

Forward look: 28 September – 11 October 2020



Overview of the main topics and events at the Council of EU and European Council.

The indicated format of each meeting (physical or virtual) are subject to change.

Video conference of transport ministers, 28 September 2020

Transport ministers will discuss a pandemic contingency plan for the European freight transport sector.

Competitiveness Council (Research and innovation), 29 September 2020

The Council will be invited to reach a general approach on both the Horizon Europe regulation, the framework programme for research and innovation for 2021-2027, and the specific programme implementing Horizon Europe.

Special European Council, 1-2 October 2020

EU leaders will meet in Brussels to discuss issues related to the single market, industrial policy and digital transformation, as well as external relations, in particular relations with Turkey.

Economic and Financial Affairs Council, 6 October

Ministers are expected to revise the EU list of non-cooperative jurisdictions for tax purposes and exchange views on the European Semester, the Digital Finance Package and the Capital Markets Union. They may also focus on the Recovery and Resilience Facility and adopt a recommendation on the appointment of a new member of the Executive Board of the European Central Bank.

Video conference of ministers of home affairs, 8 October 2020

Home affairs ministers will discuss the recent Commission proposals for a new pact on migration and asylum, the latest initiatives to engage with third countries on migration and the development of a strategic European Police Partnership.

Justice and Home Affairs Council (Justice), 9 October

Justice ministers are expected to approve conclusions on digitalisation in the field of access to justice and on the charter of fundamental rights in the context of artificial intelligence and digital change. They will also exchange views on antisemitism and hate speech and on the EU strategy to combat sexual abuse of children.

For video coverage of Council sessions and audiovisual material, please see the following Council websites: