

November 3, 1983

A WEEKLY SUMMARY OF PAST AND FUTURE EVENTS

Next Council Meetings

Brussels	November 4	Industry
	November 4	Energy
	November 5	Research
	November 9-12	Special Council (Greece)
	November 14	Finance
	November 14-15	Agriculture
	November 15	Development
	November 22	Budget
	November 28	Environment
	November 28-29	Foreign Affairs

Other Events

Social Affairs Ministers (informal meeting):	Nov 7	(Athens)
Agriculture Ministers (informal meeting):	Nov 28	(Delphi)
Political Cooperation:	Nov 22	(Brussels)
European Parliament:	Nov 14-18	(Strasbourg)
Economic & Social Committee Plenary Session:	Nov 22-24	(Brussels)

Provisional Dates Further Ahead:

Energy Council:	Dec 2	
Fisheries Council:	Dec 5	
Social Affairs Council:	Dec 8	
Consumer Affairs Council:	Dec 12	
Finance Council:	Dec 12	
Agriculture Council:	Dec 12-13	
Research Council:	Dec 13	
Foreign Affairs Council:	Dec 19-20	
Transport Council:	Dec 20	
European Parliament:	Dec 12-16	(Strasbourg)
European Council (summit):	Dec 5-6	(Athens)

THE WEEK AHEAD:

The Special Council of foreign, finance and agriculture ministers holds its last scheduled meeting in Athens next week. The Council was set up at the Stuttgart summit to work on the problems of the Community budget, agricultural spending, development of new policies and the question of enlargement, with a view to resolving them at the Athens European Council in December.

A meeting of the Research Council has been fixed in Brussels on Saturday, November 5 in an effort to reach agreement on the ESPRIT project.

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FLASHBACK:

THE COMMUNITY BUDGET: The German government is reported to have tabled proposals on the Community's budgetary problem which would mean reductions of £580m. from Britain's 1982 net payment. This is more than previous schemes put forward by the Commission and by Denmark would have achieved.

LATIN AMERICA: The Andean Pact countries have signed an economic cooperation agreement with the European Community. This provides for reciprocal 'most-favoured nation' treatment.

THE LABOUR PARTY: Mr Robin Cook, MP for Livingstone, has become spokesman on European affairs in the Labour party's shadow cabinet.

GREECE: The Greek national economy minister, Mr Gerassimos Arsenis, has claimed that Greek membership of the European Community has harmed the country's economy.

THE VREDELING PROPOSAL: The European Trade Union Council (ETUC) is to lobby vigorously for the strengthening of the Vredeling proposal for worker participation in the management of enterprises.

THE COURT OF AUDIT: Some Community policies have come under attack in a report from the Court of Audit requested by the Council. The regional and social funds were criticised as being merely co-financing of national projects, and the common agricultural policy (CAP) was found to be insufficiently cost effective.

BACKGROUND REPORTS ISSUED:

ISEC/B26/83	-	Concern over state aids
ISEC/B27/83	-	Support for work sharing
ISEC/B28/83	-	Harmonising income tax for cross-frontier workers

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