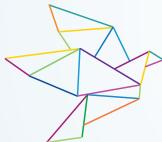




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ROADMAP FOR A MORE UNITED, STRONGER AND MORE DEMOCRATIC UNION



'The vision of a more united, stronger and more democratic Europe I am outlining today combines elements from all of the scenarios I set out in March. But our future cannot remain a scenario. We have to prepare the Union of tomorrow, today.'

European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker, State of the Union Address, 13 September 2017

The past 12 months have been challenging for European citizens. Hard work and political leadership were required from the EU Institutions and from the Member States.

To keep the European project on course, President Juncker's State of the Union Address of 14 September 2016 presented a positive agenda for a **Europe that Protects, Empowers and Defends**. This message was welcomed by the European Parliament as well as the EU27 leaders at the Bratislava Summit.

The work on the positive agenda continued with the Commission's **White Paper on the Future of Europe** in March this year, offering five scenarios for what Europe could look like by 2025. Three weeks later, EU27 leaders came together to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Treaties of Rome and renewed their vows in the **Rome Declaration**, agreeing to 'make the European Union stronger and more resilient, through even greater unity.'

We now have a window of opportunity to engage on a broader reform of our Union. To steer this reform and to stimulate discussion, President Juncker has proposed in his State of the Union Address of 13 September 2017 a **Roadmap for a More United, Stronger and More Democratic Union**.

Sep 2017



13/09 **State of the Union Address by President Juncker**



28/09 Informal dinner of EU Heads of State or Government on the
Future of Europe in Tallinn, Estonia

Nov



17/11 **Social Summit** in Gothenburg, Sweden

Future of
Europe debates
in Parliaments,
cities and regions

Dec	€	6/12 Economic and Monetary Union package of proposals	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transformation of the European Stability Mechanism into a European Monetary Fund Creation of a dedicated euro area budget line within the EU budget providing for four functions: (1) structural reform assistance, (2) a stabilisation function, (3) a backstop for the Banking Union, and (4) a convergence instrument to give pre-accession assistance to non-euro area Member States Creation of a double-hatted European Minister of Economy and Finance 	
Feb 2018	☀️	14-15/12 European Council / Meeting of EU27	
	↗️ ↘️ ↙️ ↖️	Strategy for a successful EU accession of Serbia and Montenegro as frontrunner candidates in the Western Balkans	
	☀️	Possible informal meeting of EU27 in Sofia, Bulgaria	
May	📈	Future Multiannual Financial Framework beyond 2020	Future of Europe debates in Parliaments, cities and regions
June	☀️	28-29/06 European Council / Meeting of EU27	
	⚡	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Future of EU Energy and Climate Policy, including on the future of the Euratom Treaty 	
Sep	🧭	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancement of the use of qualified majority voting in the Common Foreign Policy 	
	🧩	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancement of the use of qualified majority voting and of the ordinary legislative procedure in internal market matters, including social and taxation matters 	
	⚖️	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extension of the tasks of the European Public Prosecutor's Office to include the fight against terrorism 	
	⚙️	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing subsidiarity, proportionality and better regulation in the daily operation of the European Union 	
	☑️	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing the efficiency at the helm of the European Union 	
	☀️	Possible informal meeting of EU27 in Vienna, Austria	
Oct	☀️	18-19/10 European Council / Meeting of EU27	
	⚖️	Initiative to strengthen the enforcement of the Rule of Law in the European Union	
Dec	☀️	13-14/12 European Council / Meeting of EU27	
Mar 2019	☀️	30/03 Possible Extraordinary European Council to make the final decision by unanimity on the future of Europe , Sibiu, Romania	
June	🗳️	European Parliament elections	