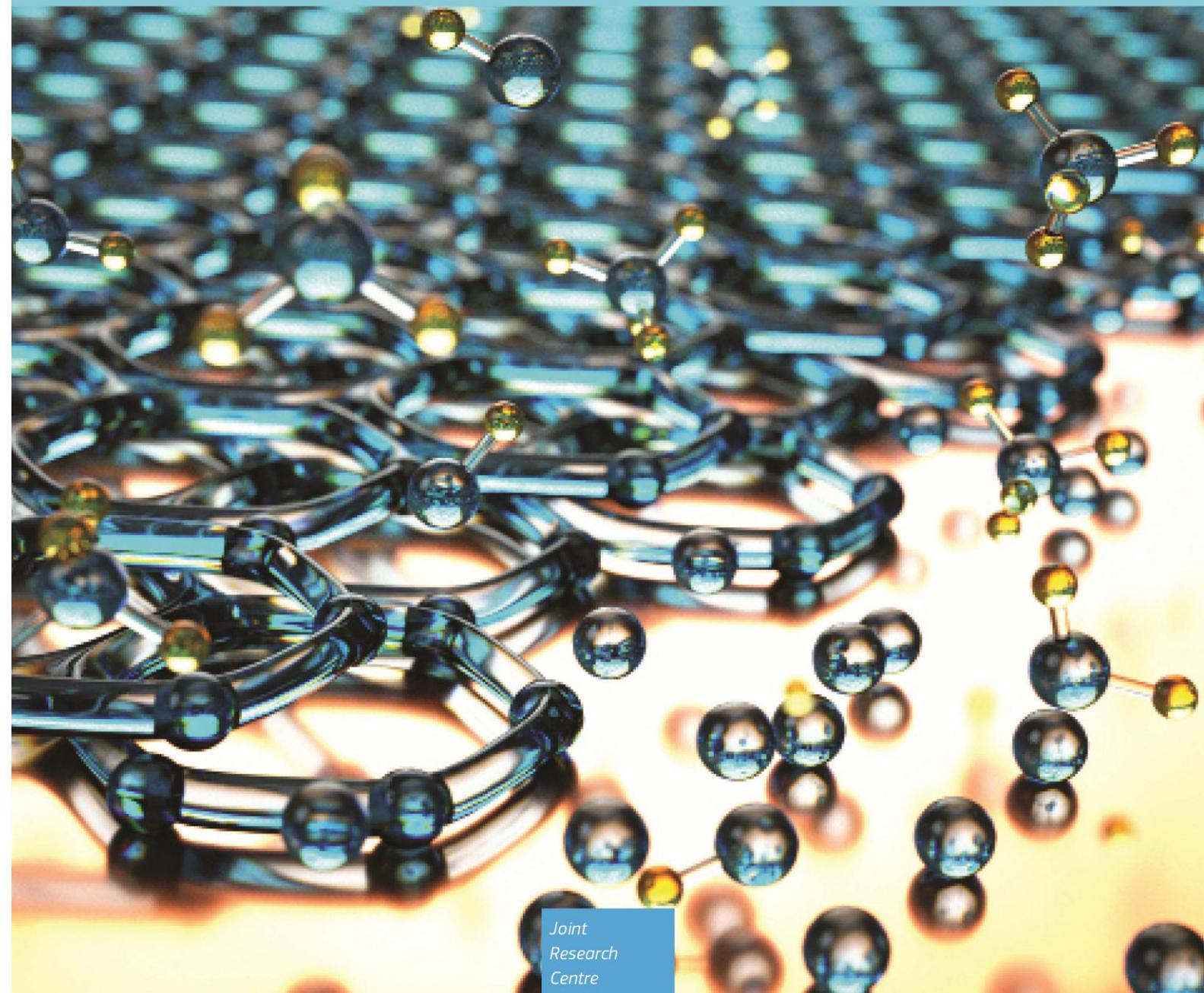




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1. Activities of the European Institutions

1.1 European Commission

Date	Event	Subject
13 May	College Meeting	

1.2 Council

Date	Event	Venue/Location
18 May	Foreign Affairs Council	Brussels
18-19 May	Education, Youth, Culture and Sports Council	Brussels
19 May	General Affairs Council	Brussels
26 May	Foreign Affairs Council	Brussels
28-29 May	Competitiveness Council	Brussels
8 June	Transport, Telecommunications and Energy Council	Brussels
11-12 June	Transport, Telecommunications and Energy Council	Brussels
15 June	Environment Council	Brussels
15-16 June	Justice and Home Affairs Council	Brussels
16 June	Agriculture and Fisheries Council	Brussels
18-19 June	Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council	Brussels
19 June	Economic and Financial Affairs Council	Brussels

1.3 European Parliament

Plenary Sessions

Date	Event	Subject	Venue/Location
18-21 May	EP Plenary session	Development and social issues, digital single market and migration, resolution on olive trees	Strasbourg
27 May	EP Plenary session	No agenda yet	Brussels

Committee Meetings

13 May	Committee on Industry, Research and Energy	Agenda not yet published	Brussels
18 May	Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety	Among others: • Exchange of views with Commission VP Sefcovic on the European Energy Union • Report on inter-institutional negotiations on novel foods	Brussels
26 May	Committee on Budgets	Agenda not yet published	Brussels
26 May	Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs	Agenda not yet published	Brussels
28 May	Committee on International	Agenda not yet published	Brussels

1.4 Committee of the Regions (CoR)

Date	Event	Venue/Location
13 May	Cancer Survivorship: A policy dialogue	CoR, Brussels
19 May	The role of the social economy in restoring economic growth and combating unemployment (Stakeholder consultation)	CoR, Brussels
12-15 October	Committee of the Regions Open Days 2015	CoR, Brussels
Further events of the Committee of the Regions		

1.5 European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)

Date	Event	Venue/Location
19 May	Roadmap for the global climate agreement in Paris	EESC, Brussels
20 May	Boosting regional success in space: the Baltic way!	Kaunas, Lithuania
21 May	Boosting innovation for a better social outcome	EESC, Brussels
Further events of the European Economic and Social Committee		

1.6 International Relations

Date	Event	Venue/Location
21-22 May	Eastern Partnership summit	Riga, Latvia
2-3 June	OECD Forum 2015	Paris, France
7-8 June	The 41st G7 Summit	Schloss Elmau, Germany
10-11 June	EU-CELAC Summit	Brussels, Belgium
12 June	EU-Mexico Summit	Brussels, Belgium
29 June	17th EU – China Summit	Brussels
9-11 October	2015 Annual Meetings of the World Bank Group and the International Monetary Fund	Lima, Peru

2. Conferences & Meetings

2.1 European Conferences and Meetings

Date	Event	Organiser	Venue/Location
20 May	2015 Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) Global Event	JRC / DG DEVCO – European Commission	Ispra, Italy
26 May	European Smart Specialisation Platform on Energy - launch	JRC – European Commission	Luxembourg
25-29 May	2015 Geospatial World Forum – INSPIRE conference (Infrastructure for Spatial Information in Europe)	Geospatial Media and Communications; European Commission / INSPIRE	Lisbon, Portugal
28 May	Scientific evidence in policymaking: the role of the JRC	Science Business	Brussels, Belgium
1-4 June	23rd European Biomass Conference and Exhibition 2015	Technical Programme coordinator: JRC; Event supported by: European Commission, UNESCO, EUBIA, WCRE	Vienna, Austria
3 June	Constructions Standards - Standardization Summit 2015	European Commission and European Committee for Standardization (CEN) within the framework of the European Forum for Science and Industry	Riga, Latvia
3-4 June	European Development Days	European Commission	Brussels, Belgium
4 June	4th European Standardization Summit - "How standardization can support the transition to a cleaner and smarter economy"	Latvian Presidency of the Council of the European Union, Ministry of Economics and Latvian Standard (LVS)	Riga, Latvia
4-5 June	Week of Innovative Regions in Europe (WIRE 2015)	Latvian Presidency of the Council of the European Union, State Education Development Agency (SEDA), Latvia, European Commission	Riga, Latvia
10-12 June	EuroNanoForum 2015		Riga, Latvia
23-26 June	R&D Management conference "(Fast?) Connecting R&D"	Istituto di Management, Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna	Pisa, Italy
15 September	"Science Meets Parliaments" - annual science-day event in the European Parliament	JRC – European Commission, European Parliament, EASAC, ALLEA, Euro-CASE, CESAER	Brussels, Belgium
14-18 September	EU PVSEC 2015 (European Photovoltaic Solar Energy Conference and Exhibition)	Technical Programme coordinator: JRC	Hamburg, Germany

30 September	JRC Annual Conference "A safer Europe: Creating Resilience in a globalised world"	JRC – European Commission	Brussels, Belgium
27-28 October	JRC event on Scientific Support to the Danube Strategy	JRC – European Commission	Ulm, Germany
29-30 October	4th Danube Strategy Annual Forum		Ulm, Germany
<i>Further upcoming JRC events</i>			

2.2 International Conferences

Date	Event	Organiser	Venue/Location
1 May - 31 October	The EU at Expo Milano 2015	European Commission	Milano, Italy
11-15 May	36th International Symposium on Remote Sensing of Environment	German Aerospace Center (DLR) in partnership with the International Center for Remote Sensing of Environment (Arizona)	Berlin, Germany
27 May	The EU and the Arctic Stakeholder workshop on energy, climate, research	DG MARE – European Commission	Oslo, Norway
27-29 May	Urbanization in Europe and the World	JRC - European Commission	Ispra, Italy
27-29 May	17th International Symposium on Landscape Ecology		Nice, France
19-21 May	9th Symposium on Targeted Alpha Therapy	JRC - European Commission, the Medical University Warsaw and Eckert & Ziegler Eurotope	Warsaw, Poland
26-28 May	United Nations/Germany International Conference on Earth Observation "Global Solutions for the Challenges of Sustainable Development in Societies at Risk"	UNOOSA/UN-SPIDER, co-organisers: German Aerospace Center (DLR), German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi) with the support of Secure World Foundation and the City of Bonn	Bonn, Germany
27-28 May	Clean Energy Ministerial 6 (CEM6)	Hosted by the government of Mexico	Mérida, Mexico
8-11 June	20th International Conference on Radionuclide Metrology and its Applications (ICRM 2015)	hosted by BEV – Federal Office of Metrology and Surveying, BOKU – University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna and TU – Vienna University of Technology, in cooperation with IAEA, IRPA and ÖVS – Austrian Radiation Protection Association	Vienna, Austria
23-25 June	Global Space Innovation Conference (GLIC 2015)	IAF, the German Aerospace Center (DLR), the European Space Agency (ESA) and the Bavarian Ministry of Economic Affairs and Media, Energy and Technology	Munich, Germany
7-10 July	"Our Common Future Under Climate	Organized under the	Paris, France

	Change" - International Scientific Conference	<i>umbrella of ICSU, Future Earth, UNESCO and major French research institutions, with the support of the French Government.</i>	
13-16 July	UN Conference on Financing for Development	UN	<i>Addis Ababa, Ethiopia</i>
12-23 October	Twelfth session of the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) Conference of the Parties	UN	<i>Ankara, Turkey</i>
4-7 November	World Science Forum 2015 Theme: "The Enabling Power of Science"	<i>Hosted by the Hungarian Academy of Sciences in partnership with UNESCO, ICSU, AAAS, TWAS and EASAC</i>	<i>Budapest, Hungary</i>
30 November – 11 December	United Nations Climate Change Conference COP 21/ CMP 11	UNFCCC	<i>Paris, France</i>

3. JRC News

2014 | [JRC Annual Report](#)

Open | [The EU is recruiting researchers - Call for expressions of interest](#)

27 April | [Nepal earthquake: JRC supports EU's response operations](#)

In the aftermath of the powerful earthquake that struck Nepal on Saturday 25 April, the JRC is supporting the European Commission in coordinating the EU's response through up-to-date situation reports and maps.

27 April | [Continued positive outlook for crops](#)

The latest Monitoring Agricultural Resources (MARS) bulletin, published today, finds that the weather conditions in most regions have been favourable for winter crop growth and spring sowings during the period of review (from 1 March to 20 April). Overall, the yield outlook is positive - close to, or somewhat above, the long-term average.

24 April | [Meeting of European 3Rs Centres 21-22 April 2015](#)

EURLE ECVAM hosts first meeting of European 3Rs Centres (21-22 April 2015)

24 April | [JRC research contributes to two new standardised methods for testing contaminants in food](#)

The European Committee for Standardization (CEN) released two European Standards to which JRC-IRMM contributed through validation of the methods.

23 April | [JRC wins competition on indoor localisation](#)

A team of JRC researchers outperformed 27 teams from academia and industry across the globe and achieved best overall result at a competition on indoor localisation in Seattle, USA. Providing accurate position information on people and objects indoors, where GPS signals are not available, has been a challenging research topic over the last decade and there is not yet a large-scale commercial deployment in this field.

22 April | [Earth Day marks 25th anniversary](#)

The Earth Day, celebrated on 22 April since 1970, is marked around the globe with initiatives and events on environmental protection. This week the JRC presents its work on soil, which is critical to life on Earth.

21 April | [Sex matters...even for liver cells](#)

Female liver cells, and in particular those in menopausal women, are more susceptible to adverse effects of drugs than their male counterparts, according to new research carried out by the JRC.

21 April | [Foresight 2025: integrated and fast-evolving standards key to innovation](#)

A JRC foresight study suggests the European standardisation system should accelerate and rely on an integrated strategy. The study argues this is the only way standardisation will be able to keep pace with technological developments and societal challenges, stimulating innovation and fostering competition.

21 April | [JRC developed accurate method for the analysis of 10 pesticides in soy beans](#)

The Joint Research Centre (JRC) developed and in-house validated a precise method for the determination of 10 selected pesticides in soy beans.

20 April | [JRC produces first uranium reference materials certified for the production date for method validation](#)

The JRC produced the first two uranium reference materials certified for the production date for validation of methods.

17 April	Reference materials for chemical analysis: JRC-IRMM co-editor of collection of publications in the journal Analytical and Bioanalytical Chemistry
<i>A special paper collection addressing a number of the current challenges regarding "Reference Materials for Chemical Analysis" has been published by the peer-reviewed journal Analytical and Bioanalytical Chemistry under the guest editorship of Hendrik Emons and Stephen Wise.</i>	
17 April	JRC-IRMM releases first reference material certified for nucleic acid mass concentration
<i>JRC-IRMM developed and released the first certified reference material containing a defined DNA mass concentration that can be used to calibrate fluorescence-based assays for the quantification of nucleic acids in solution.</i>	
17 April	Increasing nuclear security: knowing the date of production of uranium
<i>To understand whether laboratories can accurately determine the date of the production of uranium, the Joint Research Centre (JRC) organised a proficiency test through its specific inter-laboratory comparison programme REIMEP. The outcome of this exercise confirmed the participating laboratories' capability to perform this type of measurement.</i>	
14 April	JRC develops a novel technique for traceability of co-products from biofuel production used in animal nutrition
<i>In the frame of the European project QSAFFE scientists from the JRC developed a rapid method based on infrared spectroscopy for the traceability of DDGS in terms of botanical and geographical origin.</i>	
13 April	European Commission launches scientific debate on how to feed the planet
<i>The European Commission has launched an online consultation on how science and innovation can help the EU ensuring safe, nutritious, sufficient and sustainable food globally.</i>	
10 April	New book entitled "Science, Philosophy and Sustainability: The End of the Cartesian dream"
<i>JRC researchers have recently published a book entitled "Science, Philosophy and Sustainability: The End of the Cartesian dream".</i>	
9 April	New multilingual resource for machine translation
<i>The European Parliament (EP) and the JRC have jointly released a very large collection of documents and their translations. This rich resource can be used to improve Machine Translation software and other Language Technology applications. The 'Digital Corpus of the European Parliament' (DCEP) consists of EP texts produced between 2001 and 2012. It contains over 1.3 billion words in 24 languages, of text types as different as press releases, EP reports, questions to the EP and resulting answers, agendas, and more.</i>	
9 April	Climate Models as Economic Guides: Scientific Challenge or Quixotic Quest?
<i>A discussion paper by JRC researchers on economic and physical models of climate change is to appear in the Spring edition of Issues in Science and Technology.</i>	
9 April	JRC releases its latest web based tool assessing the world's protected areas
<i>DOPA Explorer 1.0 is the JRC's latest web-based interface which provides a simple way to explore nearly 16 000 of the world's protected areas.</i>	
8 April	New governance proposed to enhance energy renovation in buildings
<i>The JRC has recently launched a new report calling for a concerted effort to phase out inefficient buildings from the European building stock.</i>	
1 April	Smart grids in Europe: outlook and large scale application
<i>On 1 April 2015, the JRC released two reports in the area of smart grids, which look at how smart grids research and innovation can help achieve the Energy Union's targets of secure, sustainable, competitive and affordable energy.</i>	
1 April	Towards a method for cytotoxicity screening of nanomaterials
<i>The results of an inter-laboratory comparison study on a method for assessing the cytotoxicity of nanomaterials have been published. This is an important step towards a harmonised method for toxicity screening of nanomaterials.</i>	