

GENERAL AFFAIRS Council

19 May 2015 in Brussels

Starting at 09.00, the Council will first examine the follow-up to the Special meeting of the European Council of 23 April on **migratory pressures** in the Mediterranean.

The Council will then turn to **preparations for the June European Council** meeting (25-26 June) and will take note of the draft annotated agenda.

Ministers will also take stock of the **state of play of the 4 presidents report** on the Economic and Monetary Union (EMU) to be presented to the June European Council.

Without discussion, the Council is expected to adopt a regulation increasing pre-financing for the **youth employment initiative by almost €1 billion**.

Press conference: at the end of the meeting (+/-11.30).

Meetings in the margins of the General Affairs Council:

Monday 18 May at 08.00 - EU - Turkey Association Council - Press conference at +/- 09.05

Monday 18 May at 10.00 - EU - Albania Association Council - Press conference at +/- 12.00

Monday 18 May at 14.00 - EU - European Economic Area Council

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Follow-up to the April Special European Council on migration.

At the Special meeting of the European Council on 23 April leaders decided to mobilise all efforts at their disposal to prevent further loss of life at sea and to tackle the root causes of the human emergency, in cooperation with the countries of origin and transit. The European Council decided to do everything possible to save people from dying at sea, to strengthen the EU's presence at sea, to fight the traffickers, to prevent illegal migration flows and to reinforce internal solidarity and responsibility.

At the Council the presidency and the Commission will inform ministers of on-going and planned work, on the basis of a roadmap setting out work up to June.

Furthermore the Commission is expected to present its Agenda for Migration on 13 May.

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

Preparation of the June European Council

The Council will examine the annotated draft agenda, drawn up by the President of the European Council in cooperation with the presidency and the Commission, for the European Council meeting to be held on 25 and 26 June 2015. The European Council will focus on:

1. Security challenges;
 - Review of the 2003 European Security Strategy;
 - Defense;
 - Relations with Russia and situation in Ukraine;
 - Follow-up to orientations agreed at the Special European Council on migration;
 - Stock-taking of measures agreed at the informal European Council on terrorism.

2. Economic issues;
 - Digital Single Market;
 - Conclusion of the 2015 European Semester and country-specific recommendations;
 - State of play on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP);
 - 4 presidents report on the Economic and Monetary Union (EMU).

The annotated draft agenda will serve as the basis for draft conclusions, to be prepared in the run-up to the meeting.

[Annotated draft agenda for the European Council meeting on 25-26 June](#)

4 presidents report on the EMU

Ministers will be updated on the state of play in the preparations of the 4 presidents report on the Economic and Monetary Union (EMU) to be presented to the June European Council.