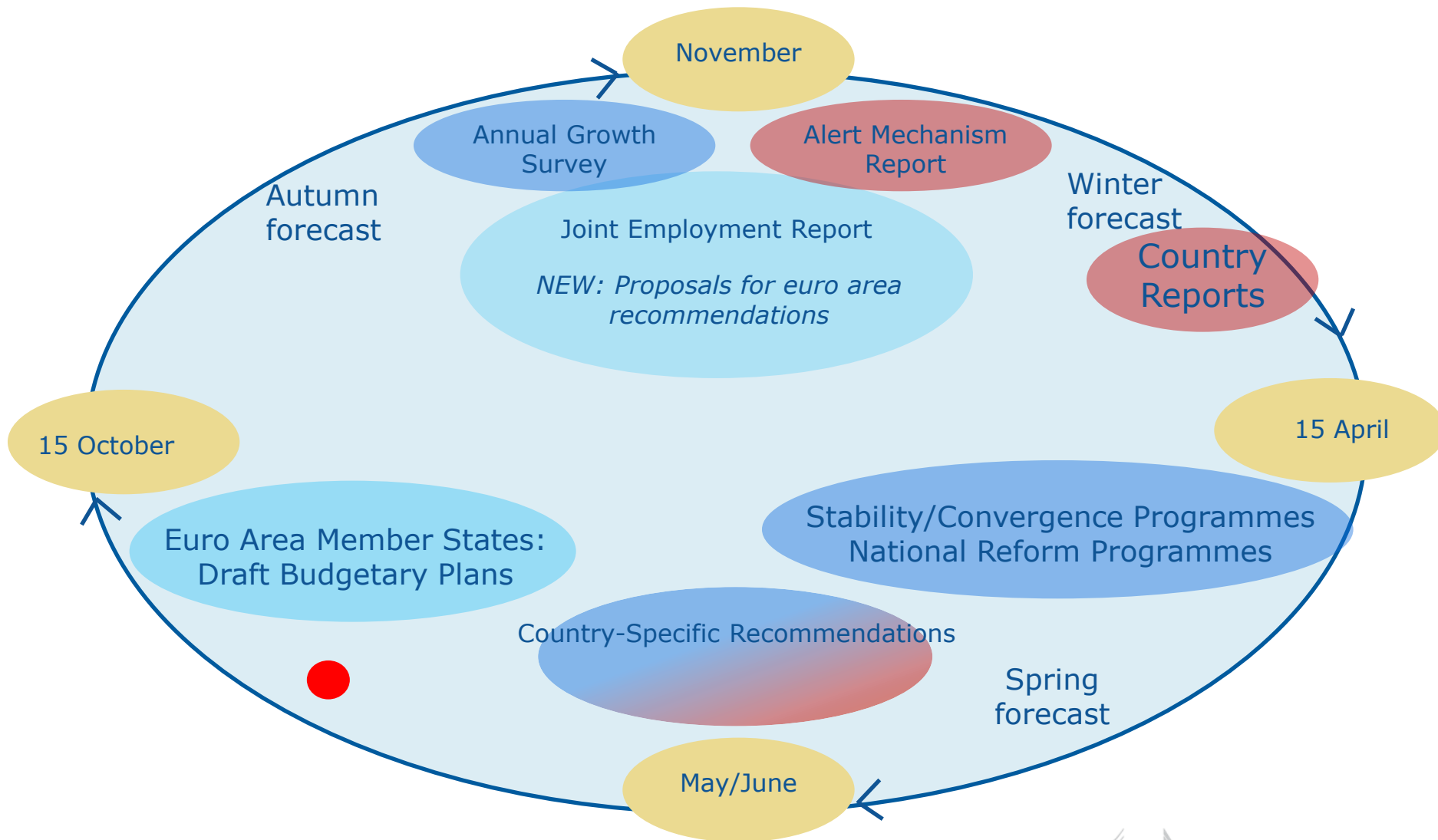




Country Specific Recommendations 2019

Lithuania

Economic surveillance cycle



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1. *Improve tax compliance and broaden the tax base to sources less detrimental to growth. Address **income inequality, poverty and social exclusion**, including by improving the **design of the tax and benefit system**.*

2. *Improve quality and efficiency at all **education and training** levels, including **adult learning**.*

*Increase the quality, affordability and efficiency of the **healthcare system**.*

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3. *Focus investment-related economic policy on **innovation, energy and resource efficiency, sustainable transport and energy interconnections**, taking into account **regional disparities**.*

*Stimulate productivity growth by improving the **efficiency of public investment**.*

*Develop a **coherent policy framework** to support **science-business cooperation** and consolidate **research and innovation implementing agencies**.*

Recital 20

*The programming of **Union funds** for the period 2021-2027 could help address some of the gaps identified in the **recommendations, in particular in the areas covered by Annex D** to the country report. This would allow Lithuania to **make the best use of those funds** in respect of the identified sectors, taking into account **regional disparities**.*