

**Main meetings, conferences and events  
during the French Presidency of the Council of the European Union**

Event	Date	Location
“European Social Services Conference” (European Social Network)	2-4 July	Paris
“Who will feed the world? Towards diverse and sustainable agriculture, engines of development.”	3 July	Brussels
“Euromed Competitiveness Seminars” (MEDEF – confederation of French businesses)	3-4 July	Marseilles
Celebration of the 40 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Customs Union	3-4 July	Paris
“Youth Event: Young People – Agents of Intercultural Dialogue”	5-9 July	Marseilles
“High-level seminar on EU-NATO relations”	7 July	Paris
“The European Union and its Overseas Entities: Strategies to Counter Climate Change and Biodiversity Loss”	7-11 July	Reunion
“Cinema, Europe, the World: Which Film Cooperation for the European Union”	7-8 July	Paris
European Industry Day: “Industrial ambition for France and Europe” ( <i>Groupement des fédérations industrielles</i> )	10 July	Paris
Meeting of the ministers for European affairs	12-13 July	Brest
“Formalization of the first European network of territorial communities with populations of 150,000 to 800,000” (Assembly of French Departments)	15-18 July	Avignon
“EUROJUST: joint investigation teams and sharing of procedures”	17-18 July	Toulouse
Meeting of the ministers for space affairs	20-22 July	Kourou
“The future of training for magistrates and judicial personnel in the European Union”	21-22 July	Bordeaux
“Feedback on the management of natural disasters”	29-31 July	Aix-les-Milles
“Young Europeans’ Summer University”	22-23 August	Nantes
“The challenges and future of the European sheep industry”	4-5 September	Limoges
“Mobility, dialogue, participation: towards an active European citizenship” (European Civic Forum – European Commission)	4-6 September	La Rochelle
“Building a Europe of Asylum”	8-9 September	Paris
“i-2010” Conference	8-9 September	Paris

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"Quality assurance in higher education establishments in Europe"	9-10 September	Strasbourg
"European priorities and proposals from the financial services industry" (Eurofi)	10-12 September	Nice
"Worker Mobility"	11-12 September	Paris
"European coordination to promote road safety"	11-12 September	Paris
"GMES Forum 2008: Together, take better care of the Planet"	16-17 September	Lille
"Protecting vulnerable adults within the European judicial area"	17 September	Lille
"Managing transitions: lifelong guidance in the European Area"	17-18 September	Lyons
"Security challenges facing the European Union and Central Asia"	17-18 September	Paris
Meeting of ministers for family affairs	18 September	Paris
"Creative online content"	18-19 September	Paris
"Access to European Law" (French Bar Associations)	18 September	Brussels
"Europe at school"	19 September	Paris
"The shape of European policy to 2020" (European Think Tank Forum - Aspen Institute, France)	19-20 September	Paris
"Equal Opportunities Summit"	29-30 September	Paris
"Europe on the move: meeting of representatives of European citizens residing outside their country of origin" (Assembly of French nationals abroad)	30 September	Paris
"General Assembly of the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions"	1-3 October	Bayonne
"Building effective multilateralism with the new global players" (European Union Institute for Security Studies)"	2-3 October	Paris
"The new frontiers of the culture economy"	2-3 October	Paris
"Health risks and imports"	3 October	Paris
"The European Job Fair"	4 October	Paris
"Europe of Sport"	5 October	Paris
Convention of the AeroSpace and Defence Industries Association of Europe (ASD)	6 October	Paris
"Open Days 2008" (Committee of the Regions of the European Union)	6-9 October	Brussels and French regions

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"Learning sciences in the Europe of knowledge"	8-9 October	Grenoble
"Encounters with History" and "Annual Book Fair"	9-12 October	Blois
"European Forum for Architectural Policies"	9-10 October	Bordeaux
"From the European Company to the European Private Company"	10 October	Paris
"Young Europeans and the Europe of tomorrow"	10-11 October	Nantes
"Europe of Health: Serving patients"	13-14 October	Paris
"European Road Safety Days"	13 October	Paris
"Combating illegal employment practices"	13-17 October	Marseilles
Round table on poverty and social exclusion"	15-16 October	Marseilles
"Industrial Property and the Internal Market"	16-17 October	Strasbourg
"Youth Employment in Europe" (The Committee for National and International Relations for Youth and Popular Education Associations – European Youth Forum)	17-18 October	Paris
BioMarine Forum	20-24 October	Toulon - Marseilles
Euro-African Conference on "Migration and Development"	20-21 October	Paris
"The quality of European public services"	20-22 October	Paris
"EU-UN Cooperation in Security and Crisis Management"	20-22 October	Paris
Conference on sustainable development (Eurocities)	22 October	Lyons
"Accelerating innovation in Europe" (Europe INNOVA)	22-24 October	Lyons
"Which European Contract Law for the European Union?"	23-24 October	Paris
"Making the most of your European citizenship" (The European Youth Parliament)	24 October- 2 November	Rennes
"The French territorial communities and the European project: achievements and outlook" (Committee of the Regions)	24 October	Paris
"The future of European development policies" (European-level meeting of NGOs)	27-30 October	Paris
"Social services of general interest"	28-29 October	Paris
"Towards low-carbon power: the European programme for technological research"	28 October	Paris

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"Social inclusion: a European approach for the enrolment of students with disabilities"	29-30 October	Clermont-Ferrand
"European Rail Forum: Freight without borders"	29 October	Paris
Summit of the Network of Regional Governments for Sustainable Development (nrg4SD)	29-30 October	Saint-Malo
"Territorial cohesion and the future of the EU cohesion policy"	30-31 October	Paris
Monitoring meeting of the Stuttgart Conference on small and medium-sized businesses (Permanent Assembly of Chambers of Trade)	30-31 October	Tours
"Europe against Alzheimer's Disease"	30-31 October	Paris
"European Defence Capabilities: challenges and realities"	30-31 October	Marseilles
2008 Civil Forum - Euromed Non-Governmental Platform	31 October-2 November	Marseilles
Ministerial meeting on integration	3-4 November	Vichy
"Biodiversity and agriculture: today's challenges and future research for sustainable agriculture"	4-5 November	Montpellier
"Europe of higher education: reinforcing the space for mobility"	4-5 November	Nancy
Mediterranean Civil Forum on Euro-Mediterranean intercultural dialogue	4-6 November	Marseilles
"Governance and performance of education establishments in Europe"	6-7 November	Poitiers
"The European Forest-Based Sector: Bio-Responses to Address New Climate and Energy Challenges"	6-8 November	Nancy
"Social security and demographic changes from a European perspective" ( <i>Caisse Nationale d'Assurance Vieillesse</i> )	7-8 November	Paris
"The European Union and the Arctic"	9-10 November	Monaco
"Emerging social issues in a changing Europe"	12 November	Paris
"Equal opportunities for men and women"	13 November	Lille
"Vocational training and securing career paths"	13-14 November	Paris
"Competitive clusters"	13-14 November	Nice
"Transnational social dialogue"	13-14 November	Lyons
European Parliament of businesses (Eurochambres)	14 November	Strasbourg
"European cities of science"	14-16 November	Paris

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"European development days"	15-17 November	Strasbourg
"Culture, media and economy in Europe"	17-18 November	Avignon
Closing conference of the European Year of Intercultural Dialogue	17-19 November	Paris
"Renewable energy and energy management week"	17-22 November	Paris
European Aviation Summit: "Aviation and Environment"	17-19 November	Bordeaux
"Competition days"	18-19 November	Paris
"Social Corporate Responsibility: how can works councils be involved in guiding decisions which further social cohesion and ensure the sustainability of business development" (European Trade Union Confederation, EUROPLACE)	20 November	Paris
"Young researchers in Europe"	20-21 November	Rennes
"Social experiments in Europe"	21-22 November	Grenoble
"Drug money, black economy and seizure of criminal possessions in Europe"	21 November	Paris
Meeting of ministers for housing, urban development and territorial cohesion	24-26 November	Marseilles
"Sustainable development and pesticides"	25-26 November	Paris
"Sentence execution in Europe: what is the outlook?"	25 November	Roubaix
"Information and communication technologies conference: information technologies"	25-27 November	Lyons
Conference of the Mayors of France on Europe ( <i>Association des maires de France</i> )	26-28 November	Paris
"European Sports Forum"	26-27 November	Biarritz
"The most favoured European woman clause" (Association: " <i>Choisir la cause des femmes</i> ")	27-28 November	Paris
"Digitalisation of cultural heritage: the European digital library"	27-28 November	Paris
"Initial vocational training of young people on sandwich courses: Europeanisation of career paths"	27-28 November	Paris
"European Salon of Education"	27-30 November	Paris
"The security of Europe's energy supply"	1er December	Paris
"Young people's health"	1-3 December	Lille
"Cities Forum on sustainable cities and climate change"	2-3 December	Montpellier

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"Competitiveness of European eco-industries"	3-4 December	Lyon
Celebration of the 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of Business Europe	4-5 December	Paris
"Enhancing the value of European heritage"	4-5 December	Avignon
National day of the European agenda for social inclusion ('Agir contre l'exclusion' Foundation)	5 December	Paris
"Strengthening European consumer confidence: revising the <i>acquis communautaire</i> and administrative cooperation"	5-6 December	Paris
"Enterprise and Development" (French Development Agency)	9 December	Paris
"Major infrastructures for research"	9-11 December	Versailles - Saclay
European Forum of non-governmental organisations on Human Rights	10-13 December	Paris
Mediterranean Biodiversity	18-19 December	Nice