

EIOPA seeks evidence on the use of Big Data

Today, the European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority (EIOPA) launched a European Union-wide thematic review on Big Data as a follow-up to the European Supervisory Authorities' cross-sectorial [review of the use of Big Data](#) published in March this year.

The purpose of the thematic review is to gather empirical evidence on the use of Big Data by insurance undertakings and intermediaries along the whole insurance value chain, i.e. in pricing and underwriting, in product development, in claims management, as well as in sales and marketing. The review specifically focuses on the motor and health insurance markets.

More information in the [press release](#).

EIOPA issues Mediation Opinion regarding the determination of the correct insurance class for statutory risks

Today, the European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority (EIOPA) published its Mediation Opinion regarding the determination of the correct insurance class for the insurance policy known as “statutory risks” in France.

The mediation conducted by EIOPA's Mediation Panel involved the Autorité de contrôle prudentiel et de résolution, the French national supervisory authority, as host authority and the Central Bank of Ireland, as home authority of those insurance undertakings that offer this policy on a freedom to provide services in France.

In line with the risk-based approach of Solvency II and with the aim of promoting consistent supervisory practices, the Mediation Panel concluded that the determination of the insurance class should reflect the nature of risk of the given insurance policy rather than its actual legal form. Accordingly, the Mediation Panel supported the classification of “statutory risk” insurance policy in class 1 (Accident) and class 2 (Sickness) for new

authorisations. In case the insurance policy contains death or any other life coverage, an authorisation for life insurance activity is also required.

Furthermore, insurance undertakings should have relevant expertise to ensure appropriate pricing, adequate provisioning and claims management practices, relevant to the risks to be covered and to the target market in the host Member State.

The Autorité de contrôle prudentiel et de résolution and the Central Bank of Ireland, both agreed with the conclusions of the Mediation Panel. The Opinion, approved by EIOPA's Board of Supervisors, is available [here](#).

Background

The **Mediation Panel** is mandated to settle disagreements between the national competent authorities in accordance with [EIOPA's founding Regulation](#).

The **statutory risk** insurance policy covers the maintenance of the civil servants' salary in case of sickness, maternity, work incapacity or disability, and the payment of death benefits to the civil servant's beneficiaries.

Insurance class 1 in Annex I of Solvency II refers to "Accident", while **insurance class 2** in Annex I of Solvency II refers to "Sickness".

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€100 million of Juncker Plan financing for research and development at Antolin Group in Spain

The European Investment Bank (EIB) has signed a €100 million loan with Spanish car interior supplier Antolin Group to support the company's research and development activities. The loan is guaranteed under the **Juncker Plan's** European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI). Antolin will use the financing to develop new lightweight vehicle interior components for energy-efficient, connected and autonomous vehicles. The activities will be carried out in Spain, Germany and France. Carlos **Moedas**, Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation, said: *"Investing in research and innovation is investing in Europe's future. With this €100 million EIB loan under the Juncker Plan signed today, the Antolin Group will develop innovative products to enhance its competitiveness in Europe. I'm pleased that the EU is supporting a highly innovative project in a traditional sector such as the automotive sector. It's vital that our companies receive the financial help they need to carry out research and innovation."* (Full press release is found

[here](#). For all the latest EFSI results see the [Investment Plan website](#) or contact Johannes Bahrke – Tel.: +32 229 58615; Siobhán Millbright – Tel.: +32 229 57361)

Politique de Cohésion: plus de flexibilité, moins de formalités et des synergies plus faciles avec le Plan Juncker

La Commission salue le vote hier du Parlement européen sur [sa proposition](#) de révision des règles sur les fonds européens 2014-2020, qui a pour but de réduire de moitié le corpus de règles actuel en les rendant également plus claires et plus simples à appliquer à tous les niveaux. La Commissaire à la politique régionale, Corina **Crețu**, a déclaré: *“La simplification est l’un des grands chantiers du budget européen 2021-2027, mais la Commission Juncker s’y est déjà attelée pour la période actuelle, avec comme objectif de rendre la vie plus simple pour les autorités locales et les bénéficiaires des fonds, notamment les PME.”* Voici ce qui changera lorsque les règles révisées entreront en vigueur à la fin du mois de juillet: 1. davantage de possibilités de combinaisons entre le Fonds européen pour les investissements stratégiques (EFSI), le cœur du [Plan Juncker](#), et les fonds de la politique de Cohésion: plus besoin de cofinancement national quand ces derniers seront investis dans un projet EFSI et possibilité d’y couvrir la première tranche de risque; 2. moins de formalité pour les bénéficiaires des fonds: ils pourront plus facilement faire rembourser leurs frais par l’UE. Les bénéficiaires et les autorités de gestion pourront se concentrer sur les résultats plutôt que sur la collecte et le contrôle de documents financiers. Le principe de ‘l’audit unique’ est étendu et la Commission pourra davantage s’appuyer sur des évaluations réalisées par ses partenaires internationaux et les États membres. Enfin, les règles révisées permettent aux États membres de financer plus facilement des projets visant à intégrer les migrants avec leurs budgets cohésion de la période 2014-2020. *(Pour plus d’informations: Johannes Bahrke – Tel.: +32 229 58615 – Tel.: +32 229 50595; Sophie Dupin de Saint-Cyr – Tel.: +32 229 56169)*

Trade: EU to implement provisional safeguard measures on steel following US tariffs

The Commission yesterday presented its intention to Member States to introduce provisional safeguard measures on steel under the form of a Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ). The Commission’s plan received overwhelming support by Member States gathered in the Safeguards Committee and the new measures will enter into force once formally adopted by the Commission in July. Additional duties will be levied only after a tariff rate quota, based on the level of traditional imports, is reached. The adoption of safeguard measures was part of the three-pronged EU’s response to the unilateral US decision to impose tariffs on steel and aluminium. This is intended to prevent the negative effects of trade diversion, but at the same time maintain traditional supply and effective competition on the EU market. An investigation towards possible imposition of safeguard measures on steel was launched on 26 March. On the basis of the investigation to date, the Commission considers that provisional measures are warranted. The most recent import statistics show trade

diversion of steel products into the EU as a result of the additional 25% tariff on steel imposed by the US. The investigation continues at least until the end of 2018. The Commission has also put in place a surveillance system for imports of aluminium to be prepared in case action will be required in that sector. The EU has also decided to adopt rebalancing measures by imposing duties on a list of US products and legal proceedings were launched against the US in the WTO on 1 June. *(For more information: Daniel Rosario – Tel.: + 32 229 56185; Clémence Robin – Tel.: +32 229 52509)*

State aid: Commission opens in-depth investigation into tax exemptions for companies in the Madeira Free Zone

The European Commission has opened an in-depth investigation to examine whether Portugal has applied the Madeira Free Zone regional aid scheme in conformity with the [2007](#) and [2013](#) Commission decisions approving it. The Madeira Free Zone (Zona Franca da Madeira, “ZFM”) was created by Portugal in 1987 to support economic development in its outermost region Madeira. Its objective is to attract investment to and create jobs in Madeira. In this context, Portugal put in place a regional aid scheme providing support to companies establishing themselves in the ZFM through certain corporate income tax reductions on profits resulting from activities performed in Madeira; and other tax reductions, such as an exemption from municipal and local taxes. The Commission approved successive versions of the ZFM regional aid scheme under EU State aid rules on several occasions between 1987 and 2014. As part of its standard monitoring of the implementation of State aid decisions, the Commission has carried out a preliminary assessment of how Portugal applied the ZFM aid scheme until its expiry at the end of 2014. At this stage, the Commission has concerns that the Portuguese authorities may have failed to respect some of the basic conditions under the 2007 and 2013 decisions and in particular that tax exemptions granted by Portugal to companies established in the ZFM are not in line with the Commission decisions and EU State aid rules. Commissioner Margrethe **Vestager**, in charge of competition policy, said: *“Our regional aid rules are particularly flexible when it comes to supporting the EU’s outermost regions, including Madeira. Under these rules, fiscal aid can only be granted if it contributes to the creation of real economic activity and jobs in the assisted region. We will now investigate whether the Zona Franca Madeira fiscal aid scheme approved by the Commission in the past has been applied correctly by Portugal.”* The full press release is available online in [EN](#), [FR](#), [DE](#), [PT](#). *(For more information: Ricardo Cardoso – Tel.: +32 229 80100; Giulia Astuti – Tel.: +32 229 55344)*

State aid: Commission approves reductions of nuclear levy for electrointensive users in Slovakia

The European Commission has found Slovakia’s plan to grant reductions on a nuclear levy to certain electro-intensive users to be in line with EU State aid rules. In 2006, Slovakia set up the National Nuclear Fund to finance the costs of decommissioning obsolete nuclear power plants, financed via a levy,

which is paid by final electricity consumers. As of 2019, Slovakia intends to grant reductions on the nuclear levy to certain electro-intensive industrial users exposed to international trade, such as companies active in the production of refined petroleum products, basic iron, steel, ferro-alloys and aluminium. The reductions will vary depending on the companies' electro-intensity and will confer an advantage to these companies, as they will lower their financial burden compared to other companies that will not benefit from them. Slovakia notified this measure to the Commission for review under EU State aid rules. The Commission assessed the measure under the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and found that the reductions are limited to companies that are active in electro-intensive sectors exposed to international trade and are proportionate. On this basis, the Commission concluded that the measure is in line with State aid rules, because it will contribute to the competitiveness of these companies without unduly distorting competition in the Single Market. The full press release is available online in [EN](#), [FR](#), [DE](#), [SK](#). (For more information: Ricardo Cardoso – Tel.: +32 229 80100; Giulia Astuti – Tel.: +32 229 55344)

State aid: Commission approves compensation to energy-intensive companies in Luxembourg for indirect emission costs

The European Commission has approved, under EU State aid rules, a support scheme to compensate energy-intensive companies in Luxembourg for higher electricity prices resulting from indirect emission costs under the EU Emission Trading Scheme (ETS). The scheme will cover the period 2017-2020, with an overall budget of up to €60 million. The measure benefits companies active in sectors facing significant electricity costs and which are particularly exposed to international competition. The compensation will be granted through a partial refund of electricity costs to eligible companies. The objective of the measure is to avoid an increase in global greenhouse gas emissions due to companies relocating to countries outside the EU with less stringent environmental regulation. More information will be available on the Commission's [competition](#) website, in the public [case register](#) under the case number SA.51097. (For more information: Ricardo Cardoso – Tel.: +32 229 80100; Giulia Astuti – Tel.: +32 229 55344)

Competition: Commission seeks feedback for conference on competition policy and digitisation

On 17 January 2019, Commissioner Margrethe **Vestager**, in charge of competition policy, will host a one-day conference in Brussels on 'Shaping competition policy in the era of digitisation'. In this context, the Commission is [seeking feedback](#) from stakeholders who are involved in or affected by the digitisation of the economy. These contributions will serve to inform and feed into the discussions at the conference, which will also feature a keynote speech by Nobel prize winner Professor Jean Tirole. The conference will include three panel discussions, each chaired by one of the Commissioner's special advisers, Professors Heike Schweitzer and Jacques

Crémer, and Assistant Professor Yves-Alexandre de Montjoye. As [announced in March 2018](#) the special advisers are working on a report on the future challenges of digitisation for competition policy. The conference and the report are designed to provide input to the Commission's ongoing reflection on how competition policy can best serve European consumers in a fast-changing world and to identify the key upcoming digital challenges and their implications for competition policy. More information will be available on the Commission's [competition](#) website. *(For more information: Ricardo Cardoso – Tel.: [+32 229 80100](#); Giulia Astuti – Tel.: [+32 229 55344](#))*

Mergers: Commission clears offshore windfarm joint venture between Otary, Eneco and Electrabel

The European Commission has approved, under the EU Merger Regulation, the restructuring of ownership over two offshore windfarms in Belgian waters, known as Seastar and Mermaid. The proposed transaction entails the creation of a joint venture between Otary RS NV of Belgium, the Eneco group of the Netherlands, through Eneco Wind Belgium N.V., and the Engie group of France, through Electrabel NV. Otary is active in the development, construction and operation of offshore wind projects. Eneco is engaged in the production of electricity from sustainable sources and in the supply of electricity and gas. Electrabel is active at all stages of the electricity and natural gas value chain in the Benelux region, as part of the worldwide energy group Engie. The Commission concluded that the proposed transaction would raise no competition concerns in particular because of the pre-existing ownership rights of the companies over the windfarm concessions in question and the existence of other similar projects either under development or for which new concessions have been announced. The transaction was examined under the normal merger review procedure. More information is available on the Commission's [competition website](#), in the [public case register](#) under the case number [M.8855](#). *(For more information: Ricardo Cardoso – Tel.: +32 229 80100; Giulia Astuti – Tel.: +32 229 55344)*

Mergers: Commission clears the acquisition of Zentiva group by Advent International Corporation

The European Commission has approved, under the EU Merger Regulation, the acquisition of sole control over Zentiva group, based in the Czech Republic and currently owned by Sanofi of France, by Advent International Corporation of the US. Zentiva is a pharmaceutical group focused on the development, manufacturing and marketing of generic pharmaceutical products primarily within Europe. Advent is a global private equity investor, focused on investments in several sectors, namely business and financial services; healthcare; industrial; retail, consumer and leisure; and technology, media and telecom. The Commission concluded that the proposed transaction would raise no competition concerns given the lack of horizontal overlaps and the minor vertical relationships between the companies' activities. The transaction was examined under the simplified merger review procedure. More information is available on the Commission's [competition](#) website, in the public [case register](#) under the case number [M.8937](#). *(For more information: Ricardo Cardoso – Tel.: +32 229 80100; Giulia Astuti – Tel.: +32 229 55344)*

STATEMENTS

Security Union: Commission welcomes the European Parliament's adoption of the European Travel Information and Authorisation System (ETIAS) and a stronger eu-LISA Agency

Yesterday, the European Parliament gave its final agreement to establish the European Travel Information and Authorisation System (ETIAS) and to strengthen the mandate of eu-LISA, the EU Agency for the operational management of large scale IT systems in the area of freedom, security and justice. The legislative proposals for ETIAS and eu-LISA, put forward by the Commission in [November 2016](#) and [June 2017](#) respectively, were identified as political priorities under the [Joint Declaration](#) on the EU's legislative priorities for 2018-2019. Welcoming the adoption, Commissioner for Migration, Home Affairs and Citizenship Dimitris **Avramopoulos** said: *"At the beginning of this Commission we committed to deliver a Europe that protects – and now we take one more, important step towards this goal. A stronger eu-LISA will be the nerve centre of our information systems for borders, migration and security, and the new ETIAS will ensure that we no longer have an information gap on visa-free travellers. Anyone who poses a migratory or security risk will be identified before they even travel to EU borders, while the travel of bona fide travellers will be facilitated. I want to thank both rapporteurs for their leadership and commitment to building a safer Union for our citizens".* Commissioner **King** added: *"Our police officers and border guards need to have the right tools to do their jobs – keeping our citizens safe and our borders secure. ETIAS will pre-screen visa-free visitors for potential security problems, while the reinforced eu-LISA will allow us to continue to modernise EU-wide information systems for law enforcement and border management."* The [full statement](#) and the [memo](#) are available online. (For more information: *Natasha Bertaud – Tel.: +32 2 296 74 56; Tove Ernst – Tel.: +32 229 86764; Katarzyna Kolanko – Tel.: +32 229 63444*)

EU and Japan to discuss education, culture and sport at first policy dialogue

This afternoon, in Budapest, Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport, Tibor **Navracsics**, will lead an EU delegation at the first official EU-Japan policy dialogue on education, culture and sport. The Japanese delegation will be led by Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Yoshimasa Hayashi. The meeting takes place ahead of the EU-Japan Summit to be held in Brussels on 11 July. Discussions will focus on major policy priorities in the fields of education, culture and sport including opportunities to enhance cooperation. Among others, joint initiatives to support consortia of excellent universities and staff exchanges are expected to be agreed on. A joint statement will be published [here](#) after the meeting (17.00 CET). (For more information: *Nathalie Vandystadt – Tel.: +32 229 67083; Joseph Waldstein – Tel.: +32 229 56184*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

High Representative/Vice-President Mogherini and Commissioners Hahn and King

at the Western Balkans Summit – building stronger links within the region and with the EU

High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy/Vice-President of the Commission Federica **Mogherini**, Commissioner for European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations Johannes **Hahn**, and Commissioner for the Security Union Julian **King** will be in London on Monday 9 and Tuesday 10 July for the [2018 Western Balkans Summit](#) organised in the framework of the [Berlin process](#). Leaders and Ministers from ten Member States and from the six Western Balkan partners will attend the Summit. The Summit will focus on increasing economic stability in the region, strengthening security and addressing political and legal issues to foster reconciliation. It will be an opportunity for further advancing the EU perspective of the region. Leading the EU delegation, High Representative/Vice-President **Mogherini** will, together with Commissioner **Hahn**, attend the meeting with the Heads of State or Government on Tuesday afternoon. Commissioner **Hahn** and Commissioner **King** will attend the meetings with Foreign Ministers and Interior Ministers on Monday. Commissioner **Hahn** will participate at a Question Time event with the Foreign Ministers, youth and representatives of civil society organisations on Monday and he will deliver a key-note speech at [Chatham House](#) on Tuesday which will be available on [EbS](#). Commissioner **King** will speak at the session on “Cross-cutting security issues”, focusing in particular on the EU’s cooperation with Western Balkan partners in the area of counter-terrorism, cybercrime and radicalisation. Videos and photos of the visit will be available on [EbS](#). (*For more information: Maja Kocijančič – Tel.: +32 229 86570; Tove Ernst – Tel.: +32 229 86764; Alceo Smerilli – Tel.: +32 229 64887; Katarzyna Kolanko – Tel.: +32 229-63444*)

Commission kick-starts debate on the EU’s long-term vision for a modern, clean and competitive economy

On 10-11 July, the Commission will organise a high-level stakeholder consultation event on the EU’s long-term strategy for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and building a prosperous, modern, clean and competitive economy. In March this year, EU leaders asked the Commission to present, “by the first quarter of 2019, a proposal for a strategy for long-term EU greenhouse gas emissions reduction in accordance with the Paris Agreement, taking into account the national plans”. In preparation for this proposal, the Commission will organise a consultation event for up to 1000 participants, bringing together a broad range of stakeholders from business, research and civil society. Hosted by Commissioner for Climate Action and Energy Miguel **Arias Cañete**, speakers will include Commission Vice-President for Jobs, Growth, Investment and Competitiveness Jyrki **Katainen**, Vice-President for the Energy Union Maroš **Šefčovič** and Commissioner for the Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs Elżbieta **Bieńkowska**, as well as ministers and high-level representatives from countries, organisations and stakeholders in and outside Europe. Ahead of the event, Commissioner **Arias Cañete** said: “*The EU has put in place the legislation to meet its Paris commitment for 2030. It is now time to look at the longer term perspective and to set out a strategy for where EU climate policy is heading by 2050. This is central to meet the Paris Agreement goals of keeping global temperature rise below 2 degrees Celsius*”

and to pursue efforts to 1.5 degrees Celsius. The EU is committed to doing its part. The clean energy transition will be key, and achieving our climate objectives will require contributions from every part of the economy and society. This conference will be a vital forum for discussions and opinions that will feed into the proposal for a new EU long-term strategy on reducing emissions the European Commission will present by the end of this year.” The event will offer an opportunity for discussions that will then feed in to the Commission’s input for the strategy and will be followed by a public consultation seeking further input from citizens and stakeholders. Live web stream and full program on the [event’s website](#). (For more information: Anca Paduraru – Tel.: +32 229 91269; Nicole Bockstaller – Tel.: +32 229 52589)

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[State aid: Commission approves reductions of nuclear levy for electro-intensive users in Slovakia](#)

In 2006, Slovakia set up the National Nuclear Fund to finance the costs of decommissioning obsolete nuclear power plants. The National Nuclear Fund is financed via a levy, which is paid by final electricity consumers.

As of 2019, Slovakia intends to grant reductions on the nuclear levy to certain electro-intensive industrial users exposed to international trade, such as companies active in the production of refined petroleum products, basic iron, steel, ferro-alloys and aluminium. The amount of the reduction will vary depending on the companies’ electro-intensity. The reductions will confer an advantage to these companies, as they will lower their financial burden compared to other companies that will not benefit from them.

Slovakia notified this measure to the Commission for review under EU State aid rules. The Commission assessed the measure under the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, which allows Member States to support the development of certain economic activities.

In its assessment, the Commission found that the reductions:

- are limited to companies that are active in electro-intensive sectors **exposed to international trade**, and
- are **proportionate**. In particular, they provide a sustainable financing basis for the safe and timely decommissioning of obsolete nuclear power

plants in Slovakia without putting at risk the competitiveness of companies exposed to international trade.

On this basis, the Commission concluded that the Slovakian measure to grant reductions to the nuclear levy to electro-intensive users is in line with State aid rules, because they will contribute to the competitiveness of these companies without unduly distorting competition in the Single Market.

Background

Slovakia set up the National Nuclear Fund in 2006 to finance the costs related to the decommissioning and treatment of nuclear waste and spent fuel of two obsolete nuclear power plants: Bohunice A1 and V1.

Since 2011, final electricity consumers are required to pay a nuclear levy, based on their electricity consumption, to finance the National Nuclear Fund. This financial set-up was approved by the Commission under EU State aid rules in 2013 ([SA.31860](#)). In its decision, the Commission acknowledged that the nuclear levy contributes to an objective of common interest, as it ensures the safety of nuclear facilities and the correct, timely and safe decommissioning of obsolete nuclear facilities, and provides long-term solutions for spent fuel and radioactive waste management.

The non-confidential version of the decision will be published in the [State aid register](#) on the [competition](#) website under the case number SA.50877. The [State Aid Weekly e-News](#) lists new publications of state aid decisions on the internet and in the EU Official Journal.

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Déplacements et visites

Lundi 09 juillet 2018

EU-Ukraine Summit

President Jean-Claude **Juncker** participates in the EU-Ukraine Summit with Mr Donald Tusk, President of the European Council, and Mr Petro Poroshenko, President of Ukraine, and accompanied by Ms Federica **Mogherini**, Mr Maroš **Šefčovič**, Mr Valdis **Dombrovskis** and Ms Cecilia **Malmström**, in Brussels.

Mr Frans **Timmermans** in Vienna, Austria: attends the Conference of

Parliamentary Committees for Union Affairs of Parliaments of the EU (COSAC) Chairpersons meeting, and participates in the session on “Future and Perspectives of the EU”; participates in a roundtable meeting with Mr Michael O’Flaherty, Director of the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA); and meets FRA staff.

Ms Federica **Mogherini** receives Mr Nechirvan Barzani, Prime Minister of the Kurdistan Regional Government, Iraq.

Ms Federica **Mogherini** receives Mr Nasser Kamel, Secretary General of the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM).

Ms Federica **Mogherini** receives Mr Ahmet Üzümcü, Director General of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

Mr Andrus **Ansip** receives Ms Katherina Reiche, President of the European Centre of Employers and Enterprises providing Public Services and Services of general interest (CEEP).

Mr Maroš **Šefčovič** receives Mr Pavlo Klimkin, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine.

Mr Maroš **Šefčovič** receives representatives of Magna Energy Storage (Czech Republic).

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** participates in a lunch with Mr Karel De Gucht, President of the Institute for European Studies at the Vrije Universiteit Brussels (VUB) and former European Commissioner on Trade.

Mr Johannes **Hahn** in London, the United Kingdom (until 10/07): meets EU and Western Balkans’ Foreign and Interior Ministers ahead of the Western Balkans Summit.

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

Mr Miguel **Arias Cañete** in Madrid, Spain: delivers a speech at XII Graduation Ceremony at Escuela Universitaria Real Madrid.

Mr Vytenis **Andriukaitis** participates in the stakeholders’ conference on *Health Technology Assessment(HTA)*, in Brussels.

Mr Dimitris **Avramopoulos** in Ankara, Turkey: represents the European Commission at the inauguration ceremony of Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

Mr Phil **Hogan** in Dublin, Ireland: delivers a speech, at the Commission Representation, on the funding under Horizon 2020 of an Agritech Centre in Kilkenny; and a speech at the Annual General Assembly of the Irish Association of Former Parliamentarians; and meets Mr Garrett Blaney, Chair of the Board of Regulators of the Agency for Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER), and President of the Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER).

Ms Violeta **Bulc** and Mr Julian **King** in London, the United Kingdom: participate in the Western Balkans Summit.

Mr Tibor **Navracsics** attends a working dinner organised by the European Football Leagues, in Brussels.

Mr Carlos **Moedas** in France (until 11/07): in Toulouse: meets the members of the Group of Chief Scientific Advisors (SAM) and the members of the European Group on Ethics in Science and New Technologies (EGE); delivers a keynote speech at the opening ceremony and attends the opening concert of the [EuroScience Open Forum \(ESOF\)](#).

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President Jean-Claude **Juncker** and Mr Frans **Timmermans** meet Ms Viorica Dăncilă, Prime Minister of Romania.

President Jean-Claude **Juncker** receives Ms Marlene Bonnici, Permanent Representative of Malta to the EU.

Mr Frans **Timmermans** chairs the final meeting of the Taskforce on Subsidiarity, Proportionality and 'Doing Less, More Efficiently', in Brussels.

Ms Federica **Mogherini** and Mr Johannes **Hahn** in London, the United Kingdom: participates in the [Western Balkans Summit](#).

Mr Andrus **Ansip** receives Mr Neil Rimer, co-founder of Index Ventures.

Mr Maroš **Šefčovič** meets Mr Ihor Nasalyk, Minister of Energy and Coal Industry of Ukraine and Mr Oleksandr Dombrovskiy, Head of the Fuel and Energy Committee of the Parliament of Ukraine (Verkhovna Rada), in Brussels.

Mr Maroš **Šefčovič** receives Mr Stefan Kapferer, Chairman of the General Executive Management Board of Bundesverband der Energie- und Wasserwirtschaft e.V.

Mr Maroš **Šefčovič** receives Ms Karin Kneissl, Minister for Integration and Foreign Affairs of Austria.

Mr Maroš **Šefčovič**, Mr Jyrki **Katainen** and Mr Miguel **Arias Cañete** deliver keynote speeches at the stakeholder event [EU Strategy for Long-Term Emissions Reduction "The EU's vision for a modern, clean economy"](#), in Brussels

Mr Valdis **Dombrovskis** receives Mr Mark Hemsley, President Europe, at CBOE Holdings.

Mr Valdis **Dombrovskis** receives Mr Helmut Schleweis, President of Deutscher Sparkassen und Giroverband (DSGV).

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** receives a group from Aalto University, Finland and

Tsinghua University, China.

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** receives Mr Helmut Schleweis, President of Deutscher Sparkassen und Giroverband (DSGV).

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** receives Mr Ron Mobed, CEO of Elsevier.

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** receives Mr Luc Frieden, former Minister for Justice and Finance of Luxembourg.

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** attends a working lunch with Mr Taneli Lahti, Director of the Confederation of Finnish Industries (EK), in Brussels.

Mr Günther H. **Oettinger** and Mr Phil **Hogan** participate in a conference on the reform on the Common Agricultural Policy with German Federal and Regional Agriculture Ministers, in Brussels.

Mr Günther H. **Oettinger** receives Ms Viorica Dăncilă, Prime Minister of Romania.

Mr Neven **Mimica** in Cascais, Portugal: delivers a speech at the [2018 EurAfrican Forum "Crafting coalitions for change"](#).

Mr Miguel **Arias Cañete** receives Mr José Ignacio Sánchez Galán, CEO of Iberdrola.

Mr Miguel **Arias Cañete** receives Mr Johannes Teyssen, CEO of E.ON.

Mr Miguel **Arias Cañete** delivers closing remarks at the ["Europe's Deep Decarbonisation: Solar+Hydrogen"](#) event organised by Hydrogen Europe and Solar Power Europe, in Brussels.

Mr Karmenu **Vella** receives the heads of European marine research institutes.

Mr Dimitris **Avramopoulos** addresses the European Parliament Delegation for Relations with the United States on transatlantic cooperation in the area of migration and security, in Brussels.

Ms Marianne **Thyssen** attends the Hearing of the Social Affairs Committee at the Federal Parliament of Belgium on the Social Fairness Package, in Brussels.

M. Pierre **Moscovici** reçoit M. Charles Grant, Directeur du Centre for European Reform.

Mr Christos **Stylianides** in Split, Croatia: holds a speech at a conference on the Union Civil Protection Mechanism; meets Mr Davor Božinović, Minister for the Interior of Croatia, and Mr Damir Krstičević, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence of Croatia; and visits the Divulje base.

Mr Phil **Hogan** receives Ms Viorica Dăncilă, Prime Minister for Romania.

Mr Phil **Hogan** in Namur, Belgium: meets Mr Willy Borsus, Minister-President of the Walloon Government; and Mr René Collin, Minister for Agriculture, Nature,

Forests, Rural Affairs and Tourism, of the Walloon Government.

Ms Violeta **Bulc** in Madrid, Spain: meets Mr José Luis Ábalos, Minister for Development of Spain.

Ms Věra **Jourová** delivers a speech at the Plenary meeting of the American Chamber of Commerce to the EU (AmCham EU) on New Deal for Consumers, in Brussels.

Ms Corina **Crețu** receives Mr Reinhold Hilbers, Minister for Finance of the State of Lower Saxony (Germany).

Ms Corina **Crețu** receives Mr Javier Lambán, President of the Government of Aragon (Spain).

Ms Corina **Crețu** receives Ms Viorica Dăncilă, Prime Minister of Romania.

Ms Corina **Crețu** receives Mr Alexis Charitsis, Alternate Minister for Economy and Development of Greece.

Mr Carlos **Moedas** in Toulouse, France: delivers a keynote speech and attends a panel discussion on Horizon Europe at the [EuroScience Open Forum \(ESOF\)](#), meets Mr Peter Gluckman, Chief Science Adviser to the Prime Minister of New Zealand; and visits to Airbus Defence and Space facilities.

Mr Julian **King** meets Mr Charles Grant, Director of the Centre for European Reform, in Brussels.

Mr Julian **King** participates in the [Munich Security Conference](#) roundtable on European Defence, in Brussels.

Ms Mariya **Gabriel** delivers a speech at “One year of roam like at home – the present and future of the roaming regulation in the EU” event organised by Ms Miapetra Kumpula-Natri and Mr Paul Rübzig, Members of the European Parliament.

Mercredi 11 juillet 2018

College meeting

11-12/07 NATO Summit

EU-Japan Summit

President Jean-Claude **Juncker** participates in the EU-Japan Summit with Mr Donald Tusk, President of the European Council, and Mr Shinzō Abe, Prime Minister of Japan, and accompanied by Ms Federica **Mogherini** and Ms Cecilia **Malmström**, in Brussels.

Mr Frans **Timmermans** receives Mr Atzo Nicolai, President of DSM Nederland and Mr Ward Mosmuller, Director of EU Affairs at DSM Nederland.

Mr Frans **Timmermans** receives members of the European Commission's Multi-

stakeholder Platform on the Sustainable Development Goals.

Mr Frans **Timmermans** and Mr Jyrki **Katainen** meet representatives of 5 Sustainable Development Goal multi-stakeholders Platform on the Reflection paper “Towards a Sustainable Europe by 2030”, in Brussels.

Ms Federica **Mogherini** participates in the EU-NATO, in Brussels.

Mr Maroš **Šefčovič** meets Mr Luca Jahier, President of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC), in Brussels.

Mr Valdis **Dombrovskis** receives Mr Christian Sewing, CEO of Deutsche Bank.

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** receives Ms Helen Mets, President of DSM Resins and Functional Materials.

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** receives Ms Margarete Schramböck, Minister for Digital and Economic Affairs of Austria.

Mr Johannes **Hahn** receives Mr Nasser Kamel, Secretary General of the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM).

Mr Johannes **Hahn** receives Ms Rosemary DiCarlo, United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs.

Ms Cecilia **Malmström** receives Mr Chan Chun Sing, Minister for Trade and Industry of Singapore.

Mr Miguel **Arias Cañete** and Ms Elżbieta **Bieńkowska** deliver keynote speeches at the stakeholder event [EU Strategy for Long-Term Emissions Reduction “The EU’s vision for a modern, clean economy”](#), in Brussels

M. Pierre **Moscovici** reçoit M. Miles Celic, Directeur Général du TheCityUK.

M. Pierre **Moscovici** et M. Dimitris **Avramopoulos** rencontrent M. Patrick Weil, Président de l’association Bibliothèques Sans Frontières, à Bruxelles.

Mr Phil **Hogan** receives representatives of the French National Federation of Agricultural Workers’ Unions (FNSEA).

Mr Phil **Hogan** delivers a speech at the [Annual Assembly of Confagricoltura](#), in Brussels.

Ms Věra **Jourová** receives Ms Barbara Scarafia, Vice-President and Associate General Counsel at Amazon Europe.

Ms Věra **Jourová** receives Ms Juliane Bogner-Strauß, Federal Minister for Women, Families and Youth of Austria.

Mr Carlos **Moedas** in Paris, France: delivers a keynote speech and attends the [FabCity Summit](#) organised Ms Anne Hidalgo, Mayor of Paris.

Ms Mariya **Gabriel** receives Ms Therese Niss, Member of the Austrian Parliament.

Ms Mariya **Gabriel** receives Mr Jean-Marc Ogier, President of the University of La Rochelle (France).

Jeudi 12 juillet 2018

12-13/07 Informal meeting of Justice and Home Affairs ministers, in Innsbruck, Austria

Eurogroup

EU-NATO Summit

President Jean-Claude **Juncker** participates in the EU-NATO Summit together with Mr Donald Tusk, President of the European Council, and accompanied by Ms Federica **Mogherini**, in Brussels.

Mr Frans **Timmermans** receives Mr Vincenzo Boccia, President of the General Confederation of Italian Industry Confindustria.

Mr Frans **Timmermans** receives Mr Martin Šolc, President of the International Bar Association (IBA).

Ms Federica **Mogherini** receives Mr Mike Pompeo, Secretary of State of the United States of America.

Ms Federica **Mogherini** chairs, Mr Maroš **Šefčovič** and Mr Miguel **Arias Cañete** participate in the EU-US Energy Council, in Brussels.

Ms Federica **Mogherini** participates in the meeting of the Global Coalition against Daesh, in Brussels.

Mr Andrus **Ansip** receives Mr Mario Ohoven, President of the European Confederation of Association of Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (CEA-PME) and Ms Valérie Guimard, Vice-President of CEA-PME.

Mr Maroš **Šefčovič** receives Mr Peter Mandelson, member of the House of Lords of the UK and former European Commissioner for Trade.

Mr Maroš **Šefčovič** receives Mr Rick Perry, Secretary of Energy of the United States.

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** receives Mr Chan Chun Sing, Minister for Trade and Industry of Singapore.

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** receives Mr Peter Hunt, President of Lighting Europe; and Ms Ourania Georgoutsakou, Secretary-General of Lighting Europe.

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** receives Mr Karlheinz Kopf, Second President of the National Council of Austria and Secretary-General of the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber.

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** attends a working lunch with Mr Petteri Orpo, Minister for

Finance of Finland.

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** receives Ms Lisa Ferrarini, Vice-President for Europe of the General Confederation of Italian Industry Confindustria; and Giovanni Brugnoti, Vice-President for Human capital of Confindustria.

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** delivers a keynote speech at the event "Europe in the global economy" of the Global Counsel, in Brussels.

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** delivers a keynote speech at the BusinessEurope Presidential Reception, in Brussels.

Mr Günther H. **Oettinger** receives Mr Karlheinz Kopf, Second President of the National Council of Austria and Secretary-General of the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber.

Mr Johannes **Hahn** in Tunis, Tunisia: visits local authorities and representatives of the civil society, together with representatives of the European Financial Institutions.

Mr Miguel **Arias Cañete** receives Mr Peter Hunt, President of Lighting Europe; and Ms Ourania Georgoutsakou, Secretary-General of Lighting Europe.

Mr Miguel **Arias Cañete** receives Mr Rick Perry, Secretary of Energy of the United States.

Mr Karmenu **Vella** receives Mr Maurizio Reale, President of the section for Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment of the European Economic and Social Committee.

Mr Karmenu **Vella** receives representatives of the Eurogroup for Animals.

Mr Dimitris **Avramopoulos** and Mr Julian **King** in Innsbruck, Austria (until 13/07): attend the Informal meeting of Justice and Home Affairs ministers.

Ms Marianne **Thyssen** receives representatives of the Belgian Disability Forum.

Ms Marianne **Thyssen** receives Mr Luca Visentini, General Secretary of the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC).

M. Pierre **Moscovici** reçoit Mme Nadia Calviño, Ministre de l'Économie et des Entreprises de l'Espagne.

Mr Phil **Hogan** receives Mr Eric Lainé, President of the International Confederation of European Beet Growers (CIBE).

Ms Violeta **Bulc** reçoit Mr Gérard Larcher, Président du Sénat français et une délégation de sénateurs.

Mr Tibor **Navracsics** in Budapest, Hungary: delivers a lecture at the Summer Camp for young people at Budapest University of Technology and Economics; and meets Ms Ágnes Szuda, Youth Delegate of Hungary to the United Nations.

Ms Corina **Crețu** receives Mr Louis Grech, Special Adviser to the Prime

Minister of Malta.

Ms Corina **Crețu** receives Mr Pieter Bult, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Representative to Romania.

Ms Margrethe **Vestager** in Zagreb, Croatia: meets Mr Andrej Plenković, Prime Minister of Croatia; Mr Darko Horvat, Minister for Economy, Enterprise and Crafts; Ms Gabriijela Žalac, Minister of Regional Development and EU Funds; and members of the European Affairs Committee and Committee on the Economy of the Croatian Parliament.

Vendredi 13 juillet 2018

Informal meeting of Justice and Home Affairs ministers, in Innsbruck, Austria

Economic and Financial Affairs Council

EU – former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Stabilisation and Association Council

EU – Bosnia and Herzegovina Stabilisation and Association Council

Ms Federica **Mogherini** receives Mr Sheikh Sabah Khalid Al Hamad Al Sabah, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Kuwait.

Ms Federica **Mogherini** chairs and Mr Johannes **Hahn** participates in the EU – former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Stabilisation and Association Council, in Brussels.

Ms Federica **Mogherini** chairs and Mr Johannes **Hahn** participates in the EU – Bosnia and Herzegovina Stabilisation and Association Council, in Brussels.

Mr Neven **Mimica** in Rome, Italy: meets Mr José Graziano da Silva, Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO); and signs an EU-FAO partnership programme against food crises.

Mr Karmenu **Vella** receives representatives of the European Landowners' Organization.

Mr Dimitris **Avramopoulos**, Ms Věra **Jourová** and Mr Julian **King** in Innsbruck, Austria (until 13/07): attend the Informal meeting of Justice and Home Affairs ministers, in Innsbruck, Austria.

Mr Christos **Stylianides** in Tbilisi, Georgia (until 14/07): meets Mr Mamuka Bakhtadze, Prime Minister of Georgia; Mr David Zalkaliani, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Georgia; Mr Giorgi Mgebrishvili, Head of the Emergency Management Service of Georgia; members of the Parliament of Georgia; and participates in a signature ceremony of an Administrative Agreement for Civil Protection with the Emergency Management Service of Georgia.

Ms Violeta **Bulc** in Rome, Italy: meets Mr Danilo Toninelli, Minister for Infrastructure and Transport of Italy.

Ms Věra **Jourová** in Innsbruck, Austria: meets Mr Tudorel Toader, Minister for Justice of Romania; meets Mr David Gauke, Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice of the United Kingdom.

Mr Carlos **Moedas** receives Mr Marc Schiltz, President of Science Europe.

Samedi 14 juillet 2018

Mr Andrus **Ansip** receives Mr László Palkovics, Minister for Innovation and Technology of Hungary.

Mr Christos **Stylianides** in Tbilisi, Georgia: meets Mr Giorgi Gakharia, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Internal Affairs of Georgia; and participates in a simulation exercise at a school related to a Disaster Risk Reduction EU-funded project.

Mr Tibor **Navracsics** in Kápolnásnyék, Hungary: delivers a speech at the inauguration of the Zoltán Magyary Memorial.

Prévisions du mois de juillet:

16/07 Informal meeting of competitiveness ministers (Internal market and industry), in Vienna, Austria

16/07 Agriculture and Fisheries Council

16/07 Foreign Affairs Council

16-17/07 EU – CELAC Ministerial meeting

17/07 Informal meeting of competitiveness ministers (Research), in Vienna, Austria

17/07 General Affairs Council (Art. 50)

19-20/07 Informal meeting of employment and social policy ministers, in Vienna, Austria

24/07 Economic and Financial Affairs Council (Budget)

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