

E European Communities Commission *The Week in Europe*

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A WEEKLY SUMMARY OF PAST AND FUTURE EVENTS

Next Council Meetings

Luxembourg	June 20/21	Fisheries
	June 21	Internal Market
	June 21	Steel
	June 21/22	Foreign Affairs
	June 28	Research

Other Events

European Council (summit) June 17 - 19 (Stuttgart)

Provisional Dates Further Ahead

Finance Council:	July 11	
Energy Council:	July 12, Sept 23	
Agriculture Council:	July 18/19, Sept 19/20	
Foreign Affairs Council:	July 18/19, Sept 19/20	
Budget Council:	July 21/22	
Transport Council:	Sept 26/27	
European Parliament:	July 4-8	(Strasbourg)
	Sept 12-16	(Strasbourg)
Economic & Social Committee Plenary Session:	July 5-7	(Brussels)
	Sept 27-29	(Brussels)
Agriculture Ministers (informal meeting):	Sept 5-6	(Athens)
Finance Ministers (informal meeting):	Sept 10-11	(Greece)
Development Ministers (informal meeting):	Sept 26-27	(Greece)
Employment/Social Affairs Ministers (inf.meeting):	Sept 29-30	(Athens)
Political Co-operation:	Sept 12	(Athens)

THE WEEK AHEAD

After the weekend's events at the European Council of heads of state and government in Stuttgart, which is expected to conclude at about midday on Sunday, a number of Council meetings take place next week, beginning with a meeting of fisheries ministers on Monday and Tuesday. This will be discussing the future of herring fishing in the North Sea and the quotas proposed by the European Commission for other species. On Tuesday a further meeting will be held by trade ministers to discuss the opening up of the internal market, an Industry Council will be discussing steel policy and a two day Foreign Affairs Council will begin, concentrating on the matters raised in Stuttgart.

European Parliament President Mr Pieter Dankert visits London next week, arriving on Tuesday morning and leaving on Friday afternoon. He will be speaking at Chatham House at 17.30 on Thursday June 23 and will hold a press conference at noon on Friday June 24 at the European Parliament Office, 2 Queen Anne's Gate, London SW1 (01-222 0411).

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FLASHBACK

COMMUNITY BUDGET: The foreign ministers, including newly appointed British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe, prepared for the European Council in a restricted session, during which member countries discussed the future of the Community budget, including the problems raised by the British contribution, and the Community's enlargement.

COMMUNITY LOAN: The finance ministers adopted a Commission proposal for making available 1 500mECU in loans under the Ortolli Facility (the New Community Instrument).

NON-LIFE INSURANCE: The German presidency proposed that decisions should be taken by the Council to open up the Community market for limited types of non-life insurance - transport and personal risk in particular - in view of the delay in agreeing a more general freedom of activity for the insurance industry in other member countries.

MEDITERRANEAN: The agriculture ministers made further progress in agreeing measures for Mediterranean agriculture which would allow further progress in negotiations for Spanish and Portuguese entry.

REGIONAL FUND: The European Commission has announced grants to the UK of £42m under the European Regional Development Fund.

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