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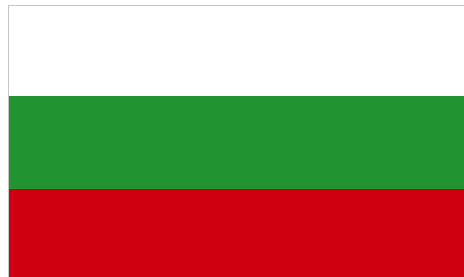
Priorities for research & innovation

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Presidency-trio: EE-BG-AT

European Council adopted the 18-month programme of the Council (1 July - 31 December 2017) on 20 June.

- **A UNION FOR JOBS, GROWTH AND COMPETITIVENESS**
- **A UNION THAT EMPOWERS AND PROTECTS ALL ITS CITIZENS**
- **TOWARDS AN ENERGY UNION WITH A FORWARD-LOOKING CLIMATE POLICY**
- **A UNION OF FREEDOM, SECURITY AND JUSTICE**
- **THE UNION AS A STRONG GLOBAL ACTOR**



Presidency-trio: priority areas related to RDI

- **Multiannual Financial Framework post-2020 and MFF mid-term sectoral review** (including reviews of Horizon 2020, Erasmus+)
- **Investment in growth and jobs, including research and innovation, cross-border infrastructure, connectivity and education** (Erasmus+, Connecting Europe Facility, Horizon 2020 as well as preparing the 9th Framework Programme, review of the ERA, in particular governance, the research window of the European Defence Action Plan, EURATOM Framework Programme).
- **Cohesion policy post 2020** working towards simpler and more proportionate rules for the *European Structural and Investment Funds* and strengthening complementarity between EU funds.

EE PRES priorities for RDI

Context: H2020 interim evaluation, 2021+ MFF and FP proposal.

1. Impact and value of research: providing rationale for investing in research & innovation

- Secure ambitious investments in research by building a stronger narrative on the broad impact and societal value of European excellent research in the future of Europe.

2. Increased coherence and openness of EU research and innovation partnerships

- H2020 interim evaluation results to get an overview of the partnering landscape, as we have witnessed an increasingly complex system of instruments and initiatives in FP
- The role of partnering approach in the next FP H2020 (incl. selection process, priority-setting)

Deliverable: Council Conclusions on the interim evaluation of H2020 and future orientations for FP9

Estonian Presidency events

- **COMPET Council (research)** 1 December 2017, Brussels

Events in Estonia:

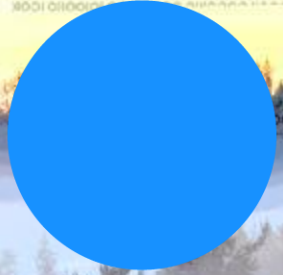
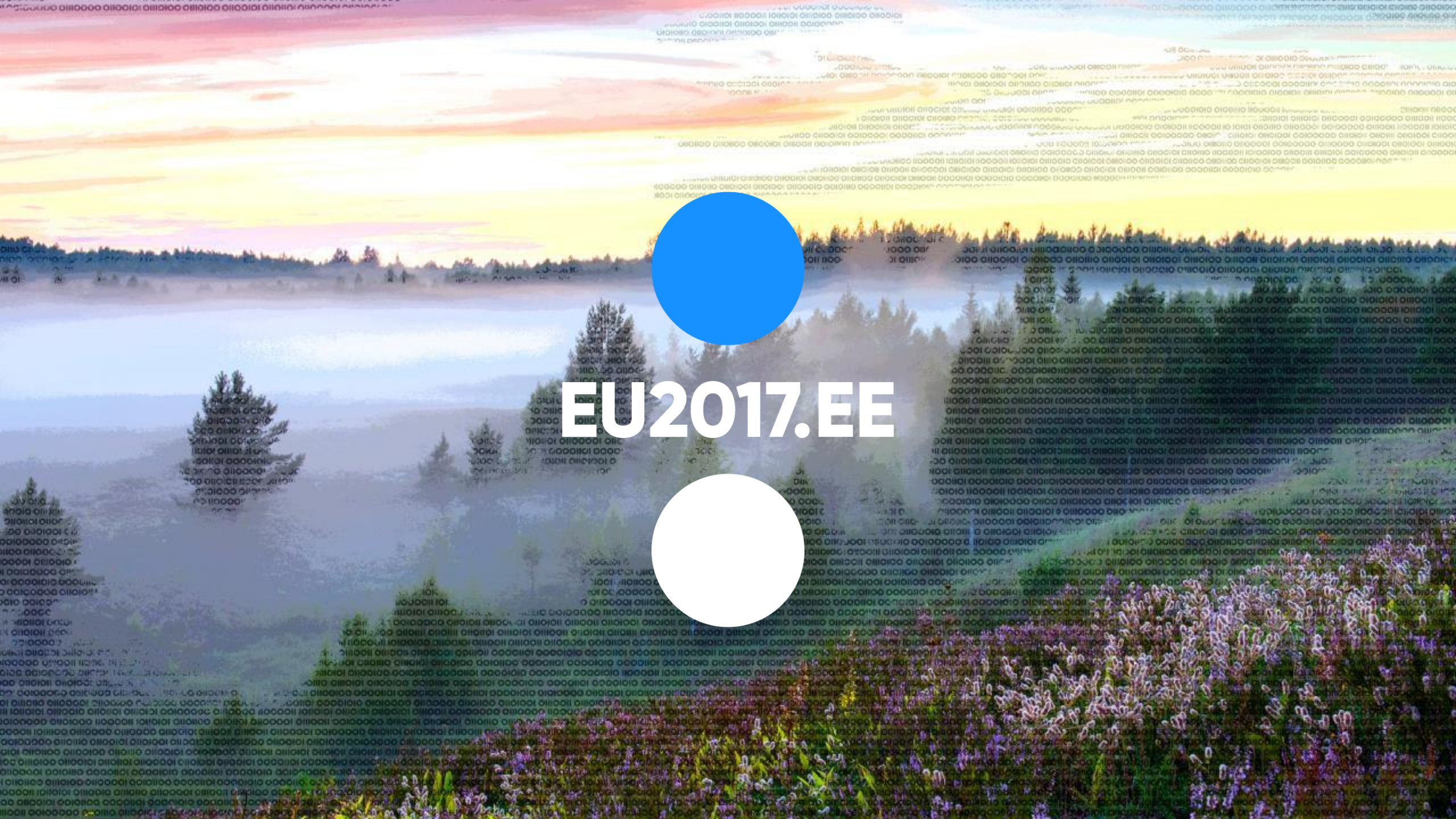
- **European Union Contest for Young Scientists (EUCYS)**, 22-27 September
- **Conference „European Research Excellence - Impact and Value for Society“**, 12 October
- **Conference on Innovation Procurement**, 17–18 October
- **Manufuture / Industry 4.0**, 24–25 October
- **High-level conference „Nature-based solutions: from innovation to common-use“**, 24–26 October

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Cooperation with Western-Balkan countries

Mainly in the framework of Horizon 2020 and Erasmus+

- Research projects
- Staff mobility
- Student mobility



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