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Subject: Europe 2020 strategy mid-term review  
- Roadmap for the second semester 2014

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Delegations will find below the above-mentioned roadmap as presented by the Presidency.

The Europe 2020 strategy is the EU's strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth. The March 2014 European Council assessed the implementation of the strategy based on the Commission's Stocktaking Communication (doc. 6713/14) and looked forward to the review of the strategy in 2015 (EUCO 7/14). The Commission launched, in May 2014, a public consultation to feed into its work on the review. The 18 month programme of the Council (doc. 11258/14) sets out the contribution that the Council will make to the review of the strategy, which will be addressed in all relevant Council formations, each focusing on aspects under its competence.

The attached roadmap sets out how work will be taken forward under the Italian Presidency in the second semester of 2014. The objective of the roadmap is to ensure that all relevant Council formations work in a coordinated manner and to enable the General Affairs Council and COREPER to oversee the process. The consistency between the work of different Council formations will be further ensured through the questions proposed by the Presidency to guide the debates. These questions will be adapted to the policy area concerned as outlined below. However, all Council formations will also address the key issues of the review, namely the effectiveness of the implementation of the Europe 2020 strategy so far and the possible need for streamlining its governance.

The Presidency will draw together the contributions of all ministerial debates into a summary to be endorsed at the General Affairs Council in December and thereafter presented to the December European Council. This summary will provide input to subsequent Commission work on the review of the strategy.

**5 May 2014: Launch, by the European Commission, of public consultation on the strategy**

**8 July 2014: Economic and Financial Affairs Council**

- Exchange of views on how the Europe 2020 strategy can more effectively promote growth and the role of the strategy in the European semester.

**16-17 July 2014: Informal meeting of ministers of environment**

- Exchange of views on streamlining green policies into the European semester, including the potential role of resource productivity, and the environmental dimension of the Europe 2020 strategy.

**17 July 2014: Informal meeting of the ministers of labour**

- Exchange of views on the poverty target.

**23 July 2014: General Affairs Council**

- Presentation, by the Presidency, of the Mid-term review roadmap.

#### **17 September 2014: Informal meeting of ministers of transport**

- Exchange of views on partnership between the EU, Member States and the private sector to upgrade European infrastructures for growth and links between regulatory regimes and the Europe 2020 strategy. The Presidency will inform delegations of the outcome of the debate at the 8 October TTE (Transport) Council.

#### **25 September 2014: Competitiveness Council (Internal market and industry)**

- Exchange of views on how the Europe 2020 strategy can more effectively promote growth and competitiveness through new Single Market priorities, mainstreaming industrial competitiveness and synergies between the Competitiveness and ECOFIN formations of the Council.

#### **26 September 2014: Competitiveness Council (Research)**

- Exchange of views on the integration of national research and innovation programmes with those of the EU and on research and innovation as a renewed source of growth.

#### **13-14 October 2014: Agriculture and Fisheries Council**

- Exchange of views on boosting youth employment in the agricultural sector as a contribution to Europe 2020 objectives.

#### **16 October 2014: Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council**

- Exchange of views on progress made with Europe 2020 levers, priorities for the next 5 years as well as the role of the Europe 2020 strategy in the European semester.
- Endorsement of the contributions of the Employment Committee and the Social Protection Committee.

**28 October 2014: Environment Council**

- Council conclusions or exchange of views on Greening the European semester and the Europe 2020 strategy.

**31 October 2014: Closure of the Commission public consultation on the strategy****19 November 2014: General Affairs Council**

- Council conclusions on the Sixth report on Economic, Social and Territorial Cohesion and exchange of views on the contribution that regional and urban development investments have made and should make to the objectives of the Europe 2020 strategy.

**25 November 2014: Education, Youth, Culture and Sport Council (Culture)**

- Exchange of views on the contribution of cultural and creative sectors, including cultural heritage, to Europe 2020 objectives.

**27 November 2014: Transport, Telecommunications and Energy Council  
(Telecommunications)**

- Exchange of views on the telecommunications-related priorities for the next 5 years, including the partnership between the EU, Member States and the private sector to upgrade European infrastructures for growth.

**1 December 2014: Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council (Health)**

- Exchange of views on the contribution that investments in health systems can make to the objectives of the Europe 2020 strategy.

**3 December 2014: Transport, Telecommunications and Energy Council (Transport)**

- Poss. adoption of Council conclusions on infrastructures for growth and cohesion: governance, public and private funding.

**9 December 2014: Transport, Telecommunications and Energy Council (Energy)**

- Exchange of views on the priorities for the next 5 years including the partnership between the EU, Member States and the private sector to upgrade European infrastructures for growth and the link with the 2030 framework for climate and energy.

**9 December 2014: Economic and Financial Affairs Council**

- Poss. further exchange of views on the Europe 2020 strategy and its governance.

**12 December 2014: Education, Youth, Culture and Sport Council (Education)**

- Exchange of views on the economic case for education and training, including the interlinkages between the Europe 2020 targets on employment and tertiary education.

#### **16 December 2014: General Affairs Council**

- Endorsement of Presidency summary on the Europe 2020 strategy mid-term review and exchange of views.

#### **18-19 December 2014: European Council**

- Presentation of Presidency summary.

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