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L'UE renforce son appui au Maroc avec de nouveaux programmes dotés de 389 millions d'euros

La Commission européenne adopte aujourd'hui de nouveaux programmes de coopération à hauteur de 389 millions d'euros en appui au Royaume du Maroc afin de soutenir les réformes, le développement inclusif et la gestion des frontières et d'œuvrer au développement d'un « Partenariat euro-marocain pour une prospérité partagée ». Dans ce contexte de coopération renforcée, ces nouveaux programmes comprennent 289 millions d'euros financés par l'enveloppe bilatérale de coopération pour appuyer les réformes et le développement inclusif du Maroc. Cela comprend également la signature d'une convention de financement avec le Maroc pour un programme d'appui budgétaire de 101,7 millions d'euros en soutien à la gestion des frontières. Un communiqué de presse complet est disponible [en ligne](#). (Pour plus d'informations : Ana Pisonero Hernandez – Tél.: +32 229 54320; Alceo Smerilli – Tél.: +32 229 64887 ; Lauranne Devillé – Tél.: +32 229 80833)

Commission welcomes agreement on €500 million Macro-Financial Assistance programme for Jordan

The European Commission welcomes yesterday's endorsement by the Council of the agreement reached with the European Parliament to provide up to €500 million in [Macro-Financial Assistance](#) (MFA) to Jordan. This new financial assistance programme is designed to support the country's ambitious reform agenda, promoting jobs, growth and investment for the benefit of the people of Jordan. It builds on the two previous successful MFA programmes through which the EU has already disbursed a total of €380 million to Jordan since 2011. Paolo **Gentiloni**, Commissioner for the Economy, said: *"The European Union remains strongly committed to supporting the Jordanian people. The swift adoption of this assistance programme, which will provide vital support to the reform process in Jordan, is proof of that. We stand in solidarity with Jordan as it works to support the peace, security and development of the region. The European Commission looks forward to continued close cooperation with the Jordanian authorities."* A full press release is available [here](#). (For more information: Marta Wieczorek - +32 229 58197; Enda McNamara – Tel.: +32 229 64976)

Booking.com commits to align practices presenting offers and prices with EU law following EU action

Following dialogue with the European Commission and national consumer authorities, Booking.com has committed to make changes in the way it presents offers, discounts and prices to consumers. Once these new changes are fully applied by Booking, consumers should be better able to make informed comparisons in line with the requirements of EU consumer law. Didier **Reynders**, Commissioner for Justice and Consumers, said: *"All companies must meet our high consumer law standards if they want to do business in the EU. As a market leader, it is vital that companies like Booking.com meet their responsibilities in this area, ensuring that online accommodation reservation systems are free from manipulative techniques such as hiding sponsoring in ranking, unduly putting time pressure on users or misrepresenting rebates. The European Commission and national consumer authorities will continue to monitor all online travel platforms to ensure a fair online environment for consumers."* The European Commission and national consumer protection (CPC) authorities, under the lead of the [Netherlands Authority for Consumers and Markets](#) (ACM), assessed the commitments that Booking.com proposed at EU/EEA level, following contacts spanning the last year. CPC authorities are confident that the commitments will bring the company's practices in line with the requirements of EU consumer law. Booking.com has committed to make the changes to their practices by 16 June 2020 at the latest. See [here](#) the full press release and [here](#) the complete list of commitments. (For more information: Christian Wigand - Tel.: +32 229 62253; Guillaume Mercier - Tel.: +32 229 80564; Katarzyna Kolanko - Tel.: +32 229 6 34 44)

Eurobaromètre d'automne 2019 : l'immigration et le changement climatique restent les principales préoccupations au niveau de l'UE*

Selon les résultats d'une nouvelle enquête Eurobaromètre publiée aujourd'hui, la confiance globale dans l'UE reste stable (à 43%), malgré une légère diminution depuis le printemps (-1 point de pourcentage). Dans 18 Etats membres, une large majorité des personnes interrogées a répondu avoir confiance en l'UE. Par ailleurs, la confiance dans l'UE a augmenté dans 12 Etats membres. L'enquête montre également une inquiétude croissante parmi les citoyens européens concernant le changement climatique et l'environnement, le soutien aux mesures de l'UE pour améliorer l'égalité entre les femmes et les hommes sur le lieu de travail, et le soutien continu à l'Union économique et monétaire et à l'euro. Un communiqué de presse est disponible en ligne [ici](#). (Pour plus d'informations : Dana Spinant – Tél.: +32 2 299 01 50)

Ukraine: €8 million in humanitarian aid to withstand winter

The European Commission announced today an additional €8 million for the vulnerable people in Ukraine affected by the ongoing conflict in the east of the country. This funding brings EU humanitarian allocation to Ukraine in 2019 to €23 million. Janez **Lenarčič**, Commissioner for Crisis Management, said: *"More than five years of ongoing conflict have exhausted people's ability to take care of their basic needs. The EU is continuing to help the most vulnerable people on both sides of the contact line. This funding will help them withstand the harsh winter conditions."* With the new funding, the EU will support conflict-affected civilians in non-government and government controlled areas, primarily those living along the line of contact, with heating during the harsh winter, as well as access to water. It will also help repair healthcare facilities and schools damaged during the hostilities, facilitate access to healthcare services and supply medical equipment and medicines. More information on the [EU humanitarian aid in Ukraine](#) and a full [press release](#) are available online. (For more information: Balazs Ujvari – Tel.: +32 229 56185; Daniel Puglisi – Tel.: +32 229 69140; Lauranne Devillé – Tel. : +32 229 80833)

Mergers: Commission clears acquisition of Mellanox by NVIDIA

The European Commission has approved, under the EU Merger Regulation, the acquisition of Mellanox Technologies, Ltd. ("Mellanox") of Israel by NVIDIA Corporation ("NVIDIA") of the US. Mellanox supplies network interconnect products and solutions that facilitate efficient data transmission within datacentres, based on the Ethernet and InfiniBand protocols. NVIDIA supplies visual computing based on graphics processing unit ("GPU"), as well as accelerated computing platforms for gaming, professional visualisation, datacentre and automotive applications. The Commission concluded that the proposed acquisition would raise no competition concerns, because the companies mainly supply complementary products and they will not be able to leverage their respective positions into neighbouring markets. The transaction was examined under the normal merger review procedure. More information is available on the Commission's [competition](#) website, in the public [case register](#) under the case number [M.9424](#). (For more information: Arianna Podesta – Tel. +32 229 87024; Giulia Astuti – Tel.: +32 229 55344)

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