

From 1st July to the end of 2024, Hungary will hold the rotating Presidency of the Council of the European Union for the second time since having joined the EU in 2004. The motto of Hungary's EU presidency will be "Make Europe Great Again".

The Hungarian Presidency comes at a special time in the EU institutional cycle, and it will consist of two phases. The first half will be dominated by the **institutional changes** brought about by the European Elections of 9 June. Hungary will ensure a smooth institutional transition and act as an honest broker, seeking sincere cooperation with Member States and EU institutions. In the second half, where **legislative tasks** will be dealt with, Hungary will seek collective responses to the historic challenges the EU is facing. Hungary will aim to focus on improving European competitiveness, the strengthening of defense policy on a European level and the external aspects of migration.

After a review of the Belgian Presidency by H.E. Mr Thomas Lambert, Ambassador of Belgium, the Representation of the European Commission in Luxembourg is pleased to invite you to a presentation of the priorities of the Hungarian Presidency of the EU by H.E. Mr Tamás Kovács, Ambassador of Hungary, and to ask your questions.

The event will take place on :

5 July 2024 at 10h00 Foyer européen - 10, rue Heinrich Heine in Luxembourg

For organisational reasons, we would be grateful if you could confirm your attendance at the following e-mail address <u>comm-rep-lux@ec.europa.eu</u>

The presentations will be given in English. Questions may be asked in English or French. A drink will be served at the end of the conference.

Yours sincerely,

H.E. Mr. Tamás Iván KOVÁCS Ambassador of Hungary Anne CALTEUX Representative of the European Commission in Luxembourg



