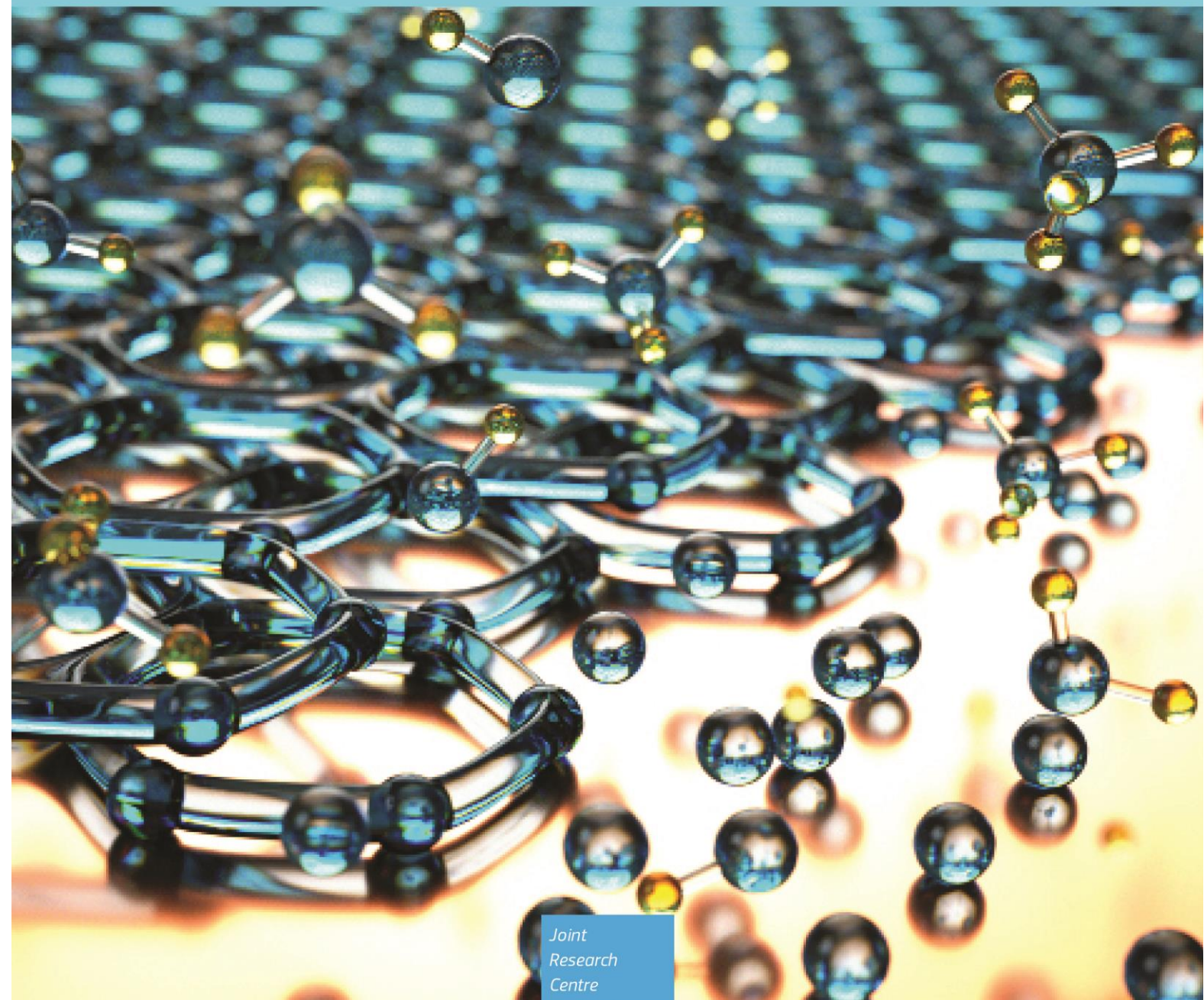




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1. Activities of the European Institutions

1.1 European Commission

Date	Event	Subject
	College Meeting	
All meetings of the College of Commissioners		

1.2 Council

Date	Event	Venue/Location
4 March	Environment Council	Brussels
7 March	Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council	Brussels
7 March	Meeting of the EU Heads of State or Government with Turkey	Brussels
7 March	Eurogroup Meeting	Brussels
8 March	Economic and Financial Affairs Council	Brussels
10-11 March	Justice and Home Affairs Council	Brussels
14 March	Agriculture and Fisheries Council	Brussels
14 March	Foreign Affairs Council	Brussels
15 March	General Affairs Council	Brussels
17-18 March	European Council	Brussels
11 April	Informal Meeting of Energy Ministers	Amsterdam
11-12 April	Agriculture and Fisheries Council	Luxembourg
12 April	Informal Meeting of Ministers and State Secretaries for European Affairs	Amsterdam
12 April	Informal Meeting of the General Affairs Council	Amsterdam
14-15 April	Informal Ministerial Environmental and Transport Meeting	Amsterdam
18-19 April	Foreign Affairs Council	Luxembourg
18-20 April	Informal Meeting of Employment, Social Policy and Health Ministers	Amsterdam
22-23 April	Informal Meeting of Economic and Financial Affairs Ministers	Amsterdam
All meetings of the Council		

1.3 European Parliament

Plenary Sessions

Date	Event	Subjects	Venue/Location
7-10 March	EP plenary session	<i>Among others: Preparation of the European Council meeting (17-18 March), Banking Union Annual report; Communication on Migration Management; Interinstitutional agreement on Better Law-making</i>	Strasbourg

Committee Meetings

2 March	Committee of Inquiry into Emission Measurements in the Automotive Sector	<i>Among others: Election of Chair and Vice-Chairs</i>	
3 March	Subcommittee on Human	<i>Among others:</i>	Brussels

	Rights	<i>Implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities with special regard to the Concluding Observations of the UN CRPD Committee; Implementation of the 2010 recommendations of Parliament on social and environmental standards, human rights and corporate responsibility.</i>	
3 March	Subcommittee on Security and Defence	<i>Among others: With the Council and Commission and EEAS: EDA and NATO: coherent responses to hybrid threats and challenges</i>	Brussels
3 March	Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality	<i>Among others: International Women's Day</i>	Brussels
7 March	Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development	<i>Among others: Exchange of views with Commissioner Phil Hogan, responsible for Agriculture and Rural Development, on the state of play of the situation on the agricultural markets</i>	Strasbourg
14-15 March	Committee on Development	<i>Agenda not yet available</i>	Brussels
14-15 March	Committee on International Trade	<i>Agenda not yet available</i>	Brussels
14-15 March	Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection	<i>Agenda not yet available</i>	Brussels
14-15 March	Committee on Transport and Tourism	<i>Agenda not yet available</i>	Brussels
14-15 March	Committee on Culture and Education	<i>Agenda not yet available</i>	Brussels
14-15 March	Committee on Legal Affairs	<i>Agenda not yet available</i>	Brussels
15 March	Committee on Foreign Affairs	<i>Agenda not yet available</i>	Brussels
16-17 March	Committee on Employment and Social Affairs	<i>Agenda not yet available</i>	Brussels
16-17 March	Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety	<i>Agenda not yet available</i>	Brussels
16-17 March	Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs	<i>Agenda not yet available</i>	Brussels
16-17 March	Committee on Industry, Research and Energy	<i>Agenda not yet available</i>	Brussels
16-17 March	Committee on Regional Development	<i>Agenda not yet available</i>	Brussels
21-22 March	Committee on Fisheries	<i>Agenda not yet available</i>	Brussels

[All European Parliament Committee meetings](#)

Other meetings and events

3 March	European Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month	<i>Among others: Maltese MEP Alfred Sant is hosting the launch of Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month (ECCAM) at the European Parliament in Brussels with the participation of leading experts in this field. The theme of the meeting is 'Making Noise – Saving Lives!'</i>	Brussels
15 March	Brain awareness week 2016 - The importance of	<i>Among others: Research on neuroscience in Europe: where we are, where we should go;</i>	Brussels

	research in neuroscience	<i>the importance of the brain diseases in elderly population in Europe: presentation of the Dementia Commission Paper on Alzheimer's Disease; the importance of brain disorders in childhood in Europe.</i>	
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1.4 Committee of the Regions (CoR)

Date	Event	Venue/Location
1 March	7th NAT commission meeting	Brussels
1 March	GREEN SKILLS Final Conference	CoR, Brussels
2 March	7th COTER Commission Meeting	CoR, Brussels
3 March	The future of Cohesion Policy beyond 2020 - Final Conference	CoR, Brussels
8 March	Connecting European Chambers	CoR, Brussels
9-10 March	Local skills matter: entrepreneurial communities and smart territories	CoR, Brussels
20 April	Congress of European Municipalities and Regions	Nicosia, Cyprus
8-9 July	7th European Summit of Regions and Cities	Bratislava, Slovakia

[Further events of the Committee of the Regions](#)

1.5 European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)

Date	Event	Venue/Location
1 March	5th meeting of the EU Advisory Group under the EU-Central America Association Agreement	EESC, Brussels
2 March	The state of the Energy Union – governance and implications for civil society	EESC, Brussels
4 March	Evidence-informed policy-making: What's on the TEN Section's agenda?	EESC, Brussels
8 March	The UK in the EU: What Matters to You?	Manchester, United Kingdom
9 March	EU-Japan cooperation in comparative perspective: trade & migration policies	EESC, Brussels
10 March	European Consumer Day 2016	EESC, Brussels
11 March	Building a more sustainable European food system	EESC, Brussels
17-19 March	Your Europe, Your Say! 2016	EESC, Brussels
22 March	The European Energy Union – its impact and consequences on civil society in Bulgaria	Sofia, Bulgaria
22 March	Maximising the contribution of ESI Funds	EESC, Brussels
30 March	External dimension of the EU's energy policy	EESC, Brussels
6-7 April	European Migration Forum – 2nd meeting	EESC, Brussels
20 April	ECI DAY 2016: Forging Change	EESC, Brussels

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

1.6 International Relations

Date	Event	Venue/Location
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14 March	5th EU-CELAC Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) for the Joint Initiative on Research and Innovation (JIRI)	Brussels, Belgium
30 March	EU-India Summit	Brussels, Belgium

2. Conferences & Meetings

2.1 JRC Conferences and Meetings

Date	Event	Organiser	Venue/Location
2 March	S2E - National Event of Prague - Czech Republic: The Synergies with Research and Innovation Funds: Stairway to Excellence	JRC, Government Office of the Czech Republic	Prag, Czech Republic
3-4 March	New Currents in Science: The Challenges of Quality	JRC	Ispra, Italy
4 March	Evidence-informed policy-making: What's on the TEN Section's agenda?	JRC, EESC	Brussels, Belgium
7-11 March	COSINUS 2016 - COoperation Simulation of NUclear Security	JRC	Ispra, Italy
8-9 March	Annual Clearinghouse Meeting	JRC	Petten, the Netherlands
8-10 March	Counter Nuclear Smuggling Workshop 2016	JRC, US Government	Karlsruhe, Germany
11 March	S2E National Event - Estonia: The Synergies with Research and Innovation Funds: Stairway to Excellence	JRC, Estonian Research Council	Tallinn, Estonia
16-18 March	9th International Conference Improving Energy Efficiency in Commercial Buildings and Smart Communities (IEECB&SC'16)	JRC, Messe Frankfurt	Frankfurt, Germany

[Further upcoming JRC events](#)

[Further upcoming events in the EU Newsroom Calendar](#)

2.2 Further European Conferences and Meetings

Date	Event	Organiser	Venue/Location
1 March	EU Refining Forum	European Commission	Brussels, Belgium

2 March	European Humanitarian Roundtables 2016	European Commision, Noha	Warsaw, Poland
3 March	From ISA to ISA² — new challenges and opportunities	European Commision, Noha	Warsaw, Poland
3 March	Meeting of the European Electricity Regulatory Forum	European Commission	Florence, Italy
9 March	Celebrating 35 years of European Commission – IAEA co-operation on nuclear safeguards	European Commission, Japan, Hungary	Vienna, Austria
15-17 March	2016 Conference on Big Data from Space - BiDS'16	ESA, SatCen, JRC	Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Spain
23-27 July	Euroscience Open Forum (ESOF)	EuroScience	Manchester, United Kingdom

2.3 International Conferences

Date	Event	Organiser	Venue/Location
7-9 March	The world in 2050	IIASA	Vienna, Austria
12-15 March	Arctic Science Summit Week	ASSW	Fairbanks, Alaska
15-17 March	Senior Arctic Officials' meeting	SAO	Fairbanks, Alaska

15-18 March	Arctic Observing Summit	ISAC	Fairbanks, Alaska
22-23 March	Innogrid2020+	ENTSO-E, EDSO	Brussels, Belgium
31 March-1 April	4th Nuclear Security Summit	Government of USA	Washington D.C., USA
4-5 April	A Joint Africa – EU strategy on Food and Nutrition Security and Sustainable Agriculture	RTD	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
5-6 April	Stakeholder Forum to implement the Africa-EU R&I Partnership on Food and Nutrition Security and Sustainable Agriculture	RTD	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
23-24 May	World Humanitarian Summit	UN OCHA	Istanbul, Turkey
23-27 May	International Conference on Advancing the Global Implementation of Decommissioning and Environmental Remediation Programmes	IAEA	Madrid, Spain
26-27 May	G7 Summit Japan	Government of Japan	Ise-Shima, Japan
31 May-2 June	OECD Forum 2016 & Ministerial Meeting	OECD	Paris, France
21-23 June	OECD 2016 Ministerial: Meeting the policy challenges of tomorrow's digital economy. The digital economy, innovation, growth and social prosperity	OECD	Cancun, Mexico
4-9 July	Bridging ICTs and the Environment. Geospatial Technologies and Remote Sensing for Monitoring SDGs.	CEU, UNOOSA	Budapest, Hungary
11-15 July	Bridging ICTs and the Environment. Innovations in Disaster Risk Reduction	CEU, UNDP	Budapest, Hungary
23-27 July	EuroScience Open Forum 2016	ESOF	Manchester, United Kingdom
7-9 October	Arctic Circle Assembly	Arctic Circle	Reykjavik, Iceland
17-20 October	UN Habitat III– UN Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development	UN HABITAT	Quito, Ecuador

7-18 November	UNFCCC COP 22	UNFCC	Marrakesh, Morocco
7-13 January 2017	16th World Conference on Earthquake Engineering	WCEE and Chilean Association of Seismology and Earthquake Engineering- ACHISINA	Santiago, Chile

3. JRC News

2015	Overview of the scientific process of the EU Agencies network for scientific advice (EU-ANSA)
February	JRC Newsletter February 2016
Open - 11 March 2016	Public survey- Accelerating progress in the Replacement, Reduction and Refinement of animal testing through better knowledge sharing
Open	The EU is recruiting researchers - Call for expressions of interest

3 February

[Composite Indicators and Scoreboards: Sharing Best Practices](#)

The purpose of this half day event was to bring together policy analysts and researchers from the European Commission, international organisations, think tanks and the academia, to foster a practical exchange of experiences across a wide range of key policy areas that are monitored through composite indicators and scoreboards. During the event the Competence Centre on Composite Indicators and Scoreboards (COIN) was launched.

3-4 February

[Protection of CBRN facilities: EU and Serbia share best practices on their CBRN Action Plans](#)

The workshop aimed at facilitating EU CBRN experts and the Serbian CBRN national team to share best practices, views and methodologies on actions identified within their respective CBRN Action Plans with a focus on the protection of CBRN facilities against natural disasters.

4 February

[66. Öffentliche Hochschultagung](#)

IES scientist L. Montanarella was an invited keynote speaker at the opening of the conference, at which he spoke on "EU-Agrarpolitik aus Sicht der Welternährungssicherung und Ressourcenschonung".

4 February

[The Role of City-Regions in the Achievement of a Low-Carbon Economy](#)

The COST Association and the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC) hosted a Joint Workshop which aimed at revisiting the importance of both bottom-up and top-down solutions in accelerating the penetration of low carbon policies into practice.

9-10 February

[European Alien Species Information Network: enlargement and training](#)

Invasive alien species (IAS) - i.e. species that are not native to Europe and have a severe negative impact on native flora and fauna - are one of the main pressures on biodiversity in the EU and at global level. The workshop focused on the expansion of EASIN, especially by including offline databases that exist in institutes or national repositories which are not accessible to the scientific community. The workshop addressed data standardisation issues and protocols for sharing information.

7-12 February	11th International Symposium on Ecohydraulics
Ecohydraulics is central to many challenges facing river and water resource management around the world. It links the disciplines of hydraulics with aquatic ecology, water engineering, fluvial geomorphology and biogeochemistry. The International Symposium on Ecohydraulics is the premier international meeting for scientists and innovative practitioners working across these disciplines focussing on the underpinning science and its application.	
15-17 February	Modern Spectrum Management - Experience with License Shared Access
The radio spectrum policy programme is a cornerstone for Digital Europe– to promote innovation, growth and competitiveness by creating a Digital Single Market in the EU. With the growing demand for broadband wireless services today and for the development of 5G technologies for the societal needs beyond 2020, new policy orientations and innovative approaches are needed to spectrum management and its efficient use.	
22 February	Behavioural Insights Applied to Policy: European Report 2016 (BIAP 2016)
There is growing recognition that behavioural insights (BIs)–by shedding light on how people actually make choices– help deliver more effective policies and complement traditional forms of intervention. BIAP 2016 covers 32 European Countries (EU + EFTA) and presents a wealth of policy interventions either implicitly or explicitly informed by BIs. It also reviews institutional developments and puts forward a comparative framework (PRECIS) describing national teams applying BIs to policy-making. BIAP 2016 comes at an important point in time. The European Commission (EC) has been a front-runner in bringing BIs into legislation and regulatory intervention. In the coming years, BIs will certainly have a broader role in supporting the EC's Better Regulation Agenda. Commissioner Navracsics opened the event and Prof. Madrian (Harvard Kennedy School) delivered a speech about the added value of linking academic research to policy-making. The event gathered mainly policy-makers from European Institutions and from around 26 national governments in Europe. A few NGOs, businesses, think tanks, researchers and journalists also attended. The purpose is to share knowledge on how BIs are being applied to diverse policy fields, promote links among the different actors, and inspire new applications of BIs to policy.	
23 February	European Science and Technology Network on Unconventional Hydrocarbons Extraction - Annual Conference
The Network on European Science and Technology on Unconventional Hydrocarbons Extraction organised its Annual conference in Brussels.	
23-25 February	International Conference on Ocean Energy
The ICOE 2016 was organised and hosted by Renewable UK. The JRC was present at the exhibition with a stand at booth 72, promoting the SET-Plan and JRC work on ocean renewable energy. JRC colleagues were also involved as speakers and chair persons in the conference, which was opened by Commissioner Vella.	
25-26 February	Public Participation and Transparency in the Implementation of Energy Policies
The workshop is part of the JRC activities on collecting and sharing diverse practices for public participation and developing a knowledge centre for transparency governance, in particular for The 'Energy– Transparency Centre of Knowledge' (E-TRACK). E-TRACK is a joint initiative agreed between the Directorate-General for Energy (DG ENER) and the Joint Research Centre (JRC) of the European Commission (EC) for the promotion and enhancement of public participation in the implementation of energy policies. The objective of E-TRACK is to become a central point of reference for monitoring, disseminating and sharing information on good practices of public participation in energy policy implementation across the EU.	