

Basic information	
2011/2920(RSP) RSP - Resolutions on topical subjects	Procedure completed
Preparation for the European Council meeting (28-29 June 2012) See also 2011/2923(RSP)	
Subject 8.40.14 European Council	

Key players			
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meetings	Date
	Foreign Affairs	3170	2012-05-31
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Secretariat-General	BARROSO José Manuel	

Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
31/05/2012	Debate in Council		Summary
13/06/2012	Debate in Parliament		Summary
13/06/2012	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2011/2920(RSP)
Procedure type	RSP - Resolutions on topical subjects
Procedure subtype	Resolution on statement
Amendments and repeals	See also 2011/2923(RSP)
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 136-p2
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed

Preparation for the European Council meeting (28-29 June 2012)

2011/2920(RSP) - 31/05/2012

The Council discussed the **contribution of trade to economic growth and employment**, ahead of the European Council meeting on 28-29 June, which is expected to focus on ways to boost the European economy.

The Council highlighted the importance of international trade, investment and market integration as key drivers of strong sustainable and balanced growth, and called on the Commission **to promote the opening of trade with strategic trading partners.**

At its meeting in March, the European Council called for the removal of trade barriers and for improved market access and investment conditions. It undertook to review progress at its June 2012 meeting, and to discuss ways of strengthening trade and investment relationships with key international partners.