

EU - Mexico summit Brussels, 12 June 2015

The 7th EU - Mexico summit will take place in Brussels on Friday 12 June, 2015.

The EU will be represented by President of the European Council, Donald Tusk, and the President of the European Commission, Jean-Claude Juncker. President Pena Nieto will represent Mexico.

This will be the first EU-Mexico summit for all three leaders and an opportunity to prepare the ground for a modernisation of the EU-Mexico Global Agreement, to reaffirm the like-mindedness on bilateral, regional and multilateral issues, and thus to consolidate an increasingly operational EU-Mexico relationship across the board.

On the EU side, the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy/Vice-President of the Commission Federica Mogherini and the Commissioner for Trade Cecilia Malmström are also expected to participate.

The summit will start at 09.30 on Friday with a tête-à-tête meeting between Presidents Tusk, Juncker and Nieto.

The plenary session is expected to start at 10.00. This will be the occasion to discuss bilateral issues, including the modernisation of the EU-Mexico Global Agreement, regional issues in the EU's and Mexico's neighbourhoods, as well as global issues such as climate change, the post-2015 sustainable development agenda, and drugs.

For more information on the summit see: [EU-Mexico summit website](#)

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At the summit, leaders are expected to discuss:

Bilateral EU-Mexico relations

The summit will provide an opportunity to reinforce the strategic partnership and to modernise the existing bilateral legal framework by preparing the ground for negotiations to this aim. An upgraded Global Agreement should reflect the strategic partnership between the EU and Mexico and their growing weight as global actors in the international system, as well as recent global geopolitical shifts and the increasing role of emerging market economies, as well as the wish of both sides to create the most ambitious and comprehensive framework for bilateral trade and investment possible.

The summit is also expected to reflect on key areas for the partnership in the coming years. The leaders will particularly call for increased security and justice cooperation and reiterate their commitment to upholding common values such as respect for human rights, rule of law and citizen security.

The summit should also provide an occasion for the leaders to take stock and welcome recent progress made in the field of Passenger Name Records (PNR). They will agree starting technical discussions on the use of such data by law enforcement agencies.

Leaders will also discuss progress in sectorial cooperation, including in the area of science and technology, economic growth, employment and youth, and energy.

Foreign policy issues

Recent developments in the EU's and Mexico's respective neighbourhoods will also be on the agenda. In this context, the summit should call on all parties to implement the Minsk agreements and find peaceful solutions, respecting Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity. The summit should express its support for the ongoing negotiations with Iran and express concern for the deteriorating situation in Syria. Leaders are expected to welcome the rapprochement between the US and Cuba and equally the progress made in negotiating a Cooperation Agreement between the EU and Cuba. The summit is furthermore expected to express concern about the situation and to call for dialogue between the government and opposition in Venezuela.

In regards to crisis management, leaders are expected to welcome Mexico's intention to start contributing to UN peace keeping operations and explore possibilities for closer cooperation under the EU's Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP).

Global challenges

Discussions will focus in particular on the international climate negotiations and the upcoming UN Climate Conference in Paris in December. Recognising the serious challenge posed by climate change the summit is expected to call for the adoption of an ambitious legally binding agreement capable on delivering the objective of limiting the temperature rise to below 2C. The leaders are expected to invite other countries to come forward as soon as possible with ambitious contributions.

Leaders are also expected to discuss the post-2015 framework for poverty eradication and sustainable development and exchange views on the conference on the Convention of Biodiversity to be hosted by Mexico in December 2016.

Finally, leaders should seize the opportunity to discuss migration, including the establishment of an EU naval operation to disrupt the business model of human smugglers in the Southern Central Mediterranean, as well as the situation of migrants in Mexico.