

The Europe Diary

A long-term calendar of European events for journalists and broadcasters.



November 2018 onwards

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November

- 1st London. Bank of England Monetary Policy Committee meeting and quarterly inflation report. www.bankofengland.co.uk
- 1st London. The Rory Peck Awards recognising the work of freelance news camera operators and video journalists around the world. The son of Daphne Caruana Galizia, the journalist murdered by a car bomb in Malta, will receive on her behalf the prestigious Martin Adler Prize awarded posthumously. www.rorypecktrust.org
- 1st London. This is said to be the likely date for a parliamentary vote on Chancellor Philip Hammond's budget announced on Oct 29th. Some Conservative Party Brexit rebels have threatened to vote it down as a way of ousting PM Theresa May; but will enough of them take such a drastic step? www.politico.co.uk
- 5th Brussels. Finance Ministers from the eurozone countries meet in the Eurogroup. www.eu2018.at
- 6th Brussels. Finance Ministers from all 28 EU countries meet in the Ecofin Council. www.eu2018.at
- 7th Frankfurt. Governing Council of the European Central Bank non-monetary policy meeting. www.ecb.eu
- 7th London. The AIB Awards ceremony. (Association of International Broadcasting). www.aib.org.uk
- 7th - 8th Helsinki, Annual Congress of the EPP – the European Parliament's centre-right European People's Party. They are due to select their candidate to be the next Commission President. The EPP candidate has a strong chance of winning the tortuous selection process next year. <http://www.epp.eu/press-releases/epp-urges-european-council-to-commit-to-spitzenkandidaten-process/>
- 9th Brussels. EU Foreign Affairs and International Trade Ministers meet in the Foreign Affairs Council. www.eu2018.at
- 10th - 14th Trump in Europe. The US President is expected to travel to Paris to join the Armistice Centenary Commemorations there on November 11th, before visiting Ireland 'to renew the deep and historic ties between our two nations', and to play golf at his course in County Clare. But with various groups opposed to the visit promising demonstrations there may be security problems. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-45374037>

- 11th The centenary of the WWI Armistice in 1918, falling on Remembrance Sunday, with huge commemorative events in France, Belgium, the UK, Germany and around the world, remembering the estimated 17-18 million combatants and civilians who died in 'The Great War'. There will be a special service at St. Symphorium Cemetery near Mons where the fighting began in 1914 and an international ceremony in Paris.
www.greatwar.co.uk/events/2014-2018-ww1-centenary-events.htm In the UK and around the world, dawn pipers will play the lament 'Battles Over' at 6am when the Armistice was signed in 1918, at 12.30pm church bells will be rung across the UK and over a thousand beacons will be lit at 7pm. www.brunopeek.co.uk
www.centenarynews.com/article/armistice-centenary-events---uk
 Poland will also be marking the date as the centennial of re-established independence. There will be parades, concerts and church services in Polish communities around the world.
www.polska.pl/tourism/traditions-and-holidays/independence-day/
- 12th Brussels. EU Foreign Ministers meet in the General Affairs Council, and the Article 50 Group that is scrutinising the Brexit negotiations on behalf of the 27 member states. www.eu2018.at
- 12th- 15th Strasbourg. European Parliament plenary session. www.europarl.europa.eu
- 14th- 15th Edinburgh. News Xchange 2018 - the annual conference of broadcast news, hosted this year by the BBC and supported by the EBU. www.newsxchange.org
- 15th Brussels. Making Your Home Low Carbon and Flexible – a 5pm 'Power Talk' organised by Eurelectric and EHPA. <https://www.eurelectric.org/events/>
- 15th- 20th UEFA Nations League - Final Rounds of the League Phase.
www.uefa.com/uefanationsleague/news/newsid=2530253.html
- 16th Brussels. EU Finance Ministers meet to discuss the contentious EU budget, made more difficult this time with the prospect of the UK contribution disappearing. www.eu2018.at
- 17th- 18th Brussels. Possible Special Brexit Summit of EU leaders according to reports from Brussels, though some of the 27 EU members states have spoken against another heads of government meeting with the next EU Summit scheduled for mid-December. They certainly won't meet if there is no outline deal on the table. If there is a deal, Theresa May will have to get it through the UK House of Commons later in the month. The opposition Labour Party seems determined to try to force a general election, but there are some Labour MPs who will defy the party and vote for a deal. Will they outnumber the Tory rebels who will vote against the deal? Will there be no deal?
www.reuters.com/article/us-britain-eu-november/eu-leaders-to-hold-extra-brexit-summit-on-nov-17-18-sources-idUSKCN1M01SB
- 19th- 20th Brussels. EU Foreign Ministers and Defence Ministers meet. www.eu2018.at
- 19th- 20th Brussels. EU Ministers for Agriculture and Fisheries meet. www.eu2018.at
- 20th Brussels. Think Digital EU – Conference about the business potential of digitalisation. <https://www.thinkdigital.eu>
- 21st Frankfurt. Governing Council of the European Central Bank non-monetary policy meeting. www.ecb.eu

- 21st World Television Day (UN) <http://www.worldtelevisionday.tv>
- 21st- 23rd Rome. 2018 European Forum on Disaster Risk Reduction. <https://www.unisdr.org/conference/2018/efdr>
- 23rd- 25th Tennis – Final of the Davis Cup. Venue to be decided. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2018_Davis_Cup
- 26th Brussels. EU Ministers for Foreign Affairs and Overseas Development meet. www.eu2018.at
- 26th- 27th Brussels. EU Ministers for Education, Youth, Culture and Sport meet in the EYCS Council. www.eu2018.at
- 27th Brussels. European Trade Policy Day 2018. <http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/events/index.cfm?id=1894>
- 27th Brussels. 'Accelerating Clean Energy Investments' a half-day conference about achieving carbon neutrality in the electricity sector. Organised by Eurelectric. www.eurelectric.org
- 28th- 29th Brussels. European Parliament mini-plenary. www.europarl.europa.eu
- 29th- 30th Brussels. EU Ministers for Industry, Single Market and Research meet in the Competitiveness Council, this time with a focus on Space Research. www.consilium.europa.eu/en/meetings/compet/2018/11/29-30/
- 29th– Jan 20th Amsterdam Light Festival. <http://allexciting.com/amsterdam-light-festival/>
- 30th Brussels. EU Foreign Ministers are due to meet in the General Affairs Council t.b.c. www.eu2018.at
- 30th Marrakech. EU-Africa Business Summit. Contact Ms Inès Benhima at ines@ebsummit.eu

December

- 3rd- 4th Brussels. EU Ministers for Transport, Telecommunications and energy meet. www.consilium.europa.eu/en/meetings/tte/2018/12/04/
- 3rd Brussels. EU Finance Ministers from the eurozone countries meet in the Eurogroup. www.consilium.europa.eu/en/meetings/eurogroup/2018/12/03/
- 4th Brussels. EU Finance Ministers from all 28 member states meet in the Ecofin Council. www.consilium.europa.eu/en/meetings/ecofin/2018/12/04/
- 4 Brussels. European Biodiversity Conference with the presentation of the European Bee Award in the European Parliament. www.europeanlandowners.org/awards/bee-award
- 5th- 6th Frankfurt. Governing Council and General Council meetings of the European Central Bank. www.ecb.eu
- 6th Brussels. European Defence Industry Summit. www.defencesummit.eu
- 6th- 7th Brussels. Ministers for Employment, Consumer, Health and Social Affairs meet in the EPSCO Council and Ministers for Justice and Home Affairs meet in the JHA Council. www.eu2018.at
- 6th - 9th Lyons. Fete de Lumieieres – Festival of Lights. <http://allexciting.com/festival-of-lights-lyon/>

- 10th -11th Brussels. EU Foreign Ministers meet in the Foreign Affairs Council and the General Affairs Council (which monitors Brexit negotiations on behalf of the 27 member states) www.eu.2018.at
- 10th- 13th Strasbourg. European Parliament Plenary Session. www.europarl.europa.eu
- 13th Frankfurt. European Central Bank Governing Council and monetary policy meeting. www.ecb.eu
- 13th- 14th Brussels. European Summit. It could be the last chance for a Brexit deal. www.consilium.europa.eu/en/meetings/european-council/2018/12/13-14/
- 15th- 16th Deventer, Netherlands. Charles Dickens Festival. Re-enactments in a '19th Century Christmas Wonderland'. <http://allexciting.com/dickens-festival-deventer/>
- 17th - 18th Brussels. EU Agriculture and Fisheries Ministers meet. The December meeting usually agrees fishing quotas for the following year. www.consilium.europa.eu/en/meetings/agrifish/2018/12/17-18/
- 20th Brussels. EU Environment Ministers meet. www.consilium.europa.eu/en/meetings/env/2018/12/20/
- 20th London. Bank of England Monetary Policy meeting. www.bankofengland.co.uk
- 22nd EU institutions. Because of the way Christmas and the New Year fall in midweek, there will not be much activity until Wednesday 2nd January 2019.

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January

- 1st EU. Austria hands over the six-month Presidency of the European Council to Romania who for the first time will organise conferences and chair ministerial council meetings, pushing forward a high-tech agenda. They will also be representing the 27 member states when/if Brexit happens at the end of March. Their Presidency website is www.romania2019.eu/en/ Twitter hashtag: RO2019.EU A schedule of meetings will be published in December.
- 2nd Brussels. Most of the European institutions return to work after the Christmas and New Year break.
- 10th- 27th Denmark and Germany. The World Men's Handball Championships (held every two years). <http://www.handball19.com>
- 14th - 17th Strasbourg. European Parliament plenary session. www.europarl.europa.eu
- 23rd- 26th Manchester Beer and Cider Festival. <http://allexciting.com/manchester-beer-festival/>
- 30th - 31st Brussels. European Parliament mini-plenary. www.europarl.europa.eu

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