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## [Single-use plastics: member states confirm agreement which bans certain throwaway plastic items](#)

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## [Mergers: Commission approves BASF's acquisition of Solvay's nylon business, subject to conditions](#)

Commissioner Margrethe **Vestager**, in charge of competition policy, said: *"Nylon is used in many different types of products, not only textile or carpets but also in car components, to make them lighter and more environmentally friendly. Our decision will allow for the creation of a significant European player in this market because the commitments offered by BASF and Solvay ensure that the merger will not lead to higher prices or less choice for European businesses and, ultimately, consumers."*

Today's decision follows an [in-depth review](#) of the proposed transaction. The proposed transaction involves Solvay and BASF, two companies active in the nylon industry, where both manufacture nylon compounds and nylon fibres.

**Nylon compounds** are used in a wide range of applications, particularly in the

automotive and electronics industries, due to their light weight and good thermal resistance. They are among the advanced materials used to develop lighter cars which produce less noxious emissions. **Nylon fibres** are used in particular for clothing and sportswear. The manufacture of nylon compounds and nylon fibres requires as a key input Adiponitrile (“ADN”), an oil derivative.

BASF and Solvay have dominant or strong market positions throughout the nylon value chain, and in particular the value chain of a type of nylon called “**nylon 6.6**”.

### **The Commission’s investigation**

Following its in-depth market investigation, the Commission identified the following competition concerns with the transaction as originally notified:

- It would lead to a **reduction of the number of suitable suppliers and likely price increases** in a number of markets related to the nylon industry in the European Economic Area (EEA): the markets for ADN, a key upstream input for the nylon 6.6 value chain, but also hexamethylene diamine, adipic acid, hexamethylenediamine adipate salt, nylon 6.6 base polymer, nylon 6.6 engineering plastics and nylon 6 3D printing powder.
- Due to the limited number of suppliers of intermediate products, the merged entity would also have the **ability and incentive to restrict its competitors’ access to essential inputs** including ADN, hexamethylene diamine, adipic acid, hexamethylenediamine adipate salt, and nylon 6.6 base polymer in the EEA.

In addition, there was no indication that the existing level of competition could be maintained by new entrants because of high barriers to entry in these markets. In particular, access to essential inputs is limited and critical to be able to compete effectively.

### **The commitments**

To address the Commission’s competition concerns, BASF and Solvay offered the following commitments:

- The **divestiture of Solvay’s facilities** at Belle-Etoile and Valence (France), Gorzow (Poland), and Blanes (Spain) to a single suitable buyer. These facilities produce hexamethylene diamine, hexamethylenediamine adipate salt, nylon 6.6 base polymer, nylon 6.6 engineering plastics and nylon 6 3D printing powder.
- The **creation of a production joint venture** in Chalampé (France) between the merged entity and the buyer of the divested assets, for the production of adipic acid.
- **Long-term supply agreements for ADN** to meet the divestment business’ requirements.

The commitments fully remove the overlap between BASF and Solvay in the markets where the Commission had identified competition concerns.

Therefore, the Commission concluded that the proposed transaction, as

modified by the commitments, would no longer raise competition concerns in the EEA. The Commission's decision is conditional upon full compliance with the commitments.

### **Companies and products**

**BASF**, headquartered in Germany, is a large diversified chemical company active in a range of sectors including chemicals, performance products, functional materials and solutions, agricultural solutions and oil & gas.

**Solvay**, headquartered in Belgium, is a global manufacturer of chemicals and plastics. It is the only manufacturer in the EEA active at all levels of the nylon 6.6 value chain.

### **Merger control rules and procedures**

The transaction was notified to the Commission on 22 May 2018.

The Commission has the duty to assess mergers and acquisitions involving companies with a turnover above certain thresholds (see Article 1 of the Merger Regulation) and to prevent concentrations that would significantly impede effective competition in the EEA or any substantial part of it.

The vast majority of notified mergers do not pose competition problems and are cleared after a routine review. From the moment a transaction is notified, the Commission generally has a total of 25 working days to decide whether to grant approval (Phase I) or to start an in-depth investigation (Phase II).

There are currently six on-going phase II merger investigations: the proposed [acquisition by Vodafone of Liberty Global's business in Czechia, Germany, Hungary and Romania](#), the [proposed acquisition of VDM by Aperam](#), the [proposed acquisition of Whirlpool's refrigeration compressor business by Nidec](#), the proposed creation of a [joint venture by Tata Steel and ThyssenKrupp](#), the proposed [acquisition of Aurubis Rolled Products and Schwermetall by Wieland](#), and the proposed [acquisition of Alstom by Siemens](#).

More information will be available on the Commission's competition [website](#), in the public [case register](#) under the case number [M.8674](#).

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## **CALENDRIER du 21 janvier au 27 janvier 2019**

*(Susceptible de modifications en cours de semaine)*

**Déplacements et visites**

**Lundi 21 janvier 2019**

Eurogroup

Foreign Affairs Council

President Jean-Claude **Juncker** receives the “Europa-Leitbild” of the regional Government of Baden-Württemberg from Mr Winfried Kretschmann, Minister-President of Baden-Württemberg.

President Jean-Claude **Juncker** receives Mr Mário Centeno, President of the Eurogroup and Minister of Finance of Portugal.

Ms Federica **Mogherini** chairs the Foreign Affairs Council, in Brussels.

Ms Federica **Mogherini** co-chairs the EU – Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Ministerial Meeting, in Brussels.

Ms Federica **Mogherini** co-chairs the EU – African Union Ministerial Meeting, in Brussels.

Mr Maroš **Šefčovič** chairs the trilateral gas talks between Russia and Ukraine, in Brussels.

Mr Maroš **Šefčovič** hosts a dinner meeting with the foreign ministers from the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), in Brussels.

Mr Valdis **Dombrovskis** receives Mr Grant Robertson, Minister for Finance of New Zealand.

Mr Valdis **Dombrovskis** receives Ms Nadia Calviño, Minister for Economy, Industry and Competitiveness of Spain.

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** in Davos, Switzerland (until 24/01): attends the [World Economic Forum](#) and [The Circulars](#) awards ceremony.

Mr Johannes **Hahn** receives Mr Pavlo Klimkin, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine.

Mr Johannes **Hahn** receives Mr Mohamed Taher Siala, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Libya.

Mr Johannes **Hahn** receives Mr Tomáš Petříček, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic.

Mr Johannes **Hahn** receives Mr Consuelo Rumi, State Secretary for Migration Affairs of Spain.

Ms Cecilia **Malmström** receives Mr Pavlo **Klimkin**, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine.

Ms Cecilia **Malmström** receives Mr Prak Sokhonn, Deputy Prime Minister and

Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Cambodia.

Ms Cecilia **Malmström** receives Mr Kyaw Tin, Union Minister for International Cooperation of Myanmar.

Mr Miguel **Arias Cañete** receives representatives of the Transport & Environment organisation.

Mr Karmenu **Vella** in Davos, Switzerland: attends the [World Economic Forum](#) and [The Circulars](#) awards ceremony.

Ms Marianne **Thyssen** participates in the Launch event of the final report of the Flemish Skills Strategy, in company of Mr Philippe Muyters, Flemish Minister for Work, Economy, Innovation, Scientific Policy and Sport, and Ms Hilde Crevits, Flemish Minister for education and training, at the Flemish Parliament, in Brussels.

M. Pierre **Moscovici** reçoit des étudiants de l'Institut d'études politiques de Paris.

Mr Phil **Hogan** in Cairo, Egypt: meets Mr Sameh Hassan Shoukry Selim, Minister for Foreign Affairs; meets Mr Ezz el-Din Abu-Steit, Minister for Agriculture and Land Reclamation; meets Mr Amr Adel Nassar, Minister for Industry and Trade.

Ms Věra **Jourová** attends a meeting of the European electoral cooperation network, in Brussels.

Ms Věra **Jourová** speaks at the conference "Technology and Democratic freedoms: moving forward with new laws" organised by Microsoft, in Brussels.

Mr Tibor **Navracsics** in Balatonfüred, Hungary: participates in and speaks at the celebrations organised for the National Day of Hungarian Culture.

Ms Corina **Crețu** in Bucharest, Romania: attends the [Conference of Parliamentary Committee for Union affairs of Parliaments of the EU](#) (COSAC) – "Increase cohesion and ensure convergence through the Multiannual Financial Framework post-2020 tools".

Ms Margrethe **Vestager** in Paris, France: meets representatives of the Alstom trade unions; gives a keynote speech at the Youth and Leaders' Summit at Science Po; provides introductory remarks at the European American press club event.

Mr Carlos **Moedas** participe à un déjeuner de travail avec les membres de « Françaises D'Europe – Réseau des cadres françaises de l'administration européenne », à Bruxelles.

**Mardi 22 janvier 2019**

Economic and Financial Affairs Council

President Jean-Claude **Juncker** delivers a speech at the signing ceremony of the Aachen Treaty between Germany and France, in Aachen, Germany.

President Jean-Claude **Juncker** receives Ms Salome Zurabishvili, President of Georgia.

President Jean-Claude **Juncker** holds a joint press point with Ms Salome Zurabishvili, President of Georgia.

Mr Frans **Timmermans** in Auschwitz, Poland; visits Auschwitz-Birkenau.

Mr Frans **Timmermans** in Krakow, Poland; meets Mr Jacek Majchrowski, Mayor of Krakow.

Ms Federica **Mogherini** chairs the EU-African Union Ministerial Meeting, in Brussels.

Ms Federica **Mogherini** co-chairs the Informal EU- Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) Ministerial Meeting, in Brussels.

Mr Andrus **Ansip** receives the [Fibre to the Home \(FTTH\) Council Europe](#); and meets a group of their CEOs: Erzsebet Fitori, Director General, FTTH Council Europe; Aurelie Bladocha Coelho, Director Communications & Public Affairs, FTTH Council Europe; Jacopo Bellelli, Communications & Public Affairs Manager, FTTH Council Europe; Christian Emborg, CEO of DKT; Philippe Vanhille, Senior VP Telecom of Prysmian; Franco Bassanini, President of Open Fiber; Elisabetta Ripa, CEO of Open Fiber; Morgan Kurk, COO of Commscope; Uwe Nickl, CEO of Deutsche Glasfaser.

Mr Maroš **Šefčovič** delivers a keynote speech at the [11th Conference on European Space Policy for Europe, European Space in the World](#), in Brussels.

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** in Davos, Switzerland: meets Mr Wilbur Ross, Secretary of Commerce of the United States of America; Mr Flemming Besenbacher, Chairman of the Supervisory Board of *Carlsberg* Group; and Mr Sherif Elsayed-Ali, Director of partnerships at Element AI.

Mr Günther H. **Oettinger** delivers speech on EU Budget at the event hosted by the Association of *German Chambers of Commerce* and Industry (DIHK), in Brussels.

Mr Johannes **Hahn** receives Ms Salome Zurabishvili, President of Georgia.

Ms Cecilia **Malmström** receives Mr Simon Birmingham, Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment of Australia.

Ms Cecilia **Malmström** receives Mr Ștefan-Radu Oprea, Minister for Business Environment, Commerce and Entrepreneurship of Romania.

Mr Neven **Mimica** participates in the "African Union – European Union" Ministerial Meeting, in Brussels.

Mr Miguel **Arias Cañete** participates in the Post-COP24 High Level Debate

organised by the Permanent Representation of the Republic of Poland to the EU and Polish Electricity Association, in Brussels.

Mr Vytenis **Andriukaitis** receives representatives of the rabbit products sector from France (Comité Lapin interprofessionnel pour la promotion des produits).

Mr Dimitris **Avramopoulos** receives Mr Mamadou Tangara, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Gambia.

Mr Dimitris **Avramopoulos** receives Ms Salome Zourabichvili, President of Georgia.

Mr Phil **Hogan** meets Mr Simon Birmingham, Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment of Australia, in Brussels.

Mr Phil **Hogan** receives Board Members of the Spanish Wine Federation (Federación Española del Vino).

Ms Elżbieta **Bieńkowska** participates in the [11th Space Conference on European Space Policy](#), in Brussels.

Ms Věra **Jourová** delivers a speech at the conference "Is Antisemitism on the rise in Europe and what can we do about it?" organised at the occasion of the International Holocaust Remembrance Day, in Brussels.

Ms Věra **Jourová** receives Mr Evan Spiegel, CEO of Snap Inc.

Ms Věra **Jourová** receives Ms Maya Manolova, Ombudsman of Bulgaria.

Ms Corina **Crețu** receives Mr Nikos Papas, Minister for Digital Policy, Telecommunications and Information of Greece.

Mr Tibor **Navracsics** receives directors of European concert halls: Iván Fischer, Hungarian conductor and composer; Paul Dujardin, Chief Executive Officer, Bozar, Brussels; Prof. Sebastian Nordmann, Intendant, Konzerthaus Berlin; Simon Reinink, General Director, Concertgebouw Amsterdam; Laurent Bayle, President, Philharmonie Paris; Louwrens Langevoort, President, European Concert Hall Organisation.

Mr Tibor **Navracsics** receives Mr Bogdan Matei, Minister for Youth and Sport of Romania

Mr Tibor **Navracsics** receives Mr Pedro Duque, Minister for Science, Innovation and Universities of Spain.

Ms Margrethe **Vestager** receives the European Parliament candidates from Denmark's Socialist People's Party (Greens).

Ms Margrethe **Vestager** receives Mr Pierre Gramegna, Minister for Finance of Luxembourg.

Mr Carlos **Moedas** in Davos, Switzerland (until 25/1): participates in the

[World Economic Forum](#).

Mr Julian **King** in Lille, France: participates in the [International Security Forum](#) (FIC) 2019.

Ms Mariya **Gabriel** receives Mr Pekka Ala-Pietilä, Chair of the [High-Level Expert Group on Artificial Intelligence](#); receives Mr Evan Spiegel, CEO and Founder of Snap Inc.; receives Ms Marie-Béatrice Levaux, President of the European Federation for Family Employment (EFFE); receives Mr Nikos Pappas, Greek Minister of Digital Policy, Telecommunications & Media; addresses, as guest speaker the [11<sup>th</sup> European Space Policy Conference](#); delivers a speech at the kick-off of the [Women4Cyber initiative by the European Cyber Security Organisation \(ECSO\)](#).

### **Mercredi 23 janvier 2019**

College meeting

President Jean-Claude **Juncker**, together with the College of Commissioners, receives Mr Romano Prodi, former President of the European Commission for a working lunch.

Mr Frans **Timmermans** in Krakow, Poland; participates in a [Citizens' Dialogue](#).

Ms Federica **Mogherini** receives Ms Salome Zurabishvili, President of Georgia.

Mr Andrus **Ansip** receives Dr. Andrea Jelinek, Chair of the European Data Protection Board.

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** in Davos, Switzerland: meets Mr Suma Chakrabarti, President of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD).

Mr Günther H. **Oettinger** in Davos-Klosters, Switzerland (until 24/01): participates in the Annual Meeting of the [World Economic Forum](#).

Mr Johannes **Hahn** in Davos, Switzerland: participates in the [World Economic Forum](#).

Ms Cecilia **Malmström** in Davos, Switzerland (until 25/01): participates in the [World Economic Forum](#).

M. Pierre **Moscovici** à Davos, Suisse (jusqu'au 24/01): participe au Forum économique mondial; participe au panel "Strategic Economic outlook on Europe" et à la session: "Tax and Globalisation"; rencontre M. Alain Berset, Chef du Département fédéral de l'intérieur de la Suisse; M. George Soros, fondateur des Open Society Foundations; M. Suma Chakrabarti, Président de la Banque européenne pour la reconstruction et le développement; des représentants de JPMorgan Chase & Co; des représentants de Booking; et des représentants de Bridgewater Associates.

Mr Phil **Hogan** receives Mr Massimiliano Giansanti, President of

Confagricultura (Confederazione Generale dell'Agricoltura Italiana).

Ms Elżbieta **Bieńkowska** receives Christian Archambeau, European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO) Executive Director.

Mr Tibor **Navracsics** receives representatives of the [Central Europe Leuven Strategic Alliance \(CELSA\)](#).

Mr Tibor **Navracsics** receives Mr Alain Paul Lebeaupin, Apostolic Nuncio and Head of Mission of the Holy See to the European Union.

Mr Tibor **Navracsics** receives Mr Daniel Breaz, Minister for Culture of Romania.

Ms Corina **Crețu** receives Ms Barbara Lezzi, Minister for the South (Italy).

Mr Carlos **Moedas** in Davos, Switzerland: attends the [World Economic Forum](#); meets with Ms Pascale Baeriswy, Swiss Secretary of State; participates as a discussion leader in the panel "Harnessing Europe's Innovation Potential"; participates in the "Future of Science and Technology in Society" Session; and participates at the dinner session: "Europe stepping up the lead".

Mr Julian **King** meets Mr Kevin Brown, Managing Director for Security of BT Group plc, in Brussels.

Ms Mariya **Gabriel** delivers a keynote speech at the event [Can the EU do more for a healthy media sector?](#).

Ms Mariya **Gabriel** in Lille, France: delivers a keynote speech at the [International Cybersecurity Forum 2019](#).

## **Jeudi 24 janvier 2019**

President Jean-Claude **Juncker** receives Mr Abiy Ahmed, Prime Minister of Ethiopia.

President Jean-Claude **Juncker** receives Mr Pascal Lamy, former Director-General of the World Trade Organisation and former European Commissioner.

Ms Federica **Mogherini** receives Mr Yitzhak Hertzog, Head of the Jewish Agency in Israel.

Mr Andrus **Ansip** in Tallinn, Estonia: speaks at the high-level seminar "How to fight disinformation in Europe" with the President of Estonia.

Mr Maroš **Šefčovič** receives representatives of the Slovak business ( U.S.Steel Košice, Eustream, Slovnaft, Slovenský plynárenský priemysel (SPP), Východoslovenská energetika (VSE), Západoslovenská energetika (ZSE) Enviral) on the occasion of the New Year concert organised by the Slovak community in Brussels.

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** in Davos, Switzerland: meets Ms Virginia M. (Ginni)

Rometty, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of IBM; Mr Lakshmi Mittal, Chairman and CEO of ArcelorMittal; Mr Aditya Mittal, President, Chief Financial Officer of ArcelorMittal and CEO of ArcelorMittal Europe; and Mr Axel A. Weber, Chairman of the Board of Directors of UBS Group.

Mr Johannes **Hahn** in Davos, Switzerland: participates in the [World Economic Forum](#).

Ms Cecilia **Malmström** in Davos, Switzerland (until 25/01): participates in the [World Economic Forum](#).

Mr Neven **Mimica** in Vilnius, Lithuania (until 25/01): on official mission.

Mr Karmenu **Vella** in St Julian's, Malta: hosts a breakfast event for blue economy investors and delivers a keynote speech at the "[Blue Invest in the Mediterranean](#)" event; and meets Ms Emma Navarro, Vice-President of the European Investment Bank (EIB).

Mr Vytenis **Andriukaitis** receives Mr Massimiliano Giansanti, President of Confagricultura (Confederazione Generale dell'Agricoltura Italiana).

Mr Dimitris **Avramopoulos** in Athens, Greece: speaks at the [Economist: World in 2019 Gala Dinner](#).

M. **Pierre Moscovici** à Davos, Suisse: rencontre M. Francois Legault, Premier ministre du Québec; M. Ueli Maurer, Président de la Confédération suisse; M. Grant Robertson, Ministre des finances de la Nouvelle Zélande; M. Tony Blair, ancien Premier ministre britannique; des représentants de Bank of America Merrill Lynch ; et des représentants de Standard & Poor's Global.

Mr Christos **Stylianides** in Athens, Greece: speaks at a public discussion on "The European Elections 2019 and the Future of the European Union" organized by the [Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy](#) (ELIAMEP) and Europe Direct ELIAMEP.

Ms Věra **Jourová** in Czechia: visits the company Skoda Auto; and delivers a speech at the conference organised by the Association for Euro-Atlantic Cooperation Jagello 2000.

Mr Tibor **Navracsics** participates in and gives an opening speech at the [Future of Learning Forum](#), in Brussels.

Ms Corina **Crețu** in Ispra, Italy: participates in a guided tour of the Joint Research Visitors' Center and of the European Crisis Management Laboratory.

Ms Margrethe **Vestager** in Dublin, Ireland: participates in the stakeholders' dinner hosted by the European Movement Ireland and the Central Bank of Ireland.

Mr Carlos **Moedas** in Davos, Switzerland: attends the [World Economic Forum](#); participates in the discussion session "Informal Gathering of World Economic Leaders (IGWEL): Keeping Trust in Cyberspace"; speaks at the European Research Council press conference; and participates in the Workshop

“Competitiveness in the Digital Age”.

Ms Mariya **Gabriel** in Berlin, Germany: delivers a keynote speech at the [Democracy in a Digital Society](#) conference; and meets with Ms Katharina Barley, Federal German Minister for Justice and Consumer Protection.

## **Vendredi 25 janvier 2019**

President Jean-Claude **Juncker** receives Ms Jacinda Ardern, Prime Minister of New Zealand.

President Jean-Claude **Juncker** holds a joint press point with Ms Jacinda Ardern, Prime Minister of New Zealand.

Ms Federica **Mogherini** receives Mr Pierre Krähenbühl, Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA).

Ms Federica **Mogherini** participates in a meeting with Ms Jacinda Ardern, Prime Minister of New Zealand.

Mr Frans **Timmermans** meets Ms Jacinda Ardern, Prime Minister of New Zealand, in Brussels.

Mr Frans **Timmermans** receives Mr Pascal Lamy, President emeritus of the Jacques Delors Institute, to discuss the future of Europe.

Mr Andrus **Ansip** in Tartu, Estonia: speaks at the Jaan Poska Gymnasium; speaks on AI at the [sTARTUp Day](#) business festival and visits the demo area of the sTARTUp Day festival.

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** in Oulu, Finland: participates in a [Citizens' Dialogue](#) at the University of Oulu; meets Mr Pauli Harju, Region Mayor of the Council of the Oulu Region; participates in a working lunch hosted by Mr Juha Hänninen, Chairman of the Oulu City Council; and visits the Recofor Oy and Nukute Oy companies.

Ms Cecilia **Malmström** in Davos, Switzerland: participates in the [World Economic Forum](#); and participates in the informal meeting of Ministers on WTO negotiations on electronic commerce.

Mr Vytenis **Andriukaitis** in Vilnius, Lithuania: delivers a speech at the BEUC-LVOA event “EU’s role in promoting health of Europeans beyond East & West”; participates in the Annual Conference Quo Vadis, Europa: “Upcoming elections, hybrid threats and the way forward”; and participates, together in a Citizens’ Dialogue.

Mr Christos **Stylianides** in Patras, Greece: speaks at a public event on “Europe at Crossroads: challenges and prospects for the future – rescEU: a new European response system to natural disasters” organised by the European Parliament’s European People’s Party (EPP) and Socialists & Democrats (S&D)

Groups.

Mr Phil **Hogan** meets Ms Jacinda Ardern, Prime Minister of New Zealand, in Brussels.

Ms Elżbieta **Bieńkowska** in Myslowice, Poland: meets with representatives of the cancer-support association Amazonkami.

Ms Elżbieta **Bieńkowska** in Tychy, Poland: meets with representatives of the Polish Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Ms Věra **Jourová** in Czechia: attends the event on the occasion of the International Holocaust Remembrance Day, organised by the Senate of the Parliament of Czechia.

Mr Tibor **Navracsics** in Budapest, Hungary: meets with Mr Gál András Levente – Chairman of Hungarian Public Administration and Organizational Development Research Institute (HUNADI).

Ms Margrethe **Vestager** in Dublin, Ireland: attends the gold medal award ceremony and receives a “Gold Medal for Outstanding Contribution to Public Discourse” by the Trinity College Historical Society; participates in the [Citizens’ Dialogue](#) at the Trinity College.

Mr Carlos **Moedas** in Davos, Switzerland: meets with Prof. Klaus Schwab, Executive Chairman of the [World Economic Forum](#); and meets with Mr Francis Collins, Director of the US National Institutes of Health.

Ms Mariya **Gabriel** in Sofia, Bulgaria: meets with Mr Georghii Hristov, CEO of [Mimirium Network](#); meets with Mr Zafer Galibov, photographer; meets with Mr Rumen Bizyokov, partner in the [Aeternity blockchain platform](#).

### **Samedi 26 janvier 2019**

Ms Violeta **Bulc** in Amman, Jordan: meets HRH King Abdullah II of Jordan and HRH Queen Rania of Jordan; meets Mr Walid Masri, Minister for Transport of Jordan; and participates in the launch of Jordan’s national road safety strategy.

Ms Mariya **Gabriel** in Sofia, Bulgaria: delivers a speech at the opening of the [Teenovator](#) Startup Weekend.

### **Dimanche 27 janvier 2019**

Ms Margrethe **Vestager** in Berlin, Germany: gives a keynote speech at the FDP’s European Party Convention; and participates in and gives a speech at the Pulse of Europe Berlin’s pro-Europe event.

**Prévisions du mois de janvier :**

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