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État de l'Union: un nouveau plan d'action pour inverser la tendance dans la lutte contre le racisme

La Commission a présentée aujourd'hui un nouveau [plan d'action de l'UE contre le racisme](#) qui définit une série de mesures pour les cinq prochaines années. La Commission veillera notamment à ce que les États membres mettent intégralement en œuvre la législation de l'UE en la matière et renforcera encore le cadre juridique, si nécessaire. Les domaines concernés par ces nouvelles mesures pourraient être, entre autres, ceux non encore couverts par la législation antidiscrimination, comme dans le domaine du maintien de l'ordre public. La Commission invite également les États membres à maximiser l'utilisation de tous les outils dont ils disposent, en particulier les fonds disponibles au titre du prochain budget à long terme de l'UE et de NextGenerationEU. Le plan d'action réunit des acteurs à tous les niveaux pour lutter plus efficacement contre le racisme en Europe, notamment par l'adoption de plans d'action nationaux contre le racisme. Un [communiqué de presse](#) et une [fiche d'information](#) sont disponibles en ligne. Le plan d'action a été présenté par la vice-présidente Věra **Jourová** et la commissaire Helena **Dalli** lors d'une conférence de presse aujourd'hui qui est disponible sur [EBS](#). Cet après-midi, la vice-présidente et la commissaire participeront à un événement avec des légendes du foot dans un stade local à Bruxelles. Les images de l'événement seront disponibles sur [EBS+](#). Leurs remarques de la conférence de presse seront disponibles [ici](#) prochainement. (Pour plus d'informations: Christian Wigand - Tél.: +32 229 62253; Kasia Kolanko - Tél.: +32 229 63444; Alice Hobbs - Tél.: +32 229 80829)

Coronavirus: the Commission signs second contract to ensure access to a potential vaccine

Today, a second contract with a pharmaceutical company entered into force following the contract's formal signature between Sanofi-GSK and the Commission. The contract will allow all EU Member States to purchase up to 300 million doses of the Sanofi-GSK vaccine. Moreover, Member States may donate reserved doses to lower- and middle-income countries. Sanofi and GSK will also endeavour to provide a significant portion of their vaccine supply through a collaboration with the COVID-19 Vaccines Global Access (COVAX) facility - the vaccine pillar of the Access to COVID-19 Tools Accelerator for lower and middle income countries - in a timely manner. President **von der Leyen** said: "With today's contract with Sanofi-GSK, the European Commission shows once again its commitment to ensuring equitable access to safe, effective and affordable vaccines not only for its citizens but also for the world's poorest and most vulnerable people. Agreements with other companies will be concluded soon and build a diversified portfolio of promising vaccines, based on various types of technologies, increasing our chances to find an effective remedy against the virus." Stella **Kyriakides**, Commissioner for Health and Food Safety, said: "With several countries in Europe experiencing new outbreaks after the summer period, a safe and effective vaccine is more instrumental than ever to overcome this pandemic and its devastating effects on our economies and societies. This second agreement is yet another milestone in our EU Vaccines Strategy. Today we are expanding our possibilities to ensure that EU citizens and citizens around the world can gradually resume daily life and feel safe again." A full press release is available [online](#). (For more information: Stefan De Keersmaecker - Tel.: +32 229 84680; Stephan Meder - Tel.: +32 229 13917)

The Commission publishes recommendations for a common EU testing approach for COVID-19

Today, the Commission has published a set of [recommendations](#) for a common COVID-19 testing approach in Europe, as a follow-up initiative of the 15 July [Communication on Short-Term EU Health Preparedness for COVID-19 Outbreaks](#). The recommendations set out concrete actions to support countries in the planning and organisation of their testing efforts during the different stages of the pandemic. The recommendations have been endorsed by the Health Security Committee, in view of streamlining national approaches and ensuring more coherent COVID-19 testing across the EU.

Commissioner for Health and Food Safety, Stella **Kyriakides** said: "Testing and contact tracing are essential aspects of an effective response to COVID-19 and for ensuring that the spread of the virus is kept to a minimum. In view of the upcoming influenza season, during which the number of people showing COVID-19 compatible symptoms is expected to increase, it is more important than ever that all Member States have effective and robust testing strategies in place. These recommendations will help Member States to improve early detection of infected persons and ensure a better overview of infection rates and transmission." The European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control has also published a report on COVID-19 testing strategies and objectives today, available [here](#). (For more information: Stefan De Keersmaecker – Tel.: +32 229 84680; Stephan Meder – Tel.: +32 229 13917)

Coronavirus: EU allocates €150 million for the transport of essential medical items

The EU is providing financial support to 18 Member States and the UK to transport essential medical items to Europe with funding totalling €150 million, through the Emergency Support Instrument (ESI). ESI has allowed the EU to finance cargo shipments between April and September 2020, including life-saving personal protective equipment, medicines and medical equipment. For example, it supported the transport of a shared shipment of more than 1,000 tonnes of essential personal protective equipment to Czechia and Slovakia. Under this instrument, the EU also financed the transport of more than 1,000 tonnes of personal protective equipment bought by the Italian Extraordinary Commissioner for the coronavirus emergency, and more than 400 tonnes of goggles, disposable gowns, masks and protective clothing to Lithuania by plane and train. "We continue to support our EU Member States to be better prepared to deal with the coronavirus pandemic. We have financed the transportation of essential medical supplies across the EU. The items were delivered where they were needed the most and have boosted national efforts to save lives and better equip hospitals and healthcare workers", said Commissioner for Crisis Management, Janez **Lenarčič**. The full press release is available [online](#). (For more information: Balazs Ujvari - Tel.: +32 229 54578; Daniel Puglisi – Tel.: +32 229 69140)

Coronavirus Global Response: the Commission's contribution to the COVID-19 Vaccine Global Access Facility (COVAX)

Today, the European Commission confirmed its participation in the COVAX Facility for equitable access to affordable COVID-19 vaccines, following its [expression of interest](#) on 31 August and its announcement of a contribution of €400 million. In a joint effort between the European Commission and the 27 EU Member States, Team Europe will contribute with an initial €230 million in cash through a loan from the European Investment Bank, backed by the same amount in guarantees provided by the EU budget. A contribution of €230 million is equivalent to reserves or options to buy 88 million doses and the EU would transfer these to eligible Advanced Market Commitment (AMC) countries. This contribution is complemented with €170 million in financial guarantees from the EU budget. Ursula **von der Leyen**, President of the European Commission, said: "It is not enough to find a vaccine. We must make sure that citizens around the world have access to it. Our strong commitment to the COVAX Facility is another sign to all citizens who need the vaccine that we stand with them, wherever they are. No one is safe until everyone is safe". Stella **Kyriakides**, Commissioner for Health and Food Safety, said: "Being part of the COVAX Facility means ensuring its success and providing access to vaccines for low and middle income countries. It means ensuring access not only for those who can afford it – but to all citizens globally. And it means showing solidarity and global leadership. It is only together that we will be able to overcome COVID-19". Jutta **Urpilainen**, Commissioner for International partnerships, said: "With this contribution to COVAX, the EU is demonstrating that we are serious about leaving no one behind. The future vaccines for COVID-19 should not be a luxury for the rich but a global public good. We need to guarantee that those that most need it have access to it irrespective of where they live". The COVAX Facility, co-led by Gavi (the Vaccine Alliance), the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI) and WHO, aims to accelerate the development and manufacturing of COVID-19 vaccines and to guarantee fair and equitable access for every country in the world. A full press release is available [online](#). (For more information: Stefan De Keersmaecker – Tel.: +32 229 84680; Stephan Meder – Tel.: +32 229 13917)

Coronavirus: Commission supports international clinical research network to treat COVID-19

The Commission announced today that it will support with €15.7 million an ambitious new research initiative, EU-RESPONSE, which will establish a clinical research network to treat COVID-19 and other

emerging infectious diseases. The funding is part of the Commission's €1.4 billion pledge, from which [€1 billion come from Horizon 2020](#), for coronavirus research and innovation directed towards the development of vaccines, new treatments and diagnostic tools to prevent the spread of the virus. Commissioner Mariya **Gabriel** said: *"EU-RESPONSE is a major step towards pan-European clinical trials that not only give us the scale we need to rapidly assess potential treatments, but can also adapt rapidly as new facts and ideas emerge. This EU clinical trials network will serve Europe now to address COVID-19 and help us prepare for future threats by offering speed, scale and solidarity."* The EU-RESPONSE consortium, led by the Institut National de la Santé et de la Recherche Médicale (INSERM), brings together 21 partners with world-class research capabilities from 13 EU countries, Norway, Switzerland and Turkey. The project adds to the portfolio of [EU-funded research and innovation actions](#) and complements the public health policy and activities that the Commission is coordinating with the Member States. More information is available [here](#). (For more information: Johannes Bahrke - Tel.: +32 229 58615; Marietta Grammenou - Tel.: +32 229 83583)

Border management: Commission approves extra funding to Greece and Bulgaria

Today, the Commission has made available an additional €23.8 million to Greece, under the [Internal Security Fund](#), to support border management. This top up will support the deployment of border guards to improve border surveillance, address the need to enhance the reception and identification service in the Aegean islands, and support the deployment of additional staff. The Commission also approved today €12.8 million in extra funding to Bulgaria, including support for additional border guards participating in operations at its southern external borders. Under the Internal Security Fund, the EU helps Member States in managing the Union's external borders, directing the resources needed to support Member States confronted with challenges. (For more information: Adalbert Jahnz - Tel.: + 32 229 53156; Ciara Bottomley - Tel.: +32 229 69971; Laura Bérard - Tel.: +32 229 55721)

Les nouvelles règles de l'UE en matière d'audiovisuel et de médias s'appliquent dès demain

Demain, 19 septembre 2020, marque une étape importante pour la [directive sur les services de médias audiovisuels](#), car c'est la date limite pour que les États membres la transposent dans leur droit national. La directive, adoptée en 2018, est un outil précieux visant à protéger les téléspectateurs vulnérables, tels que les mineurs qui utilisent des plateformes de vidéo à la demande et de partage de vidéos, contre les discours de haine et autres contenus préjudiciables. Elle contribue également à préserver la diversité culturelle en permettant aux entreprises, films et autres productions médiatiques européens de créer et de promouvoir des œuvres européennes, tout en offrant aux consommateurs un choix plus varié de produits et de services. Le commissaire au marché intérieur, Thierry **Breton**, a déclaré : *« Avec la directive sur les services de médias audiovisuels, nous faisons un nouveau pas en avant vers la création d'un cadre européen moderne pour les médias qui permettra de proposer des services plus innovants, de promouvoir notre culture européenne dans les catalogues à la demande et de protéger nos enfants contre les contenus illicites et préjudiciables en ligne. Nous travaillons en étroite collaboration avec les États membres pour veiller à ce que les nouvelles règles audiovisuelles soient transposées intégralement et efficacement »*. Les nouvelles règles audiovisuelles s'inscrivent dans le cadre du travail plus large de la Commission visant à définir plus clairement les responsabilités des médias sociaux et des plateformes en ligne, et complètent le [paquet relatif aux services numériques](#) à venir. Au cours des deux dernières années, la Commission a aidé les États membres à transposer les règles, notamment par l'intermédiaire de leurs représentants compétents ([le comité de contact](#)) et du [Groupe des régulateurs de médias européen](#) (ERGA). Récemment, la Commission a publié des [lignes directrices](#) sur les œuvres européennes et les plateformes de partage de vidéos, qui contribuent à la mise en œuvre et à l'application harmonisées de la directive. (Pour plus d'informations : Johannes Bahrke - Tél : +32 229 58615 ; Marietta Grammenou - Tél : +32 229 83583)

EU Member States agree on a threshold value to keep Europe's beaches clean

Today, ahead of the World CleanUp Day on 19 September, the Commission is setting a threshold value for marine litter on coastlines, to help clean up Europe's beaches and keep them clean. EU Member States' experts have agreed that a beach will need to have less than 20 litter items for every 100 metres of coastline to stay under the threshold. It provides the first fixed, tangible objective for all of Europe's beaches and represents a significant commitment to keep them clean. Virginijus **Sinkevičius**, Commissioner for the Environment, said: *"This agreement is a sign that we have stepped up our fight against litter on our beaches and coastline, with benefits for our environment, for our blue economy and for all of us. It strengthens our commitment to move towards a zero*

pollution ambition in synergy with our biodiversity objectives. Now we have a clearer benchmark in achieving clean and healthy seas and I call on Member State authorities to use this agreed value and take the necessary measures to achieve litter-free beaches. The reduction of single use plastics together with better waste management and boosting recycling will help us achieve this goal."

Mariya **Gabriel**, Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth, responsible for the Joint Research Centre (JRC), said: *"This new beach litter threshold value is another fantastic example of science at the heart of making the right choices for a greener, more sustainable Europe. Our own experts at the Joint Research Centre, together with Member States, have analysed data from all over Europe, working across the Commission to help set a target that will keep our beaches clean."* The beach litter threshold value has been developed under the Commission's [Marine Strategy Framework Directive](#), which requires Member States to develop and implement strategies to protect the marine environment. To raise awareness about the challenge of marine litter and encourage citizens worldwide to take action, the European Commission and the European External Action Service are organising the third edition of the [#EUBeachCleanup](#) campaign. The threshold demonstrates the EU's commitment to fulfil the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal 14.1 to reduce marine pollution significantly by 2025. The JRC's press release and technical report on the threshold value are available [online](#). (For more information: Susanne Conze – Tel.: +32 229 80236; Vivian Loonela – Tel.: +32 229 66712; Sinéad Meehan – van Druuten – Tel.: +32 229 84094 ; Daniela Stoycheva – Tel.: +32 229 5366)

La Commission autorise l'Italie à apporter un soutien supplémentaire aux producteurs de vin

Aujourd'hui, la Commission a adopté une décision autorisant l'Italie à apporter un soutien supplémentaire aux producteurs de vin dans la région du Piémont par une distillation de crise. Seuls les vins ayant une indication géographique protégée (IGP) ou une appellation d'origine protégée (AOP) pourront bénéficier de cette aide. Cette mesure vise à réduire les stocks de vin, libérer des capacités de stockage et rétablir l'équilibre entre l'offre et la demande sur le marché vitivinicole italien affecté par la crise de coronavirus. L'Italie a déjà introduit la distillation du vin en cas de crise dans son programme national de soutien au secteur vitivinicole pour 2020. Mais jusqu'à présent, cette mesure ne pouvait bénéficier, ou que très peu, au Piémont, l'une des régions italiennes les plus touchées par les conséquences de la pandémie, car elle n'est pas applicable aux vins ayant une IGP ou AOP. En effet, 94% des vins piémontais ont une telle protection. Grâce à la décision d'aujourd'hui, les paiements nationaux couvriront les coûts de la distillation de crise dans cette région italienne. La livraison de vin aux distilleries sera volontaire. Le vin sera distillé en alcool utilisé à des fins industrielles, y compris la désinfection, ou à des fins pharmaceutiques ou énergétiques. Le budget national alloué à cette mesure s'élève à €4 million, avec une aide entre €6.5 et €12.5 par hectolitre de vin destiné à être distillé. En tout, il est estimé que 84 000 hectolitres de vin seront distillés. Cette décision vient s'ajouter à un ensemble de [mesures exceptionnelles de soutien au secteur vitivinicole](#) adoptées par la Commission le 7 juillet 2020. (Pour plus d'informations: Miriam Garcia Ferrer – Tél.: +32 229 99075; Thérèse Lerebours – Tél.: +32 229 13963)

État de l'Union: La Commission élève son niveau d'ambition climatique et propose une réduction de 55% des émissions d'ici à 2030

La Commission européenne a présenté hier son [plan visant à réduire les émissions de gaz à effet de serre de l'UE d'au moins 55 % d'ici à 2030](#) par rapport aux niveaux de 1990. Ce niveau d'ambition pour la prochaine décennie placera l'UE sur une voie équilibrée vers la neutralité climatique d'ici à 2050. Le nouvel objectif repose sur une [analyse d'impact complète](#) des incidences sociales, économiques et environnementales. L'analyse démontre que cette démarche est réaliste et réalisable. Cette ambition accrue souligne également le rôle moteur que l'UE continue de jouer sur la scène mondiale, dans la perspective de la prochaine conférence des Nations unies sur le climat (COP26). Hier, la Commission a également présenté une [modification de la proposition de loi européenne sur le climat](#), afin d'inclure l'objectif de réduction d'au moins 55 % des émissions à l'horizon 2030 en tant qu'étape vers l'objectif de neutralité climatique d'ici à 2050. Elle a ainsi invité le Parlement et le Conseil à confirmer cet objectif de 55 % en tant que nouvelle contribution déterminée au niveau national (CDN) de l'UE dans le cadre de l'accord de Paris et à le soumettre à la CCNUCC d'ici la fin de l'année. Enfin, elle a défini les propositions législatives qui doivent être présentées d'ici juin 2021 pour mettre en œuvre ce nouvel objectif. Parallèlement, la Commission a aussi adopté hier une [évaluation des plans nationaux des États membres en matière d'énergie et de climat](#) pour la période 2021-2030. Cette évaluation montre que l'UE est sur la bonne voie pour dépasser son objectif actuel de réduction des émissions d'au moins 40 % d'ici à 2030, en particulier grâce aux progrès en cours dans le déploiement des énergies renouvelables dans toute l'Europe. Le

nouvel objectif climatique à l'horizon 2030 contribuera à orienter la relance économique de l'Europe après la pandémie de coronavirus. Il stimulera les investissements dans une économie efficace dans l'utilisation des ressources, encourageant ainsi l'innovation dans les technologies propres, la compétitivité et la création d'emplois verts. Les États membres peuvent puiser dans les 750 milliards d'euros du fonds NextGenerationEU pour la relance et le prochain budget à long terme de l'UE pour réaliser ces investissements dans la transition verte. Pour soutenir les investissements nécessaires, la Commission a ainsi adopté hier les règles relatives à un [nouveau mécanisme de financement de l'UE en matière d'énergies renouvelables](#). Plus d'informations sont disponibles dans le [communiqué de presse](#), les [questions-réponses](#) et le [discours](#) du vice-président exécutif **Timmermans** et la commissaire **Simson** (Pour plus d'informations: Tim McPhie - Tél.: +32 229 58602; Lynn Rietdorf - Tél.: +32 229 74959 ; Ana Crespo Parrondo - Tél.: +32 229 81325)

Agriculture: the Commission approves new geographical indication from Hungary

The Commission has approved today the addition of '[Szilvászvárad](#) [pisztráng](#)' from Hungary in the register of Protected Designation of Origin (PDO). 'Szilvászvárad [pisztráng](#)' is a fish belonging to the trout family. The flavour of Szilvászvárad [pisztráng](#)' differs from that of other similar fish varieties, and it also has a distinctive texture. Its pink flesh has a subtle flavour. All stages of the production process take place in the Szalajka valley, in the Bükk mountains, in northern Hungary. The quality of the mountain springs and the local expertise in farming and rearing ensure that 'Szilvászvárad [pisztráng](#)' preserves its unique characteristics. The new denomination will be added to the list of 1,480 products already protected. More information: webpages on [quality products](#) and [database eAmbrosia](#). (For more information: Miriam Garcia Ferrer – Tel.: +32 229 99075; Thérèse Lerebours – Tel.: +32 229 13963)

Announcements

EU at UNGA75: Championing multilateralism and a strong and effective United Nations that delivers for all

The 75th session of the General Assembly of the United Nations was opened by the new President of the General Assembly, Volkan Bozkir, on 15 September, with the High-level week beginning in a virtual format on Monday, 21 September. As the world's leading proponents and defenders of a strong rules-based multilateral system, the European Union and the United Nations are natural partners working hand in hand to promote international peace and security, human rights and sustainable development. To kick-off the week, on Monday 21 September, European Council President, Charles **Michel**, will join world leaders in the [High-level event celebrating the 75th anniversary of the United Nations](#). On Friday 25, he will deliver the statement on behalf of the European Union during the [United Nations General Debate](#). European Commission President, Ursula **von der Leyen**, will join the United Nations Secretary-General, António Guterres, for the [High-level roundtable on Climate Action](#) on Thursday 24. President **von der Leyen** will also participate in the [Summit on Biodiversity](#) on September 30 and in a related event endorsing the "Leaders Pledge for Nature" on Monday 28. On October 1, she will also participate in the High-level meeting on the [25th anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women](#). Executive Vice-President Frans **Timmermans** will participate in the New York Climate Week virtual event on 'Business support for a stronger EU 2030 target' organized by the Climate Leadership Group on Monday 21. On Friday 18, High Representative/Vice-President Josep **Borrell** will deliver a keynote speech at the event [UNited for a New Multilateralism](#). On Monday 21, Commissioner Janez **Lenarčič** will participate in the event [Unlocking big change – Education: the key to a better future](#) and, on Wednesday 23, he will co-host with Sweden the meeting on 'Humanitarian Crisis in Yemen: Averting an Outbreak of Famine'. On Friday 25, Commissioner **Lenarčič** will also co-host the [High-level side event on the humanitarian impact of combined conflict, climate and environmental risks](#) and will participate in the event [Collective action to prevent, mitigate and respond to gender-based violence in emergencies](#). On Tuesday 29, he will represent the EU at the "High-Level Private Virtual Roundtable: Meeting our promises on Refugee Education during COVID-19". On Wednesday 23, Commissioner Jutta **Urpilainen** will represent the EU at the [SDG Business Forum](#). In parallel, Commissioner Kadri **Simson** will participate in the [Climate Week virtual event](#) on "Green Recovery from COVID-19: Perspectives From Across the Globe" on Tuesday 22. Over the past week, High Representative/Vice-President Josep **Borrell** participated in the ministerial meeting of the Contact Group on Yemen on

Thursday 17, reiterating the EU's unwavering support to UN efforts in making a political breakthrough (see the [joint communiqué](#) issued). Commissioners **Lenarčič** and **Urpilainen** participated in the [Food crises and COVID-19](#) event on Tuesday 15. Commissioner **Urpilainen** participated in the high-level event [The future of education is here for those left furthest behind](#) on Thursday 17. The agenda of the individual EU representatives can be found on their [websites](#). Factsheets on the [EU-UN partnership](#) and on [how the EU works at the UN](#) are available online. See also the UN [media advisory](#). (For more information: Nabila Massrali – Tel.: +32 229 88093; Adam Kaznowski – Tel.: +32 229 89359; Xavier Cifre Quatresols – Tel.: +32 229 73582)

Fair and simple taxation: Join our online event with Commissioner Gentiloni and German Finance Minister Scholz on 21 September

Commissioner for the Economy, Paolo **Gentiloni**, will on Monday 21 September host an interactive online event on 'Fair and Simple Taxation', kicking off at 16:00 CET with a debate between the Commissioner, German Finance Minister Olaf Scholz, and MEP Irene Tinagli, Chair of the European Parliament Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs. Fair taxation remains a top priority for the European Commission, as a means of protecting public revenues, which will play an important role for the EU's economic recovery in the short-run and prosperity in the long-run. The event follows the Commission's [Tax Package](#) presented in July. The event will give participants the opportunity to find out how tax policies can support recovery and improve the tax environment in the EU. It will engage tax experts from national authorities, businesses, NGOs and academia in an exchange of views on such topics as aggressive tax policies, tax compliance or modernisation of tax systems. The event will be streamed live on [EbS](#) and you can also follow the event on DG TAXUD's [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#) accounts. Questions can be asked online through [Slido](#) (Event code: 'FairTaxationEvent'). To find out more, please visit the [website](#). (For more information: Daniel Ferrie - Tel: +32 229 86500; Nerea Artamendi Erro - Tel: +32 229 90964)

Commissioner Johansson in Mauritania to strengthen migration management cooperation

Commissioner for Home Affairs Ylva **Johansson** is in Mauritania today with the Spanish Minister of Interior, Fernando Grande-Marlaska Gómez, to further develop migration management with this important partner country. Mauritania both hosts a large refugee and migrant population and is a country of transit for people hoping to reach the Canary islands. The Commissioner and the Minister will meet with the President of Mauritania, Mohamed Ould Ghazouani, Prime Minister Mohamed Ould Bilal and the Minister for Interior and Decentralisation Mohamed Salem Ould Merzoug, to discuss practical cooperation as well as operational and financial support from the EU. The visit is part of renewed efforts to strengthen EU partnerships with countries of origin and transit to prevent dangerous journeys and counter smuggling, particularly in North Africa. This visit follows on from the July Conference of Ministers of the Interior of EU Member States and African Partners on countering migrant smuggling and Commissioners **Johansson** and **Várhelyi's** visit to Tunisia in August jointly with Italian ministers. (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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