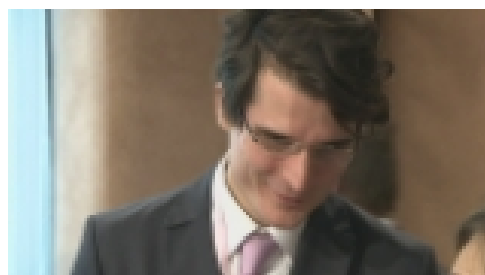


European Council, 14-15/03/13

Type: [Best-of](#) Référence: [I076991](#) Durée: [34:20](#) Lieu: [Brussels - Council/Justus Lipsius](#)

On 14-15 March 2013, José Manuel Barroso, President of the EC, and the Heads of States or Governments of the EU met in Brussels for the European Council hosted by Herman van Rompuy, President of the European Council. During this European Council, the EU leaders endorsed the Union's economic priorities for 2013 and provided strategic guidance for the Member States' national budgetary policies and structural reforms for 2013. This is part of the six-month policy coordination cycle between the EU member states, known as "the European Semester".



HEURE	DESCRIPTION	DUREE
00:00:00	Title	00:00:20
00:00:20	Credits and title	00:00:05
1. TRIPARTITE SOCIAL SUMMIT		
00:00:25	Arrival of José Manuel Barroso, President of the EC	00:00:18
00:00:43	Arrival of Enda Kenny, Irish Prime Minister and President in office of the Council of the EU	00:00:18
00:01:01	Arrival of Dimitris Daskalopoulos, Chairman of the Board of the Hellenic Federation of Enterprises (SEV)	00:00:22
00:01:23	Arrival of Richard Bruton, Irish Minister for Enterprise, Jobs and Innovation	00:00:15
00:01:38	Arrival of László Andor, Member of the EC in charge of Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion	00:00:15
00:01:53	Bernadette Ségol, General Secretary of the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC)	00:00:04
00:01:57	Carlo Parietti, President of Eurocadres	00:00:05
00:02:01	Bernadette Ségol and Ignacio Fernández Toxo, President of the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC)	00:00:08
00:02:10	Costas Tsirikas, President of the Greek Civil Servants' Confederation (Adedy)	00:00:05

00:02:14	László Andor (3 shots)	00:00:12
00:02:27	Sam Hägglund, General Secretary of the European Federation of Building and Woodworkers, (EFBWW)	00:00:05
00:02:32	Giannis Vrotsis, Greek Minister for Employment and Social Protection, and Costas Tsirikas	00:00:05
00:02:37	David Begg, General Secretary of the Irish Congress of Trade Unions (ICTU), Patrick Itschert, Deputy General Secretary of the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC)	00:00:06
00:02:43	Artūras Černiauskas, President of Lithuanian Trade Union Confederation (LPSK) (2 shots)	00:00:14
00:02:57	Giannis Vrotsis	00:00:09
00:03:06	David Begg and Richard Bruton	00:00:07
00:03:12	Markus Beyrer, Director-General of BusinessEurope, and Dimitris Daskalopoulos	00:00:07
00:03:19	Cutaway of participants	00:00:07
00:03:26	Maxime Cerutti, Director for Social Affairs at BusinessEurope	00:00:02
00:03:28	Herman van Rompuy, President of the European Council	00:00:08
00:03:36	José Manuel Barroso (4 shots)	00:00:28
00:04:04	General views of the meeting (3 shots)	00:00:16
00:04:20	Carlo Parietti and Maxime Cerutti	00:00:05
00:04:25	Sam Hägglund	00:00:06
00:04:31	David Begg and Enda Kenny (2 shots)	00:00:12
00:04:44	General views of the meeting room (2 shots)	00:00:11
00:04:55	Enda Kenny	00:00:08
00:05:02	Herman van Rompuy, José Manuel Barroso and Enda Kenny	00:00:07
00:05:09	General views of the round table (2 shots)	00:00:15
00:05:23	General views of the press conference (3 shots)	00:00:12
00:05:35	Soundbite by Herman van Rompuy (in ENGLISH): We need to find mechanisms to help reduce social divergences in our Union. The EU 2020 Strategy remains our core strategy. Its indicators for poverty, employment rate and early school leavers remain very important. But perhaps we could go further, in the euro zone, with the development of indicators that would help us to take better	00:00:25

	development of indicators that would help us to take better into account the social dimension of economic choices and reforms.	
00:06:00	General view of the press conference	00:00:05
00:06:05	Soundbite by José Manuel Barroso (in ENGLISH): The economic and social situation in Europe remains very challenging. That is why the priorities the Commission identified in the previous year's Annual Growth Survey remain highly relevant and have been confirmed in our 2013 Annual Growth Survey, which I expect the European Council will endorse. Indeed, we have to concentrate on pursuing differentiated, growth-friendly consolidation, restoring normal lending to the economy, promoting growth and competitiveness for today and tomorrow, tackling unemployment and the social consequences of the crisis, and modernising public administration.	00:00:41
00:06:46	Cutaway of the audience	00:00:05
00:06:51	Soundbite by Enda Kenny (in ENGLISH): No European Leader can be happy about the situation that 26 million people are unemployed in this Union that we represent and are responsible for. No European Leader can be happy with that situation. As Presidency, Ireland will work very hard with the Parliament, the Commission and the Council to effect change in that. We need to be creative; we need to be effective in the using of our resources to make the maximum difference.	00:00:38
00:07:29	Soundbite by Markus Beyrer (in ENGLISH) saying that there are signs of improvement but they also have to see that financial markets can still swing back if there is doubt about their ability to pursue the necessary reforms.	00:00:19
00:07:48	Cutaway of the audience	00:00:06
00:07:54	Soundbite by Bernadette Ségol (in ENGLISH): We certainly are more than doubtful that growth is going to come from insufficient short period of time to cool down not the markets but the people and give them employment. Unemployment is up, and up, and up every month. When is growth going to come, what are we going to do get it. We believe that we need investments and we know that investment can be made if there is a political will to do so, and if there is some acceptance that the return public deficit level can be postponed for a while.	00:00:51
00:08:45	Departure of the Speakers	00:00:15
00:09:00	Title	00:00:05
2. EUROPEAN SUMMIT ARRIVALS		

00:09:05	Arrival of Mario Monti, Italian Prime Minister and soundbite (in ITALIAN) saying that today it is the time to insist on intervention of the Growth Pact which was approved by the European Council in June 2012 upon Italian insistence. There is no bigger wish in the present and future than investment. They have new European rules concerning fiscal discipline. He hopes Italy will be listened to as a country today and also in the future because they are a country which has showed an extraordinary trust in Europe. They managed to find an equilibrium in their public finances, which was worrying so much Italians, Europeans and the whole world, and they have put a solid base with so many structural reforms to achieve further growth (4 shots)	00:01:19
00:10:24	Arrival of Viktor Orbán, Hungarian Prime Minister (3 shots)	00:00:17
00:10:41	Arrival of Mark Rutte, Dutch Prime Minister and soundbite (in DUTCH) saying that this is not a "crisis" summit , this is a summit to discuss how they can grow more, how they can better support the young people. There are a lot of possibilities which do not cost a Euro, such as strengthening the internal market or recognising education diplomas (3 shots)	00:00:29
00:11:10	Arrival of Herman van Rompuy (4 shots)	00:00:21
00:11:31	Arrival of Joseph Muscat, Maltese Prime Minister and soundbite (in ENGLISH) saying that it is about common sense, namely good governance and public finances. But the only way to assure that is through growth and that is the attitude of his government (5 shots)	00:00:31
00:12:03	Arrival of Nicos Anastasiades, President of Cyprus and soundbite (in ENGLISH) saying that he just took on the job fifteen days ago, troika negotiations are ongoing. They want to find the best and most fair agreement. He is bound to implement that agreement to the last iota. He hopes that they can find a solution by tomorrow; they are not looking for a privileged treatment, but for a fair one (8 shots)	00:01:09
00:13:12	Arrival of José Manuel Barroso (5 shots)	00:00:26
00:13:38	Mario Monti	00:00:06
00:13:43	Arrival of Jean-Claude Juncker, Luxembourgish Prime Minister and soundbite (in FRENCH) saying that he would not exclude that they run the risk of seeing a social revolution. They need to better explain their policy and develop the simple idea of fighting the deficit of the public debt, they run a risk, but it is also true that while growth prospects have not improved and unemployment continues. they have a big problem (4 shots)	00:00:44

	...continue, they have a big problem (7 shots)	
00:14:28	Arrival of Angela Merkel, German Federal Chancellor and soundbite (in GERMAN) saying that they are preparing for a European Summit with which the European Semester is starting. They will discuss general conditions for public budgets, growth and unemployment. Their focus must be the fight against youth unemployment. They adopted a growth pact last year, this must be brought alive. The money must be brought to the people so that young people have jobs and they become more competitive (7 shots)	00:01:04
00:15:32	Arrival of Pedro Passos Coelho, Portuguese Prime Minister (5 shots)	00:00:25
00:15:57	Arrival of Martin Schulz, President of the EP and soundbite (in GERMAN) saying that he will talk on behalf of the MEPs. Saying that they have asked him to raise today the issue of the Hungarian government which does not respect the EU fundamental values. They are waiting for Commission evaluation, and then they can see whether there will be an Article 7 process (6 shots)	00:01:03
00:17:00	Arrival of Enda Kenny and soundbite (in ENGLISH) saying that they have to promote stability, growth and jobs. Evidence is beginning to show that it's possible in Ireland. They lost 250.000 jobs three years ago, they have already recreated 80.000 new jobs in the last 18 months. No European leader can be happy with the current situation where 26 million people are unemployed (4 shots)	00:01:11
00:18:11	Arrival of Zoran Milanović, Croatian Prime Minister (2 shots)	00:00:07
00:18:18	Arrival of David Cameron, British Prime Minister (2 shots)	00:00:31
00:18:49	Arrival of François Hollande, President of the French Republic and soundbite (in FRENCH) saying that on Syria, they consider that arms are delivered to Assad. They want to lift the EU arms embargo, not to go for the total war. They need to be ready to put pressure. He will discuss this with his European colleagues. Saying that France agrees with the UK on that matter (5 shots)	00:00:49
00:19:38	Arrival of Helle Thorning-Schmidt, Danish Prime Minister (2 shots)	00:00:12
00:19:50	Arrival of Janez Janša, Slovenian Prime Minister (6 shots)	00:00:21
00:20:11	Arrival of Antonis Samaras, Greek Prime Minister and soundbite (in ENGLISH) saying that Europe turns its focus on growth which is the biggest European problem at the moment as it creates unemployment and especially youth unemployment. In Greece, they suffer from the highest	00:00:53

	unemployment rate. This is my today's meeting is important (2 shots)	
00:21:04	Arrival of Mariano Rajoy, Spanish Prime Minister (5 shots)	00:00:22
00:21:25	Arrival of Donald Tusk, Polish Prime Minister (3 shots)	00:00:24
00:21:49	Arrival of Traian Băsescu, President of Romania (2 shots)	00:00:04
00:21:53	Arrival of Dalia Grybauskaitė, President of Lithuania (3 shots)	00:00:17
00:22:10	Arrival of Elio Di Rupo, Belgian Prime Minister and soundbite (in FRENCH) on the vote on the EU budget in the Belgian Parliament, saying that he said that while for Belgium it was satisfactory but not for Europe. What they asked to Europe is to solve problems such as unemployment, they have 26 million unemployed and it's normal that they ask the EU to lead a policy that brings more growth. To gain trust they need to offer a perspective to citizens and the EU has a big role to play, as much as individual Member States so he hopes they can move forward on this line (4 shots)	00:00:49
00:23:00	Arrival of Petr Nečas, Czech Prime Minister (4 shots)	00:00:25
00:23:24	Arrival of Jyrki Katainen, Finnish Prime Minister (4 shots)	00:00:17
00:23:41	Arrival of Fredrik Reinfeldt, Swedish Prime Minister and soundbite (in ENGLISH) saying that his country has for many years seen the annual budget presented investments in researching development but there are still countries in need of austerity measures because they have such huge deficits and if they do not attempt to that they will be hit very hardly by international markets so there are still differences in what needs to be done (3 shots)	00:00:36
00:24:17	Arrival of Werner Faymann, Austrian Federal Chancellor and soundbite (in GERMAN) on unemployment rate in Europe (2 shots)	00:00:46
00:25:04	Arrival of Rosen Plevneliev, President of Bulgaria (2 shots)	00:00:16
00:25:19	Arrival of Andrus Ansip, Estonian Prime Minister (3 shots)	00:00:20
00:25:39	Arrival of Robert Fico, Slovak Prime Minister	00:00:10
00:25:49	Arrival of Valdis Dombrovskis, Latvian Prime Minister (2 shots)	00:00:12
00:26:02	Title	00:00:05
00:26:02	3. ROUND TABLE	00:00:00
00:26:07	Arrival of Mariano Rajoy	00:00:06

00:26:13	Arrival of Herman van Rompuy, Elio Di Rupo and François Hollande	00:00:05
00:26:18	Arrival of David Cameron	00:00:06
00:26:24	David Cameron and Dalia Grybauskaitė	00:00:05
00:26:29	Joseph Muscat	00:00:05
00:26:34	José Manuel Barroso	00:00:05
00:26:39	Martin Schulz and François Hollande	00:00:08
00:26:47	José Manuel Barroso and Rosen Plevneliev	00:00:02
00:26:49	Zoran Milanović and Andrus Ansip	00:00:04
00:26:53	Cutaway of cameramen	00:00:05
00:26:58	Elio Di Rupo and Herman van Rompuy	00:00:04
00:27:02	Traian Băsescu	00:00:04
00:27:06	General view of the meeting	00:00:06
00:27:12	Dalia Grybauskaitė and Herman van Rompuy	00:00:03
00:27:15	José Manuel Barroso and François Hollande	00:00:11
00:27:25	General view of the meeting	00:00:06
00:27:32	Helle Thorning-Schmidt and Mario Monti	00:00:08
00:27:39	Jean-Claude Juncker and Herman van Rompuy	00:00:03
00:27:42	General views of the meeting (2 shots)	00:00:16
00:27:58	Angela Merkel shaking hands with Mark Rutte and Fredrik Reinfeldt	00:00:07
00:28:05	Angela Merkel shaking hands with François Hollande and Elio Di Rupo	00:00:07
00:28:12	Angela Merkel, Jean-Claude Juncker and Martin Schulz	00:00:15
00:28:27	José Manuel Barroso and Nicos Anastasiades	00:00:07
00:28:34	Werner Faymann and Pedro Passos Coelho	00:00:05
00:28:39	Viktor Orbán and Donald Tusk	00:00:03
00:28:43	General views of the meeting (2 shots)	00:00:17
00:28:59	4. GROUP PHOTO	00:00:00
00:28:59	Title	00:00:05
00:29:04	Arrival of the Leaders for the group photo (8 shots)	00:00:54

00:29:58	Group photo, from left to right,in the 1st row: Mark Rutte, Valdis Dombrovskis, Antonis Samaras, Martin Schulz, François Hollande, Rosen Plevneliev, Enda Kenny, Herman van Rompuy, Dalia Grybauskaitė, Traian Băsescu, Nicos Anastasiades, José Manuel Barroso, Mario Monti, Jean-Claude Juncker and Uwe Corsepius, Secretary General of the Council of the EU,in the 2nd row: Zoran Milanović, Thorning-Schmidt, Donald Tusk, Viktor Orbán, Elio Di Rupo, Mariano Rajoy Brey, Fredrik Reinfeldt, Petr Nečas, Janez Janša, Pedro Passos Coelho, Angela Merkel, Jyrki Katainen, Werner Faymann, Andrus Ansip, David Cameron, Joseph Muscat and Robert Fico (8 shots)	00:01:16
5. EXTRACTS FROM THE FINAL PRESS CONFERENCE		
00:31:14	Title	00:00:05
00:31:19	Arrival of José Manuel Barroso and Herman van Rompuy at the press conference (2 shots)	00:00:07
00:31:26	Soundbite by Herman van Rompuy (in ENGLISH): This morning we also discussed the dramatic situation in Syria. We reaffirmed the European Union's full engagement in international efforts to bring an end to the intolerable violence. The question of the arms embargo was raised by some members of the European Council. We agreed to task our foreign ministers to assess the situation as a matter of priority already at their informal meeting next week in Dublin, and to develop common positions.	00:00:41
00:32:07	Cutaway of a photographer	00:00:05
00:32:12	Soundbite by José Manuel Barroso (in ENGLISH): Since January 2012 the Commission has been working with action teams in the eight Member States with the highest levels of youth unemployment. Together we have targeted EU financing to support job opportunities for young people and help SMEs get access to finance. The results have been positive. By the start of this year around 16 billion euro of EU funding had been mobilised – double the amount we first expected. Nearly 800 000 young people and 55 000 SMEs are set to benefit. This is of course still work in progress.	00:00:38
00:32:50	Cutaway of the audience	00:00:06
00:32:56	Soundbite by José Manuel Barroso (in ENGLISH): It is particularly important that we restate our commitment to a strong multilateral trading system. We should be clear that the bilateral initiatives we are pursuing are fully compatible and complementary to the WTO and can indeed be an incentive for resuming multilateral talks. And	00:00:32

	<p>...should be an incentive for resuming multilateral talks, and since there is not a prospect of a global agreement - the so-called Doha Trade and Development Talks -, at least we believe that in the Ministerial Conference in Bali at the end of this year, we should have an agreement on trade facilitation.</p>	
00:33:28	Cutaway of the audience	00:00:06
00:33:34	<p>Soundbite by Herman van Rompuy (in ENGLISH): On budgetary matters, in fact, the most important decisions on new rules have been taken. The main challenge is now implementation. On banking policy, we made enormous progress last June and December and particularly with the decision on Single Supervisory Mechanism for all banks in the Euro zone. We must keep the pace to launch a single resolution mechanism.</p>	00:00:27
00:34:01	Cutaway of the audience	00:00:04
00:34:04	Speakers leaving	00:00:09
00:34:14	Copyright	00:00:07