

European Communities Commission The Week in Europe

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A WEEKLY SUMMARY OF PAST AND FUTURE EVENTS

Next Council Meetings

Brussels	July 18	Foreign Affairs
	July 18/19	Agriculture
	July 19	Special Council
	July 20/21	Budget
	July 25	Steel
	July 25/26	Fisheries

Provisional Dates Further Ahead

Special Council:	Aug 30	
Agriculture Council:	Sept 19/20, Oct 17/18	
Foreign Affairs Council:	Sept 19/20, Oct 17/18	
Energy Council:	Sept 23	
Transport Council:	Sept 26/27	
Industry Council:	Oct 3	
Fisheries Council:	Oct 3	
Finance Council:	Oct 24	
Research Council:	Oct 26	
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)
Transport Ministers (informal meeting):	Oct 6-7	(Athens)
Foreign Affairs Ministers (informal meeting):	Oct 8-9	(Greece)
Political Co-operation:	Sept 12	(Athens)
European Parliament:	Sept 12-16	(Strasbourg)
	Oct 10-14	(Strasbourg)
	Oct 24-28	(Strasbourg)
Economic & Social Committee Plenary Session:	Sept 27-29	(Brussels)
	Oct 25-27	(Brussels)
European Council (summit):	Dec 6	(Athens)

THE WEEK AHEAD

Finance ministers will be meeting on Monday July 18 to work on an agenda which includes the American restrictions on special steel imports, the negotiating mandate for renewal of the Lome Convention, implementation of decisions taken in Stuttgart and the reform of the European regional development fund. A negotiating session with the Portuguese delegation takes place in the afternoon. A Special Council on the implementation of Stuttgart will be held on Tuesday. An Agriculture Council will also take place on Monday and Tuesday, dealing with Mediterranean products. The Budget Council will meet on Wednesday and Thursday. On the first day there will be a meeting with a European Parliament delegation and consideration of the supplementary budget for 1983; on Thursday the Council will have a first reading of the 1984 Community budget.

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NOTE: The European Commission London Office moves to new premises in the week beginning July 18 and we shall only be able to handle emergency calls during that week. As from July 25 our address will be: 8 Storey's Gate, London SW1P 3AT; tel.222 8122.

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THE WEEK AHEAD (cont'd)

No Weekly Timetable will be issued next week. The next issue will be on Thursday July 28.

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FLASHBACK

FISHERIES: Following the failure of the Council of Ministers to agree fish quotas for 1983 in the face of Danish demands for larger herring quotas, the North Sea herring fishery was closed as from midnight on Tuesday.

SPECIAL STEELS: The American quotas and tariffs on special steel imports, which particularly affect European exports, were raised in discussions in Geneva by the Community's representative. The Americans have agreed to discuss the measures. The Community will consider raising the issue formally in the GATT.

ENERGY: It became clear at the Energy Council that all member countries except Italy were unsympathetic to a Community energy tax, as proposed by the European Commission. Commission Vice-President Davignon urged the Council to step up investment under a new energy strategy which would raise the proportion of energy investment from the present level of 1.6 per cent of gross national product to between 2 and 2.2 per cent. This would be closer to the American level of 4 per cent and the Japanese level of 3 per cent.

SPECIAL COUNCIL: The first meeting of the Council of Ministers devoted especially to future financing and general development of the Community agreed on a working programme for the months until the Athens Summit in December. A Special Council will meet once a month, beginning with a meeting on July 19. The meetings will normally be attended by foreign and finance ministers.

EXPORT CREDITS: Finance ministers were unable to agree a Community position on export credits and postponed decisions until the autumn.

BEER AND WINE: The European Court of Justice, in the last of a series of judgements relating to excise duties on alcoholic drinks, found that the British level of wine excise duties was too high in relation to beer.

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