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FINLAND'S PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

*IGLO Core Meeting  
2 July 2019*

# FINNISH PRESIDENCY – NEW STRATEGIC PRIORITIES AND INHERITED AGENDA

- New Strategic Agenda
  - Protecting citizens and freedoms
  - Developing a strong and vibrant economic base
  - Building a climate-neutral, green, fair and social Europe
  - Promoting European interests and values on the global stage
- Inherited agenda
  - MFF
  - Rule of law
  - Brexit
  - Migration
  - EMU



# FINNISH PRESIDENCY: SUSTAINABLE EUROPE – SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

Our priorities are to:

- Strengthen common values and the rule of law
- Make the EU more competitive and socially inclusive
- Strengthen the EU's position as a global leader in climate action
- Protect the security of citizens comprehensively



# FINNISH PRESIDENCY - KEY PRINCIPLES

SUSTAINABLE MEETING  
ARRANGEMENTS

TRANSPARENCY AND ACTIVE  
COMMUNICATIONS

RESPECT FOR PRINCIPLES OF  
BETTER REGULATION

USE AND FURTHER DEVELOPMENT  
OF DIGITAL TOOLS IN THE  
COUNCIL WORK

# SUSTAINABLE PRESIDENCY ARRANGEMENTS

- Keeping the amount of ministerial and other EU meetings in Finland reasonable & favouring videoconferencing in preparatory meetings
- The meeting venue, Finlandia Hall, within easy reach on foot or by public transportation
- Finland will **offset the carbon emissions caused by air travel** to Presidency meetings in Helsinki and Brussels, instead of handing out traditional Presidency gifts.
- We will avoid production of disposable materials & single use plastics, favouring recyclable, biodegradable & digital solutions



# RESEARCH AND INNOVATION – MAIN TOPICS

- Future EU R&I policy and innovation-led sustainable growth
- Advancing the Horizon Europe package:
  - Synergies with other MFF programmes
  - Recitals
  - Other possible elements
  - Euratom research & training programme and ITER
- EIT, European Institute of Innovation and Technology
- Bioeconomy Council Conclusions



# KEY DATES – COMPET COUNCIL MEETINGS

- 4-5 July, Informal COMPET Council
- 26-27 September, COMPET Council
- 28-29 November, COMPET Council



# RESEARCH AND INNOVATION KEY DATES IN JULY AND AUGUST

- RWPs on 11, 15 and 18 July
- Workshops (informal) on synergies:
  - 11 July, Digital Europe programme (including cybersecurity questions)
  - 16 July, InvestEU programme





# RESEARCH AND INNOVATION – KEY EVENTS

- 8-10 July 2019, European Bioeconomy Scene 2019
- 10-11 September 2019, High Level workshop on Science and Research in Europe
- 19-20 September 2019, European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures
- 30 September-1 October 2019, European Days for Sustainable Circular Economy (EDSCE19)
- 1 October 2019, Joint Conference of the ERA Committee and the EU Directors-General for Higher Education

# RESEARCH AND INNOVATION – KEY EVENTS

- 2 October 2019, Working Party on Research; European Research Area and Innovation Committee
- 23-24 October 2019, Conference: Stocktaking of 20 years of gender equality in Research and Innovation
- 7 November 2019, European University Network Conference (Brussels)
- 3 December 2019, High-Level Presidency Event on the Innovation Principle

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