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Un marché unique résistant aux crises: l'Europe se dote d'une série d'outils calibrés pour protéger la libre circulation et l'accès à des biens et services stratégiques

La Commission présente aujourd'hui le nouvel instrument du marché unique pour les situations d'urgence. Il s'agit d'un cadre de gestion de crise visant à préserver des situations d'urgence à venir, la libre circulation des biens, des services et des personnes, et l'accès aux biens et services essentiels, dans l'intérêt des citoyens et d'entreprises de l'UE. Le marché unique s'est révélé notre meilleur atout dans la gestion des crises, mais la pandémie de COVID-19 a aussi mis en évidence des faiblesses structurelles qui entravent la capacité de l'UE à réagir efficacement et de manière coordonnée aux situations d'urgence. Des mesures prises unilatéralement ont fragmenté le marché, aggravant ainsi la crise au détriment, en particulier, des PME. L'instrument du marché unique pour les situations d'urgence complète d'autres mesures législatives de l'UE en matière de gestion des crises, comme le mécanisme de protection civile de l'UE, ainsi que les règles de l'UE applicables à des secteurs, chaînes d'approvisionnement ou produits spécifiques tels que la santé, les semi-conducteurs ou la sécurité alimentaire, qui prévoient déjà des mesures ciblées de réaction aux crises. Vous trouverez plus d'informations dans notre [communiqué de presse](#), nos [questions-réponses](#), notre [fiche d'information](#) et [vidéo](#). (Pour plus d'informations: Sonya Gospodnova – Tél.: +32 229 66953; Federica Miccoli – Tél. : +32 229 58300)

REACT-EU: €111.5 million for Germany, Slovakia and Bulgaria to support the post-pandemic recovery, employment, education and healthcare

Germany, Slovakia and Bulgaria will receive an additional €111.5 million through [REACT-EU](#) under the [European Social Fund \(ESF\)](#) to help workers and jobseekers, support healthcare services and achieve a sustainable socio-economic recovery. In Germany, Schleswig-Holstein will receive an additional €4.6 million to improve vocational training, skills development, the digitalisation of the labour market and education services. The support will focus on groups particularly affected by the pandemic, such as unemployed people, self-employed individuals, micro and small businesses, and people in transition from education to the workplace. North Rhine-Westphalia will receive €34 million to support apprentices, trainings in commerce and trade, professional counselling and matching skilled workers with businesses. In Slovakia, €17.9 million will support healthcare and civil protection workers and services that were in the first line of response during the most critical phases of the COVID-19 pandemic. For instance, bonuses will be distributed to help them ensure that at least 90% of critical personnel stay in their jobs. In Bulgaria, €18.6 million will cover basic needs, such as food, of vulnerable groups. Vouchers will also be distributed to people who have fled Russia's invasion of Ukraine that can be exchanged for food and everyday necessities, such as clothing and school supplies for children. In addition, €36.4 million will be allocated for post-pandemic recovery measures aimed at job retention and improvement of care services for persons with disabilities. Out of these, €23.8 million will support the 'Solidarity project' that helps 9,000 people fleeing the Russia's invasion of Ukraine to integrate into the Bulgarian labour market by, among others, offering psychological support, career guidance and employment counselling. The 2021 tranche of REACT-EU had allocated €40 billion to help Member States recovering from the pandemic, investing in the digital and green transition and now hosting and integrating people fleeing the war in Ukraine. In addition, the Commission has paid [€3.5 billion of pre-financing payments](#) to Member States under REACT-EU since March 2022. The most recent comprehensive package '[Flexible Assistance to Territories \(FAST-CARE\)](#)', proposed by the Commission, further extends the support to Member States by offering additional flexibility in Cohesion Policy funding while also increasing pre-financing payments by an additional €3.5 billion to be paid in 2022 and 2023. The final date of eligibility for REACT-EU expenditures is 31 December 2023. (More information: Stefan De Keersmaecker – Tel.: +32 229 84680; Veerle Nuyts – Tel.: +32 229 96302)

New Eurobarometer on sport and physical activity shows that 55% of Europeans exercise*

Today, the Commission publishes the fifth [Eurobarometer](#) dedicated to sport and physical activity in view of the [European Week of Sport](#), which will start at the end of this week. The survey shows that 38% of Europeans play sport or exercise at least once a week, while 17% exercise less than once a week. Currently, up to 45% of Europeans never exercise or partake in physical activity. While this is a stabilisation compared to the 2017 Eurobarometer, the promotion for sport and physical activity remains much needed. The survey also reveals that during the COVID-19 pandemic, half of Europeans reduced their activity levels or even stopped altogether. According to the respondents, the main barrier to be active is a lack of time followed by a lack of motivation, or simply no interest in sport. In response, the Commission's [HealthyLifeStyle4All](#) campaign will continue to raise awareness about the importance of an active healthy lifestyle across generations and social groups. Half of the respondents also expressed their desire to be active in the outdoors, which is supported by the Commission's efforts towards greener and more sustainable sport and physical activity. In a new development, possibly reinforced by the COVID-19 pandemic, approximately one third prefers to practice sport at home. The outcome of the Eurobarometer also strongly supports the importance of the Commission's efforts to [improve gender equality in sport](#). It is encouraging to learn that a majority of respondents in 25 EU Member States state that they evenly like to follow male and female sport competitions in the media. More information is available in a [press release](#). (For more information: Sonya Gospodinova – Tel. : +32 229 66953; Flore Boutier – Tel. : + 32 229 66043)

Agriculture: la Commission approuve une nouvelle indication géographique du Portugal

La Commission a approuvé aujourd'hui une nouvelle indication géographique protégée (IGP) du Portugal, la « [Marmelada Branca de Odivelas](#) », une confiserie obtenue exclusivement par cuisson de coing avec du sucre blanc, de l'eau et du jus de citron. La « Marmelada Branca de Odivelas » est un héritage séculaire des sœurs bernardines du couvent de São Dinis de Odivelas, qui comprend une vaste gamme de produits de la confiserie conventuelle d'Odivelas, de grande qualité, qui a été préservée au fil de nombreuses générations. Produite dans la municipalité d'Odivelas, la « Marmelada Branca de Odivelas » présente des caractéristiques spécifiques résultant de méthodes traditionnelles et du mode de production conventuel, qui ont été transmis de génération en génération à Odivelas, de la sélection rigoureuse des fruits à la détermination du point optimal de cuisson du sucre. Cette confiserie doit sa réputation actuelle à sa couleur proche du blanc, qui la distingue. Cette nouvelle dénomination sera ajoutée à la liste des 1 592 produits agricoles déjà protégés. La liste de toutes les indications géographiques protégées se trouve dans la base de données [eAmbrosia](#). Plus d'informations sont disponibles en ligne sur [les systèmes de qualité](#) et sur notre portail [GIView](#). (Pour plus d'informations: Miriam Garcia Ferrer – Tél.: +32 2 299 90 75; Thérèse Lerebours – Tél.: +32 2 296 33 03)

Winners of the 2022 EU Contest for Young Scientists and first-ever EU TalentOn

The winners of the 33rd edition of the [EU Contest for Young Scientists](#) (EUCYS) and of the first-ever edition of [EU TalentOn](#) were announced in Leiden, Netherlands on Saturday 17 September. Leiden is also the [European City of Science 2022](#). The projects that won the first prize of the EUCYS, which receive €7,000 each, come from Denmark, Ireland, Lithuania and Austria and covered disciplines such as mathematics, chemistry, biology and engineering. The EU TalentOn winning teams that receive €8,000 each came up with scientific solutions to societal challenges linked to the [five EU Missions](#). Mariya **Gabriel**, Commissioner for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, said: "Congratulations to all winners of EUCYS and EU TalentOn 2022. The work of young researchers is crucial to shape the future of science and to move forward with confidence in a post-pandemic era. These contests celebrate our brightest young minds and show, once again, the importance of investing in excellent science, research and innovation. I am proud of our youth's inspiring work!" More information on the EUCYS winners is available [here](#) and on the EU TalentOn winners is available [here](#). Launched by the European Commission in 1989, the EU Contest for Young Scientists encourages young people from 14 to 20 years old to study Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) and to pursue a career in science. This year, EUCYS welcomed 132 young scientists, who presented projects covering a broad spectrum of scientific areas, from biology to mathematics and social sciences. The EU TalentOn is a new event for early career researchers from 21 to 35 years, aimed at supporting them in bringing their research career forward. This year 104 participants competed in teams of four in a pressure cooker environment to develop projects based on the [five EU Missions](#) covering Climate Change, Cancer, Ocean, Cities and Soil. Both events are part of the [European Year of Youth](#). (For more information: Johannes Bahrke – Tel.: +32 229 58615; Marietta Grammenou – Tel.: +32 229 83583)

Concentrations: la Commission autorise l'acquisition de Visma Custom Solutions par CVC Funds

La Commission européenne a approuvé, en vertu du règlement européen sur les concentrations, l'acquisition de certaines filiales des sociétés Visma Norge Holding AS, Visma Finland Holding Oy, Visma Sverige Holding AB, Visma Danmark Holding A/S et Visma International Holding AS, (ensemble « Visma Custom Solutions »), basées au Danemark, par CVC Capital Partners SICAV-FIS S.A. (« CVC Funds »), basée au Luxembourg. Visma Custom Solutions offre de services de développement de logiciels clients et de conseils informatiques. CVC Funds est une société de capital-investissement qui conseille et gère des fonds d'investissement. La Commission a conclu que la concentration envisagée ne soulèverait pas de problème de concurrence, compte tenu des chevauchements d'activités et des parts de marché limités des entreprises. La transaction a été examinée dans le cadre de la procédure simplifiée du contrôle des concentrations. De plus amples informations sont disponibles sur le site [internet concurrence de la Commission](#), dans le [registre public](#) des affaires de concurrence de la Commission, sous le numéro [M.10846](#). (Pour plus d'informations: Arianna Podesta – Tél.: +32 229 87024; Maria Tsoni – Tél.: +32 229 90526)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UNGA77: EU delegation kicks off meetings in New York

The EU kicks off a week of high-level meetings and events during the UN General Assembly in New York. Yesterday, High Representative/Vice-President Josep **Borrell** met with the UN Secretary-General António Guterres and the newly appointed UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Volker Türk. Today, Commissioner Jutta **Urpilainen** will represent the EU at the Transforming Education Summit, convened by the UN Secretary-General. Executive Vice-President Frans **Timmermans** will deliver a keynote speech at the World Economic Forum discussion on 'Accelerating Climate Action through philanthropy-private-public collaboration', and will participate in discussions on 'Reaching Net Zero' and climate resilience at the Clinton Global Initiative. High Representative/Vice-President **Borrell** will speak, together with the Foreign Minister of Ukraine, Dmytro Kuleba, and the Foreign Minister of Guatemala, Mario Bucaro, at the panel discussion 'From Ukraine to the Americas: fortifying recovery against global shocks', organised by the Atlantic Council. The discussion will focus on the consequences of Russia's aggression against Ukraine and Russia's disinformation campaigns in Latin America and the Caribbean. His speech will be transmitted live on [EbS](#) and on the [EEAS twitter account](#) (12:00 EST). In the afternoon, High Representative **Borrell** will chair an informal meeting of EU Foreign Ministers which will centre on the global consequences of Russia's aggression. He will hold a press conference following the meeting (18:00 EST), which will be transmitted live on [EbS](#). Commissioner Janez **Lenarčič** will deliver a video message at the high-level side event 'The Role of Humanitarian Diplomacy in Anticipating and Preventing Food Crises'. More details on the agendas of the individual EU representatives can be found on their [websites](#). (For more information: Nabila Massrali – Tel.: +32 229 88093; Xavier Cifre-Quatresols – Tel.: +32 229 73582)

Executive Vice-President Dombrovskis visits Singapore and Indonesia

Valdis **Dombrovskis**, Executive Vice-President and Commissioner for Trade, will be in Singapore on 19 and 20 September as part of the EU's efforts to step up its strategic engagement with the Indo-Pacific region. He will meet Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong and Minister-in-charge of Trade Relations S. Iswaran, to discuss deepening the EU's strategic cooperation with Singapore, notably with regard to digital trade. On 20 and 21 September, Executive Vice-President **Dombrovskis** will be in Jakarta. He will meet with Coordinating Minister for Economic Affairs Airlangga Hartarto and Minister of Trade Zulkifli Hasan to discuss, among others, ongoing negotiations for the EU-Indonesia Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement. Finally, on 22 and 23 September, he will be in Bali to participate in the G20 Trade, Investment and Industry Ministerial Meeting sessions. These sessions will focus on global food, energy and economic challenges arising from Russia's aggression against Ukraine, as well as perspectives for reform of the World Trade Organisation. (For more information: Miriam Garcia Ferrer – Tel.: +32 2 299 90 75; Thérèse Lerebours – Tel.: +32 2 296 33 03)

Commissioner Ferreira in Ireland to announce the adoption of the Partnership Agreement with Ireland for 2021-2027

Today and tomorrow, Commissioner for Cohesion and Reforms, Elisa **Ferreira**, is in Ireland for the signature of the Cohesion Policy's Partnership Agreement for the 2021-2027 programming period and to visit several Cohesion Policy funded projects. She will attend and deliver a speech at the launch event of the Partnership Agreement that will take place in Waterford tomorrow at 15:30 (GMT+1). She will meet with Minister for Public expenditure and Reform, Michael McGrath, and exchange views with members from the department of Public Expenditure and Reform on the 2021-2027 cohesion investment strategy. Commissioner **Ferreira** will also visit several projects funded by Cohesion Policy. In Waterford, accompanied by the mayor John O'Leary, she will visit the 'Youthreach project', which offers vocational training to young people who left school without any formal qualifications. She will also visit the urban regeneration project 'Apple Market' and the Southeast Technological University. Then, in Swords, Commissioner **Ferreira**, accompanied by Minister of Further and Higher Education, Innovation and Science, Simon Harris, will visit the Castle as part of the civic quarter regeneration project under the 'Sustainable Urban Development actions', as well as another social inclusion project in the areas of tourism and beekeeping. *(For more information: Stefan de Keersmaecker - Tel.: +32 229 84680; Veronica Favalli - Tel.: +32 229 87269).*

Commissioner Adina Vălean attends in Berlin the 13th edition of the InnoTrans fair

Transport Commissioner Adina **Vălean** will be in Berlin on 19 and 20 September, visiting the [InnoTrans fair](#) and holding meetings with representatives of the rail sector. The Commissioner will open the [13th edition of InnoTrans](#), the world's leading fair for transport technology. She will visit the fair accompanied by the German Minister for Transport, Volker Wissing. Throughout the event, she will meet with companies innovating in the rail sector, and open the Rail Leaders' Summit, focusing on the role of railways for the development of a sustainable transport system. *(For more information: Adalbert Jahnz - Tel.: +32 229 53156; Anna Wartberger - Tel.: +32 229 82504)*

Sommet sur la transformation de l'éducation : L'UE appelle la communauté internationale à se joindre aux efforts visant à accroître le financement de l'éducation

Aujourd'hui, la commissaire chargée des partenariats internationaux, Jutta **Urpilainen**, représentera l'Union européenne au [Sommet sur la transformation de l'éducation](#). Dans son discours, elle réaffirmera l'engagement de l'UE, en tant que championne du Sommet, à placer l'éducation en haut de l'agenda international. Elle appellera la communauté internationale à se joindre aux efforts pour accroître ses investissements dans l'éducation et à se mobiliser pour lutter contre les profondes inégalités en matière d'accès aux écoles, d'apprentissage de qualité et de connectivité numérique. Investir dans l'éducation est une stratégie essentielle dans la poursuite de la paix, de la prospérité et du bien-être des personnes et de la planète - dans la réalisation de tous les objectifs de développement durable. C'est pourquoi, il s'agit d'un pilier essentiel de notre stratégie Global Gateway de 300 milliards d'euros. L'ensemble de l'Europe s'est engagé à offrir une meilleure éducation au monde : en tant que Team Europe, l'UE et ses États membres sont le plus grand investisseur mondial dans l'éducation, représentant 55 % des subventions à l'éducation de l'aide publique au développement. Le monde vit une importante crise de l'éducation : un nombre critique d'enfants dans le monde ne peuvent pas bénéficier d'une éducation de qualité, significative et moderne. Le sommet, convoqué par le secrétaire général des Nations unies, António Guterres, en réponse à cette crise mondiale de l'éducation, sera l'un des temps forts de l'[assemblée générale des Nations Unies](#). Vous pouvez trouver plus d'informations sur le [communiqué de presse](#) et sur la fiche d'information [Transformer l'éducation](#). *(Plus d'informations: Ana Pisonero - Tel.: +32 229 54320; Jennifer Sanchez Da Silva - Tel.: +32 229 58316)*

Commissioner Dalli in Czechia on country visit to discuss equality topics and present the Disability Employment Package

Commissioner for Equality, Helena **Dalli**, will be in Prague, Czechia on a country visit today and tomorrow. This evening, the Commissioner will meet Deputy Prime Minister and Labour and Social Affairs Minister, Marian Jurečka, to discuss equality for persons with disabilities and the recently adopted [European Care Strategy](#). Tomorrow, the Commissioner will meet Justice Minister, Pavel Blažek, to discuss hate speech and hate crime, combatting violence against women, and equality bodies. The Commissioner will participate in a roundtable with Civil Society Organisations working on disability; and meet with the Czech Government Commissioner for Human Rights, Klára Šimáčková Laurenčíková, to discuss among other priorities, the Czech national Strategy for Roma equality,

inclusion, and participation. In the afternoon, the Commissioner will speak at the [Czech Presidency Conference](#) on Integration of People with Disabilities in the Labour Market to launch, together with the Czech Presidency and the European Disability Forum, the [Disability Employment Package](#). One of the flagship initiatives of the [EU Strategy for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities](#), it will bring good practices, guidance and learning with the aim of improving labour market participation of persons with disabilities (*For more information: Johannes Bahrke – Tel.: + 32 229 58615; Katarzyna Kolanko – Tel.: +32 229 63444; Cristina Torres Castillo – Tel.: +32 229 90679*).

Le programme Erasmus célèbre ses 35 ans

Pour marquer le 35e anniversaire du programme emblématique Erasmus+, le vice-président Margaritis **Schinus** et la commissaire Mariya **Gabriel** rencontreront 35 participants d'Erasmus+ ainsi que des représentants de l'équipe fondatrice du programme lors d'un événement qui se tiendra demain, mardi 20 septembre. L'événement honorera les réalisations du programme, qui a impliqué 13 millions de personnes depuis sa création en 1987. Erasmus+ a connu des changements substantiels au fil des années, il n'a cessé d'être modernisé, élargi et ouvert à des pays qui n'en faisaient pas partie à ses débuts. Comptant seulement 3 000 étudiants à ses débuts, le programme offre désormais des opportunités de coopération et de mobilité dans l'enseignement scolaire pour les élèves et les enseignants, dans l'enseignement et la formation professionnelle, l'enseignement supérieur et l'éducation des adultes, ainsi que des projets pour les apprentis, les jeunes, les animateurs de jeunesse, et même, à partir de 2023, des entraîneurs sportifs. Cet élargissement du périmètre géographique et sectoriel s'est traduit en 2021, malgré la situation sanitaire défavorable, par plus de 615 000 mobilités réalisées. Le public est invité à suivre la discussion du 20 septembre en direct sur le site Erasmus+ et sur les réseaux sociaux. Il pourra également participer et contribuer au débat en ligne. Plus d'informations dans un [communiqué de presse](#). (*For more information: Sonya Gospodinova – Tel. : +32 229 66953; Flore Boutier – Tel. : + 32 229 66043*)

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