2021: Informal videoconference of the ministers responsible for European affairs**

- Preparation of the March European Council:
  - Draft conclusions
  - Synthesis report on Council contributions on the 2021 European Semester: exchange of views
  - Draft Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area: transmission to the European Council
  - Updated roadmap on the 2021 European Semester

## **25-26 March 2021: Video conference of the members of the European Council**

- Exchange of views on the economic situation
- Guidance to Member States for their 2021 Stability and Convergence Programmes and National Reform Programmes

## **SECOND PHASE**

### **Run-up to June European Council**

#### **Mid-April 2021 (and before 30 April 2021)**

- Further to the guidance provided by the European Council, Member States submit their 2021 National Reform Programmes and 2021 Stability or Convergence Programmes
- *p.m. 30 April - Deadline for Member States to submit, as a rule, their Recovery and Resilience Plans under the RRF Regulation (as part of their National Reform Programmes). Submissions possible as of the entry into force of the Recovery and Resilience Facility Regulation (19 February).*

#### **16 April 2021: Informal videoconference of economy and finance ministers**

- The economic recovery in Europe: implementation of the Recovery and Resilience Facility: state of play / exchange of views

#### **21-22 May 2021: Informal Economic and Financial Affairs Council (Lisbon)**

- (poss.) The economic recovery in Europe: implementation of the Recovery and Resilience Facility: state of play / exchange of views

#### **late May 2021 (tbc):**

- Commission to present its recommendations for the 2021 fiscal guidance (Council Recommendation/Opinion on the Stability and Convergence Programmes) and, where applicable, in-Depth Reviews under the Macroeconomic Imbalances Procedure

## **End of May - early June 2021 (tbc):**

- EFC preparatory work on the 2021 fiscal country-specific recommendations

## **14 June 2021: Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council**

- (poss.) Council Decision on Guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States: adoption
- Assessment of the 2020 country-specific recommendations: endorsement of the opinions of the Employment Committee and the Social Protection Committee
- The future of Semester in the context of Recovery and Resilience Facility in the field of social and employment policies: exchange of views

## **18 June 2021: Economic and Financial Affairs Council**

- Recommendations for the 2021 fiscal guidance (Council Recommendation/Opinion on the Stability and Convergence Programmes: approval
- Conclusions on the future of Semester in the context of Recovery and Resilience Facility in the field of economic and financial affairs: approval
- (poss.) Council Implementing Decisions under the Recovery and Resilience Facility Regulation: adoption

## **22 June 2021: General Affairs Council**

- Preparation of the June European Council: draft conclusions
- Approval of the 2021 fiscal guidance and transmission to the European Council
- Conclusions on the future of the European Semester in the context of Recovery and Resilience Facility: approval

## **24-25 June 2021: European Council**

- 2021 fiscal guidance
- Draft Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area

### ***p.m. by 30 June 2021***

*Deadline, as a rule, for the Commission assessment of the Recovery and Resilience Plans, draft Council Implementing Decisions (up to two months after the submission of the national Recovery and Resilience Plans)*

## **July 2021: Economic and Financial Affairs Council**

- 2021 fiscal guidance : adoption
- Conclusions on in-depth reviews of the Macroeconomic Imbalance Procedure: adoption
- (poss.) Council Implementing Decisions under the Recovery and Resilience Facility: adoption

*p.m. by 28 July 2021*

- *Adoption of the Council Implementing Decisions under the Recovery and Resilience Facility Regulation (up to four weeks after the proposal of the Council Implementing Decisions).*
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