

Main topics and media events 19 March – 1 April 2018

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Overview of the main subjects to be discussed at meetings of the Council of the EU over the next two weeks.

Foreign Affairs Council, Monday 19 March

The Council will discuss Ukraine, Syria and Iran. EU foreign ministers will exchange views with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Republic of Korea (South Korea) Kang Kyung-wha which will be focussed on the situation on the Korean Peninsula (DPRK, North Korea)

Agriculture and Fisheries Council, Monday 19 March

The Council is due to adopt Council conclusions on the Commission communication on “The future of food and farming” and to exchange views on the regulation on a multi-annual plan for demersal species in the Western Mediterranean

General Affairs Council, Tuesday 20 March

The Council will continue preparations for the Spring European Council and address the European semester.

General Affairs (Art. 50) Council, Tuesday 20 March

EU27 ministers will discuss draft guidelines on the framework for a future relationship with the UK and the state of play of Brexit negotiations.

European Council, Thursday 22 March

The March European Council will focus on economic issues. Leaders will address the single market, the European Semester, social issues and trade. They will also discuss recent developments in relations with Turkey and prepare for the upcoming EU- Western Balkans summit on 17 May. Under the Leaders’ Agenda they will discuss taxation. Separately, EU leaders will discuss Brexit in an EU 27 format and the future of EMU in Euro Summit format.

European Council (Art.50), Friday 23 March

EU27 leaders will adopt guidelines on the framework for the future relationship with the UK after Brexit.

Euro Summit, Friday 23 March

The 19 euro area members will discuss the long-term development of the economic and monetary union, including more ambitious proposals in the fiscal and economic dimension.

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