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Réponse mondiale au coronavirus : rendez-vous demain pour le sommet et le concert

J-1 avant le [sommet mondial et le concert](#) organisé par la Commission et Global Citizen. Le monde entier se réunit pour mobiliser [des fonds supplémentaires](#) afin de développer et déployer des vaccins, tests et traitements contre le coronavirus. Le concert, qui commencera à 20h heure de Bruxelles, inclut des performances de Chloe x Halle, Christine and the Queens, Coldplay, For Love Choir, J Balvin, Jennifer Hudson, J'Nai Bridges avec Gustavo Dudamel, Los Angeles Philharmonic & YOLA (Youth Orchestra Los Angeles), Justin Bieber and Quavo, Lin-Manuel Miranda et certains membres de la production originale de Broadway de HAMILTON avec Jimmy Fallon & The Roots, Miley Cyrus, Shakira, Usher et Yemi Alade. Avant le concert, le sommet, dès 15h heure de Bruxelles, inclura des interventions du Secrétaire général des Nations Unies, António Guterres, du président français Emmanuel Macron, de la chancelière allemande Angela Merkel, de la Première ministre norvégienne Erna Solberg et du Premier ministre du Royaume-Uni, Boris Johnson. Vous pouvez vérifier qui diffuse le concert dans votre pays [ici](#) et écouter la [playlist Spotify](#). Les événements seront également diffusés en direct sur le site web de la [Réponse mondiale au coronavirus](#). Lisez le communiqué de presse [ici](#). (Pour plus d'informations: Dana Spinant - Tel.: +32 2 299 01 50, Ana Pisonero - Tel.: +32 229 54320)

Investment Plan supports clean energy projects in Spain and Austria

The European Investment Bank (EIB) is providing finance to two clean energy projects: a [solar energy plant in Spain](#) and [two wind farms in Austria](#). Both financing deals are backed by the European Fund for Strategic Investments. The first is a €43.5 million agreement to build and operate the 200 MWp Cabrera photovoltaic solar plant, the largest plant in Andalusia. The plant will provide enough clean energy to supply nearly 145,000 households per year and create 350 jobs in the construction phase. The second is €63 million of finance for the construction and operation of two new wind farms in Austria (Prinzendorf III and Powi V) with a total capacity of approximately 43.6 MW. Paolo **Gentiloni**, European Commissioner for the Economy, said: "Investing in renewable energies is crucial to meet the goals of the European Green Deal and to reach climate neutrality by 2050. This new EU support announce today will bring clean energy to thousands more households in Spain and Austria." As of May 2020, the European Fund for Strategic Investments has mobilised €486 billion of investment across the EU, including €54.8 billion in Spain and €59.8 billion in Austria, and supported 1.2 million start-ups and small and medium businesses. (For more information: Marta Wieczorek - Tel.: +32 229 58197; Siobhán Millbright - Tel.: +32 229 57361)

Air pollution: Most EU Member States not on track to reduce air pollution and its related health impacts by 2030

The assessment of Member States' first programmes of measures to control air emissions finds that the implementation of the [new European clean air rules](#) needs improvement. Member States need to step up efforts across all sectors to make sure their citizens can breathe clean air, preventing respiratory diseases and premature death caused by polluted air. EU Commissioner for the Environment, Fisheries and Oceans Virginijus **Sinkevičius** said: "This report sends a clear message. All across Europe, too many citizens are still at risk from the air they breathe. We need more effective measures to cut pollution in numerous Member States and to tackle air emissions across sectors, including agriculture, transport and energy. There has never been a better time to make these changes: investing in cleaner air means investing in citizens' health, in our climate, and it's the kick-start our economy needs. That's the thinking behind the European Green Deal, and it's the logic the environment needs." According to the first Commission [report](#) assessing the implementation of the [National Emission reduction Commitments Directive](#) published today, most Member States are at risk of not complying with their 2020 or 2030 emission reduction commitments. While some Member States show good practices, which should inspire others, the Report shows the need for additional measures in order to reduce air pollution. Synergies with climate and energy policies need to be enhanced and further assessed, in line with the European Green Deal approach. More information is available in the [press release](#). (For more

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Green Deal: Coal and other carbon-intensive regions and the Commission launch the European Just Transition Platform

On Monday 29 June, the [Just Transition Platform \(JTP\)](#) will be launched to help Member States to draw up their territorial Just Transition Plans and access funding from the over €150 billion Just Transition Mechanism. This online Platform will provide technical and advisory support for public and private stakeholders in coal and other carbon-intensive regions, with easy access to information on funding opportunities and sources of technical assistance. Executive Vice-President for the European Green Deal Frans **Timmermans**, Commissioner for Cohesion and Reforms, Elisa **Ferreira**, and Commissioner for Energy, Kadri **Simson**, will launch the Just Transition Platform during an [online event](#) starting on Monday at 09:30. This will kick-start a week of online events dedicated to coal, lignite, peat and oil shale regions as well as carbon-intensive regions, organised under the Coal Regions Virtual Week and the Carbon-Intensive Regions Seminar. These events will inform stakeholders of the latest EU policy developments and provide an opportunity for good practices sharing. A full programme and registration is available [here](#). Registration is still possible until 20:00 CET tonight. More information is available in this [press release](#); the interventions of the Commissioners will be made available on their websites. (For more information: Vivian Loonela – Tel.: +32 229 66712; Tim McPhie – Tel.: +32 229 58602; Sara Soumillion – Tel.: + 32 229 67094)

Emergency Trust Fund for Africa: EU mobilises almost €100 million to support the most vulnerable in the Horn of Africa

The European Commission announced today a €97.2 million package of additional funding for programmes in the [Horn of Africa](#). Under [the European Union Emergency Trust Fund for Africa \(EUTF\)](#), this package will support the creation of job opportunities, public finance management and access to education for vulnerable groups, in particular refugees and displaced persons. Out of that total, €65 million will be allocated in Sudan, almost €20 million in Eritrea, €5 million in South Sudan and €2.5 million in Rwanda. Commissioner for International Partnerships, Jutta **Urpilainen**, said: “*The Emergency Trust Fund for Africa has been key for addressing the needs of some of the most vulnerable populations in Africa, including women and youth. It has already supported nearly 190,000 beneficiaries in the Horn of Africa in developing income generating activities and improved access to basic services for close to 500,000 people. Furthermore, it has been key in supporting the civilian-led transition in Sudan, a historic opportunity that will benefit the country's population, and peace and stability in the region*”. An important objective is the economic empowerment of women and youth, to reduce the social inequalities they face and to enable better economic integration. Overall in the Horn of Africa, the EUTF has reoriented programmes worth about €153.1 million to tackle the health and economic consequences of the pandemic. More information is available in the [press release](#). (For more information: Ana Pisonero – Tel. +32 229 54320; Gesine Knolle – Tel.: +32 229 54323)

Conférence dans le cadre du partenariat pour le Soudan: l'UE mobilise une aide supplémentaire en faveur du Soudan

Hier s'est tenue une conférence virtuelle de haut niveau dans le cadre du partenariat pour le Soudan, organisée conjointement par le Soudan, l'Union européenne, l'Allemagne et les Nations unies. Environ 50 pays et organisations internationales ont participé à la conférence. Les participants ont confirmé le solide soutien politique apporté par la communauté internationale à la transition démocratique et économique du Soudan menée par le gouvernement de transition civil. Parallèlement, les partenaires internationaux se sont engagés à verser 1,8 milliard d'USD (1,6 milliard d'euros) au total. L'équipe Europe («Team Europe»), qui comprend les institutions et les États membres de l'UE, versera 867 millions d'USD (770 millions d'euros) au titre de l'aide au développement et de l'aide humanitaire. Ce montant comprend une contribution de 312,25 millions d'euros de la Commission européenne en faveur d'une aide au développement à moyen et à long terme, d'une aide humanitaire immédiate et d'un soutien à la stabilité et à la paix. Cette contribution intervient à un moment crucial, la pandémie de coronavirus exacerbant la situation socio-économique déjà difficile du pays. Pour plus d'informations, voir le [communiqué de presse](#) complet et le [communiqué conjoint](#). Les [remarques d'introduction](#) du haut représentant/vice-président Josep **Borrell**, et les remarques de la commissaire pour les partenariats internationaux, Jutta **Urpilainen**, et du commissaire pour la gestion des crises, Janez **Lenarčič**, sont [disponibles en ligne](#). (Pour plus d'informations: Virginie Battu-Henriksson - Tél.: +32 229 54438; Ana Pisonero – Tél.: +32 229 54320; Balazs Ujvari – Tél.: +32 229 54578; Gesine Knolle – Tél.: +32 229 54323)

Coronavirus: EU channels further assistance to Armenia, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine and Belarus

This week, an Emergency Medical Team of 10 doctors and nurses from Italy are preparing their mission to Armenia, via the EU Civil Protection Mechanism. They will provide further assistance in addition to last week's deployed medical experts from Lithuania. In addition, in response to requests for assistance under the Mechanism, Poland has offered disinfectant, surgical masks, face shields and other personal protective equipment items to Moldova, Ukraine and Belarus. This support comes on top of protective equipment and other items sent by Slovakia to Ukraine and by Estonia to Georgia in May 2020. The EU coordinates and co-finances both the transport of the medical experts to Armenia, as well as the delivery of the in-kind assistance to Ukraine, Moldova and Belarus. Furthermore, the EU is also coordinating the offer of protective facemasks and other essential equipment from Denmark to Georgia. Janez **Lenarčič**, Commissioner for Crisis Management, said: "I am grateful to Italy, Poland and Denmark for their generosity towards our neighbours. *The virus knows no borders, but neither does European solidarity*". *The EU Civil Protection Mechanism has already coordinated the delivery of assistance to 17 countries during this pandemic. (For more information: Balazs Ujvari – Tel.: +32 2 295 4578; Gesine Knolle – Tel.: +32 2 295 43 23)*

Competition: Commission consults stakeholders on the Market Definition Notice

The European Commission has published today a public consultation on the Market Definition Notice used in EU competition law. The open questionnaire will contribute to the Commission's evaluation of the Notice to assess whether it requires updating. Stakeholders can submit their views and respond to the open public consultation until 9 October 2020. Over the past few years, change is happening at an ever more rapid pace, and the world is becoming increasingly digital and interconnected. The current Market Definition Notice dates from 1997 and may therefore not address all pertinent questions arising today when defining the relevant product and geographic market. The Commission has also gained a lot of experience in market definition all these years, techniques have evolved and the EU courts have provided additional guidance. The best practices that can be distilled from these developments may need to be reflected in a revised Market Definition Notice, and the Commission is seeking stakeholders' feedback on this. Commissioner Margrethe **Vestager**, in charge of competition policy, said: "*EU competition rules must remain fit for a world that is changing fast and is increasingly digital. The Market Definition Notice provides key information to companies and other stakeholders, helping them to understand the Commission's approach on how the market works. It is important that the guidance the Commission gives is up to date and that it sets out a clear and consistent approach to market definition in a way that is easily accessible. We want to have an open dialogue and exchanges with all relevant stakeholders for the Commission to understand any concerns about definitions on how the market works and if the notice needs to be updated.*" The full press release is available [online](#). (For more information: Arianna Podesta – Tel. +32 229 87024; Giulia Astuti – Tel.: +32 229 55344; Maria Tsoni – Tel.: +32 229 90526)

State aid: Commission approves €50 million Lithuanian measures in support of companies operating in the travel sector affected by the coronavirus outbreak

The European Commission approved two Lithuanian measures, with an estimated total budget of €50 million, to support travel agencies, tour operators, accommodation and catering businesses which were affected by the measures adopted by the Lithuanian authorities to face the coronavirus health emergency. The measures were approved under the State aid [Temporary Framework](#) adopted by the Commission on 19 March 2020, as amended on [3 April 2020](#) and [8 May 2020](#). The public support will take the form of (i) individual guarantees to ensure that tour operators can respect their contractual obligations, in particular in case of insolvency or bankruptcy; and (ii) loans to tour operators, accommodation and public catering service providers. The first measure will provide guarantees to tour operators established in Lithuania, with a maximum amount not exceeding €800,000 per beneficiary. The second measure will provide loans to tour operators to finance the reimbursement of travellers for trips that did not occur as a result of coronavirus-related travel restrictions, as well as to accommodation and catering service providers for the costs incurred as a result of the same restrictions. The purpose of the measures is to facilitate access to finance and to mitigate the sudden liquidity shortages that the affected companies are facing. The Commission found that the Lithuanian measures are in line with the conditions set out in the Temporary Framework. In particular, with regard to the first measure, the support per company will not exceed the €800,000. With regard to the second measure, the loan contracts are limited to a maximum of 6 years. Furthermore, aid under both measures will be granted no later than 31 December 2020. The Commission concluded that the

measure is necessary, appropriate and proportionate to remedy a serious disturbance in the economy of a Member State, in line with Article 107(3)(b) TFEU and the conditions set out in the Temporary Framework. On this basis, the Commission approved the measure under EU State aid rules. More information on the Temporary Framework and other actions taken by the Commission to address the economic impact of the coronavirus pandemic can be found [here](#). The non-confidential version of the decision will be made available under the case number SA.57665 in the [State aid register](#) on the Commission's [competition](#) website once any confidentiality issues have been resolved. (For more information: Arianna Podesta – Tel. +32 229 87024; Giulia Astuti – Tel.: +32 229 55344; Maria Tsoni – Tel.: +32 229 90526)

State aid: Commission approves €280 million Cypriot schemes to support companies and self-employed affected by coronavirus outbreak

The European Commission has approved two Cypriot schemes providing direct grants and subsidised interest rates to companies and self-employed workers affected by the coronavirus outbreak. The schemes were approved under the State aid [Temporary Framework](#) adopted by the Commission on 19 March 2020, as amended on [3 April 2020](#) and [8 May 2020](#). The first scheme, with a budget of €100 million, will be open to micro and small enterprises with up to 50 employees (including self-employed workers) and will provide them with one-off grants of up to €6,000 per company. The measure is expected to support more than 50,000 enterprises. The second scheme, with a budget of €180 million, will be open to all companies and self-employed workers. It will provide subsidised favourable interest rates on new loans signed between 1 March 2020 and 31 December 2020, for loans with a maximum duration of four years. The aim of both schemes is to address the liquidity needs of the eligible undertakings, including the self-employed, to help them continue their activities during and after the outbreak. The Commission found that the schemes notified by Cyprus are in line with the conditions set out in the Temporary Framework. In particular, the aid envisaged in both schemes does not exceed €100,000 per company active in the primary production of agricultural products, €120,000 per company active in the fishery and aquaculture sector and €800,000 per company active in all other sectors. The Commission concluded that the measures are necessary, appropriate and proportionate to remedy a serious disturbance in the economy of a Member State, in line with Article 107(3)(b) TFEU and the conditions set out in the Temporary Framework. On this basis, the Commission approved the measures under EU State aid rules. More information on the Temporary Framework and other actions taken by the Commission to address the economic impact of the coronavirus pandemic can be found [here](#). The non-confidential version of the decision will be made available under the case number SA.57654 in the [State aid register](#) on the Commission's [competition](#) website once any confidentiality issues have been resolved. (For more information: Arianna Podesta – Tel. +32 229 87024; Giulia Astuti – Tel.: +32 229 55344; Maria Tsoni – Tel.: +32 229 90526)

Aides d'État: La Commission approuve la modification d'un régime destiné à encourager les investissements à risque dans certaines entreprises

La Commission européenne a autorisé, en vertu des règles de l'UE en matière d'aides d'État, la modification d'un régime mis en place par la France visant à faciliter les investissements à risque dans certaines petites et moyennes entreprises (PME). Le régime existant avait été initialement autorisé en [novembre 2015](#). L'aide est octroyée sous forme d'une réduction d'impôt pour les particuliers qui souscrivent, directement ou indirectement, par des fonds d'investissement, au capital de certaines entreprises. Le régime existant est modifié comme suit: (i) la base de l'avantage fiscal n'est plus l'impôt de solidarité sur la fortune (ISF) mais l'impôt sur le revenu (IR); (ii) le nouveau régime inclut parmi les entreprises éligibles certaines « entreprises solidaires d'utilité sociale » (ESUS), et certaines PME innovantes; (iii) le budget révisé du régime sera de €160 millions pour la période 2020-2025, financé par le budget général français. La Commission a examiné la compatibilité de ce régime au regard des [Lignes directrices relatives aux aides d'Etat visant à promouvoir les investissements à risque](#) (voir aussi [MEMO/14/14](#)). L'examen a révélé que l'aide est nécessaire pour stimuler l'investissement que le marché ne suscite pas spontanément, se traduisant par un « vide de financement » pour certaines PME. Ce manque de financement découle d'une asymétrie d'informations entre investisseurs et entrepreneurs, qui frappe en particulier les PME. La Commission a également vérifié que l'aide incite les investisseurs à investir dans des entreprises dans lesquelles ils n'auraient pas investi autrement. En outre, le mécanisme fiscal à la base de la mesure permet, contrairement à une intervention directe de l'État, de s'appuyer le plus possible sur des mécanismes de marché. Finalement, la Commission a vérifié que l'aide était proportionnée aux objectifs poursuivis, tant au niveau des investisseurs qu'au niveau des PME bénéficiaires des investissements. Plus d'informations seront disponibles sur le site internet de la Direction Générale de la [Concurrence](#) de la Commission, dans le [registre](#) des aides d'État sous le numéro SA.55869. (Pour plus d'informations: Arianna

State aid: Commission approves a €2.6 million Czech scheme to support companies affected by coronavirus outbreak in the Moravia-Silesia region

The European Commission has approved a €2.6 million Czech scheme to support companies affected by the coronavirus outbreak. The scheme, set up by the Moravia-Silesia region, was approved under the State aid [Temporary Framework](#) adopted by the Commission on 19 March 2020, as amended on [3 April 2020](#) and [8 May 2020](#). The public support will take the form of direct grants. The scheme will be open to companies active in Moravia-Silesia and is composed of two separate measures that will provide support to (i) micro-enterprises in the manufacturing sector; and (ii) companies of all sizes that operate tourist attractions. The aim of both measures is to address the liquidity needs of companies affected by the coronavirus outbreak, thus helping to preserve the continuity of economic activity during and after the outbreak. The Commission found that the scheme notified by Czechia is in line with the conditions set out in the Temporary Framework. In particular, the support will not exceed €800,000 per company. The Commission therefore concluded that the Czech measure is necessary, appropriate and proportionate to remedy a serious disturbance in the economy of a Member State, in line with Article 107(3)(b) TFEU and the conditions set out in the Temporary Framework. On this basis, the Commission approved the measures under EU State aid rules. More information on the Temporary Framework and other actions taken by the Commission to address the economic impact of the coronavirus pandemic can be found [here](#). The non-confidential version of the decision will be made available under the case number SA.57506 in the [State aid register](#) on the Commission's [competition](#) website once any confidentiality issues have been resolved. (For more information: Arianna Podesta – Tel. +32 229 87024; Giulia Astuti – Tel.: +32 229 55344; Maria Tsoni – Tel.: +32 229 90526)

Mergers: Commission clears acquisition of joint control over Alcomotive by Beran

The European Commission has approved, under the EU Merger Regulation, the acquisition of joint control over Alcomotive NV of Belgium by Beran Central Europe (“Beran”) of Spain. Following this transaction, Alcomotive will be jointly controlled by Beran and Alcopa Coordination Centre NV (“ACC”) of Belgium. Alcomotive is active in the import and wholesale distribution of 4 wheel motor vehicles. Beran is jointly controlled by the Berge Group of Spain, Mitsubishi Corporation (“MC”) of Japan and Inmobiliaria Algeciras Limitada of Chile. The Berge Group is active in maritime ports, distribution of motor vehicles, logistics, renewable energy and finance. MC is active across several industries, including industrial finance, energy, chemicals, food and environment, and the distribution of motor vehicles. Algeciras' only activities in the European Economic Area relate to its joint ventures with Berge Auto in Finland for the distribution of passenger cars and light commercial vehicles and related spare parts, after sales and financing. ACC is the holding company of the Alcopa Group. Alcopa invests in a broad range of products and industries, including automotive, real estate, solar screens, furniture and pharmacy. The Commission concluded that the proposed acquisition would raise no competition concerns, given the limited overlaps between the activities of the companies. The transaction was examined under the simplified merger review procedure. More information is available on the Commission's [competition](#) website, in the public [case register](#) under the case number [M.9859](#). (For more information: Arianna Podesta – Tel. +32 229 87024; Maria Tsoni – Tel.: +32 229 90526)

Mergers: Commission clears acquisition of Ansaldo Energia by CDP Equity

The European Commission has approved, under the EU Merger Regulation, the acquisition of Ansaldo Energia S.p.A. (“AEN”) by CDP Equity S.p.A. (“CDPE”), both of Italy. AEN is internationally active in the sector for power generation systems and components. Before the transaction, AEN was jointly controlled by CDPE and Shanghai Electric Hongkong Co. Limited. CDPE is a holding company aiming to boost the Italian economy by investing equity capital in companies of major national interest. CDPE is wholly owned by Cassa Depositi e Prestiti S.p.A., a financial institution active in financing for development, enterprises, international expansion and urban transformation. The Commission concluded that the proposed acquisition would raise no competition concerns, because CDPE had already joint control of AEN and the change to sole control does not give rise to significant changes in AEN's strategic market positioning. The transaction was examined under the simplified merger review procedure. More information is available on the Commission's [competition](#) website, in the public [case register](#) under the case number [M.9841](#). (For more information: Arianna Podesta – Tel. +32 229 87024; Maria Tsoni – Tel.: +32 229 90526)

Mergers: Commission clears acquisition of Brasinex Bohemia by Czech Media Invest and Rockaway

The European Commission has approved, under the EU Merger Regulation, the acquisition of Brasinex Bohemia, a.s. ("BB") by Czech Media Invest a.s. ("CMI") and Rockaway Capital SE ("Rockaway"), all of Czechia. BB is active at all levels of the book industry, in particular in Czechia, and is currently controlled by Rockaway. CMI is active in the media sector, in particular in periodicals publishing and radio broadcasting. Rockaway invests primarily in online service businesses. The Commission concluded that the proposed transaction would raise no competition concerns given the moderate combined market positions of the companies involved. The transaction was examined under the simplified merger review procedure. More information is available on the Commission's [competition website](#), in the public [case register](#) under the case number [M.9601](#). (For more information: Arianna Podesta – Tel. +32 229 87024; Maria Tsoni – Tel.: +32 229 90526)

International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking: more action needed to fight illicit drugs

On the occasion of the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, Vice-President for Promoting our European Way of Life Margaritis **Schinias** said: *"Drug trafficking is still the largest criminal market in the EU; organised crime groups remained active during the pandemic, quickly adapting their drugs operations to the new situation. This comes at a cost to our societies, with significant impacts on public health and on security. We are determined to fight them with all means at our disposal"*. Commissioner for Home Affairs Ylva **Johansson** added: *"The route from drug producer, to distributor, to user, and indeed to money launderer, is becoming ever more sophisticated, more circuitous and more profitable. In recent years, illicit drugs have increased in availability, with technology enabling online trade, postal dispatch, and hidden profits throughout the EU. Modern organised crime needs a modern organised response. We will soon present a robust and ambitious EU action on tackling drug smugglers, improving prevention strategies and targeting those who profit from others' addiction."* The Commission will take part in a special [event](#) of the United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs starting at 2 pm today, and focusing on the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on the world drug situation. You can watch the event live [here](#). A [report](#) issued last month by the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction and EUROPOL on the impact of the coronavirus on EU drug markets showed that organised crime groups continued their activities during the pandemic, and adapted transportation models, trafficking routes and concealment methods. As part of its Strategy towards building a Security Union, the Commission will present later this year a new EU Drugs Agenda setting out the political framework and priority actions for the next five years. (For more information: Adalbert Jahnz - Tel.: + 32 229 53156; Ciara Bottomley - Tel.: +32 229 69971; Laura Bérard - Tel.: +32 229 55721)

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