



REPORT FROM BRUSSELS

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PORTUGUESE PRESIDENCY



3 major priorities:

- To promote Europe's recovery, leveraged by the climate and digital transitions
- To implement the Social Pillar of the European Union as a key element for ensuring a fair and inclusive climate and digital transition
- To strengthen Europe's strategic autonomy keeping it open to the world

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Closing of EU borders in the time of pandemic:

- **Portugal (10 February – 28 February 2021)**

internal border with Spain

- **Norway (10 February – 12 March 2021)**

all internal borders

- **Germany (14 February – 23 February 2021)**

land and air border with the Czech Republic, air border with Austria

- **Spain (10 February – 28 February 2021)**

land border with Portugal

- **Austria (8 February – 27 February 2021)**
borders with the Slovak Republic and the Czech Republic
- **Belgium (6 February – 25 February 2021)**
all internal borders
- **Hungary (29 January – 27 February 2021)**
all internal borders
- **Finland (27 January – 25 February 2021)**
all internal borders
- **Denmark (12 November 2020 – 11 May 2021) ***
to be determined but may concern all internal borders

RESEARCH AND INNOVATION + DIGITAL EUROPE

- Symbolic launch of the Horizon Europe programme (2 Feb)
- The 3rd European Research and Innovation Days 2021 (23-24 June)

[See more](#)



HEALTH

- ✓ Europe's Beating Cancer Plan: A new EU approach to prevention, treatment and care:
 - key pillar of a strong European Health Union
 - new EU approach to cancer prevention, treatment and care
 - €4 billion

EU GREEN DEAL



- 9 December 2020 – **European Climate Pact**
 - **Climate Pact Ambassadors**
 - **Annual Climate Pact event**
- 10 December 2020 – **Proposal for a Regulation on batteries and waste batteries**
- 18 January 2021 – **New European Bauhaus** design phase has been launched → **dedicated webpage**
 - **Online Info sessions** are organized by the Commission, the last ones are 24th and 26th February.
- 24 February 2021 – **New EU Climate Adaptation Strategy** **is going to be adopted**
 - **Virtual events** will accompany the adoption on 25th and 26th February

EU GREEN DEAL

– STAY TUNED FOR MORE!



Fit for 55 package

BIODIVERSITY

- Q1 – Action plan for the development of organic production –
- Q2 – Minimizing the risk of deforestation and forest degradation associated with products placed on the EU market

TRANSPORT

- Q2 / Q3 – Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T) revision

Important event to happen:

- **31st May – 4th June 2021: EU Green Week** on the theme of zero pollution

SOME OF PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS RECENTLY LAUNCHED BY THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION:

- [New rules to prevent methane leakage in the energy sector](#) - until 1st May
- [New EU soil strategy](#) – until 27th April
- [New EU forest strategy](#) – until 19th April
- [EU targets to restore Europe’s ecosystems](#) – until 5th April
- [Update on the EU rules on industrial emissions](#) – until 23rd March
- [Demographic change in Europe - green paper on ageing](#) – until 21st April
- Communication on a [Europe’s digital decade: 2030 digital targets](#) – until 9th March

OTHER EU RELATED EVENTS

- 2nd EU macroregional Strategies Week – 1-5 March 2021
- Launch of the Conference on the Future of Europe – 9th May





THANK YOU!

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