<u>Media advisory - Foreign Affairs</u> <u>Council of 25 January 2021</u>



Indicative programme

from 08.00 Arrivals (live streaming) +/- 08.45 Doorstep by High Representative Josep Borrell (<u>live streaming</u>) Beginning of the Foreign Affairs Council (roundtable) Adoption of the agenda Adoption of legislative A items (public session) Adoption of non-legislative A items +/- 09.10 Current affairs and review of the latest international developments +/- 10.30 Informal video conference with the Toshimitsu Motegi, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan +/- 12.00 Climate and Energy Diplomacy Informal lunch on EU-UK Cooperation Other business

At the end of the meeting (+/-15.30) press conference in live streaming.

Arrangements for the press conference

Please note that there will be no physical press conference. EU accredited journalists will be able to ask questions remotely using this link.

Journalists who already registered for previous Foreign Affairs Council press conferences do not need to register again.

• Deadline: Monday, 25 January 2021, 13.30

Further instructions will be sent to all registered participants approximately half an hour after the deadline.

<u>Videos</u> and photos from the event

<u>Visit the meeting page</u>

Media advisory - Informal video conference of agriculture and fisheries ministers of 25 January 2021



Indicative programme

Chair: Ricardo Serrão Santos, Minister of the Sea of Portugal and Maria do Céu Antunes, Minister for Agriculture of Portugal

10.00 — Beginning of the informal video conference of agriculture and fisheries ministers

Main items

- Presentation of the work programme of the presidency (public session)
- Bilateral EU-UK consultations on fishing opportunities
- Trade-related agricultural issues and update of the 2016 European Commission's study

Any other business

- Post-2020 common agricultural policy (CAP) reform package: State of play (<u>public session</u>)
- Impact of the recent earthquake in Croatia
- Current situation in the pig farming sector

At the end of the morning session (+/-12.50) press conference on fisheries in live streaming.

At the end of the afternoon session (+/-18.30) press conference on agriculture in live streaming.

Arrangements for the press conferences

Please note that the press conferences after the meeting will take place remotely. In order to participate and ask questions, EU accredited journalists should register using this link.

Journalists who already registered for previous press conferences of agriculture and fisheries ministers do not need to do it again.

• Deadline for the registration: Monday 25 January, 12.00

Further instructions will be sent to all registered participants after the deadline.

<u>Forward look: 25 January - 7 February</u> 2021



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Declaration by the High Representative on behalf of the European Union on the alignment of certain countries concerning restrictive measures against the Democratic Republic of the Congo



On 10 December 2020, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2020/2033[1].

The Council renewed the existing restrictive measures for a further twelve

months, until 12 December 2021, and amended the list of persons and entities subject to restrictive measures as set out in the Annex II to Decision 2010/788/CFSP.

The Candidate Countries the Republic of North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Albania[2], the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the EFTA countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova, and Armenia align themselves with this Council Decision.

They will ensure that their national policies conform to this Council Decision.

The European Union takes note of this commitment and welcomes it.

- [1] Published on 11.12.2020 in the Official Journal of the European Union no. L 419/30
- [2] The Republic of North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Albania continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.

European Cooperation: OSIM enhances its front and back-office systems

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The Romanian State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (OSIM) has enhanced its front-office and back-office applications with added capabilities. The front-office has been expanded with five new online services for trade marks: limitation, withdrawal, licensing rights, oppositions and observations. From now on, users will be able to file trade mark applications using these services, improving usability and providing a better user experience as a whole as a result.

Enhancements to the user interface and new back-office software functionality will allow OSIM users to make more efficient use of the tool while simultaneously benefiting from performance improvements during their day-to-day activities.

OSIM and the EUIPO will continue working together to further enhance the front- and back-office applications during 2021.

EUIPO and its stakeholders are working together on eight major European Cooperation Projects, with the main aim of benefiting users across the EU by providing state-of-the-art tools and services for EU IP offices.