

Informal meeting of the European Council

Prague, 7 October 2022

The members of the European Council will meet on **Friday 7 October** in Prague, Czech Republic. The event will be hosted by the Prime Minister of the rotating presidency, Petr Fiala, and chaired by the President of the European Council, Charles Michel.

The day before the informal meeting of the European Council, leaders will participate at the first meeting of the European Political Community, hosted by Prime Minister Petr Fiala (6 October).

At the informal European Council meeting, EU leaders will discuss:

- **Russia's war in Ukraine**
- **energy situation**
- **economic situation**

[Informal meeting of heads of state or government, Prague, 7 October 2022](#)

[Invitation letter by President Charles Michel to the members of the European Council ahead of Prague leaders meetings on 6 and 7 October 2022](#)

Russia's war in Ukraine

Following **Kremlin's irresponsible escalatory steps** (national mobilisation campaign, sham coercive "referenda" and the illegal annexation of Ukraine's territories), EU leaders will discuss EU's response and **how to continue providing strong economic, military, political and financial support to Ukraine**. Moreover, leaders will examine how best to protect Europe's critical infrastructure.

Doorsteps and the main press conference by live streaming on Council live: <http://video.consilium.europa.eu> and on Europe by satellite: <https://audiovisual.ec.europa.eu/en/aboutebs>

Videos and photos are available to download from the Council newsroom: <https://newsroom.consilium.europa.eu/>

[Statement by the Members of the European Council](#)

[Message of President Charles Michel on Russia's illegal annexation of Ukrainian regions](#)

Energy

Leaders' primary focus is on how to guarantee **security of supply and affordable energy** for households and businesses. They will assess decisions already taken in this regard and will provide guidance on further actions to ensure a well-coordinated European response.

[Council agrees on emergency measures to reduce energy prices](#)

[Infographic - Energy crisis: Three EU-coordinated measures to cut down bills](#)

Economic situation

Leaders will address **high prices for households and businesses** and how the EU can support growth and jobs while protecting the vulnerable who suffer the most from high energy bills. Policy responses will be elaborated in a spirit of solidarity and in defence of common interests.

[Energy prices and security of supply](#)

European Political Community (EPC) meeting

With the dramatic consequences of Russia's aggression war, EU leaders agreed during the European Council meeting in June 2022 to launch the European Political Community with the aim of **bringing together countries on the European continent**.

The ambition is to bring leaders together on the European continent and to foster their cooperation on issues of common interest, revolving around peace and security, the economic situation, energy and climate, and migration and mobility.

No formal written outcome of the European Political Community is envisaged.

[Meeting of the European Political Community, 6 October 2022](#)

[European Council, 23-24 June 2022](#)

Indicative agenda (local time)

Thursday, 6 October 2022

12.00: Arrivals and doorsteps

13.15: Opening session

TTBC: Family photo

14.30: Roundtable discussions

16.30: Bilateral meetings

19.00: Closing plenary session

TTBC: Press conference

Friday, 7 October 2022

9.00: Arrivals and doorsteps

10.00: Informal exchange with the President of the European Parliament

TTBC: Family photo

10.45: Working session followed by lunch

TTBC: Press conference with the President of the European Council, President of the European Commission and Czech Prime Minister