



COUNCIL OF  
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Brussels, 11 March 2009

## EUROPEAN COUNCIL

Brussels 19 - 20 March 2009

### MEDIA PROGRAMME

Accreditation for the European Council meeting will be required for access to the press centre as from Thursday morning. The provisional programme is as follows:

#### Thursday, 19 March 2009

A meeting of the tripartite social summit for growth and employment (Presidency, Sweden, Spain, Commission and social partners) will be held in the morning:

10.30 – 12.30      Tripartite social summit for growth and employment  
***Tour-de-table before the meeting***  
***(host broadcaster + photo/TV)***

12.30 – 13.00      Press conference  
***(Press room - press centre, level 00)***

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16.30 – 17.00      Arrival of members of the European Council and delegations at the  
Justus Lipsius building  
(not in protocol order)  
***(VIP entrance, level 02, outside -  
photo/TV opportunity)***

Welcome by the President of the European Council and the Czech  
Foreign Minister  
***(VIP entrance, level 02, inside -  
host broadcaster + photo/TV - Group A)***

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- 17.00 – 17.30 Meeting with the President of the European Parliament  
***Tour-de-table before the meeting***  
***(host broadcaster + photo/TV - Group B)***
- 17.30 – 17.45 **Family photo**  
***(host broadcaster + photo/TV - Group C)***
- 18.00 **Press conference by the President of the European Parliament**  
***(Press room - press centre, level 00)***
- 18.15 – 20.00 First working session of the European Council
- 20.15 – 22.00 Working dinners
- +/- 22.00 **Presidency press conference**  
***(Press room - press centre, level 00)***
- Possible national briefings in the press centre**

### **Friday, 20 March 2009**

- 09.30 – 10.00 Arrival of delegations at the Justus Lipsius building  
(not in protocol order)  
***(VIP entrance, level 02, outside – photo/TV opportunity)***
- 10.00 – 13.00 Second working session of the European Council  
***Tour-de-table before the meeting***  
***(host broadcaster + photo/TV - Group D)***
- +/- 13.00 **Presidency press conference**  
***(Press room - press centre, level 00)***
- National briefings in the press centre**