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1,4 million d'euros du Fonds européen d'ajustement à la mondialisation pour soutenir des travailleurs licenciés du secteur automobile en Espagne

Aujourd'hui, la Commission européenne propose de soutenir 320 travailleurs licenciés du secteur automobile de la région d'Aragón en Espagne, qui ont perdu leur emploi en raison de la pandémie de COVID-19. Les 1,4 million d'euros proposés au titre du [Fonds européen d'ajustement à la mondialisation en faveur des travailleurs licenciés \(FEM\)](#) aideront ces personnes à trouver un nouvel emploi en suivant des études ou une formation. Les 1,4 million d'euros du FEM permettront aux autorités d'Aragón de financer des mesures - y inclus d'orientation professionnelle et d'aide individualisée pour trouver un emploi, d'acquisition de compétences nouvelles ou supplémentaires, ou de soutien pour créer une entreprise. La formation contribuera également à améliorer les compétences numériques et les connaissances sur les nouveaux processus de production industrielle, contribuant ainsi à la transition numérique dans l'industrie automobile. Les travailleurs qui feront usage du soutien offert peuvent bénéficier d'indemnités et d'une contribution aux frais de déplacement. Le coût total des mesures est estimé à 1,7 million d'euros, dont 85 % seront couverts par le FEM (1,4 million d'euros). La région d'Aragón couvrira le montant restant (300 000 d'euros). La proposition de la Commission doit être approuvée par le Parlement européen et le Conseil. Un [communiqué de presse](#) est disponible en ligne. (Pour plus d'informations: Veerle Nuyts — Tél.: +32 229 96302; Flora Matthaes — Tél.: +32 229 83951)

New strategy to improve sustainability of fisheries in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea

The [General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean](#) (GFCM) has adopted its new 2030 Strategy for the Mediterranean and Black Sea at the end of the [44th annual session](#), which took place between 2 and 6 November. An agreement was also reached on an ambitious package of measures translating the Strategy into concrete actions. The European Union will support the implementation of the Strategy with an increased financial grant. Virginijus **Sinkevičius**, Commissioner for the Environment, Oceans and Fisheries, welcomed the results of the annual session: *"The new GFCM 2030 Strategy provides the framework and the necessary tools to ensure a sustainable, just and inclusive future for our fleets and our local communities, while protecting the ecosystems in the region. We must act quickly and decisively. The EU remains committed to the implementation of the new strategy."* The adopted ambitious package of measures includes a first-ever multi-annual plan (MAP) to manage Adriatic small pelagic stocks (anchovies and sardines), an additional reduction of the fishing effort for key demersal stocks and new Fisheries Restricted Areas (FRA), which will together prevent the collapse of the small pelagic fish, support the recovery of the demersal stocks and the long-term profitability of the Adriatic fisheries. Other recommendations tabled by the EU include important measures to improve fisheries management and control in the Adriatic and Black Seas, better protect sensitive species and habitats, and consolidate the monitoring and control framework, including combatting illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) activities in both the Mediterranean and the Black Sea. The new strategy builds on recent achievements. With its five targets, it takes an integrated approach to the complex challenges in the region and the 'green transition'. Furthermore, the Strategy continues to support local communities and their livelihoods along the value chain, with special focus on small-scale fisheries. There will also be coordinated measures to ensure decent working conditions, support young people and properly recognise the role of women in the fisheries and aquaculture sector, as well as promote the participatory decision-making process. More information is available in this [news item](#). (For more information: Vivian Loonela - Tel.: +32 229 66712; Daniela Stoycheva - Tel.: +32 229 53664)

Postal services and parcel delivery: reports highlight success of European Single Market rules and challenges brought by digitalisation

Today, the Commission has published two reports assessing the situation and developments in the

European Single Market for postal and cross-border delivery under its current legal framework, namely the [1997 EU Postal Services Directive](#) and the [2018 EU Cross-Border Parcel Delivery Regulation](#). The reports show how these two pieces of legislation have successfully accompanied the modernisation and opening of the European postal services and have ensured that all EU citizens have access to essential letter and parcel services and led to more transparency as regards tariffs of cross-border delivery services for single piece parcels. But they also highlight how digitalisation has changed the Single Market for postal and parcels sector, creating new opportunities and challenges for postal operators and have changed consumers' needs and expectations. The [Postal Services Directive](#) established a common regulatory framework for European postal services with minimum requirements for a more harmonised universal service obligation, while allowing some flexibilities at national level. Today's report shows that the Directive has helped to ensure an affordable universal service in the EU. However, the report also shows that many Member States had to reduce the features and scope of their universal service obligation, mostly as a result of increasing costs of such services, coupled with changing needs of postal service users and operators. In addition, the report on the application of the [2018 Cross-Border Parcel delivery Regulation](#) shows that it has led to more transparency on tariffs, especially thanks to the reporting obligations for operators and the Commission's [web transparency tool for parcel tariffs](#). As regards regulatory oversight, the report shows that there is still no convergence in how national authorities analyse tariffs, highlighting only sporadic follow-up actions against unreasonably high tariffs by national authorities. The reports are available [here](#). (For more information: Sonya Gospodinova – Tel.: +32 229 66953; Federica Miccoli – Tel.: +32 229 58300)

State aid: Commission approves €15.34 million Bulgarian scheme to support the tourism sector in the context of the coronavirus outbreak

The European Commission has approved a €15.34 million (BGN 30 million) Bulgarian scheme to support companies active in the tourism sector affected by the coronavirus outbreak. The measure was approved under the State aid [Temporary Framework](#). Under the scheme, the aid will take the form of direct grants. In order to be eligible, companies must have experienced a decline in turnover of at least 30% over 2020, compared to 2019. The aid amount per beneficiary will not exceed 20% of its turnover in 2019, or €1.8 million, whichever the lowest. The Commission found that the scheme is in line with the conditions set out in the Temporary Framework. In particular, the aid (i) will not exceed €1.8 million per beneficiary; and (ii) will be granted no later than 31 December 2021. 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 of 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.100427 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)

STATEMENTS

Journée de l'égalité salariale : déclaration commune de la vice-présidente Jourová et des commissaires Schmit et Dalli

A l'occasion de la Journée européenne de l'égalité salariale le 10 novembre, Věra **Jourová**, vice-présidente chargée des valeurs et de la transparence, Nicolas **Schmit**, commissaire à l'emploi et aux droits sociaux, et Helena **Dalli**, commissaire à l'égalité, ont fait la déclaration suivante : « *L'égalité est l'une des valeurs fondamentales de l'UE et elle est le fondement de l'indépendance et de la liberté des citoyens. Les femmes et les hommes méritent l'égalité salariale, l'égalité de traitement et l'égalité des chances.* » Dans l'Union européenne, en moyenne, les femmes continuent de gagner moins que les hommes. Pour chaque euro que gagnent les hommes, les femmes gagnent 86 centimes. La Journée européenne de l'égalité salariale est une journée qui marque la voie à suivre pour parvenir enfin à l'égalité salariale entre les femmes et les hommes dans l'UE. La déclaration complète et plus d'informations sont disponibles [en ligne](#). (Pour plus d'informations: Christian Wigand — Tél.: +32 229 62253; Katarzyna Kolanko — Tél.: +32 229 63444; Jördis Ferroli — Tél.:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EU at COP26: Executive Vice-President Timmermans kicks off Ministerial negotiations' week in Glasgow

Executive Vice-President Frans **Timmermans** arrived at the COP26 in Glasgow yesterday where he will lead high-level negotiations on behalf of the EU for the next week. He will give a press conference today at 15:30 CET to take stock of the progress made last week and to lay out the way ahead. Follow the press conference [live](#). He will also participate in the High-Level Ministerial Dialogue on Climate Finance, organised by the COP Presidency, which will be broadcast [live](#) from 17:00 CET onwards. He will also participate in a reception by the High Ambition Coalition. Executive Vice-President **Timmermans** will have bilateral meetings with lead negotiators from Antigua and Barbuda, Canada, China and New Zealand. He will also meet with youth representatives to brief them on the negotiations. *(For more information: Tim McPhie – Tel.: +32 229 58602; Lynn Rietdorf – Tel.: +32 229 74959)*

Réunions de l'Eurogroupe et des ministres de l'économie et des finances, les 8-9 novembre

Le vice-président exécutif **Dombrovskis** et le commissaire **Gentiloni** représenteront la Commission européenne lors de la réunion de l'Eurogroupe qui a lieu aujourd'hui à Bruxelles. Les ministres débattront de l'évolution de la situation macroéconomique de la zone euro, y compris les prix de l'énergie et les évolutions de l'inflation. Plus tard, en format inclusif, la Commission présentera aux ministres la [relance du réexamen de la gouvernance économique de l'UE](#), axé sur la dimension de la zone euro. Les ministres débattront du processus par lequel l'Eurogroupe examinera cette question et tiendront un premier débat sur la manière dont ils pourraient mieux coordonner les politiques budgétaires et économiques, ainsi que du progrès dans l'achèvement de [l'union bancaire](#). Le commissaire **Gentiloni** représentera la Commission lors de la [conférence de presse](#) qui suivra la réunion. Demain, le vice-président exécutif **Dombrovskis**, le commissaire **Hahn**, le commissaire **Gentiloni**, et la commissaire **McGuinness** représenteront la Commission lors de la réunion des ministres de l'économie et des finances qui aura lieu à Bruxelles. Les ministres procéderont à un échange de vues sur l'économie de l'UE à la suite de la pandémie. Ils auront aussi l'occasion d'exprimer leur point de vue sur la gouvernance économique et les règles du pacte de stabilité et de croissance. Les ministres discuteront de la mise en œuvre de la [facilité pour la reprise et la résilience](#) et du financement du [plan de relance pour l'Europe](#). Les ministres débattront également de l'approbation des conclusions sur l'avenir du Semestre européen. De plus, les ministres débattront sur les prix de l'énergie et de l'inflation, autour de la [communication](#) de la Commission sur ce sujet. Les ministres tiendront aussi un débat sur la mise en œuvre des accords « Bâle III » et l'ensemble de [mesures de réforme](#) proposées par la Commission visant à renforcer le secteur bancaire de l'UE. Le vice-président exécutif **Dombrovskis** représentera la Commission lors de la [conférence de presse](#) qui suivra la réunion. *(Pour plus d'informations: Veerle Nuyts – Tél.: +32 229 96302; Arianna Podesta – Tél.: +32 229 87024; Andrea Masini Tel.: +32 229 91519; Aikaterini Apostola – Tél.: +32 229 87624)*

Commissioner Schmit in Slovakia to attend the opening ceremony of the European Labour Authority and meet government leaders

Today and tomorrow, Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights, Nicolas **Schmit**, is visiting Bratislava, Slovakia, for a series of meetings, and to attend the opening of the [European Labour Authority](#) (ELA). Commissioner **Schmit** will meet the Prime Minister of Slovakia, Eduard Heger, and the President of Slovakia, Zuzana Čaputová. They will discuss the implementation of Slovakia's recovery and resilience plan, ESF+ programming, minimum wages, and many other social issues. The Commissioner will also meet with Milan Krajniak, Minister of Employment, Social Affairs and Family, as well as with the Chairs of the Committees of Social Affairs and of EU Affairs of the Slovak Parliament, and with representatives of social partners. This afternoon, he will visit a shelter with a day centre for homeless people run by [DePaul Slovakia](#) and co-funded by the [European Social Fund](#) (ESF) and the [Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived](#). Tomorrow, Commissioner **Schmit** will

deliver a keynote speech and participate in a panel discussion at the [ELA opening conference](#) to mark the official opening of the ELA premises. The ELA's mission is to ensure that EU rules on labour mobility and social security coordination are enforced in a fair, simple, and effective way. The opening conference will take place in a hybrid format; registration is still open through the website until tomorrow. (*For more information: Veerle Nuyts — Tel.: +32 229 96302; Flora Matthaes — Tel.: +32 229 83951*)

[Tentative agendas](#) for forthcoming Commission meetings

Note that these items can be subject to changes.

[Upcoming events](#) of the European Commission

[Eurostat](#) press releases

The Spokesperson's Service has re-opened the Berlaymont press room to a limited number of journalists. For more information, please see [here](#).

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