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THE FINNISH EU PRESIDENCY

- The Finnish EU Presidency 1 July – 31 December 2019
- Finland forms a presidency trio with Romania and Croatia
- Timing of the Finnish EU Presidency is exceptional
 - Brexit
 - Elections of the European Parliament
 - Nomination of the new Commission
- Parliamentary elections in Finland – new Finnish Government



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- Schedule for the preparations
 - Trio programme to be adopted in the General Affairs' Council in December 2018
 - National presidency programme of Finland
 - Prepared by the current government, together with opposition parties
 - To be adopted by the new government





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- Preparations at preliminary stage
- Proposed theme for the health and social sector: ***economy of wellbeing***
 - Economic growth, employment, social and health development are in best cases mutually reinforcing and coherent factors. We should always assess social, health and employment impacts of different policy measures and how social and health investments impact on economic growth.
 - Appropriate social and health policy making can significantly contribute to economic growth. This would also work the other way round: sustainable economic policy making can create wellbeing.
 - This is something we would like to further discuss during the Finnish EU Presidency



Thank you for your attention.

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