



REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA
GOVERNMENT OFFICE

Estonian Presidency Priorities and Programme

04.04.2017 Tallinn

“Unity through balance”

- Balance between innovation and tradition, growth and sustainability, the virtual and the natural, the individual and collective, big and small.
- Our priorities combine the focus on economy with inclusiveness and emphasise not only openness, innovation and digitalisation, but also the safety and security of our people.
- The overarching aim of the Estonian presidency of the Council of the EU is to ensure that the EU remains **united and decisive**.

Priorities & Program

Priorities approved by the Cabinet in January 2017

- An open and innovative European economy
- Safe and secure Europe
- Digital Europe and the free movement of data
- Inclusive and sustainable Europe

With special focus on the **digital agenda** and **Eastern partnership**

Estonian Presidency Programme to be approved in June 2017

An Open and Innovative European Economy

- Protecting and promoting the EU's 4 freedoms – free movement of goods, persons, services and capital
- Providing services and starting a business in the EU as easy as possible, advancing trade negotiations
- New funding opportunities for companies and stable banking sector
- A stable and well-functioning electricity market
- Fair competition by preventing tax evasion

Related high-level events: 20.-21.9 *Connecting Europe Conference*; 19.9 *Conference on Europe's Future Electricity Market*; 20.-21.9 *Informal TTE/ ENERGY, TRANSPORT*; 24.-25.7 *Informal Competitiveness (RESEARCH)*; 15.-16.9 *Informal ECOFIN*

Safe and Secure Europe

- Strengthening: the fight against terrorism and organised crime; internal security and protection of the EU's external borders
- Tackling the migration crisis and reforming the Common European Asylum System
- Supporting and strengthening relations with Eastern partnership countries
- Increase in defence expenditure, developing European defence cooperation and the EU-NATO partnership

Related high-level events: 6.-7.7 *Informal JHA*; 6.-8.9 *Informal DEFENCE/ GYMNICH*; 11.9 *Informal DEVELOPMENT*; 3.-4.10 *Trust in e-Governance in EU Eastern Partnership countries*; 5.10 *2nd EaP Ministerial meeting on the digital economy*

Digital Europe and The Free Movement of Data

- Developing cross-border e-commerce and e-services for the benefit of consumers, producers and businesses
- Ensuring modern and secure electronic communications available everywhere across Europe as well as creating a favourable environment for new innovative services
- Advancing cross-border digital public services to facilitate everyday life

Related high-level events: 17.-18.7 *Informal Competitiveness (TELECOM)*; 17.7 *DSM Conference on the Free Movement of Data*; 16.-18.10 *E-health Conference*; 6.10 *E-Government Conference*; 7.11 *Informal Ministerial Meeting on Space*

Inclusive and Sustainable Europe

- Promoting labour mobility and free movement of persons
- Ensuring equal opportunities in the labour market and social inclusion
- Securing a more sustainable environment

Related high-level events: 19.-21.7 *Informal EPSCO*; 13.-14.9 *Future of Work Conference* ; 13.-14.7 *Informal Environment* ; 4.-6.10 *Soil for sustainable food production and ecosystem services*



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Thank you!

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