

European Council 25-26 June in Brussels

The European Council will start at 16.00 on Thursday 25 June with the usual exchange of views with European Parliament President Martin Schulz. This will also be the occasion for the 5 Presidents to present their report "**Completing Europe's Economic and Monetary Union**" directly to the heads of state or government. Presidents Draghi and Dijsselbloem will also be present.

At its first working session the European Council will discuss **migration**.

Over dinner leaders are likely to continue the discussion on migration and will have the opportunity to listen to Prime Minister Cameron in regard to the upcoming referendum in **United Kingdom** and the reforms he is seeking.

On Friday morning the European Council will reconvene at 10.00. This second working session will be devoted to **jobs, growth and competitiveness** and **security challenges** facing the Union. They will also have a discussion with NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg, who will present his views on the new security environment with new type of threats and strengthening of **EU-NATO** ties.

Indicative programme:

Thursday:	16.00	Exchange of views with the President of the European Parliament
	16.30	Family photo
	16.45	First working session
	20.00	Working dinner
	(ttbc)	Press conference by Presidents Tusk and Juncker
Friday:	10.00	Second working session
	± 13.00	Press conference by Presidents Tusk and Juncker as well as Prime Minister Straujuma, of the outgoing Latvian presidency

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Migration

Following the Special meeting of the European Council in April and immediate efforts made to prevent further loss of life at sea, leaders will revert to the issue based on geographical balance, solidarity and responsibility. While acknowledging the need to work on all dimensions of a comprehensive European approach to migration, the June European Council is expected to focus in particular on:

- relocation / resettlement,
- return / readmission / reintegration
- cooperation with countries of origin and transit policy.

Leaders are expected to agree on relocating and resettling persons in need of temporary and international protection. They should also call for increased financial and technical support to frontline member states for receiving and processing applications for temporary protection. The European Council should also emphasise the need to reinforce cooperation and promote readmission of illegal migrants to countries of origin and transit. In this context they are expected to underline the importance of development aid and policy tools to reinforce local capacity-building and tackling the root causes of migration. Reducing incentives for illegal immigration and combatting smuggling are other aspects likely to be raised by leaders.

[Council website: EU response to migratory pressures](#)

[Special meeting of the European Council, 23 April 2015 - statement](#)

Security

The European Council will address Europe's changed security environment. Focus will be on three interlinked areas.

On internal security leaders are expected to focus their discussions around the renewed EU Internal Security Strategy and counter-terrorism efforts.

On external security the European Council is expected to task the EU High Representative to submit an EU global strategy on foreign and security policy by June 2016.

Finally, leaders should endorse the Council conclusions of 18 May on Common Security and Defence Policy, civilian and military capabilities and Europe's defence industry. In this context, leaders are likely to recall a number of areas of particular importance, such as sufficient funding and intensifying partnerships, in an increasingly challenging security environment.

[Council website: EU fight against terrorism](#)

[Council conclusions on CSDP of 18 May 2015](#)

[European Council conclusions of December 2013](#)

Jobs, growth and competitiveness

The European Council will conclude the 2015 European Semester and welcome the agreement reached on the European Fund for Strategic Investments.

The heads of state or government will further discuss and provide orientations on the digital single market, singling out key legislative work and actions to be taken forward as a priority. This is likely to include the telecommunications single market regulation (roaming and net neutrality), the directive on network and information security (cyber security) and the data protection package. Leaders are further likely to call for the removal of barriers to the free circulation of goods and services sold on-line and the need to tackle unjustified discrimination on the grounds of geographic location. They should also call for action to ensure investment and a better innovation climate, especially for SME's and start-ups.

Finally, the European Council may have a first exchange of views on the 5 Presidents report on better economic governance in the euro area, presented by the Presidents the day before. Leaders are expected to agree on next steps.

[Council website: Data protection reform](#)

[Council website: EU investment plan](#)

[Council website: European Semester](#)
