



EUROPEAN COUNCIL
THE PRESIDENT

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It is my pleasure to invite you to the meeting of the European Council which will take place on 26 and 27 June.

On Thursday we will start with a ceremony in Ypres to commemorate the start of World War I, one hundred years ago. After the ceremony, we will have an informal dinner together in the Ypres City Hall. At the dinner, I would like us to have an exchange of views on priorities and a strategic agenda for the next five years.

On Friday, we will first sign at 9.00 the Association Agreements, including Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Areas, with Georgia and the Republic of Moldova as well as the remainder of the Association Agreement and Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area with Ukraine.

We will then have the exchange of views with the acting President of the European Parliament. In our working session afterwards, and in the presence of the President of the European Central Bank, we will first conclude our yearly cycle of economic policy coordination, the 2014 European semester, turning to growth, jobs and competitiveness as well as regulatory fitness. Next, we will agree on the strategic guidelines for legislative and operational planning for the coming years within the area of freedom, security and justice. The third major item will be climate and energy, with a view to preparing the ground for a final package in October. We will also welcome Lithuania's entry into the euro area and endorse the granting of candidate status to Albania.

We will end the working session at 12.50 when President Poroshenko will address briefly the European Council.

Next, we will start our luncheon where the focus will first be on the situation in Ukraine. We will then turn to the decision proposing to the European Parliament a candidate for President of the Commission.

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H. VAN ROMPUY