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#### **Vice-President of the European Commission Maroš Šefčovič visits Switzerland on 15 and 16 March 2023**

Vice-President of the European Commission Maroš Šefčovič, responsible for EU relations with Switzerland, will visit Fribourg and Bern on 15 and 16 March. It is his first visit to the country since he has started to lead the Commission work on EU-Swiss relations.

Upon an invitation by the University of Fribourg, Vice-President Šefčovič will deliver a keynote speech on EU-Swiss relations on 15 March, as part of the University's 47<sup>th</sup> European Days. He will subsequently meet his counterpart, Federal Councillor, Ignazio Cassis for a working dinner in Bern. The meeting will provide an opportunity to take stock at political level of the EU-Swiss exploratory talks that started in March 2022, and to discuss the next steps.

On 16 March, Vice-President Šefčovič will exchange views with Members of the Foreign Policy Committees of both Chambers of the Swiss Parliament, the Conference of Cantonal Governments as well as with the Swiss social partners.

#### Press point

At the end of his visit, on 16 March at 18h15, Vice-President Šefčovič will hold a press point at the EU Delegation in Bern. It will be in English. Due to a limited seating, interested journalists are kindly asked to register.

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