

# Leaders' Agenda

October 2017

## Building our future together

In Bratislava and Rome, Leaders re-stated their commitment to the European project and decided to build their future together within a strengthened European Union. They underlined their unity and their willingness to take the fate of the Union in their own hands, working together in the European Council. Since then, optimism has been on the rise, and ambition has returned. Against this background, we should further step up our efforts and re-energise our work, and, to this effect, set out clearly what we intend to deliver.

This document provides an overview of the main issues that the President of the European Council intends to put on the agenda of the Leaders between now and June 2019. Some will be discussed in formal European Council meetings, while others will be addressed in an informal format, at 27 or 28, depending on the substance. The agenda includes ongoing work strands, as well as issues that require discussions aimed at resolving deadlocks or finding solutions to key political dossiers (indicated in italics). The latter will be prepared with "decision notes" setting out in clear terms the political problems to be solved.

The agenda does not list points that recur on a regular basis, such as external relations, except where a specific item is already known at this stage. Between now and the end of March 2019 there will also have to be regular meetings of the European Council in the Article 50 format to deal with the Brexit issue.

This Leaders' Agenda is a living document that will be updated and amended as required.

2017

**19 - 20 October 2017**

- Migration: consolidation of the external dimension, including financing
- Digital Europe: follow up to Tallinn Digital Summit
- Defence: PESCO state of play, European Defence Industrial Development Programme
- *Leaders' Agenda*

**17 November 2017 - Gothenburg Social Summit**

- Social Europe: Fair Jobs and Growth
- *Education and Culture (30th anniversary of Erasmus)*

**14-15 December 2017**

- Defence: launch PESCO and general overview of the various defence files
- Social issues, culture and education: follow up Gothenburg Social Summit
- *Migration: way forward on the external and the internal dimension*
- *Euro Summit: EMU + Banking Union (agreement on timeline for decisions)*

2018

**23 February 2018 - Informal meeting**

- *Institutional issues: European Parliament composition/transnational lists, appointments, including Spitzenkandidaten*
- *MFF: debate on political priorities*

**22-23 March 2018**

- Single Market strategies (ensuring progress towards reaching the 2018 deadline)
- Trade: trade defence, free trade agreements, screening of investments
- Climate and Energy (orientation for further work)
- *Digital: issues requiring decision by the Leaders, such as e-commerce, copyright, taxation*
- *Research and Innovation: steps necessary to ensure global competitiveness*

**17 May 2018 - EU-Western Balkans Summit (Sofia)**

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- *(poss.) Migration: overall agreement on internal and external policy*

### 28-29 June 2018

- European Council Decision on the composition of the European Parliament
- Defence (orientation for further work)
- *EMU (concrete decisions on reform)*
- *(poss.) Migration: overall agreement on internal and external policy*
- *Leaders' Agenda: state of play on implementation*

### September 2018 - Informal Meeting (Vienna)

- *Internal Security: checks at external borders, exchange of information, operational cooperation, security and criminal justice in cyberspace, preventing radicalisation (orientation for future work)*

### 18-19 October 2018

- Internal security: follow up to the informal meeting
- Migration
- *Trade: future trade policy, role of the EU in the multilateral trade system*

### 13-14 December 2018

- MFF (progress report)
- *Single Market (orientation for the future beyond the 2018 deadline)*

2019

### 21-22 March 2019

- Economic issues and trade
- *EMU (state of play and any further decisions)*

### 9 May 2019 - Informal meeting (Sibiu)

- *Implementation of the Leaders' agenda*
- *Preparation of the Strategic Agenda 2019-2024*

### 20-21 June 2019

- MFF (progress report/discussion aiming for concluding negotiations later in 2019)
- Strategic Agenda 2019-2024
- High level appointments



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