

The French Presidency of the Council of the European Union



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1. Perspectives for the 2nd half 2008

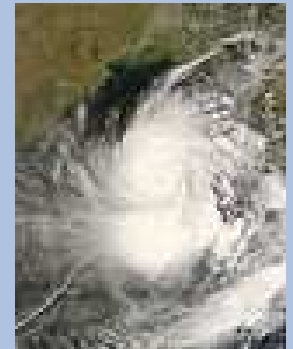
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1. Perspectives for the 2nd half 2008

1.1. An uncertain international context

- International financial uncertainty
- Longstanding unresolved (Iraq, Afghanistan) or resurgent (Lebanon, China/Tibet) crises
- Major humanitarian crises (Burma, China)
- Unpredictable events (tsunami, terrorist acts, etc.)



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1.2. A special European context

- Follow up to the Irish referendum
 - cf. European Council on 19 and 20 June
- End of the European Parliament legislative term
 - Elections June 2009
- End of the European Commission mandate
 - October 2009
 - Implications for the volume of issues currently being examined
- Questions for the future: setting up of a "Reflection Group"



2. Council programme over 18 months

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- Continuity between presidencies is the only way Europeans can meet the challenges ahead
- France, the Czech Republic and Sweden have prepared the Council's work programme for the next 18 months



- Adoption of the common programme by the General Affairs Council

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2.2. Approach of the Trio programme

The Trio programme is based on a dual approach:

1. A strategic framework: anticipate

- Context and challenges in the coming months
- Submission of the programme to the three following presidencies (Spain, Belgium and Hungary)

2. An operational programme: organise

- Identification of the subjects to be tackled over the next 18 months
- Review of the common priorities of the three presidencies

3. Work programme of the French Presidency

3.1. Four main priorities

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1- Energy/climate package

- Political agreement on the energy/climate package
 - review of Directive 2003/87/CE establishing a scheme for greenhouse gas emission allowance trading
 - Framework Directive on renewable energies
 - decision on the distribution of effort between Member States in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in sectors not subject to ETS
 - Directive on carbon capture and storage
- Security of supply



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2- Migration questions

- European Pact on Immigration and Asylum
 - better protection of Europe by controlling its external borders in the spirit of solidarity
 - organisation of legal immigration on the basis of the reception capacity of each Member State in the spirit of shared responsibility
 - organisation of deportation from the EU of foreigners in irregular situations
 - construction of a "Europe of asylum"
 - promotion of co-development and development aid
- Rabat II (Paris, 20 and 21 October)



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3- A Europe of defence

- Update of the 2003 European security strategy
- Capacity/European Defence Agency
- Instruments (training, deployable teams, reform of security systems, etc.)
- Partners (EU/NATO, EU/UN, etc.)



4- European agriculture

- Status report
- Reflections on policy post 2013



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3.2. Other results expected

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- On growth and employment (social questions, financial stability, etc.)
- On youth mobility
- On the Union for the Mediterranean (parity, unification of projects, financing)
- On enlargement
- On crises and emergency situations



4. A Citizens' Presidency

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Involvement of European and French citizens

Involvement of businesses, citizens and young people in major public events, particularly:

Conference on Europe - Lyon, 21 June 2008

Conference of Young Europeans and the Europe of Tomorrow - Nantes, 10 - 11 October)

Modernity and preserving the environment

Carbon balance of the Presidency

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4.2. A European cultural season

A European cultural season

Cultural presentations in France by the 26 Member States

Outstanding cultural events in all the arts

Tandem projects throughout Europe, associating French and European partners

Festivities: European 14th of July balls, European Technoparade



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