

# The Romanian Presidency of the Council of the European Union

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- **Citizen-centered**
- **Mathematical** Ambitious and realistic
- **Tuture-oriented**

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A symbol of a confident, dynamic and strong European Union

## "Cohesion, a common European value"

A call for European unity



#### I. Europe of convergence

- © Competitiveness, development gaps, employment and social rights
- Innovation and digitalisation
- Connectivity, climate and sustainability

#### II. A safer Europe

- Internal security and combating crime and terrorism
- © Effective external borders' management
- Well functioning Schengen area
- **©** Cyber security

#### III. Europe as a stronger global actor

- © Enlargement in Western Balkans
- © EU defence capabilities (PESCO, EDF, CARD)
- Consistency and effectiveness of EU action in Eastern Neighborhood
- Multilateralism

#### IV. Europe of Common Values

- © Democracy, freedom, human rights and respect for human dignity
- Solidarity, equal opportunities, gender equality and social justice





### **World Trade Organization Modernisation**

- Promoting the open, transparent and rules-based multilateral trade
   system under the World Trade Organization's umbrella
- Furthering the work towards maintaining the WTO's negotiating and dispute settlement functions, while improving its transparency and monitoring functions



# Promoting the establishment of a Multilateral Investment Court

 Promoting the establishment of a Multilateral Investment Court in relevant international fora (UNCITRAL III)



Shaping the framework for the future EU-UK trade relationship after Brexit

Furthering the progress in shaping the future framework of the EU – UK
 trade relations



## **Consolidating the EU's Eastern Partnership**

 Promoting the effective implementation of the DCFTAs with the Republic of Moldova, Georgia and Ukraine and close trade relations with Belarus, Azerbaijan and Armenia



# **KEY DATES**

	21-22 February, Bucharest	Foreign Affairs Council – Trade Informal meeting
<b>\</b>	28 May, Bruxelles	Foreign Affairs Council – Trade  Formal meeting
	4-5 March, Bucharest	Trade Policy Committee – Full Members Informal meeting
*	6-7 May, Bucharest	Trade Policy Committee – Services & Investment Informal meeting
*	20 May, Bruxelles	EEA Council Formal meeting
	30-31 May, Buzău	Working Party on Trade Questions Informal meeting



## **CONFERENCES IN ROMANIA**

11 June, Bucharest

Eastern Partnership Business Forum



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Chair of Working Party on the Generalised System of Preferences and of Working Party on Commodities Augustin Varnav

Chair of Working Party on European Free Trade Association (EFTA)

