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**NOTE**

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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Delegations
Subject:	Provisional agendas for the General Affairs Council (Article 50) meetings, during the first semester of 2018 (the Bulgarian Presidency)

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In accordance with Article 2(7) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, delegations will find attached the indicative provisional agendas<sup>1</sup> for General Affairs Council (Article 50) meetings for the period from 1 January 2018 up to 30 June 2018<sup>2</sup>. These have been drawn up by the Bulgarian Presidency.

In accordance with Article 3(6) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, items for which approval by the Council is possible without discussion are entered as "A" items. As a general rule, "A" items do not appear on the attached provisional Council agendas.

In accordance with Annex V, para 6 of the Council's Rules of Procedure, no item is placed on the Council agenda simply for presentation by the Commission or by a Council member, except where a debate on new major initiatives is planned.

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<sup>1</sup> In accordance with the Treaty of Lisbon, on all agendas for the various Council configurations a distinction has to be made between legislative and non-legislative acts, in the case of both "A" items and "B" items.

<sup>2</sup> The provisional agendas of the other Council configurations are set out in 15966/17.

**The Bulgarian Presidency - 1st semester 2018  
Draft Work Programme for General Affairs Council (Article 50) meetings**

DATE					
January	February	March	April	May	June
29	27	20	(poss.) 17	14	26

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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**  
**GENERAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL (Article 50)**  
**BRUSSELS – 29 JANUARY 2018**

- Adoption of the agenda
- (poss.) Approval of "A" items
  - Non-legislative list

**Non-legislative activities**

- **Negotiations following the UK's notification under Article 50 TEU**
  - = State of play

**Any other business**

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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**  
**GENERAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL (Article 50)**  
**BRUSSELS – 27 FEBRUARY 2018**

- Adoption of the agenda
- (poss.) Approval of "A" items
  - Non-legislative list

**Non-legislative activities**

- **Negotiations following the UK's notification under Article 50 TEU**
  - = State of play
- **Preparation of the European Council Article 50 (22 or 23 March)**
  - = Annotated Draft Agenda

**Any other business**

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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**  
**GENERAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL (Article 50)**  
**BRUSSELS – 20 MARCH 2018**

- Adoption of the agenda
- (poss.) Approval of "A" items
  - Non-legislative list

**Non-legislative activities**

- **Preparation of the European Council Article 50 (22 or 23 March)**
  - = Negotiations following the UK's notification under Article 50 TEU

**Any other business**

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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

**(Poss.) GENERAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL (Article 50)**

**LUXEMBOURG – 17 APRIL 2018**

- Adoption of the agenda
- (poss.) Approval of "A" items
  - Non-legislative list

**Non-legislative activities**

- **Negotiations following the UK's notification under Article 50 TEU**
  - = State of play

**Any other business**

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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**  
**GENERAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL (Article 50)**  
**BRUSSELS– 14 MAY 2018**

- Adoption of the agenda
- (poss.) Approval of "A" items
  - Non-legislative list

**Non-legislative activities**

- **Negotiations following the UK's notification under Article 50 TEU**
  - = State of play
- **Preparation of the European Council Article 50 (28 or 29 June)**
  - = Annotated Draft Agenda

**Any other business**

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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**  
**GENERAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL (Article 50)**  
**LUXEMBOURG – 26 JUNE 2018**

- Adoption of the agenda
- (poss.) Approval of "A" items
  - Non-legislative list

**Non-legislative activities**

- **Preparation of the European Council Article 50 (28 or 29 June)**
  - = Negotiations following the UK's notification under Article 50 TEU

**Any other business**

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