

CALENDRIER du 8 octobre au 14 octobre 2018

(Susceptible de modifications en cours de semaine)

Déplacements et visites

Lundi 8 octobre 2018

President Jean-Claude **Juncker** delivers the opening speech at the European Week of Regions and Cities.

Mr Frans **Timmermans** hosts the Annual High-Level Meeting with Religious Leaders, in Brussels.

Ms Federica **Mogherini** in Barcelona, Spain: delivers a speech at the Regional Forum of the Union for the Mediterranean.

Ms Federica **Mogherini** in Lisbon, Portugal: meets with António Costa, Prime Minister of Portugal.

Mr Maroš **Šefčovič** receives Mr Anton Anton, Minister of Energy of Romania.

Mr Maroš **Šefčovič** delivers the opening speech for the launch of the inter-regional partnership (smart specialisation) for batteries, in Brussels.

Mr Maroš **Šefčovič** together with Ms Corina **Crețu**, participate in the event "Towards an Interregional Partnership on Batteries", in Brussels.

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** in Helsinki, Finland (until 09/10): attends a working lunch on the European Education Area with Ms Sanni Grahn-Laasonen, Minister for Education of Finland, together with rectors and stakeholders; participates in a Citizens' Dialogue on the European Education Area 2025; delivers a keynote address at the event on "Trade Policy in a changing World" at the Finland Chamber of Commerce; meets Mr Nenad Popovic, Minister without Portfolio for Innovation and Technological Development of Serbia; and attends a working dinner at the Ministerial Conference on Artificial Intelligence.

Mr Johannes **Hahn** in Barcelona, Spain: participates in the Regional Forum of the Union for the Mediterranean.

Ms Cecilia **Malmström** receives representatives of the European Steel Association (EUROFER).

Mr Miguel **Arias Cañete** receives representatives of the European Steel Association (EUROFER).

Mr Miguel **Arias Cañete** receives Mr Sergio Costa, Minister for Environment of

Italy.

Mr Miguel **Arias Cañete** receives Mr Anton Anton, Minister for Energy of Romania.

Mr Miguel **Arias Cañete** receives Mr Gabriel Company, President of People's Party of the Balearic Islands.

Mr Karmenu **Vella** receives Mr Sergio Costa, Minister for the Environment of Italy.

Mr Vytenis **Andriukaitis** in Budapest, Hungary: participates in the LIFE Food Waste Platform Meeting "Effective solutions for prevention and treatment"; meets Mr Pál Péter Schmidt, Deputy State Secretary in charge of coordination of EU affairs in the Office of Prime Minister of Hungary.

Mr Dimitris **Avramopoulos** and Mr Julian **King** in Lyon, France: attend the working dinner of the G6 Interior Ministers.

Ms Marianne **Thyssen** attends the 2nd trilogue on Work Life Balance, at the European Parliament, in Brussels.

M. Pierre **Moscovici** reçoit M. Roberto Fico, Président de la chambre des députés italienne à Bruxelles.

Mr Phil **Hogan** and Mr Tibor **Navracsics** in Gödöllő, Hungary: participate in a [Citizens' Dialogue on Smart Villages](#).

Mr Phil **Hogan** in Budapest, Hungary: meets Mr István Nagy, Minister of Agriculture of Hungary; and meets the Hungarian Chamber of Agriculture.

Ms Violeta **Bulc** in Italy: (Genoa) meets Mr Danilo Toninelli, Minister for Infrastructures and Transports of Italy; meets with Mr Giovanni Toti, President of the Liguria Region, Mr Marco Bucci, Mayor of Genoa, and local authorities; visits Genoa bridge affected areas (Cernobbio); delivers a speech at the [4th Conftrasporto International Forum](#); and participates in the signature of the first agreement between the transport enterprises and the Catholic University, implementing the agreement between Conftrasporto and the University on youth employment, with Mr Fabrizio Palenzona, Conftrasporto President, Mr Paolo Uggè, Conftrasporto Vice President, and Mr Franco Anelli, Rector of the Catholic University.

Ms Elżbieta **Bieńkowska** in Luxembourg participates in the ceremony on the occasion of the partial renewal of the European Court of Justice (ECJ).

Ms Věra **Jourová** receives representatives of NGOs.

Mr Tibor **Navracsics** in Budapest, Hungary: participates in a panel discussion on 'European Action for Smart Villages' with Commissioner Phil Hogan, MEP Tibor Szanyi and MEP Franc Bogovič.

Ms Corina **Crețu** delivers a keynote speech at the official opening of the [European Week of Regions and Cities 2018](#), organised by the European

Commission, in Brussels.

Ms Corina **Crețu** delivers a speech at the Inauguration of the Agora and Regiostars exhibition, in Brussels.

Ms Margrethe **Vestager** in Esbjerg, Denmark: meets students of the Esbjerg Business Academy; meets representatives of the VL business networks in Esbjerg; visits the port of Esbjerg; and gives a keynote speech at Esbjerg FOF – adult liberal education provider.

Mr Carlos **Moedas** attends the High Level Group (HLG) Plenary meeting of the EC “Research, Innovation, and Science Policy Experts” (RISE).

Mr Carlos **Moedas** receives Mr Carlos Torres Vila, CEO of the Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria (BBVA).

Mr Julian **King** in Lyon, France: meets Mr Jürgen Stock, Secretary General of Interpol.

Ms Mariya **Gabriel** in Podgorica, Montenegro: meets with Ms Suzana Pribilović, Minister for Public Administration of Montenegro, Mr Duško Marković, Prime Minister of Montenegro, a delegation of Ministers from the Western Balkans region, Mr Darko Grgurović, Executive Director of the Agency for Electronic Communications and Postal Services.

Mardi 9 octobre 2018

9/10 Environment Council

College meeting

President Jean-Claude **Juncker** receives Mr Roberto Fico, President of the Chamber of Deputies of Italy.

Mr Frans **Timmermans** receives Ms Marijke Van Hees, President of the Dutch Advisory Board on Regulatory Burden, in Brussels.

Ms Federica **Mogherini** in Lisbon, Portugal: meets Mr José Alberto Azeredo Lopes, Minister of Defence of Portugal and Mr Augusto Santos Silva, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Portugal.

Ms Federica **Mogherini** in Frankfurt, Germany: opens the Frankfurt Book Fair with Mr Mamuka Bakhtadze, Prime Minister of Georgia, and delivers an opening speech.

Mr Andrus **Ansip** in Cyprus: receives Mr Averof Neofytou, President of the governing Democratic Rally (DISY).

Mr Maroš **Šefčovič** delivers a keynote speech at the Clean Air Challenge event, in Brussels.

Mr Maroš **Šefčovič** delivers the keynote opening speech at the Coal Region in

Transition event, in Brussels.

Mr Maroš **Šefčovič** delivers a speech at the “[Energy Union in motion- Cohesion Policy supporting Coal Regions in Transition](#)” event.

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** in Helsinki, Finland: delivers a keynote address on “EU and A.I. from growth and competitiveness perspective” at the working breakfast of the Directors’ Institute Finland and EVLI Bank; participates in a panel discussion on “Tech unicorns born in Europe” at the Ministerial Conference on Artificial Intelligence; meets Ms Suvi Haimi, CEO and Co-founder of Sulapac; delivers a keynote address on “EU Investment supporting growth in Finland” at the Grannenfelt Finance event; and meets Mr Antero Vartia, Member of the Finnish Parliament.

Ms Cecilia **Malmström** receives representatives of the European Chamber of Commerce in Vietnam.

Mr Neven **Mimica** attends the meeting of the European Parliament FEEM (Women’s Rights and Gender Equality) Committee to present the “[EU-UN Spotlight Initiative to eliminate violence against women and girls](#)”.

Mr Miguel **Arias Cañete** in Luxembourg: holds several meetings at the margins of the Environment Council: with Mr François de Rugy, Minister for Ecology of France, Ms Svenja Schulze, Minister for Environment of Germany, Mr Jure Leben, Minister for Environment of Slovenia.

Mr Karmenu **Vella** in Luxembourg: represents the Commission at the Environment Council meeting, and participates at the 2nd Ministerial meeting on Environment and Climate Change of the Eastern Partnership.

Mr Vytenis **Andriukaitis** participates in the launch of the European Patients’ Forum’s Elections Campaign on “Collaboration on health at EU level that matters to patients” in the European Parliament, in Brussels.

Mr Vytenis **Andriukaitis** gives a speech at the European Committee of the Regions Conference “Global challenges, territorial answers: the future of Health in Europe”, in Brussels.

Mr Vytenis **Andriukaitis** receives Mr Hyoung-zhin KIM, Ambassador and Head of the Mission of the Republic of Korea to the EU.

Mr Vytenis **Andriukaitis** receives Mr Lawrence MacAulay, Minister for Agriculture and Agri-Food of Canada.

Mr Vytenis **Andriukaitis** receives Mr Jiří Milek, Minister for Agriculture of the Czech Republic.

Mr Dimitris **Avramopoulos** and Mr Julian **King** in Lyon, France: attend the G6 meeting of Interior Ministers.

Mr Phil **Hogan** receives representatives of the European Chamber of Commerce in Vietnam.

Phil **Hogan**, receives Mr Lawrence MacAulay, Minister for Agriculture and Agri-Food of Canada.

Mr Phil **Hogan** receives Mr Philippe Mauguin, CEO of the French National Institute for Agricultural Research (INRA).

Ms Violeta **Bulc** in Milan, Italy: meets Mr Attilio Fontana, President of the Lombardy Regional government, and Ms Claudia Maria Terzi, Regional Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Sustainable Mobility; participates in a [Citizens' Dialogue on Digitalisation and Decarbonisation in Transport](#); meets Mr Giuseppe Sala, Mayor of Milan and Mr Marco Granelli, Transport Municipality Councillor; and delivers a keynote speech at the "[A Decade of Road Pricing in Milan](#)" conference, at Bocconi University.

Ms Elżbieta **Bieńkowska** attends the reception and participates in the debate of the European Internet Forum.

Ms Věra **Jourová** delivers a speech at the [2018 European Platform for Roma inclusion](#), in Brussels.

Mr Tibor **Navracsics** in Brussels: holds a Citizens' Dialogue with MEP Eva Maydell, co-organised with the Erasmus Student Network at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel.

Mr Tibor **Navracsics** together with Commissioner Phil **Hogan**: attends a ceremony for beneficiaries of the 'Darkness Into Light' initiative, in Brussels.

Mr Tibor **Navracsics** in Brussels: participates in a workshop on youth and workforce migration "Brain Drain: A one way ticket?" Organised in the framework of the European Week of Regions and Cities.

Mr Tibor **Navracsics** in Brussels: gives a speech at the VIP reception organised for the event 'Generation Code: Born at the Library' in the European Parliament.

Ms Corina **Crețu** delivers a speech at the joint meeting of the Committee on Regional Development of the European Parliament Committee and the Commission for Territorial Cohesion Policy and EU Budget (COTER) of the Committee of Regions, dedicated to the Future of Cohesion Policy.

Ms Corina **Crețu** delivers the opening speech at the RegioStars Awards Ceremony, in Brussels.

Ms Corina **Crețu** delivers a speech at the "[Energy Union in motion- Cohesion Policy supporting Coal Regions in Transition](#)" event.

Mr Carlos **Moedas** receives Mr Basílio Horta, Mayor of Sintra.

Ms Mariya **Gabriel** in Helsinki, Finland: attends the [AI Forum 2018](#); delivers the opening remarks in the plenary session; participates in the meeting of the [High-level Expert Group on AI](#); meets with Mr Nenad Popović, Minister without portfolio of the Republic Serbia for Innovation and Technological Development; meets with Mr Rene Tammist, Minister for Entrepreneurship and

Information Technology of Estonia.

Mercredi 10 octobre 2018

Meeting of the College of Commissioners

President Jean-Claude **Juncker** receives Mr Marjan Šarec, Prime Minister of Slovenia.

President Jean-Claude **Juncker** participates in a dinner hosted by the Austrian Presidency of the Council of the EU and Mr Étienne Davignon, President of Friends of Europe.

Mr Frans **Timmermans** delivers a keynote speech at the [Global Girls' Summit](#), organised by Plan International, in Brussels.

Ms Federica **Mogherini** in Tampere, Finland: delivers a lecture upon receipt of the honorary doctorate at the University of Tampere.

Ms Federica **Mogherini** in Helsinki, Finland: meets Mr Juha Sipilä, Prime Minister of Finland, Mr Timo Suoni, Foreign Minister of Finland, Mr Martti Ahtisaari, former President of Finland and founder of the Crisis Management Initiative (CMI), and Mr Alexander Stubb, former Prime Minister of Finland and Chairman of CMI; and delivers a speech at the Gala Dinner on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of President Ahtisaari's Nobel Peace Prize.

Mr Andrus **Ansip** together with Mr Neven **Mimica**, Mr Christos **Stylianides**, Mr Phil **Hogan** and two other commissioners, attends the [High-Level group of personalities for strategic and effective EU-Africa relations](#), in Brussels.

Mr Andrus **Ansip** receives Mr Ricken Patel, CEO of Avaaz.

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** delivers a keynote speech at the City-to-City event on local sustainable development, in Brussels.

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** receives a delegation from the Helsinki Region.

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** receives Mr Averof Neofytou, President of the Democratic Rally party (DISY).

Mr Günther **Oettinger** meets with Ms Martha Schultz, Vice-President of the Austrian Economic Chamber and a President of Eurochambres' women network, together with a group of business women.

Mr Johannes **Hahn** in Bali Nusa Dua, Indonesia (until:12/10): participates in [the 2018 Annual Meetings of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank Group](#).

Mr Neven **Mimica** receives Bono, co-founder of the NGO ONE.

Mr Miguel **Arias Cañete** announces the winners of Covenant of Mayors awards for "Covenant City in the Spotlight", in Brussels.

Mr Miguel **Arias Cañete** receives members of Covenant of Mayors.

Mr Miguel **Arias Cañete** receives representatives of Shannon LNG project.

Mr Karmenu **Vella** delivers a speech at the kick-off meeting of the High-Level Group of personalities for strategic and effective EU-Africa relations “EU-Africa: Jobs, Growth and the Challenge of Youth Unemployment”, in Brussels.

Mr Vytenis **Andriukaitis** participates in the debate on “Trade and Food Law” in the European Parliament, Brussels.

Mr Vytenis **Andriukaitis** receives representatives of the European Consumer Organisation BEUC.

Mr Vytenis **Andriukaitis** participates in the official opening of the new European Food Bank office, in Brussels.

Mr Dimitris **Avramopoulos** receives Professor Niels Thygesen, chairman of the European Fiscal Board.

Mr Dimitris **Avramopoulos** receives Mr Averof Neofytou, President of the Democratic Rally of Cyprus.

M. Pierre **Moscovici** à Bali, Indonésie (jusqu’au 14/10) : participe à une conférence intitulée “How Global Trade Can Promote Inclusive Growth” organisée par le Fonds monétaire international (FMI) et participe aux réunions du G20 des Ministres des Finances et des Gouverneurs de la Banque centrale; participe à l’Assemblée annuelle du Fonds monétaire international (FMI) et du Groupe de la Banque mondiale.

Mr Christos **Stylianides** receives Mr Oscar Urbina, President of the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of Colombia.

Mr Phil **Hogan** receives Ms Marijke Mars, Co-owner and Strategic Initiative Director at Mars Incorporated.

Ms Elżbieta **Bieńkowska** attends the Women’s European Council.

Ms Elżbieta **Bieńkowska** delivers the Opening Speech at the annual SAAB-EU seminar.

Ms Věra **Jourová** delivers a speech at the Debt-Advice Stakeholders Forum, in Brussels.

Mr Tibor **Navracsics** in Brussels: receives Mr Ángel Garrido, President of the Region of Madrid.

Mr Tibor **Navracsics** in Brussels: receives a business delegation led by the European Chamber of Commerce in Vietnam on cooperation in education, culture, youth and sport.

Mr Tibor **Navracsics** in Brussels: speaks at the event “A global perspective on the future of work – how to get it right?” organised by the American Chamber

of Commerce to the EU.

Ms Věra **Jourová** in Luxembourg: meets Mr Jan Kněžínek, Minister for Justice of the Czech Republic, in the margins of the Justice and Home Affairs Ministerial meeting.

Ms Corina **Crețu** delivers a speech at [The State of Europe high-level roundtable](#) at the Parallel Session II on "The Politics of the Future", in Brussels.

Ms Corina **Crețu** delivers a speech at the Closing Session of the European Week of Regions and Cities 2018, in Brussels.

Mr Carlos **Moedas** receives Ms Marijke Mars, Co-owner and Strategic Initiative Director at Mars Incorporated.

Mr Carlos **Moedas** delivers a keynote speech at the Inaugural Law Alumni Conference of NYU (New York University).

Mr Julian **King** receives Mr Louis Gautier former French General Secretary for Defence and National Security.

Mr Julian **King** delivers a speech at the Network of Heads of EU Agencies meeting, in Brussels.

Mr Julian **King** meets Lord Willy Bach, Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire, in Brussels.

Mr Julian **King** participates at the Friends of Europe annual President's Gala Dinner, in Brussels

Ms Mariya **Gabriel** participates in an exchange of views with the [FEMM Committee](#) in the European Parliament.

Ms Mariya **Gabriel** receives H.R.H. Princess Abze Djigma, Chair of the H.R.H. Princess Abze Djigma Foundation and Ambadress for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency of Burkina Faso.

Ms Mariya **Gabriel** participates in discussion on "Challenges and opportunities of election observation: ICT, tackling disinformation and the use of social media" at the High-level Conference "The future of international election observation" organised by the European Parliament's Democracy Support and Election Coordination Group (DEG) and the European External Action Service.

Jeudi 11 octobre 2018

Justice and Home Affairs Council

President Jean-Claude **Juncker** delivers the keynote speech at the conference "*L'avenir de l'Europe est entre nos mains*", organised by the University of Liege in the framework of the Cycle of European Conferences Jean Rey, in

Liege, Belgium.

Mr Frans **Timmermans** chairs the High-Level Multi-Stakeholders Platform on Sustainable Development Goals, in Brussels.

Ms Federica **Mogherini** receives Mr Ghassan Salamé, Special Representative and Head of the UN Support Mission in Libya.

Ms Federica **Mogherini** delivers a speech at the High Level Conference on the Future of International Election Observation co-organised by the European External Action Service and the European Parliament's Democracy Support and Election Coordination Group (DEG) at the European Parliament, in Brussels.

Mr Andrus **Ansip** receives Members of the Polish National parliament.

Mr Andrus **Ansip** together with Mr Jyrki **Katainen** receives the Executive Council of the American Chamber of Commerce to the European Union (AmchamEU).

Mr Andrus **Ansip** receives Mr Rene Tammist, Minister for Entrepreneurship and Information Technology of Estonia.

Mr Maroš **Šefčovič** in Bratislava, Slovakia: participates in the panel discussion on "State of the EU in 2018 and beyond" at the Economic University.

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** attends the meeting of the High-Level multi-stakeholder platform on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), in Brussels.

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** receives a group of members of the Polish Parliament.

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** receives Ms Marijke Mars, Co-owner and Strategic Initiative Director at Mars Incorporated.

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** delivers a keynote speech at the conference on "A Collaborative Economy for the Single Market" at the Single Market Forum, in Brussels.

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** receives representatives of the American Chamber of Commerce to the European Union (AmChamEU).

Mr Johannes **Hahn** in Bali Nusa Dua, Indonesia: participates in the 2018 Annual Meetings of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank Group.

Ms Cecilia **Malmström** in Gothenburg, Sweden: gives a lecture on "[EU Trade Policy Between Cooperation and Confrontation](#)" at Brännpunkt Europa, Gothenburg University; visits the Chalmers University of Technology for a presentation on graphene.

Mr Miguel **Arias Cañete** gives a keynote speech at the EPP-KAS High Level Conference "EU's leadership in global climate action: Opportunities for international cooperation in preview of COP 24", in Brussels.

Mr Vytenis **Andriukaitis** participates in the EU Diabetes Working Group event “Diabetes in Europe: The Challenges Ahead”, in the European Parliament, in Brussels.

Mr Vytenis **Andriukaitis** meets the members of the Team Europe Junior network from Lithuania, in Brussels.

Mr Dimitris **Avramopoulos** and Mr Julian **King** in Luxembourg, attend the Justice and Home Affairs Council.

Mr Dimitris **Avramopoulos** in Luxembourg: delivers the keynote speech at the 3rd Radicalisation Awareness Network (RAN) High-Level Conference.

Mr Phil **Hogan** in Linz, Austria: addresses the European Farmers (Copa) and European Agri-Cooperatives (Cogeca) Congress of European Farmers 2018; meets with the Austrian Agriculture Chamber.

Ms Elżbieta **Bieńkowska** delivers a speech at the Conference on Collaborative Economy.

Ms Elżbieta **Bieńkowska** receives Mr Bogdan Gheorghe Trif Minister for Tourism of Romania.

Ms Elżbieta **Bieńkowska** receives POLIS Network (Innovation in transport solutions cities and regions network).

Ms Elżbieta **Bieńkowska** receives the Board of the European Brands Association.

Ms Vēra **Jourová** in Luxembourg: meets Mr Dzintars Rasnačs, Minister for Justice of Latvia and Mr David Gauke, Secretary of State for Justice of the United Kingdom in the margins of the Justice and Home Affairs Ministerial Meeting.

Mr Tibor **Navracsics** in Paris, France: participates in and speaks at the conference ‘Religious Heritage – Europe’s Legacy for the Future’ organised by FRH (Future of Religious Heritage – The European network for historic places of worship).

Ms Margrethe **Vestager** in Copenhagen, Denmark: delivers closing speech at the E-commerce Conference and Exhibition 2018 of FDIH e-commerce organisation.

Mr Carlos **Moedas** delivers a keynote speech at the Friends of Europe’s State of Europe 2018 High-Level roundtable.

Mr Carlos **Moedas** attends a working lunch with the Members of the EC Scientific Advise Mechanism (SAM) High-Level Group.

Mr Julian **King** in Luxembourg, opens the 3rd Radicalisation Awareness Network (RAN) High-Level Conference.

Ms Mariya **Gabriel** in Frankfurt, Germany: attends the Frankfurt Book Fair; meets with representatives of the Federation of European Publishers, of the STM (association of academic and professional publishers), of the Frankfurt

Book Fair and of the German Publishers and Booksellers Association; meets with Mr Frank Sambeth, CEO of Random House Germany; meets with representatives of Bulgarian publishers; and meets with representatives of French publishers.

Vendredi 12 octobre 2018

Justice and Home Affairs Council

Informal meeting of gender equality ministers

Mr Frans **Timmermans** delivers a keynote speech at the IPO (organisation of Dutch regions) annual conference, in Brussels.

Mr Frans **Timmermans** in Nijmegen, the Netherlands: delivers the 'Prof. mr. W.C.L. van der Grinten' lecture, at the Radboud Universiteit.

Ms Federica **Mogherini** receives Ms Louise Arbour, UN Special Representative for International Migration.

Ms Federica **Mogherini** receives Mr Sebastián Piñera, President of Chile.

Ms Federica **Mogherini** receives Mr David Beasley, Executive Director of the World Food Programme.

Ms Federica **Mogherini** receives Mr Rashit Meredov, Foreign Minister of Turkmenistan.

Mr Andrus **Ansip** in Tallinn, Estonia, visits CybExer Technologies.

Mr Maroš **Šefčovič** receives Mr Raşit Meredow, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan.

Mr Maroš **Šefčovič** receives a delegation of the European Union Affairs committee of the Polish Parliament (SEJM).

Mr Valdis **Dombrovskis** in Bali, Indonesia (until 14/10): participates in the 2018 Annual Meetings of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank Group; meets Mr Jerome Powell, Chair of the Federal Reserve of the United States; participates in a panel discussion on 'Promoting Good Practice in Impact Investing'; meets Ms Oksana Markarova, Acting Minister for Finance of Ukraine; takes part in the Introductory Session on Global Developments and Prospects of the International Monetary and Financial Committee (IMFC); and meets Mr Steven Mnuchin, Secretary of the Treasury of the United States.

Mr Günther **Oettinger** will open the event and lead the political debate at the conference "EU budget for the future – The road ahead", the fourth edition of the annual European Commission conference on the EU budget.

Mr Johannes **Hahn** in Bali Nusa Dua, Indonesia: participates in the 2018 Annual Meetings of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank Group.

Mr Vytenis **Andriukaitis** in Germany: visits a livestock farm in Schwienau – Linden, together with Ms Barbara Otte-Kinast, Minister of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection of Lower Saxony; in Celle: attends the meeting of the Steering Committee of the Lower Saxonian on Livestock Strategy.

Mr Dimitris **Avramopoulos** and Mr Julian **King** in Luxembourg, attend the Justice and Home Affairs Council.

Ms Marianne **Thyssen** attends a Conference on the Employment and Social Development (ESDE) Report 2018 on the future of work, in Brussels.

Ms Marianne **Thyssen** meets Ms Christa Schweng, President of the Employment, Social Affairs and Citizenship Section (SOC) of the European Economic and Social Committee, in Brussels.

Mr Phil **Hogan** in Grodno, Poland: addresses a conference organised on behalf of the European Fund for the Development of Polish villages – renewable energy sources and air quality.

Ms Elżbieta **Bieńkowska** in Lodz, Poland: meets with Mr Witold Stepień, Marshal of Lodz Region; and visits the rail terminal hub that connects the Chinese city of Chengdu with Łódź.

Ms Elżbieta **Bieńkowska** in Katowice, Poland (until 13/10): attends the Family Business Congress.

Mr Tibor **Navracsics** in Budapest, Hungary: participates in ‘Pact 4 Youth’ event to discuss European youth policy with the National Youth Council of Hungary.

Mr Tibor **Navracsics** in Budapest, Hungary: gives a speech at an event marking the 100th Anniversary of the Gellért Bath.

Ms Margrethe **Vestager** in Denmark: in Hillerød: gives a keynote speech in the Grundtvig High School; and in Helsingør: speaks at the Gribskov University event on “Future of Europe”.

Mr Carlos **Moedas** in Lisbon, Portugal: delivers a keynote Speech at the Conference ‘Is there market growth without innovation?’ organised by Centromarca.

Mr Carlos **Moedas** delivers a keynote speech at the Opening ceremony on celebrations of the Instituto Superior de Ciências do Trabalho e da Empresa – Superior Institute of Business and Labour Sciences (ISCTE-IUL) research 2018.

Mr Julian **King** in Venice, Italy (12-14/10): attends the Aspen Seminar for Leaders.

Ms Mariya **Gabriel** in Prishtina, Albania: meets with representatives from ICT businesses telecom operators and ICT associations; meets with Mr Enver Hoxhaj, Deputy Prime Minister, Mr Besim Beqaj, Minister for Innovation and Entrepreneurship and Mr Lluka Valdrin, Minister for Economic Development; delivers opening remarks and participates in the ministerial panel “Digital

Economy – the driver of economic development“ at the DIGITALKS conference; meets with Mr Kreshnik Gashi, Chairman of the Board of the Regulatory Authority of Electronic and Postal Communications (ARKEP).

Samedi 13 octobre 2018

Mr Valdis **Dombrovskis** in Bali, Indonesia: takes part in the International Monetary and Financial Committee (IMFC) plenary; participates in the panel discussion of the DZ Bank event ‘ Europe’s way forward: for more resilience and sustainable growth’; and meets Mr Suma Chakrabarti, President of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD).

Mr Vytenis **Andriukaitis** in Vilnius, Lithuania: participates in the International Forum of Social Democracy “Social Democracy in 21st century: Doomed to extinction or rise from the ashes?”.

Ms Mariya **Gabriel** in Rakovski, Bulgaria: delivers a speech at the official opening of the exhibition of livestock breeding and farm foods “Farmer Expo Rakovski 2018”.

Dimanche 14 octobre 2018

Mr Andrus **Ansip** in Tartu, Estonia: gives a lecture at the Tartu University School of Economics and Business Administration.

Mr Christos **Stylianides** in Bucharest, Romania: participates in an [EU module exercise \(ModEX\)](#).

Prévisions du mois de octobre :

15/10 Eastern Partnership Foreign Foreign Affairs Council; Agriculture and Fisheries Council,

15-16/10 Ministers meeting

16/10 General Affairs Council; General Affairs Council (Art. 50)

18/10 European Council (Art. 50); European Council

18- 19/10 Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM)

29 – 30/10 Informal meeting of transport and environment ministers

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Eurojust and Albania take major step to strengthen the fight against cross-border organised crime

Joint press release

Tirana, 5 October 2018

Today, Ms Etilda Gjonaj, Minister of Justice of the Republic of Albania, and Mr Ladislav Hamran, President of Eurojust, the European Union's Judicial Cooperation Unit, signed a cooperation agreement to enhance operational and strategic judicial cooperation between Albania and Eurojust. It will be the third cooperation agreement between Eurojust and a State in the Western Balkan region and is a further important step in the joint fight against serious transnational crime, since it will unlock the possibility of a safe and efficient exchange of judicial information and sharing of evidence. The signing ceremony took place in the context of this year's [EU-Western Balkans Ministerial Forum on Justice and Home Affairs](#) in Tirana, and in the presence of Dr Josef Moser, Minister of Constitutional Affairs, Reforms, Deregulation and Justice of Austria, and Ms Věra Jourová, European Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality.



Ms Etilda Gjonaj said: *'The agreement with Eurojust will bring a qualitative improvement in the conduct of transnational investigations. It will enable Albanian prosecution teams to strengthen cooperation with their colleagues from EU Member States and other countries that are part of this structure, including from our regional partners, FYROM and Montenegro, will increase the exchange of judicial information and will allow Albania to send a Liaison Prosecutor to Eurojust, in The Hague, on a permanent basis. This will directly contribute to the common results in the fight against organised crime, terrorism and corruption, will raise trust in our investigative capacities, and will bring Albania closer to the European Union.'*

Mr Hamran said: *'In our globalised world, criminals cross borders and so must our criminal justice systems. I warmly welcome the conclusion of today's cooperation agreement, which will consolidate our partnership and bring Albania fully into the Eurojust family. It will unlock the full possibilities for Albania to take part in and benefit from all the practical cooperation tools offered through Eurojust to prosecute serious, cross-border crime cases, bring suspects to justice and protect our citizens. Only together can we make Europe a safer place.'*

Dr Moser said: *'On an international level, we can only crack down on crime if we act together in a global effort. Eurojust promotes and facilitates the*

coordination and cooperation among the national judicial authorities in prosecuting serious cross-border crime in the EU. Yesterday, we saw in the framework of the Western Balkans Conference that Albania is now ready to cooperate more closely with the EU – also in the area of criminal law. The Austrian Presidency greatly welcomes the cooperation between Eurojust and Albania. In this context, we have importantly set the course for better and more intensive cooperation of Albania with the EU.'

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Next Steps

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