

**European Council: extracts from the roundtable**

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On 14-15 March, EU leaders met in Brussels. They will conclude the first phase of the 2013 European Semester. The European Semester involves coordination of the Member States' economic, fiscal and employment policies over a six-month period each year. The European Council will assess the overall progress made by Member States in implementing the 2012 country-specific recommendations and adopt strategic advice and guidelines for Member States. Leaders will also provide guidance to member states on the 2013 Stability and Convergence programmes, and on the implementation of Europe 2020 "flagship initiatives", in particular as regards new skills and jobs, industrial and innovation policies and the digital agenda. They will also discuss relations with strategic partners and may address specific foreign policy issues.



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TIME	DESCRIPTION	DURATION
00:00:00	Title	00:00:05
00:00:05	Mariano Rajoy Brey, Spanish Prime Minister, arriving	00:00:06
00:00:11	Herman Van Rompuy, President of the European Council, Elio Di Rupo, Belgian Prime Minister and François Hollande, President of France	00:00:05
00:00:16	Herman Van Rompuy and David Cameron, British Prime Minister	00:00:05
00:00:21	David Cameron and Dalia Grybauskaitė, Lithuanian President	00:00:06
00:00:27	Joseph Muscat, Maltese Prime Minister	00:00:05
00:00:32	José Manuel Barroso, EC President	00:00:05
00:00:37	Martin Schulz, President of the European Parliament, and François Hollande	00:00:08
00:00:45	José Manuel Barroso and Rosen Plevneliev, Bulgarian Prime Minister	00:00:02
00:00:47	Zoran Milanovic, Croatian Prime Minister, and Andrus Ansip, Estonian Prime Minister	00:00:04

00:00:51	Cutaway of cameramen	00:00:05
00:00:56	Elio Di Rupo and Herman Van Rompuy	00:00:04
00:01:00	Traian Basescu, Romanian President	00:00:04
00:01:04	General view of the meeting	00:00:06
00:01:10	Dalia Grybauskaitė and Herman Van Rompuy	00:00:02
00:01:12	José Manuel Barroso and François Hollande	00:00:11
00:01:23	General view of the meeting	00:00:07
00:01:30	Helle Thorning-Schmidt, Danish Prime Minister, and Mario Monti, Italian Prime Minister	00:00:07
00:01:37	Jean-Claude Juncker, Prime Minister of Luxembourg, and Herman Van Rompuy	00:00:03
00:01:40	General view	00:00:09
00:01:49	Rosen Plevneliev and Nicos Anastasiades, President of Cyprus	00:00:08
00:01:57	Angela Merkel, German Federal Chancellor, shaking hands with Mark Rutte, Dutch Prime Minister	00:00:07
00:02:04	François Hollande and Angela Merkel	00:00:06
00:02:10	Angela Merkel, Jean-Claude Juncker and Martin Schulz	00:00:15
00:02:25	José Manuel Barroso and Nicos Anastasiades	00:00:08
00:02:33	Werner Faymann, Austrian Federal Chancellor, and Pedro Passos Coelho, Portuguese Prime Minister	00:00:04
00:02:37	Viktor Orbán, Hungarian Prime Minister, and Donald Tusk, Polish Prime Minister	00:00:04
00:02:41	General view of the meeting (2 shots)	00:00:16
00:02:57	End	00:00:00