

Council of the European Union

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Council of the EU or the European Council together with the European Parliament fulfil legislative and budgetary functions, it also fulfils policymaking and coordination functions. The Council is chaired by the Presidency, one of the Member States holding the Presidency for 6-month period, and the General Secretariat of the Council.

In the first half of 2024 (1 January 2024 – 30 June 2024) Belgium holds Presidency of the EU. More on Presiding country and its programme can be found on the [Belgian Presidency website](#).

Twice a year the Council holds formal and informal meetings of Member States' ministers. Taking into consideration the topics for discussion, the Council meets in ten different compositions. Issues within the competence of the Ministry of Transport are discussed in the Transport, Telecommunications and Energy (TTE) Council. To find out more please download 21 May (telecommunications) and 18 June (transport) 2024 TTE Council agenda:

 [21 May and 18 June 2024 TTE Council agenda](#) 

The Council meeting preparations take place in working parties where expert-level discussions on issues to be discussed in the Council take place. The Ministry of Transport represents Latvia in these following Council working groups:

Working Party on Land Transport

Working Party on Shipping

Working Party on Aviation

Working Party on Transport – Intermodal Questions and Networks

Working Party on Telecommunications and Information Society

Working Party on Postal Services

Working Party on Technical Harmonization (Motor Vehicles)

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