

CALENDRIER du 30 avril au 06 mai 2018

(Susceptible de modifications en cours de semaine)

Déplacements et visites

Lundi 30 avril 2018

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** in Los Angeles, the United States: participates in a panel discussion [“Europe: Past Tense, Future Perfect?”](#) at the Milken Institute Global Conference 2018.

Mr Vytenis **Andriukaitis** in Lithuania (until 01/05): in Klaipėda: meets Mr Arvydas Vaitkus, Director-General of Port of Klaipėda; Mr Vytautas Grubliauskas, Mayor of Klaipėda; Ms Aušra Žemaitienė, Director-General of Mars Lietuva and visits the Mars factory; meets representatives of the Klaipėda University; holds [Citizens’ dialogue](#) at Klaipėda University; and meets the mayors of the Western region of Lithuania.

Mr Christos **Stylianides** in Munich, Germany: meets Mr Joachim Herrmann, Ministry of Interior of the Land of Bavaria; meets Members of Parliament of the Bavarian Landtag.

Ms Věra **Jourová** in Sofia, Bulgaria: meets Mr Emil Karanikolov, Minister for the Economy of Bulgaria; delivers a keynote speech at the conference [“Consumer law and policy today. Can we do better?”](#); participates in a [Citizen’s dialogue](#); meets Ms Tsetska Tsacheva, Minister for Justice of Bulgaria; and together with Ms Mariya **Gabriel**, deliver keynote speeches at the [High-level Forum “Time to Table the EU Double Standards on Foodstuffs”](#).

Ms Margrethe **Vestager** in Denmark (until 02/05): in Nordhavn delivers a speech at a seminar for business leaders, “Top Floor Talk”.

Mardi 01 mai 2018

Labour Day

Mr Vytenis **Andriukaitis** in Vilnius, Lithuania: participates in the European Congress of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine.

Mercredi 02 mai 2018

College meeting

Ms Federica **Mogherini** receives Mr Hassan Ali Khaire, Prime Minister of Somalia.

Mr Maroš **Šefčovič** in Leuven, Belgium: delivers a keynote speech and participates in the Summit and Festival "[Shaping Future City Life](#)".

Mr Valdis **Dombrovskis** in Riga, Latvia: attends a meeting at the Economists Association 2010 with members of the Association and representatives of the private sector.

Mr Miguel **Arias Cañete** receives Mr Francisco Reynes, Chairman and CEO of GasNatural Fenosa.

Mr Vytenis **Andriukaitis** receives representatives of the European Risk Forum.

Mr Dimitris **Avramopoulos** in Marrakesh, Morocco: participates in the [Fifth Euro-African Ministerial Conference on Migration and Development \(Rabat Process\)](#).

M. Pierre **Moscovici** à Paris, France: prononce un discours sur la politique économique européenne après 2019 lors d'une [conférence](#) organisée par l'Institut Open Diplomacy.

Mr Phil **Hogan** delivers a speech at the [AgriResearch Conference on "Innovating for the future of farming and rural communities"](#), in Brussels.

Mr Tibor **Navracsics** receives Ms Sneška Quaedvlieg-Mihailović, Secretary General of Europa Nostra.

Ms Margrethe **Vestager** in Copenhagen, Denmark: participates in on-stage conversation with Ms Lizette Risgaard, President of the Danish Confederation of Trade Unions.

Mr Carlos **Moedas** delivers a closing keynote speech at the [EU Agricultural Research Conference](#), in Brussels.

Mr Julian **King** receives participants from the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) Young Visitors Programme.

Ms Mariya **Gabriel** in Luxembourg: participates in a [Citizens' dialogue](#) together with Mr Xavier Bettel, Prime Minister of Luxembourg.

Jeudi 03 mai 2018

EU-Moldova Association Council

President Jean-Claude **Juncker** participates in a debate on the future of Europe with Mr Charles Michel, Prime Minister of Belgium, in the Plenary of the European Parliament, in Brussels.

President Jean-Claude **Juncker** meets Mr Markus Söder, Minister-President of Bavaria, in Brussels.

President Jean-Claude **Juncker** receives Mr Syed Kamall, Co-Chairman of the European Conservatives and Reformists (ECR) Group in the European Parliament,

for a working lunch.

President Jean-Claude **Juncker** receives Mr Wolfgang Schüssel, former Chancellor of Austria.

President Jean-Claude **Juncker** receives Mr Ulrich Wilhelm, Director of the *Bayerischer Rundfunk*.

Ms Federica **Mogherini** receives Mr Pavel Filip, Prime Minister of Moldova.

Ms Federica **Mogherini** chairs the EU-Moldova Association Council.

Mr Andrus **Ansip** à Lille, France: prononce un discours au “Lille Transatlantic Dialogues” conférence de haut niveau sur les défis auxquels font face l’industrie télévisuelle; rencontre Mme Françoise Nyssen, Ministre de la Culture; et M. Reed Hastings, CEO de Netflix.

Mr Valdis **Dombrovskis** in Frankfurt, Germany: delivers a keynote speech at the [“Fostering banking union and capital markets union – a top-down or bottom-up approach?”](#) joint conference of the European Central Bank (ECB) and the European Commission.

Mr Johannes **Hahn** participates in the EU- Moldova Association Council.

Mr Johannes **Hahn** receives Mr Pavel Filip, Prime Minister of Moldova.

Mr Neven **Mimica** in Santa Cruz, Bolivia (until 05/05): meets Mr Carlos Romero Bonifaz, Minister for the Interior of Bolivia; Ms Mariana Prado, Minister for Planning; and participates in the launch event of the Joint Programing with Bolivia.

Mr Miguel **Arias Cañete** receives Mr Hervé Maurey, President of the Commission of Sustainable Development of the French Senate.

Mr Miguel **Arias Cañete** receives members of the Spanish national parliament.

Mr Karmenu **Vella** receives Ms Isabel García Tejerina, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, Food and the Environment of Spain.

Mr Karmenu **Vella** receives representatives of the World Wildlife Fund (WWF).

Mr Karmenu **Vella** receives Mr Nicolas Vanier, French writer and film director.

Mr Vytenis **Andriukaitis** holds a meeting with the stakeholders on Health Technology Assessment (HTA), in Brussels.

Mr Vytenis **Andriukaitis** in Hungary (until 04/05): in Budapest: visits the European Research Network (ERN) centres of Semmelweis University.

M. Pierre **Moscovici** reçoit M. Edward Scicluna, Ministre des finances de la République de Malte, à Bruxelles.

M. Pierre **Moscovici** reçoit Mme Eva Lindström, Membre de la Cour des comptes européenne, à Bruxelles.

M. Pierre **Moscovici** reçoit Mme Catherine Guillouard, Président de la Régie autonome des transports parisiens (RATP).

M. Pierre **Moscovici** reçoit M. Pavel Filip, Premier ministre de la Moldavie.

Mr Christos **Stylianides** in Berlin, Germany: meets Mr Horst Seehofer, Federal Minister of Interior of Germany and Mr Uwe Corsepius, Director for EU affairs in the Federal Chancellor's Office.

Mr Phil **Hogan** receives Ms Isabel García Tejerina, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, Food and the Environment of Spain.

Ms Violeta **Bulc** reçoit Mme Catherine Guillouard, Président de la Régie autonome des transports parisiens (RATP);

Ms Violeta **Bulc** reçoit les prestataires de service de navigation aérienne membres de l'alliance "A6".

Mr Tibor **Navracsics** gives opening speech at the DiscoverEU stakeholders' meeting, in Brussels.

Mr Tibor **Navracsics** receives Ms Zsófia Villegas-Vitézy, Cultural counsellor at Balassi Institute – Cultural Service of the Embassy of Hungary in Brussels.

Ms Margrethe **Vestager** in Mechelen, Belgium: visits the city of Mechelen and the youth house ROJM.

Ms Mariya **Gabriel** in Bulgaria (until 04/05): in Sofia: delivers a keynote speech at the conference [Smart Specialisation and Technology Transfer as Innovation Drivers for Regional Growth](#).

Vendredi 04 mai 2018

04-05/05 Informal meeting of foreign affairs ministers on defence in Sofia, Bulgaria

President Jean-Claude **Juncker** in Trier, Germany: delivers a speech at an event commemorating the 200th anniversary of birth of Karl Marx.

Mr Frans **Timmermans** in Ereveld Loenen, the Netherlands: delivers a keynote speech at *Dodenherdenking* (National Remembrance Day).

Ms Federica **Mogherini** and Ms Elżbieta **Bieńkowska** in Sofia, Bulgaria (until 05/05): participate in the Informal meeting of foreign affairs ministers on defence.

Mr Andrus **Ansip** receives members of Tartu University management.

Mr Johannes **Hahn** participates in the "Situation of media and freedom of expression in Turkey" conference on the occasion of the World Press Freedom Day, at the European Parliament, in Brussels.

Mr Neven **Mimica** in Santa Cruz, Bolivia: meets Mr Evo Morales, President of

Bolivia; visits EU-funded development projects together with Mr Evo Morales, President of Bolivia and members of the government.

Mr Vytenis **Andriukaitis** in Szeged, Hungary: visits the Department of Dermatology and Allergology of the Szeged University; meets experts of the Skin European Research Network (ERN); and holds a [Citizens' dialogue](#) at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.

Mr Dimitris **Avramopoulos** in Athens: delivers the keynote speech at the European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation platform event "The EGTCs' contribution to the debate on the future of Europe".

M. Pierre **Moscovici** à Paris, France: rencontre M. Ambroise Fayolle, Vice-président de la Banque européenne d'investissement (EIB).

Mr Phil **Hogan** in Birmingham, the United Kingdom: meets representatives of the National Farmers' Union of England and Wales (NFU).

Ms Margrethe **Vestager** delivers a speech at the event on the 25th Anniversary of the Belgian Competition Act at the Belgian Competition Authority, in Brussels.

Mr Julian **King** in Copenhagen, Denmark: meets Ms Inger Støjberg, Minister for Immigration and Integration of Denmark; members of the European Affairs Committee of the Danish Parliament; Mr Henrik Bjelke Hansen, Director of the Preventative Security Department of the Danish Intelligence and Security Service; and Mr Søren Pape Poulsen, Minister for Justice; and participates in a [Citizens' dialogue](#) on security issues and the role of the EU in fighting terrorism.

Ms Mariya **Gabriel** in Haskovo, Bulgaria: participates as patron and hands out awards at 'Creativity without borders' digital art contest.

Samedi 05 mai 2018

Informal meeting of foreign affairs ministers on defence in Sofia, Bulgaria

Ms Federica **Mogherini** and Ms Elżbieta **Bieńkowska** in Sofia, Bulgaria: participate in the Informal meeting of foreign affairs ministers on defence.

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** gives the opening speech at the [European Commission's Open Doors Day](#), in Brussels.

Mr Neven **Mimica** in Santa Cruz, Bolivia: meets Mr Rubén Costas, Governor of Santa Cruz; and visits an EU-funded project.

Dimanche 06 mai 2018

Mr Vytenis **Andriukaitis** in Barcelona, Spain: delivers a speech at the opening

ceremony of the 34th World Veterinary Association Congress.

Mr Carlos **Moedas** in Cascais, Portugal: delivers an opening keynote speech at the [Horasis Global Meeting](#): Inspiring our Future.

Prévisions du mois de mai:

14/05 EU-Algeria Association Council

14/05 General Affairs Council

15/05 EU-Cuba joint ministerial meeting

17/05 EU-Western Balkans summit in Sofia, Bulgaria

22/05 Foreign Affairs Council (Trade)

22/05 Foreign Affairs Council (Development)

22-23/05 Education, Youth, Culture and Sports Council

24/05 Eurogroup

25/05 European Economic Area Council

28/05 Foreign Affairs Council

28-29/05 Competitiveness Council

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European Commission and European Stability Mechanism lay down principles of cooperation

The two institutions share the common objectives of safeguarding the stability of the euro area and ensuring the efficient governance of financial assistance programmes in Member States. The document – which will be officially signed by Vice-President Valdis Dombrovskis and Commissioner

Pierre Moscovici on behalf of the Commission and ESM Managing Director Klaus Regling this afternoon – reflects the close cooperation of the two institutions and the important role that the ESM has played over the years in providing financial assistance to Member States to overcome acute crises and regain financial stability.

The Memorandum spells out the working methods between the Commission and the European Stability Mechanism in the light of experience and in line with their respective roles and mandates. It does not change the rules and the legal framework under which they operate. The existing competences and responsibilities of both institutions, as enshrined in the European Union law and the ESM Treaty, remain intact. The Memorandum is also without prejudice to any further reform of the ESM that may be agreed.

Valdis **Dombrovskis**, Vice-President for the Euro and Social Dialogue, also in charge of Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union, said: *“Today’s Memorandum reflects the shared objectives of the European Commission and the European Stability Mechanism, which are to safeguard the stability of the euro area and to ensure efficient governance of financial assistance programmes in Member States. It is based on the current principles of cooperation between the two institutions, in line with their respective roles and mandates. Going forward with the deepening of Europe’s Economic and Monetary Union, we should work to further strengthen our crisis management tools.”*

Pierre **Moscovici**, Commissioner for Economic and Financial Affairs, Taxation and Customs, said: *“The close collaboration between the Commission and the ESM in recent years has demonstrated that we can act successfully and with determination in the interest of the euro area in times of crisis. This Memorandum of Understanding recalls the key principles of our cooperation today and in the future. By strengthening the foundations of our crisis management, we are sending a signal of confidence and stability.”*

Klaus **Regling**, Managing Director of the European Stability Mechanism, added: *“I am very glad that we sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the European Commission and the ESM today. The MoU formalises our successful cooperation in ESM financial assistance programmes. The MoU builds on the complementary responsibilities and competences the Commission and the ESM have. The further intensification of our working relationship leads to a win-win situation for the euro area as a whole and all its Member States.”*

Continued close cooperation

The Memorandum of Understanding sets out the principles of cooperation, working arrangements under ESM financial assistance programmes and post-programme surveillance, operational arrangements on exchanges of information and confidentiality, and matters regarding training programmes and staff exchange.

The agreement will provide useful guidance for continued collaboration in

future programmes. The ESM Managing Director will meet at least twice a year with the Members of the Commission responsible for Financial Stability and Economic and Financial Affairs to discuss the working arrangements set out in the Memorandum.

For more information

[Memorandum of Understanding](#)

[EU financial assistance](#)

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Press release: £6.2 million flood defence to protect A1(M) and Catterick complete

A multi-million pound defence to help protect residents from flooding and keep traffic moving on one of England's main north-south routes has been officially opened today (Friday 27 April).

It is the first time Highways England and the Environment Agency have worked together on a jointly-funded flood scheme that will offer better flood protection to the A1(M) at Catterick and 149 properties in the area.

In September 2012, the Catterick area suffered major flooding affecting 130 properties and closing the A1(M) for two days – costing the region's economy more than £2 million.

The new flood reservoir, located between Brough Park and the A1(M), uses large embankments up to 6m high to hold 91 million gallons of water – equivalent to more than 130 Olympic swimming pools.

The scheme will slow the flow of water through Brough Beck, which previously overflowed in severe weather. This has been managed by putting meanders in the beck and building a control structure incorporating two 'hydro-brakes' to control the flow of water.

Five hectares of new habitat have been created, including wetlands, bat habitats, owl nesting and meadowland.

Brown trout are a key feature of Brough Beck and re-routing provides increased fish habitat along the beck.

Once the habitat has become established, the area will be a haven for wildlife and provide a better experience for the public using the local bridleways and paths.

Emma Howard Boyd, Chair of the Environment Agency, said:

As well as reducing flood risk to local homes and businesses, this flood defence will protect a main traffic artery through Yorkshire which has been affected in recent years.

We are always looking for innovative ways to get the most benefit from our flood schemes, and by also creating five hectares of new habitat, this is a fantastic example of how working together can bring multiple benefits for the local community, economy and environment.

The bulk of the £6.2m scheme cost has come from a special fund managed by Highways England to tackle environmental issues.

Peter Mumford, Highways England Executive Director of Major Projects and Capital Portfolio Management, said:

This area suffered badly due to severe weather in 2012 and the A1 is a vitally important route which supports the UK economy so we must do all we can to keep traffic moving freely along it.

We're pleased to have worked with partners on this solution which helps protect the local community and lets drivers have safe journeys.

Further funding for the scheme came from the Environment Agency (£1m), Local Levy (£412,000) and North Yorkshire County Council (£200,000).

The Environment Agency's own internal field operations teams delivered the construction work.

The scheme was made possible with support from Highways England, Local Levy and North Yorkshire County Council, Richmondshire District Council, the Parish Council and the local community.

Councillor Don Mackenzie, North Yorkshire County Council's Executive Member for Highways, said:

The council is very pleased to have worked in partnership with the Environment Agency and Highways England to bring this important scheme to a successful conclusion.

This flood storage reservoir will help to protect local residents from flooding and avoid a repeat of the closure of the A1 which occurred in 2012.

The Catterick flood storage reservoir had its first big test at the start of March after snow melt in the Dales led to flood water coming down the valley.

The reservoir worked as planned and held back the water from the A1(M) and Catterick village, storing it in the newly-created bowl, while slowly letting the water flow back out into Brough Beck at the other side at a speed that alleviated flooding.

At the opening ceremony, partners involved in the project and local residents were given a presentation on the scheme, before being given a tour of the site where an information board featuring artwork by a former Catterick Primary School pupil was installed.