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1. Activities of the European Institutions

1.1 European Commission

Date	Event	Subject
3 July	College Meeting	<p><i>Among others: Proposal by the President of the Commission for a Council decision on the non-replacement of members of the Commission, pursuant to Article 246 (3) TFEU; Decision of the President of the Commission of 1 July 2019 amending Decision C (2014) 9000 of 1 November 2014 on the organisation of the responsibilities of the members of the Committee, as modified by Decision C (2016) 6000 of 13 July 2016 by decision C (2016) 6300 of 21 September 2016 and decision C (2017) 5000 of 12 July 2017; Commission decision on the proposal for a citizens' initiative entitled 'A price for carbon to fight climate change'; Commission decision on the proposal for a citizens' initiative entitled 'Let's put an end to the era of plastic in Europe'; Commission decision on the proposal for a citizens' initiative entitled 'Grow scientific progress: crops matter!'; Commission decision on the proposal for a citizens' initiative entitled 'EU law, minority rights and democratisation of Spanish institutions'; Commission communication to the Council on the Spring 2019 budgetary surveillance cycle for Italy; Results of the G20 Summit; Trade Negotiations with Mercosur Countries: Latest Developments;</i></p>
All meetings of the College of Commissioners		

1.2 Council

Date	Event	Location
4-5 July	Informal meeting of Competitiveness Ministers	Helsinki, Finland
8 July	Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council	Brussels
9 July	Economic and Financial Affairs Council	Brussels

11-12 July	Informal meeting of Environment/Climate Ministers	Helsinki, Finland
15 July	Foreign Affairs Council	Brussels
15-16 July	Agriculture and Fisheries Council	Brussels
18 July	General Affairs Council	Brussels
18-19 July	Informal meeting of Justice and Home Affairs Ministers	Helsinki, Finland
23 July	General Affairs Council	Brussels
24 July	Economic and Financial Affairs Council	Brussels
28-29 August	Informal meeting of Defence Ministers	Helsinki, Finland
29-30 August	Informal meeting of foreign affairs ministers-Gymnich	Helsinki, Finland
All meetings of the Council		

1.3 European Parliament

Plenary Sessions

Date	Event	Subjects	Location
2-4 July	Plenary	<i>Among others: Election of the President, the Vice-Presidents and the Quaestors of the Parliament;</i>	Strasbourg
11 July	Committee on Budgets	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels

22-23 July	Committee on Budgets	<i>Please consult the website</i>	Brussels
All European Parliament Committee Meetings			
1.4 Committee of the Regions (CoR)			
Date	Event		Location
8 July	Commission for the Environment, Climate Change and Energy (ENVE) Seminar in Espoo		Espoo, Finland
8 July	Innovative local action to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals		Espoo, Finland
9 July	24th Commission for Economic Policy (ECON) Commission Meeting		Brussels
9 July	Stakeholder consultation "The challenges of metropolitan regions and their position in the future Cohesion policy post 2020"		Brussels
10 July	24th Commission for Territorial Cohesion Policy and EU Budget (COTER) Commission Meeting		Brussels
10 July	Cohesion Alliance conference: "Together for a strong Cohesion policy 2021-2027"		Brussels
10-11 July	Commission for Social Policy, Education, Employment, Research and Culture (SEDEC)- Stakeholders' consultation on "Platform work: local and regional regulatory issues"		Brussels
11 July	Stakeholder Consultation "The potential of the rail sector in delivering EU policy priorities"		Brussels
11 July	SEDEC Commission Meeting		Brussels
11 September	Urban rail investments in the next Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF)		Brussels
18 September	15th meeting of the Technical Platform for Cooperation on the Environment		Brussels
Further Events of the Committee of the Regions			

1.5 European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)

Date	Event	Location
3 July	Section debate- Grand départ- a great start for cleaner mobility	Brussels
3-4 July	6th Meeting EU-Africa Economic and social Stakeholders' Network	Brussels
4 July	Study: Integrating the European Pillar of Social Rights into the roadmap for deepening Europe's Economic and Monetary Union	Brussels
4 July	Integrating the European Pillar of Social Rights into the roadmap for deepening Europe's Economic and Monetary Union	Brussels
5 July	The impact of corporate taxes on the European economy	Brussels
7 July	Tour de France- Grand Départ- a great start for cleaner mobility	Brussels
9 July	Innovative Food	Brussels
9 July	Hand in hand: Social and economic inclusion of newcomers	Brussels
10 July	Skills and competences acquired in civil society organisations- how to recognise and value them in the labour market	Warsaw, Poland
11 July	Populism and fundamental rights- suburban and rural areas	Brussels
16-18 July	The EESC at the 2019 High-Level Political Forum on sustainable development	New York, United States
6 September	2019 EESC Civil Society Prize. Rewarding excellence in civil society initiatives	Brussels

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

1.6 International Relations

Date	Event	Venue/Location
8 July	EU-Ukraine Summit	Kiev, Ukraine
3-4 October	EU Arctic Forum	Umeå, Sweden

2. Conferences & Meetings

2.1 DG JRC Conferences and Events

Date	Event	Organiser	Location
1-3 July	Summer School on Sustainable Finance	JRC	Ispra, Italy
3-4 July	Learning Lab on "Supporting the effective uptake of Cohesion Policy funds in energy"- S3 as a tool to enhance innovation capabilities in EU13	JRC, DG REGIO, Hungarian Ministry for Innovation and Technology, National Research, Development and Innovation Office of Hungary	Budapest, Hungary
8-12 July	ELINDER Generic Course 5-'Decommissioning Summer School'	JRC, International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), Milan University	Ispra, Italy
10 July	Climate change- mitigation and adaptation	JRC, Centre for the Promotion of Science	Belgrade, Serbia

10-12 July	Cross-domain Conference on Benford's Law application. Call for Papers	JRC, Parma University, Siena University	Stresa, Italy
11 July	Innovation camp: Smart Specialisation in Serbia– Results from the Entrepreneurial Discovery Process EDP	JRC, Serbian Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development	Belgrade, Serbia
15-26 July	Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) International Summer School 2019	JRC, European Space Agency (ESA), University of Porto, Stanford University, Institut Supérieur de l'Aeronautique et de l'Espace ISAE-SUPAERO, University of the Federal Armed Forces (FAF)	Vila Nova de Cerveira, Portugal
9-13 September	36th European PV Solar Energy (EU PVSEC) Conference and Exhibition	JRC, EU PVSEC	Marseille, France
16-20 September	ELINDER Specific Course in Metrology for Radioactive Waste Characterisation and Clearance	JRC	Ispra, Italy
17 September	Natural risk management- Austria	JRC, Tyrol Region, Innsbruck University	Innsbruck, Austria
17-19 September	Genetics in support of fisheries and aquaculture management	JRC, International Council for the Exploration of the Sea, University of Washington, Bangor University, Danish National Institute of Aquatic Resources (DTU Aqua)	Algarve, Portugal
18 September	Science for Policy- Slovenia	JRC, Slovenian Ministry of education, science and sport	Ljubljana, Slovenia

23-27 September	Workshop: Extreme Events and Energy Transitions- Tackling the Challenges of Climate Change by Integrating Social and Complex Systems Science	JRC	Ispra, Italy
24 September	European HTCondor Workshop 2019	JRC	Ispra, Italy
25-27 September	Global Summit on Regulatory Sciences (GSRS)	JRC, Global Coalition for Regulatory Science Research (GCRSR)	Stresa, Ispra, Italy
26 September	Coastal and Maritime tourism & Sustainable growth- Finland	JRC	Kori, Finland
Further upcoming DG JRC Events			
Further upcoming events in the EU Newsroom Calendar			

2.2 Further European Conferences and Meetings

9 July	High-level event on cyber security in the energy sector	EC, DG ENER	Brussels
17-18 July	General aviation and low-level weather seminar	EU Aviation Safety Agency (EASA)	Cologne, Germany
24-26 August	G7 Summit	French G7 Presidency	Biarritz, France
24-26 September	European Research and Innovation Days	DG RTD	Brussels
3-4 October	EU Arctic Forum	EC, EEAS, Government of Sweden	Umeå, Sweden

2.3 International Conferences and events

Date	Event	Organiser	Location
1-5 July	Innovations in Disaster Risk Reduction 2019 Workshop	Central European University (CEU), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)	Budapest, Hungary
6 July	ASEAN Emerging Researchers Conference	ASEAN ERC	Seattle, USA
9-19 July	High-level political forum on sustainable development: Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality	UN High-Level Political Forum Platform	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
31 July-2 August	4th Worldwide Meeting of Young Academies (GYA) 2019	GYA	Da Nang, Vietnam
25-30 August	World Water Week 2019	Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI)	Stockholm, Sweden
2-3 September	Open Living Lab Days	Global Living Lab Community	Thessaloniki, Greece
14-18 September	INGSA 2020: International Conference on Science Advice to Government	International Network for Government Science Advice (INGSA)	Québec, Canada
16-20 September	International Atomic Energy Agency 63rd General Conference	IAEA	Vienna, Austria
23 September	UN Climate Action Summit	UN	New York, USA
24-25 September	High-level Political Forum (HLPF) on Sustainable Development: SDG Summit 2019	Under the auspices of the UN General Assembly (UNGA), UN	New York, USA

24-27 September	International Symposium on Digital Earth (ISDE) 2019	ISDE	Florence, Italy
21 October	2019 Euro-Case Annual Conference on the Future of Work	Norwegian Academy of Science (NTVA)	Oslo, Norway
23-25 October	Lisbon Addictions 2019	Portuguese Directorate-General 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), International Society of Addiction Journal Editors (ISAJE)	Lisbon, Portugal
20-23 November	World Science Forum 2019	World Science Forum	Budapest, Hungary
2-13 December	UNFCCC COP 25	COP25 Presidency, Chilean Ministry of Environment, Chilean Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Chilean Ministry of Science, Technology, Knowledge and Innovation, Fundación Imagen de Chile	Santiago, Chile
13-16 February 2020	American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Annual Meeting 2020	AAAS	Seattle, USA

3. DG JRC News

June	DG JRC Newsletter June 2019
2018	JRC Annual Report
Open	Open access to JRC Research Infrastructures- Call Actinide User Laboratory-ActUsLab
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!

3-15 June	European Decommissioning Academy
<p>The second edition of the ELINDER Course "European Decommissioning Academy (EDA)" for professionals involved in all stages of decommissioning of nuclear facilities was organised by the Technical University of Bratislava (STUBA). More information is available on the STUBA website.</p>	

4 June	What is the future of the EU's demographics? Launch event: Report "Demographic Scenarios for the EU - Migration, Population and Education"
<p>To make decisions about the future, it is important to understand how many people there will be in the future, and where they will live and work. Together with the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA), the JRC's Centre of Expertise on Population and Migration (CEPAM) worked on a report on "Demographic Scenarios for the EU- Migration, Population and Education". The launch event was opened by Vladimír Šucha, Director-General of the European Commission's Joint Research Centre, and lead scientist Wolfgang Lutz presented the report. Please find the report here.</p>	

4-5 June	API for government best practices workshop
<p>In collaboration with the APIdays conferences, the APIs4DGov project had organised a workshop and a networking event aiming to bring together API experts from the public and private sector. APIs have become a foundational technological component of modern digital architectures, impacting every sector of the global economy. In the public sector specifically, APIs are a key enabler of the accelerated the digital evolution of government and its agencies. Therefore, the European Commission is currently conducting the two-year study “Digital Government APIs. The road to added value Open API-driven services (APIs4DGov)”. The study investigates onto two main questions: 1) Why governments should invest in the adoption of API technologies and, if yes, 2) How they could adopt them.</p> <p>Because of the importance of the networking aspects within the API domain, in collaboration the APIdays conferences organisers, the APIs4DGov team has organised two activities within the APIdays conference in Helsinki:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A networking moment (on the 4th June), aiming at bringing together API experts from the public and private sector. • A workshop (on the 5th of June) to discuss on relevant aspects on the API adoption from the government. 	
5-6 June	Eco-innovation & Energy policy- Czechia
<p>Renewable energy and energy efficiency are high on the EU policy agenda. The city of Brno, which has signed the Covenant of Mayors, hosted an event on eco-innovation involving all actors of the quadruple helix.</p>	
11-14 June	ELINDER Generic Course Initiation au démantèlement des installations nucléaires
<p>The ELINDER Generic Course "Initiation au démantèlement des installations nucléaires" took place in Marcoule (France). More information on the course content is available on the INSTN website.</p>	
12 June	Smart cities & Sustainable development- Romania
<p>The organisers of the event have the ambition to convert the city of Magurele into a smart city and a hub for innovative green economy. The focus therefore lies on smart urban planning, responsible research and participatory democracy. The Romanian SmR conference laid the foundations for these objectives.</p>	
12-14 June	Strategic Energy Technology Plan (SET Plan) Conference
<p>The 12th Strategic Energy Technology Plan (SET Plan) Conference was held at the Politechnica University of Bucharest-Romania, under the auspices of the Romanian Presidency of the Council of the EU and were merged with the external ENVE (Environment, Climate Change and Energy) Commission and Conference from the European Committee of the Regions, where more than 120 EU local and regional leaders are working on environment, climate change, energy and space policies.</p>	

23-25 June	2019 IATRC Symposium
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Trading for good- Agricultural trade in the context of climate change adaptation and mitigation: synergies, obstacles and possible solutions. The European Commission's [Directorate-General for Agriculture & Rural Development](#) (DG AGRI) and the Joint Research Centre (JRC) supported the [International Agricultural Trade Research Consortium](#) (IATRC) in the organisation of the 2019 IATRC Symposium.

26 June	Understanding the past for a better future. The JRC's Institutional History Project (iHiP) Workshop
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The iHiP Team presented the achievements of the Institutional History Project (iHiP) at the JRC Ispra. The workshop was introduced by two former JRC Directors David Wilkinson and Helmut Holtbecker and by Marc Cuypers. The iHiP highlighted its accomplishment for the digitisation, the Oral History Initiative (i.e. interviews with former JRC staff), the Historical Highlights (i.e. texts based on archival findings as snapshots on specific moments of the JRC's history). Experts exchanged best practices on iHiP as also on outreach and communication methodologies.

26-28 June	Counterfactual Impact Evaluation (CIE) Summer Week
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The Competence Centre on Microeconomic Evaluation at the European Commission, Joint Research Centre (JRC) announced the summer week on Counterfactual Impact Evaluation (CIE) which was held at the premises of the Joint Research Centre in Ispra (VA), Italy.

- June 26-27 Training on CIE methods with case studies and applications
- June 28 Workshop "Impact Evaluation in developed and developing countries", with the participation of experts from international organisations such as the World Bank, OECD, European Commission, as well as participants from academia and research institutes.

28-29 June	Sustainable and qualitative Olive oil production- Italy
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The innovation camp organised by the Province of Ragusa focused on the socio-economically and environmentally sustainable production of olive oil. The focus laid on the reinforcement of the Mediterranean network in this sector. The goal of this event was also to raise awareness among consumers of the health benefits of qualitative olive oil. In this light synergies between scientific research and olive oil producers were pursued.

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