

# 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

<u>See more</u>

# 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

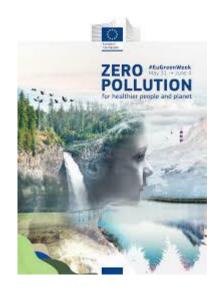
- ✓ <u>Europe's Beating Cancer Plan: A new EU approach to</u> prevention, treatment and care:
  - key pillar of a strong European Health Union
  - new EU approach to cancer prevention, treatment and care
  - €4 bilion

### EU GREEN DEAL



- •9 December 2020 European Climate Pact
  - Climate Pact Ambassadors
  - Annual Climate Pact event
- •10 December 2020 <u>Proposal for a Regulation on batteries and</u> <u>waste batteries</u>
- •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 24<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> February.
- •24 February 2021 New EU Climate Adaptation Strategy is going to be adopted
  - Virtual events will accompany the adoption on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>
     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
- <u>EU targets to restore Europe's ecosystems</u> until 5th April
- Update on the EU rules on industrial emissions until 23<sup>rd</sup> March
- <u>Demographic change in Europe green paper on ageing</u> until 21st
   April
- Communication on a <u>Europe's digital decade</u>: <u>2030 digital targets</u> 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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