



Europe 2020 - urban aspects of EU policies

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Europe 2020 strategy

- EU's growth strategy for the coming decade
 - Short term and long term priorities for development
 - Priorities for spending and investment (incl. the EU budget and the EU cohesion policy)
- Holistic approach:
 - Fiscal consolidation (SGP) and addressing macro-economic imbalances
 - Structural reforms for jobs and employment
 - Frontloading growth enhancing measures

Why Europe 2020 strategy?

- To help Europe recover from the crisis
 - Europe heavily affected by the crisis (back to the 1990's levels)
 - High unemployment: 9.6% of the working population, youth unemployment as high as 40%
 - High levels of government debt: 85% of GDP in the euro area, 80% EU-wide
- To increase the potential growth in Europe
 - Without structural reforms, potential growth for Europe remains low: 1.5% in 2020
- To benefit from the inter-linkages between EU economies
- To be stronger globally

- President Barroso

“ The crisis is a wake-up call ... ‘business as usual’ would consign us to a gradual decline” (Communication Europe 2020 Strategy, 3 March 2010)

Europe 2020: 3 interlinked priorities



1.) **Smart growth**: developing an economy based on knowledge and innovation



2.) **Sustainable growth**: promoting a more efficient, greener and more competitive economy



3.) **Inclusive growth**: fostering a high-employment economy delivering social and territorial cohesion

EU headline targets for 2020

- 75 % employment rate (% of population aged 20-64 years)
- 3% investment in R&D (% of EU's GDP)
- “20/20/20” climate/energy targets met
- Less than 10% school drop-out rates and at least 40% of the population aged 30-34 having completed tertiary or equivalent education
- Lifting at least 20 million people out of the risk of poverty or exclusion

Targets to be translated into national targets (in April 2011 at the latest)

EU headline targets for 2020

	Current situation	Europe 2020 targets	US / Japan at present
Investment in R&D	2%	3%	2.7% / 3.5%
Employment	69%	75%	71% / 75%
Early school leaving	14.4%	10%	
Tertiary education	32%	40%	
CO2 emissions	89%	80%	
Renewable energies	10%	20%	
Energy intensity	167koe per €1000		180 / 90
Risk at poverty	23% (114 million)	20 million less	

Source: Eurostat



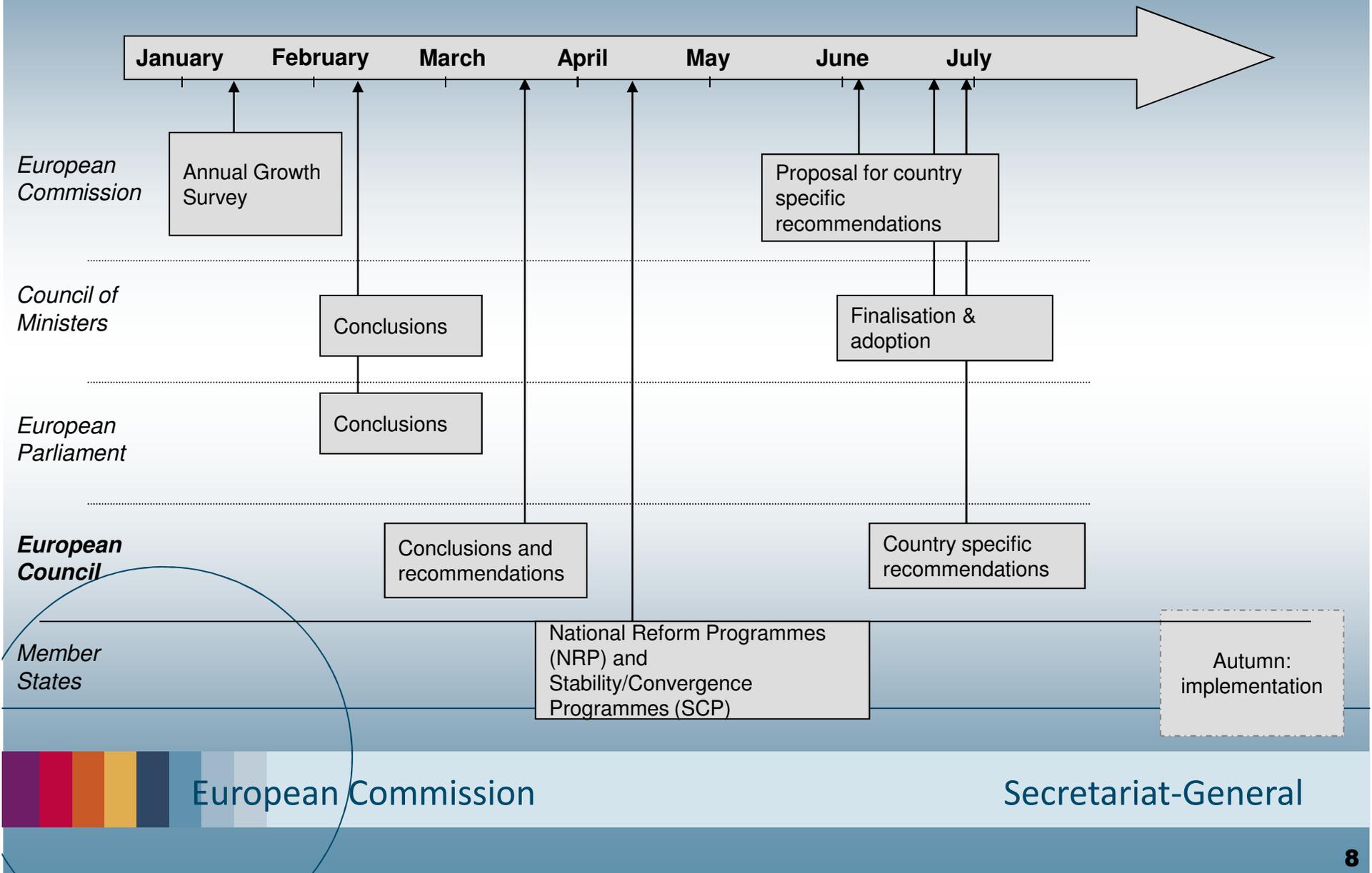
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Europe 2020: a stronger governance architecture

- The **European Council** at the centre of the strategy
- National ownership and emphasis on bottom up implementation
- A « **European Semester** » for ex-ante economic policy coordination
- **A robust surveillance process:**
 - Integrated: fiscal, macroeconomic and structural aspects covered
 - strengthened fiscal and macroeconomic governance (legislative proposals)

European semester



Europe 2020: national level

National Reform Programme

- National 2020 objectives
- Main measures to create growth and to advance towards the 2020 objectives
- Preparation: co-operation between the national, regional and local authorities, social partners and civil society

Stability/Convergence Programme

- Mid-term fiscal outlook

- Yearly package of inter-related documents
- Reflect long-term as well as short term priorities (Annual Growth Survey, March European Council)

Reform priorities in 2011/2012 (1)

- Main challenges at present:
 - Macroeconomic stabilisation
 - Fiscal consolidation
 - Growth and jobs
- Proposal for reform priorities for 2011/2012
 - Commission's Annual Growth Survey (January 2011)
- Confirmation of reform priorities for 2011/2012
 - European Council of 24/25 March 2011

Reform priorities in 2011/2012 (2)

- Rigorous fiscal consolidation
 - Make work more attractive
 - Help the unemployed get back to work
 - Combat poverty and promote social inclusion
 - Invest in education and training
 - Balance security and flexibility
 - Reform pension systems
 - Attract private capital to finance growth
 - Boost research and innovation
 - Cost-effective access to energy, step up energy efficiency policies
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- The Euro plus pact (competitiveness, employment, fiscal sustainability, financial sector stability)

Europe 2020: 7 flagship initiatives underpin the targets

Smart Growth	Sustainable Growth	Inclusive Growth
Innovation <i>« Innovation Union »</i>	Climate, energy and mobility <i>« Resource efficient Europe »</i>	Employment and skills <i>« An agenda for new skills and jobs »</i>
Education <i>« Youth on the move »</i>	Competitiveness <i>« An industrial policy for the globalisation era »</i>	Fighting poverty <i>« European platform against poverty »</i>
Digital society <i>« A digital agenda for Europe »</i>		

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