

A WEEKLY TIMETABLE OF PAST AND FUTURE EVENTS

Next Council Meetings

Brussels	January 9/10	Agriculture
	January 23/24	Foreign Affairs
	January 26	Industry
	January 31	Fisheries

Other Events

European Parliament:	January 12-20	(Strasbourg)
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Provisional Dates Further Ahead

Finance Council:	Feb 6, March 12	
Agriculture Council:	Feb 6/7, March 12/13, March 26/27	
Energy Council:	Feb 14	
Foreign Affairs Council:	Feb 20/21, March 12/13	
Research Council:	Feb 28	
Development Council:	Feb 28	
Environment Council:	March 1	
Fisheries Council:	March 5	
Social Affairs Ministers (informal meeting):	Feb 2	(France)
European Parliament:	Feb 13-17	(Strasbourg)
	March 12-16	(Strasbourg)
European Council (summit):	March 19/20	(Brussels)
Western Economic Summit:	June 7-9	(London)
European Elections:	June 14+17	

THE WEEK AHEAD

The first Council of Ministers meeting under the French Presidency will be on Monday and Tuesday, when ministers of agriculture meet to discuss future development of the agricultural policy and the need for cost cutting. The Commission has urged the ministers to take action on the reform proposals which were discussed prior to the Athens Summit. The Commission plans to finalise price proposals for 1984-5 by the weekend of January 14 and 15.

FLASHBACK

BUDGET CONTRIBUTION: Mrs Margaret Thatcher said in a television interview that the British government would 'take steps to safeguard the position' if the rebate were not paid on the 1983 budget contribution before the end of the financial year.

TRADE WITH SOVIET UNION: The Community has removed the quantitative restrictions on trade with the Soviet Union which were introduced after martial law was imposed in Poland.