# **European Commission - Weekly activities**





## Calendrier du 23 novembre au 29 novembre 2020

Brussels, 20 November 2020

(Susceptible de modifications en cours de semaine)

Déplacements et visites

#### Lundi 23 novembre 2020

Video conference of development ministers

President **von der Leyen** meets via videoconference the CDU/CSU delegation in the European Parliament.

Mr Frans **Timmermans** delivers via videoconference call, a keynote speech at the Virtual Plenary Session of the European Round Table for Industry.

Mr Frans Timmermans holds a videoconference call with Mr Pieter Elbers, President and CEO of KLM.

Ms Margrethe **Vestager** holds a videoconference call with the Chairs of COSAC (Member States national Parliaments' Committees for Union Affairs).

Mr Valdis **Dombrovskis** participates via videoconference in the Ottawa Group Ministerial meeting on WTO Reform.

Mr Josep **Borrell** holds a videoconference call with Mr Jens Stoltenberg, Secretary General of NATO.

Mr Maroš **Šefčovič** participates via videoconference in the European Raw Material Alliance (ERMA) kick-off meeting.

Ms Věra **Jourová** holds a videoconference call with representatives of the European Magazine Media Association and the European Newspaper Publishers' Association.

Ms Věra **Jourová** holds a videoconference call with Ms Olga Stefanishyna, Vice Prime Minister for European and Euro-Atlantic Integration of Ukraine.

Mr Margaritis Schinas participates via videoconference in the Education World Congress.

Mr Margaritis **Schinas** holds a videoconference call with Christos Bouras, Rector of the University of Patras.

Mr Margaritis **Schinas** holds a videoconference call with Kostis Giannidis, President of the Erasmus Student Network.

Ms Mariya **Gabriel** delivers an opening speech via videoconference at the <u>European Research Council</u> (ERC) <u>Information Day</u> in Bulgaria.

Ms Mariya **Gabriel** participates via videoconference as guest lecturer at the <u>Thomas Edison</u> <u>Elementary School</u>.

Ms Mariya **Gabriel** holds a videoconference call with Ms Nina Crommelin, President of the European Network for Traveller Education (ENTE).

Mr Nicolas **Schmit** holds a videoconference call with Ms Ana Mendes Godinho, Minister for Labour, Solidarity and Social Security of Portugal.

Mr Janusz **Wojciechowski** holds a videoconference call with representatives of the European Livestock and Meat Trades Union.

Mr Janusz **Wojciechowski** delivers via videoconference a keynote speech at the event 'Between food provision, ecology and economy: The future of the European Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) in the area of tension between the Green Deal and the Corona Pandemic,' organised by the Baden-Württemberg Ministry for Rural Areas and Consumer Protection, in cooperation with the EUROPE

DIRECT Information Center Stuttgart and the Department for Agricultural and Food Policy of the University of Hohenheim.

Mr Thierry **Breton** participates via videoconference in an event organised by the <u>French Data Protection Authority (CNIL)</u>.

Mr Thierry **Breton** holds a videoconference call with Mr Éric Trappier, CEO of Dassault Aviation.

Mr Thierry **Breton** holds a videoconference call with Mr Jean-Pascal Tricoire, CEO of Schneider Electric.

Mr Thierry **Breton** holds a videoconference call with Mr Will Marshall, CEO and co-founder of Planet.

Ms Stella **Kyriakides** holds a videoconference call with Mr David Littleproud, Minister for Agriculture, Drought and Emergency Management of Australia.

Ms Stella **Kyriakides** holds a videoconference call with Mr Andrej Babiš, Prime Minister of Czechia.

Mr Didier **Reynders** holds a videoconference call with Mr Juan Carlos Campo, Minister for Justice of Spain.

Ms Helena **Dalli** holds a videoconference call with Members of Sejm of the Republic of Poland, Chairs of parliamentary groups working on women's rights and a Member of the European Parliament

Mr Janez **Lenarčič** participates via videoconference in the Afghanistan Donors Conference and takes part in 'Sustainable Peace Building' side event, co-hosted by the European Union, the Government of Afghanistan and the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan.

Ms Adina Vălean delivers via videoconference the closing speech at the European Hydrogen Week.

Ms Adina **Vălean** delivers via videoconference a speech at the launch of the Recovery and Resilience plan for Romania, together with Mr Klaus Iohannis, President of Romania, and Mr Ludovic Orban, Prime Minister of Romania.

Mr Olivér **Várhelyi** delivers a speech via videoconference at the <u>20th Serbian Economic Summit</u>.

Ms Kadri **Simson** delivers via videoconference a keynote speech and participates in the High-Level Panel discussion at the SET Plan Virtual Conference 2020: 'Making the SET Plan fit for the EU Green Recovery'.

Ms Kadri **Simson** delivers via videoconference a keynote speech and participates in the <u>Signature</u> <u>ceremony for Oil and Gas Methane Partnership</u> (OGMP).

Mr Virginijus Sinkevičius meets via videoconfernece representatives of the Ocean Mission Board.

Mr Virginijus **Sinkevičius** holds a virtual exchange of views on climate change with Mr João Pedro Matos Fernandes Minister for Environment and Energy Transition of Portugal.

Ms Mairead **McGuinness** holds a videoconference call with Mr Steven Maijoor, Chair of the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA).

### Mardi 24 novembre 2020

College Meeting

Mr Valdis **Dombrovskis** holds a videoconference call with Mr S. Iswaran, Minister-in-charge of Trade Relations of Singapore.

Mr Josep Borrell participates via videoconference in the 2020 Afghanistan Conference.

Mr Maroš **Šefčovič** delivers a keynote speech via videoconference at the <u>European Conference on Batteries</u>.

Mr Maroš **Šefčovič** holds trilateral talks via videoconference call with Mr Peter Altmaier, Federal Minister for Economic Affairs and Energy of Germany and Mr Bruno Le Maire, Minister for Economy and Finance of France.

Ms Dubravka **Šuica** participates via videoconference in the conference on: 'Overcoming COVID-19 – Working together to develop prospects for strong families', organised by the German Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth.

Mr Nicolas **Schmit** participates in the online conference 'Overcoming Covid-19 – Developing Joint Strategies for Stronger Families', organised by the German Presidency of the Council of the EU.

Mr Nicolas **Schmit** holds a videoconference call with Ms Yolanda Diaz, Minister for Labour and Social Economy of Spain.

Mr Janusz **Wojciechowski** delivers a virtual speech at the <u>5th Forum of Farmers and Agribusiness</u>, organised by Top Agrar Polska.

Mr Thierry **Breton** participates via videoconference at the <u>Bruegel Debate on 'Future of Data Economy'</u>, with Mr Max Schrems.

Ms Elisa **Ferreira** holds a videoconference call with Mr Joël Giraud, Minister of State for Rural Affairs of France, attached to the Minister for Territorial Cohesion and Relations with Local Government.

Mr Didier **Reynders** gives via videoconference the introductory remarks to the <u>'Virtual Forum:</u> Towards a Common Approach to Sustainable Supply Chains in the Due Diligence'.

Ms Adina **Vălean** delivers via videoconference a speech at the <u>Future of Mobility Summit</u>, organised by the Financial Times.

Ms Adina **Vălean** delivers via videoconference a speech at the <u>Meeting of Ministers of Transport of the BSEC Member States</u>, organised by the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC).

Mr Olivér **Várhelyi** addresses participants via videoconference at the annual event: Rule of law Public Debate 'Pravo na Pravdu' (meaning right to justice).

Mr Olivér **Várhelyi** holds a videconference call with Mr Jerzy Pomianowski, Executive director of the European Endowment for Democracy.

Ms Jutta **Urpilainen** attends via videoconference the <u>2020 Afghanistan Conference</u>.

Ms Kadri **Simson** delivers via videoconference a speech at the <u>German Business Initiative on Energy Efficiency (DENEFF) Conference 2020 Berlin</u> - 'Effiziente Energie Wende 3.0.'

Ms Kadri **Simson** delivers via videoconference the opening keynote speech at the <u>RSC CONFERENCE</u> 2020 - Securing future power systems with digital cooperation.

Ms Kadri **Simson** holds a videoconference call with Mr Péter Szijjártó Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary.

Ms Kadri **Simson** delivers via videoconference a speech at the African Union Commission – International Energy Agency 2nd Ministerial Forum on 'Securing Africa's Energy Future in the Wake of Covid-19'.

#### Mercredi 25 novembre 2020

President **von der Leyen** participates in the European Parliament Plenary debate on the preparation of the European Council meeting of 10-11 December.

Mr Frans **Timmermans** holds a videoconference call with Ms Greta Thunberg, Luisa Neubauer, Adelaide Charlier and Anuna De Wever, climate activists.

Mr Valdis **Dombrovskis** holds a videoconference call with the Federation of German Industries (BDI) Foreign Trade Committee.

Mr Josep Borrell delivers the opening speech at the conference 'Towards a gender equal world'.

Mr Josep **Borrell** presents the Gender Action Plan III in a press conference together with Commissioner Jutta Urpilainen.

Mr Maroš **Šefčovič** holds a videoconference call with Mr Diego Pávia, CEO of EIT InnoEnergy.

Ms Dubravka **Šuica** participates via videoconference in the official launch of the first Global-EU campaign for supporting the Rural 5.0.

Ms Dubravka **Šuica** holds a videoconference call with Ms Franziska Giffey, Federal Minister for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth of Germany.

Ms Dubravka **Šuica** holds a videoconference call with Ms Ana Paula Zacarias, Secretary of State of European Affairs of Portugal.

Ms Dubravka **Šuica** holds a videoconference call with Ms Riina Solman, Minister for Population of Estonia.

Mr Johannes Hahn delivers a keynote speech via videoconference at the EconPol Europe Annual

## Conference 2020.

Ms Mariya **Gabriel** delivers an opening speech via videoconference at the <u>Global StartupCities</u> Summit.

Ms Mariya Gabriel participates via videoconference in Digital Europe's board meeting.

Ms Mariya **Gabriel** participates via videoconference in the webinar: 'Music and Culture for a New European Identity', in the context of the <u>Bartolomeo Cristofori Piano Festival</u>.

Mr Nicolas **Schmit** participates in a webinar with trade union leaders from Poland, Hungary, Czechia and Slovakia on the Directive on adequate minimum wages.

Mr Nicolas **Schmit** holds a videoconference call with Mr Pierre-Yves Dermagne, Belgian Vice-Prime Minister and Minister for the Economy and Employment.

Mr Paolo **Gentiloni** participates via videoconference in an <u>event</u> organised by the association Italia Decide.

Mr Janusz **Wojciechowski** delivers via videoconference an opening speech at the event '<u>Strengthening geographical indications</u>,' organised by the European Commission.

Mr Janusz **Wojciechowski** holds a videoconference call with representatives of the European Council of Young Farmers (CEJA).

Mr Janusz Wojciechowski holds a videoconference call with representatives of Slow Food.

Mr Thierry **Breton** participates via videoconference in a roundtable with the European Magazine Media Association (EMMA) and the European Newspaper Publishers Association (ENPA).

Mr Thierry **Breton** holds a videoconference call with Ms Graça Fonseca, Minister for Culture of Portugal.

Mr Thierry **Breton** holds a videoconference call with Mr Ken Hu, CEO of Huawei Worldwide and Mr Abraham Liu, CEO of Huawei Europe.

Ms Elisa **Ferreira** delivers via videoconference a keynote speech at the 'Territorial inclusion for a stronger resilient Europe' panel, during the '<u>Sustainable Development and Climate Transition</u>' event organised by Paris School of International Affairs (SciencesPo).

Ms Stella **Kyriakides** holds a videoconference call with representatives of the Youth Board of Cyprus.

Ms Stella **Kyriakides** holds a videoconference call with Mr Salvador Illa, Minister of Health of Spain, and health representatives from the Spanish Regional Authorities.

Ms Ylva **Johansson** participates in a videoconference call with Ms Dunja Mijatovic, Commissioner for Human rights, Council of Europe

Ms Adina **Vălean** holds a videoconference call with Ms Monique Goyens, Director General of the European Consumer Organisation (BEUC).

Ms Adina **Vălean** holds a videoconference call with Ms Marjan Rintel, CEO of Netherlands Railways.

Ms Adina **Vălean** holds a videoconference call with representatives of the General Aviation Manufacturers Association (GAMA).

Mr Olivér **Várhelyi** holds a videoconference call with Members of the Jordanian government: Mr Ayman Safadi, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister H.E., the Minister of Planning and International Cooperation, H.E. Mr Nasser Shraideh and the Minister of Industry, Trade and Supply H.E. Ms Maha Al-Ali, via videoconference

Mr Olivér **Várhelyi** delivers opening remarks via videoconference at the Civil Societies segment of the 25th anniversary celebrations of the Barcelona Process.

Mr Olivér **Várhelyi** holds a videoconference call with Ms Charlotte Petri-Gornitzka, Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations and Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

Mr Olivér **Várhelyi** exchanges views via videoconference on the future economic development of Ukraine with Mr Maxim Timchenko, CEO of DTEK, Ukraine, and Mr Yuriy Ryzhenkov, CEO of Metinvest, Ukraine.

Ms Jutta **Urpilainen** attends via videoconference the virtual high-level launch event of the GAP III 'Towards a gender equal world - The EU Gender action plan and the EU's contribution to Beijing +25'.

Ms Kadri **Simson** delivers via videoconference, a keynote speech at the virtual <u>EU-Germany-UAE</u> <u>Hydrogen Forum</u>.

Mr Virginijus S**inkevičius** holds a videoconference call with Mr Aziz Akhannouch, Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries of Morocco.

### Jeudi 26 novembre 2020

Mr Frans **Timmermans** gives a lecture at the Tsinghua Institute (China) via videoconference call.

Mr Frans **Timmermans** holds a videoconference call with Mr Xie Zhenhua, President of the Institute of Climate Change and Sustainable Development, Tsinghua University and former Vice-Chairman of the National Development and Reform Commission of the People's Republic of China.

Mr Frans **Timmermans** delivers a keynote speech at the <u>European Hydrogen Week</u> via videoconference call.

Mr Frans **Timmermans** participates via videoconference call in the panel discussion '<u>Investing in the Future of Europe</u>: <u>The Green Deal, the need to invest in a green economy</u>' organise by the European Movement International.

Mr Valdis **Dombrovskis** holds a videoconference call with Mr Børge Brende, President of the World Economic Forum.

Mr Josep **Borrell** in Barcelona, Spain: chairs the European Union-Southern Neighbourhood Ministerial meeting.

Mr Maroš **Šefčovič** chairs via videoconference the 1<sup>st</sup> Plenary meeting of the Fit for Future Platform.

Ms Mariya **Gabriel** delivers a keynote speech via videoconference at the <u>Horizon Europe Kick-off Event</u>, in Copenhagen.

Ms Mariya Gabriel delivers a keynote speech via videoconference at the European Hydrogen Forum.

Ms Mariya Gabriel launches via videoconference the event: 'Hybrid Threats Conceptual Framework'.

Ms Mariya **Gabriel** holds a videoconference call with Ms Elisabeth Guigou, President of the Anna Lindh Foundation, on the Young Mediterranean Voices programme.

Ms Mariya **Gabriel** holds a videoconference call with Mr Kumsal Bayazit, CEO of Elsevier, on Elsevier's Gender Diversity in Research event.

Mr Nicolas **Schmit** delivers via videoconference the opening speech at the Mutual Learning conference on 'Innovative approaches to integration and inclusion of migrants'.

Mr Nicolas **Schmit** participates via videoconference in a webinar to consult with Slovakian social partners and stakeholders on the upcoming Action Plan to further implement the European Pillar of Social Rights.

Mr Janusz **Wojciechowski** holds a videoconference call with representatives of the European Federation of Food Agriculture and Tourism Trade Unions.

Mr Thierry **Breton** participates via videoconference in the <u>European Hydrogen Forum</u>, taking part in a Ministerial roundtable on 'Hydrogen and the recovery plans', and a Panel discussion on 'European Clean Hydrogen Alliance – Vision and way ahead'.

Mr Thierry **Breton** participates via videoconference in a Franco-German conference on the economic and societal impact of Artificial Intelligence.

Mr Thierry **Breton** holds a videoconference call with Mr Timo Harakka, Minister for Transport and Communications of Finland.

Mr Thierry **Breton** holds a videoconference call with Mr Rolv Erik Ryssdal, CEO of Adevinta and Mr Antoine Jouteau, CEO of LeBonCoin.

Ms Elisa **Ferreira** holds a videoconference call with Mr Jean-Pierre Bourguignon, President of the European Research Council (ERC).

Ms Elisa **Ferreira** holds a videoconference call with Mr Arno Kompatscher, President of the Provincia autonoma di Bolzano and Head of Government of Alto Adige (Italy).

Ms Stella **Kyriakides** holds a videoconference call with Mr Jeremy Farrar, Director of the Wellcome Trust.

Ms Stella **Kyriakides** delivers via videoconference a speech at the <u>Health Data Summit Riga: 'Toward Data-Driven Health: Sharing is Caring</u>,' organised by the Ministry of Health of Latvia, the Latvian National Health Service and AmCham Latvia.

Mr Didier **Reynders** holds a videoconference call on the <u>Rule of Law</u> with the students from ULB-IEE (Université Libre de Bruxelles – Institut d'Etudes Européennes).

Ms Helena **Dalli** holds a videoconference call with Ms Dunja Mijatović, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights

Ms Ylva **Johansson** participates via videoconference in a virtual ministerial panel on migration partnerships at the 6th edition of Mediterranean Dialogues (MED)

Mr Janez **Lenarčič** participates in the virtual event on 'Reshaping the EU post-covid' organised by the Global Counsel together with Mr Peter Mandelson, Chairman at Global Counsel.

Mr Janez **Lenarčič** participates in the virtual event 'Debating Africa-EU' series together with Commissioner Urpilainen. The discussion will focus on "A Stronger Alliance: Enhancing Resilience, Peace, and Security in the Africa-EU Partnership".

Ms Adina **Vălean** holds a videoconference call with Mr Pedro Nuno Santos, Minister for Infrastructure and Housing of Portugal.

Ms Adina Vălean delivers a virtual speech at the Eurocontrol Provisional Council.

Ms Jutta Urpilainen attends a webinar organised by the Ministry of Education and Culture of Finland.

Ms Jutta **Urpilainen** attends via videoconference a hearing in the Committee on Foreign and EU Affairs of the Chamber of Deputies of Italy.

Ms Jutta **Urpilainen** attends via videoconference an online <u>Debating Africa-EU event</u> organised by Friends of Europe.

Ms Kadri **Simson** delivers via videoconference, a keynote speech at the European Hydrogen Forum: '<u>Kick-starting the EU hydrogen industry to achieve the EU climate goals'</u>.

Ms Kadri **Simson** holds a videoconference call with Mr Martin Fraenkel, President of S&P Global Platts.

Mr Virginijus S**inkevičius** holds a virtual meeting with representatives of Climate Strategy & Partners.

Ms Mairead **McGuinness** delivers via videoconference a keynote speech at the Dublin City Summit 2020.

## Vendredi 27 novembre 2020

Video conference of research ministers

Mr Frans **Timmermans** participates via videoconference call in the EU Covenant of Mayors Board.

Mr Frans **Timmermans** holds a videoconference call with CEOs of Airlines4Europe.

Ms Margrethe **Vestager** participates via videoconference in the debate organised by the EU reform group of the Danish national Parliament.

Ms Margrethe **Vestager** holds a videoconference call with Mr Jean Castex, the Prime-Minister of France.

Mr Josep **Borrell** in Barcelona, Spain: co-chairs the  $\underline{5}^{\underline{th}}$  Regional Forum of the Union for the Mediterranean.

Ms Dubravka **Šuica** participates via videoconference in the webinar on: 'The long-term vision for rural areas', organised by the Committee of the Regions and the RUMRA and Smart Villages Intergroup.

Mr Margaritis **Schinas** participates via videoconference in a high level meeting with religious leaders.

Ms Mariya **Gabriel** participates via videoconference at the <u>European Researchers' Night</u>; delivers an opening speech at the FRESHER Session; delivers a keynote speech on 'Underground Universe, Resonances in the Cosmic Silence', at the SHARPER Session.

Mr Nicolas Schmit holds a videoconference call with the European Federation of Nurses Associations

(EFN).

Mr Nicolas **Schmit** and Mr Thierry **Breton** host a high-level roundtable on Skills in the field of construction to prepare the Pact for Skills.

Mr Nicolas **Schmit** holds a videoconference call with Mr Juan Menéndez-Valdés, Director of Eurofound.

Mr Janusz **Wojciechowski** holds a videoconference call with representatives of COPA-COGECA (European Farmers-European Agri-Cooperatives).

Mr Thierry **Breton** participates via videoconference in a roundtable on 'European Economic Sovereignty', organised by the Institut de France.

Ms Elisa **Ferreira** delivers an online speech at the <u>25th Conference of Presidents of the Outermost Regions</u>.

Ms Elisa **Ferreira** delivers the online closing speech at the <u>Conference Tomorrow Summit 2020</u>, organised by the Academic Federation of Porto (FAP).

Ms Elisa **Ferreira** holds a videoconference call with Mr Tadeusz Koscinski, Minister of Finance and Development of Poland.

Mr Didier **Reynders** takes part via videoconference in a <u>webinar</u> organised by the Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS).

Mr Didier **Reynders** takes part via videoconference in the General Assembly of the European Consumer Organisation (BEUC).

Ms Ylva **Johansson** participates via videoconference in the virtual Police Chiefs Convention.

Ms Adina **Vălean** delivers via videoconference a speech at the UK Cop26 Zero Emission Vehicle Ministerial.

Ms Kadri **Simson** delivers via videoconference, a keynote speech and participates in a discussion panel at the virtual <u>EUFORES 20th Inter-Parliamentary Meeting on Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency</u>: 'Climate Emergency, EU Green Deal and the Recovery and Resilience Plans'.

Ms Kadri **Simson** holds a videoconference call with Mr John Cooper, Director General of FuelsEurope.

Ms Kadri **Simson** holds a videoconference call with Mr Philippe Knoche, CEO of Orano Group.

Mr Virginijus S**inkevičius** pays a virtual visit to the Alytus region (Lithuania) with Mr Gitanas Nausėda, President of Lithuania.

Mr Virginijus Sinkevičius participates via videoconference in the IdeaXMe podcast.

Mr Virginijus S**inkevičius** delivers via videoconference the opening remarks at the <u>Vilnius 2020</u> Climathon.

Ms Mairead **McGuinness** gives a speech at the virtual conference '<u>The digital future of payments</u>' hosted by the Deutsche Bundesbank.

## Samedi 28 novembre 2020

President **von der Leyen** addresses via videoconference, the 2020-2021 Academic Year Opening Ceremony of the Bocconi University.

### Prévisions pour le mois de novembre:

23/11 Foreign Affairs Council (Development)

27/11 Competitiveness Council (Research and innovation)

30/11-1/12 Eurogroup; Education, Youth, Culture and Sports Council

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