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1. Activities of the European Institutions

1.1 European Commission

Date	Event	Subject
7 May	College Meeting	<i>Among others: Preparation of informal EU27 leaders' meeting in Sibiu (Romania) on 9 May 2019; Spring Economic Forecast;</i>
All meetings of the College of Commissioners		

1.2 Council

Date	Event	Location
2-3 May	Informal meeting of Competitiveness Ministers	Bucharest, Romania
9 May	Informal meeting of Heads of State or Government	Sibiu, Romania
13 May	Eastern Partnership Foreign Ministers meeting	Brussels
13 May	Foreign Affairs Council	Brussels
14 May	Agriculture and Fisheries Council	Brussels
14 May	Foreign Affairs Council	Brussels
16 May	Foreign Affairs Council	Brussels
17 May	Economic and Financial Affairs Council	Brussels
20-21 May	Informal meeting of Environment Ministers	Bucharest, Romania

21 May	General Affairs Council	Brussels
22-23 May	Education, Youth, Culture and Sports Council	Brussels
27-28 May	Competitiveness Council	Brussels
28 May	Foreign Affairs Council (Trade)	Brussels
All meetings of the Council		

1.3 European Parliament

Plenary Sessions

Date	Event	Subjects	Location
May	Plenary	<i>N/a</i>	N/a

Committees

29 May	Committee on Foreign Affairs	<i>Extraordinary meeting; presentation of Commissioner Hahn of the Enlargement package reports</i>	Brussels
5 June	Committee on Budgets	<i>Extraordinary meeting; presentation by Commissioner Oettinger of the Draft Budget 2020</i>	Brussels

1.3 Committee of the Regions (CoR)

Date	Event	Location
1 May	2019 EU Regions Week Master Class	Brussels

4 May	Open Day of the European Institutions 2019	Brussels
6 May	Stakeholder consultation on African swine fever and the EU pork market	Brussels
6 May	23rd Commission for Economic Policy (ECON) meeting and conference	Druskininkai, Lithuania
8 May	The Smart City Guidance Package: the way forward	Brussels
13 May	Stakeholder Consultation on Better Regulation	Brussels
13-14 May	Commission for Natural Resources (NAT) seminar	Szombathely, Hungary
15 May	Implementing public procurement rules at local and regional level: challenges and opportunities	Brussels
15 May	Stock-taking meeting on 'Digital Europe for all'	Brussels
17 May	23rd Commission for Territorial Cohesion Policy and EU Budget (COTER) meeting	Brussels
17 May	Designscapes mid-term conference: Towards a Green Paper on Design Enabled Innovation in Cities	Brussels
22 May	Challenges and Potential for freshwater Aquaculture	Brussels
23-24 May	Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services: a common agenda to 2020 and beyond	Brussels
24 May	Stakeholder's consultation in view of a COR opinion on "Improving administrative capacity of local and regional authorities to strengthen investments and structural reforms in 2021-2027"	Brussels
Further Events of the Committee of the Regions		

1.4 European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)

Date	Event	Location
2 May	Implementation of the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration	Brussels
4 May	Open day of the European institutions	Brussels
7 May	A Europe of Shared Values and Civil Society	Bucharest, Romania
20 May	EU Forest Strategy: fit for purpose?	Brussels
20-21 May	Second policy learning forum on upskilling pathways: a vision for the future	Brussels
21 May	Towards a better economic convergence and competitiveness within EU macro-regions	Bucharest, Romania
23-24 May	27th meeting of the European Economic Area (EEA) Consultative Committee	Brussels
24 May	Meeting of the Section for External Relations	Brussels
29 May	Blockchain: technology for the social economy 4.0	Brussels
7 June	Hearing in Finland on "The new European rules on retail- Between the free market and sustainability"	Helsinki, Finland

[Further events of the European Economic and Social Committee](#)

1.5 International Relations

Date	Event	Venue/Location
2 May	1st EU-US Energy Council B2B energy forum	Brussels

2. Conferences & Meetings

2.1 DG JRC Conferences and Events

Date	Event	Organiser	Location
13 May	Science meets Parliaments- Science meets Regions conference: Sustainable development & Water management- Hungary	JRC	Balaton Region, Hungary
13-14 May	State-of-the-art of analytical methods for reliable detection of micro- and nanoplastics workshop	JRC	Ispra, Italy
14-16 May	41th European Safeguards Research & Development Association (ESARDA) Annual Meeting	JRC	Stresa, Italy
17 May	Science for Europe, Science for Me	JRC	Ispra, Italy
21-24 May	JRC Summer School on Non-Animal Approaches in Science	JRC	Ispra, Italy
22 May	Science meets Parliaments- Science meets Regions conference: Artificial intelligence- Belgium	JRC	Flanders, Belgium
23 May	Launch of the China Flagship Report	JRC	Brussels
27-30 May	27th EU Biomass Conference and Exhibition (EUBCE)	JRC, UNESCO – Natural Sciences Sector, World Council for Renewable Energy (WCRE), European Biomass Industry Association (EUBIA), Central European Initiative, Global Bioenergy Partnership	Lisbon, Portugal

28-29 May	172nd European Association of Agricultural Economists (EAAE) Seminar	EC, JRC, DG AGRI, EAAE	Brussels
4 June	Launch of the JRC Flagship Report Demographic scenarios for the EU: Migration, population, education	JRC	Brussels
5 June	Launch of the Competence Centre on Behavioural Insights	JRC	Brussels
18 June	Supporting Smart Specialisation Strategies and Technology Transfer in South-East Europe	JRC, Romanian Presidency of the Council of the EU, Ministry of Research and Innovation of Romania, Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding	Bucharest, Romania
25-26 September	Global Summit on Regulatory Science 2019 Nanotechnology and Nanoplastics	JRC	Lago Maggiore, Italy
Further upcoming DG JRC Events			
Further upcoming events in the EU Newsroom Calendar			

2.2 Further European Conferences and Meetings

1-4 May	Enjoy it's from Europe: High level business mission to Japan	EC	Tokyo, Japan
2 May	Citizens' Dialogue in Lisbon with Vice-President Jyrki Katainen	EC, DG TAXUD	Lisbon, Portugal
2-4 May	State of the Union Conference 2019	European University Institute	Florence, Italy

3-5 May	Conference on diaspora public policies	Romanian Presidency of the Council of the EU	Bacău, Romania
4 May	Open Day of the European institutions	EU institutions	Brussels
6 May	Citizens' dialogue in Luxembourg with Commissioner Günther Oettinger	EC, DG JUST	Luxembourg
7-8 May	22nd European forum on eco-innovation: Closing the loop, delivering circularity in the textile sector	EC, DG ENV, Federal Ministry for Sustainability and Tourism of the Republic of Austria	Vienna, Austria
9 May	Citizens' dialogue in Braga with Commissioner Carlos Moedas	EC, DG JUST, DG RTD	Braga, Portugal
9-10 May	Vaccination: from public health achievements to challenges and obstacles	Romanian Presidency of the Council of the EU, Ministry of Health of Romania	Cluj-Napoca, Romania
13-14 May	INNOGRID 2020+ Connecting physics and digits: Power Platforms on the rise	European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity (ENTSO-E), European Distribution System Operators (E.DSO)	Brussels
13-15 May	Safety in Aviation Forum for Europe- SAFE 360	European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA)	Brussels
13-17 May	EU Green Week 2019	EC, DG ENV	Across the EU
13-17 May	European Space Agency (ESA) Living Planet Symposium	ESA	Milan, Italy
14-16 May	European cluster conference 'Connecting ecosystems: Bridge. Inspire. Change.'	EC, DG GROW, Romanian Presidency of the Council of the EU	Bucharest, Romania

14-16 May	Coherent Resilience 2019 (CORE19) Exercise	EC, NATO, JRC	Vilnius, Lithuania
15 May	Workshop on the problem formulation for the environmental risk assessment of gene drive modified insects	European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)	Brussels
16 May	Joint conference of the European Commission and the European Central Bank on European financial integration and stability	EC, European Central Bank (ECB)	Brussels
16-17 May	European Maritime Day 2019	EC	Lisbon, Portugal
17 May	Citizens' dialogue in Częstochowa with Commissioner Elżbieta Bieńkowska	EC	Częstochowa, Poland
17 May	Citizens' dialogue in Echternach with European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker	EC	Echternach, Luxembourg
23-24 May	Mutual information system on social protection (MISSOC)	Romanian Presidency of the Council of the EU, Ministry of Labour and Social Justice of Romania	Bucharest, Romania
23-24 May	Energy Infrastructure Forum 2019	EC, DG ENERGY	Copenhagen, Denmark
29 May	What role for community lifelong learning centres?	European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (CEDEFOP), Romanian Presidency of the Council of the EU	Brussels
29 May	Workshop on strategy to support substitution of chemicals on concern	European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)	Helsinki, Finland
4-7 June	FISA 2019- EURADWASTE '19: 9th European Commission Conference on EURATOM Research and Training in Safety of Reactor Systems and Radioactive Waste Management	EC, Romanian Presidency of the Council of the EU, Ministry of Research and Innovation of Romania, Institute for Nuclear Research	Pitesti, Romania

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5 June	European agency for safety and health at work (EU-OSHA) 25th anniversary	EU-OSHA	Bilbao, Spain
17-21 June	EU Sustainable Energy Week (EUSEW) 2019	EC, DG ENER	Brussels
7-10 October	2019 European Week of Regions and Cities	EC, European Committee of the Regions	Brussels

2.3 International Conferences and Events

Date	Event	Organiser	Location
8-9 May	European Federation of Academies of Sciences and Humanities (ALLEA) 25th Anniversary: Science and Society in Present-Day Europe	ALLEA	Bern, Switzerland
13-16 May	4th Annual Multi-stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) for the Sustainable Development Goals	UN Sustainable Development Goals Platform	New York, USA
13-17 May	Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction	United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR)	Geneva, Switzerland
15-16 May	7th Asia-Europe (ASEM) Education Ministers' Meeting	ASEM	Bucharest, Romania
15-17 May	Exco 2019-The International Cooperation Expo	Diplomacy, Fiera Roma, Sutainaway	Rome, Italy
27-31 May	27th UN-Habitat Assembly	UN Habitat	Nairobi, Kenya
6-8 June	GLOBSEC 2019 Bratislava Forum	GLOBSEC	Bratislava, Slovakia
24-28 June	International Metropolis Conference 2019: Inclusion economic growth and cooperation	International Metropolis	Ottawa, Canada
1-5 July	Innovations in Disaster Risk Reduction 2019 Workshop	Central European University (CEU), United Nations	Budapest, Hungary

		Development Programme (UNDP)	
9-18 July	High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) 2019 Convened by ECOSOC	Under the auspices of the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), UN	New York, USA
22-26 July	Geospatial Technologies and Remote Sensing for Monitoring SDGs 2019 Workshop	CEU, United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA)	Budapest, Hungary
25-30 August	World Water Week 2019	Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA), Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI), Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), City of Stockholm	Stockholm, Sweden
16-20 September	63rd International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) General Conference	IAEA	Vienna, Austria
23 September	UN Climate Action Summit 2019	UN	New York, USA
23-24 September	SDG Summit 2019: High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) on Sustainable Development Goals	UN	New York, USA
24-27 September	International Symposium on Digital Earth	International Society for Digital Earth	Florence, Italy
23-25 October	Lisbon Addictions 2019	Portuguese General Directorate for Intervention on Addictive Behaviours and Dependencies (SICAD), Journal Addiction/Society for the Study of Addiction, European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA),	Lisbon, Portugal

		International Society of Addiction Journal Editors (ISAJE)	
11-22 November	2019 UN Climate Change Conference (UNFCCC COP 25)	United Nations Framework Convention (UNFCCC)	Santiago, Chile
20-23 November	World Science Forum 2019	World Science Forum	Budapest, Hungary
2-13 December	Santiago Climate Change Conference- COP 25	UN Climate Change Secretariat (UNFCCC)	Santiago, Chile
13-16 February 2020	2020 American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Annual Meeting	AAAS, EC	Seattle, WA
14-18 September 2020	INGSA 2020: 4th International Conference on Science Advice to Government	International Network for Government Science Advice	Québec, Canada

3. DG JRC News

May	DG JRC Newsletter May 2019
2017	JRC Annual Report
Open	Open access to JRC Research Infrastructures
Open	The EU is recruiting researchers- Call for expressions of interest
Open	JRC Alumni Network Membership: Already Member of the JRC Alumni Network? Not yet-Take the opportunity to join!

4-5 April	<u>The future of health care provision in rural areas - Germany</u>
<p>Saxony-Anhalt is facing a major challenge: demographic change is currently at its peak in this region. An aging population with increased health care service demands meets a growing shortage of medical and nursing staff, especially in the vast rural areas. Technological innovation in the health care sector is therefore becoming a priority for this region. Their innovation camp on this complex issue involved a broad range of relevant stakeholders.</p>	

6 April	<u>JRC Karlsruhe Open Day</u>
<p>The JRC Karlsruhe Site Open Day initiative sought to showcase the JRC contribution in delivering a Europe that protects, empowers and defends. With this inspiring concept of the current EU Commission, people engaged in the following activities and more: •Be a Nuclear Detective for a day! Demonstration on Nuclear Forensics •Natural Radioactivity, what is it? •Virtual reality of different facilities •The decarbonisation of EU energy supply •Nuclear medicine- cancer therapy with alpha-emitters</p>	

10-11 April

[2019 JRC workshop on checks and management of agricultural land in IACS](#)

The 2019 JRC workshop on checks and management of agricultural land in the Integrated Administration and Control System (IACS) was held in Valladolid, Spain. The workshop was co-hosted by the Consejería de Agricultura y Ganadería de la Junta de Castilla y León (Regional Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock) and the FEAGA (Spanish Agrarian Guarantee Fund). The workshop was held in the premises of the Regional Ministry of Agriculture (Calle Rigoberto Cortejoso, 14, 47014 Valladolid, Spain). The purpose of the workshop was to bring together the technical experts from the Member States and the European Commission to find appropriate solutions and foster innovative developments. The 2019 IACS workshop mainly addressed: Aspects of the introduction of monitoring as a means to substitute on-the-spot checks (OTSC); Current developments on data sharing; Presentations of H2020 projects targeting the CAP; Some hints on the CAP2020+. This year, presentations and discussions were in plenary sessions only.

12 April

[SOFAIR European Air Quality Conference 2019](#)

SOFAIR is an international high-level conference on air pollution, initiated by the Mayor of Sofia, Mrs. Yordanka Fandakova. It was attended by policymakers, scientists, experts and representatives of the private sector and non-governmental organisations. SOFAIR gathered the most important stakeholders in the common efforts to solve air pollution in Europe and was organised in partnership with the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC) and with the support of EUROCITIES.

24 April

[Energy Efficiency & Adaptation to Climate Change- Bulgaria](#)

The regional government of Navarra and the city of Gabrovo joined forces and exchanged best practices on energy efficiency and water and waste management. Two conferences on these topics were organised in Spain and Bulgaria: on 26 February 2019 in Navara and on 24 April in Gabrovo.

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