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Monday, 1 June

KNOWLEDGE

With a focus on the 10 Political Priorities of the Commission

In an ever complex and changing world, we as knowledge workers need to develop to respond to changes in technology and political priorities to be more effective in our jobs. Connections need to be made between different policy areas and across services. Knowledge can come from many sources - Learn from colleagues about the 10 political priorities of the Commission through an innovative Ted-like approach. Dare to take a risk, make mistakes and learn from them, and take time out to reflect through mindful practice.

Our 10 political priorities

1. A new boost for jobs, growth and investment
2. A connected digital single market
3. A resilient Energy Union with a forward-looking climate change policy
4. A deeper and fairer internal market with a strengthened industrial base
5. A deeper and fairer economic and monetary union
6. A reasonable and balanced free trade agreement with the US
7. An area of justice and fundamental rights based on mutual trust
8. Towards a new policy on migration
9. A stronger global actor
10. A union of democratic change

Brussels agenda

All details are subject to confirmation

Morning



Opening: The New Learning and Development Strategy

Irene Souka, Director General HR

Introduced by Stephen Collins, Head of Unit HR.B3

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Brussels PLB 3 - Room 1.4



09:00 - 09:30



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TED-style talks - Priority 1: a new boost for jobs, growth and investment

Carsten Schierenbeck, GROW & Martin Spolc, FISMA

The Juncker Commission's top priority is to get Europe growing again and increase the number of jobs without creating new debt

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Extract from EU4U



Karine Auriol

The presentation uses elements from the EU4U seminar in order to give a light-hearted overview of some of the key components of the EU

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09:30 - 10:30

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Reflection session: What does it mean to be a 'learning organisation'?

Moderated by Mary Heneghan and Annamari Erdei

Participants will be working together in conversational format on the question of what it means to be a 'learning organisation'. The process, organized around small tables, will ensure a maximum mix of perspectives. Joint outcomes will be collected and brought to the hub in the atrium.

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Brussels PLB 3 - Room 1.11
09:30 - 11:30

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The role of case handlers in the preparation of the Commission's representation in court cases

Petr Ondrusek, SJ and Friedrich Erlbacher, SJ

To share best practices concerning the preparation of the Commission's representation in court cases with special emphasis on the role of case handlers in this process, as well as how the court experience has an impact on the drafting of legal texts. The presentations covers the differences between the procedures (preliminary rulings/infringements/direct actions against Commission decisions) and the Courts (GC and ECJ), providing examples and anecdotes.

Register

Brussels BERL - Room 02/ 281
09:30 - 11:00

External event organised by SJ



Learning from mistakes

Dr James Kass, multi-disciplinary scientist and freelance consultant

Plenary presentation followed by interactive workshop: the objective is to create awareness of the importance of learning from mistakes, how to glean, structure and streamline these learnings – both positive and negative, facilitate sharing lessons learned with others, and encourage transparency and collaboration across a networked organization.

Brussels PLB 3 - Room 3.45
09:30 - 10:30: Presentation
10:30 - 12:30: Workshop
[James R Kass Space Consulting](#)

Register Presentation

Register Workshop

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Coaching corner

Anita Haase, FISMA

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09:30 - 12:30

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Luxembourg agenda

All details are subject to confirmation. **Check regularly, more events to come!**

Morning



Top tips on how to find Open Access scholarly papers

Taavi Saarimäki, EC Library & e-Resources Centre

Learn how to find Open Access papers on the web quickly and effectively

Register

Luxembourg DRB A0/37
11.00 - 11.45

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The world is going mobile – so is the Publications Office!

Edyta Posel and Stanislava Grigorova, from the Publications unit at the Publications Office

"Any business today that isn't going mobile is going backwards" - following this motto the Publications Office decided to help the European institutions improve the presence in the digital world.

Register

Luxembourg DRB A0/35
11.00 - 12.30

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Make Yammer behave: top tips on how to manage the information flow

Taavi Saarimäki, EC Library & e-Resources Centre

Learn how to filter the information flow on Yammer and how to ensure that your post will not go unnoticed

Register

Luxembourg DRB A0/037
12.00 - 12.30

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Afternoon



Workshop: The world is going mobile – so is the Publications Office!

Publications Office's multimedia team

Interactive workshop: "Any business today that isn't going mobile is going backwards" - following this motto the Publications Office decided to help the European institutions improve their presence in the digital world

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Luxembourg DRB A0/35
14.30 - 17.00

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Mindfulness for Beginners

Beate Trück and Martin Buechele

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09:30 - 12:30

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Master Class 1 – Strategic Communication

Shirin Wheeler and Bela Dajka, COMM

Presentation of the fundamental components of strategic communications—how to communicate, how to persuade, and how to do so ethically and setting the Strategic Direction

Brussels BU5 - VIP room

09:30 - 12:30

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External event organised by **REGIO**



TED-style talks - Priority 2: a connected digital single market

Martin Bailey, CNET and Pravir Chawdhry, JRC-ISPRA

Our vision is of a Digital Single Market: making the EU's single market freedoms "go digital", and boosting growth and jobs on our continent

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10:00 - 10:30

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The Energy Union

Anne Houtman, ENER

The Framework Strategy for a Resilient Energy Union with a Forward-Looking Climate Change Policy was adopted on 25/02/2015. In this conference, the initiative, which is a strategic priority for the EU as such over the next five years, will be introduced.

Brussels PLB 3 - Room 4.56

10:00 - 12:30

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External event organised by **ENER**



TED-style talks - Priority 3: a resilient Energy Union with a forward-looking climate change policy

Paula Pinho, ENER

A European Energy Union will ensure secure, affordable and climate-friendly energy for citizens and businesses. Using energy more wisely and fighting climate change is not only an investment in our children's future, it will also create new jobs and growth.

Brussels PLB 3 - Room 1.4

10:30 - 11:00

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TED-style talks - Priority 4: a deeper and fairer internal market with a strengthened industrial base

Raluca Painter, FISMA & Martin Frohn, GROW

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An integrated EU economy is the best asset for meeting the challenges of globalisation. We need to complete the internal market in products and services and make it the launch pad for companies and industry to thrive in the global economy and create growth.

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 **11:00 - 11:30**

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TED-style talks - Priority 5: A deeper and fairer Economic and Monetary Union

Alienor Margerit, FISMA

To tackle the global economic crisis, the EU took bold and unprecedented measures that were not always easy, especially for citizens

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 **11:30 - 12:00**

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TED-style talks - Priority 6: a reasonable and balanced free trade agreement with the United States

Fernando Andresen Guimaraes, EEAS and Lutz Guellner, TRADE

In the 21st century it is anachronistic that Europeans and Americans still impose customs duties on each other's products. These should be eliminated, quickly and completely.

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Lunch



Tasting Europe... Mediterranean menu at PLB 3

Gaspacho et céleri en verrine, salade grecque (Spain & Greece)

Ragout de poulpe napolitain, pates tubetti, courgette (Italy)

Clafoutis aux griottes (France)

 **Brussels PLB 3 - Canteen**

 **12:00 - 14:15**

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The Juncker Commission - why it is different this time?

Margaritis Schinas, EC Chief Spokesperson

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🕒 12:45 - 14:15

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Afternoon



Keynote speech: New Commission and what staff should learn more of

Kristalina Georgieva, Vice-President, Budget & Human Resources

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🕒 14:30 - 15:30

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Coaching corner

Mary Heneghan, HR.B3

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TED-style talks - Priority 7: an area of justice and fundamental rights based on mutual trust

Giorgos Rossides and Joze Strus, JUST

The EU is not simply a common market for goods and services. Europeans share values that are spelled out in the EU Treaties and the Charter of Fundamental Rights.

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🕒 15:30 - 16:00

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You don't want to know that! - getAbstract and the need for less information

Koni Gebistorf, Get Abstract

Why information overload – although nothing new – is still a rapidly growing problem, and how getAbstract tries to confront it through content curation, condensation and contextualization.

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🕒 15:30 - 16:30

🌐 [getabstract website](#)

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TED-style talks - Priority 8: towards a new policy on migration

Giulio Di Blasj, HOME

Providing assistance to those who have had to flee their homes and seek a better life in Europe is a humanitarian imperative

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16:00 - 16:30

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Everything you wanted to know about OLAF but daren't ask

Tom Willens

As a former investigator in OLAF, Tom Willens will present concisely the mission of OLAF and how this is achieved by its staff

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TED-style talks - Priority 9: Europe as a stronger global actor

Alfredo Conte, EEAS - Simon Mordue, NEAR - Claus Sorensen, ECHO - Marcus Cornaro, DEVCO - Peter Sandler, TRADE - to be confirmed

The political crisis in Ukraine and unrest in the Middle East have made it clear that the EU needs a stronger common foreign policy

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16:30 - 17:00

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TED-style talks - Priority 10: a union of democratic change

Joachim Ott, COMM and Martin Ohriski, SG

For the first time, in 2014, Member States had to take the results of the elections into account when proposing a candidate for European Commission President; the first step of many in making the European Union more democratic and bringing it closer to its citizens

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17:00 - 17:30

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Making sense of it all

Sharing what we have learned today

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17:30 - 18:00

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Evening

Knowledge in music: concert by Stefano Greco

Piano recital: J.S. Bach



📍 **Brussels PLB 3 - Atrium**

🕒 **18:00 - 18:45**

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Closing the day together - drinks

Join us in a drink to celebrate the closing of our first day of the Learning Week

📍 **Brussels PLB 3 - Atrium**

🕒 **18:45**

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