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## **Commission welcomes ambitious agreement on first ever EU legislation to monitor and report CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from heavy-duty vehicles**

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reporting CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and fuel consumption of new heavy-duty vehicles will also increase transparency enabling transport operators to make well-informed purchasing decisions and save fuel costs. It will also drive innovation amongst European manufacturers. Read full [STATEMENT/18/2603](#). (For more information: Anna-Kaisa Itkonen – Tel.: +32 229 56186; Anca Paduraru – Tel.: +32 229 91269; Nicole Bockstaller – Tel.: +32 229 52589)

### **Visite du commissaire Stylianides en République démocratique du Congo: plus de 60 millions d'euros en faveur de la région des Grands Lacs**

La Commission européenne a annoncé aujourd'hui l'octroi d'une aide d'urgence de 49,5 millions d'euros afin de faire face à l'aggravation de la crise humanitaire en République démocratique du Congo (RDC). Un montant supplémentaire de 10,9 millions d'euros sera alloué aux pays voisins (Tanzanie, Rwanda et République du Congo), principalement pour venir en aide aux réfugiés congolais. Cette annonce s'inscrit dans le contexte de la visite officielle du commissaire chargé de l'aide humanitaire et de la gestion des crises, Christos **Stylianides**, en RDC, où il a visité des projets d'aide de l'UE au Nord et au Sud-Kivu et rencontré des responsables congolais à Kinshasa. Le commissaire **Stylianides a déclaré**: *«Les besoins humanitaires en République démocratique du Congo sont de plus en plus importants. C'est devenu la plus grande crise liée aux déplacements en Afrique. L'UE renforce son aide en octroyant de nouveaux fonds permettant de fournir d'urgence une aide alimentaire, de l'eau, des abris et une éducation pour les enfants, ainsi qu'une assistance sanitaire contre les épidémies. Il n'y a pas de temps à perdre pour venir en aide à ceux qui en ont le plus besoin. Il est désormais essentiel que tous les donateurs renforcent leur soutien à la population de RDC. En même temps, je demande aux autorités congolaises d'assurer la sécurité des travailleurs humanitaires et de faciliter l'accès de l'aide humanitaire dans tout le pays, de sorte que l'assistance puisse atteindre toutes les personnes dans le besoin.»* Le communiqué de presse complet est disponible [ici](#). (Pour plus d'informations: Carlos Martin Ruiz De Gordejuela – Tel.: +32 229 65322; Daniel Puglisi – Tel.: +32 229 69140)

### **Antitrust: Commission invites comments on TenneT's proposed commitments to increase cross border electricity capacity with Denmark**

The European Commission has invited comments on commitments by the German grid operator TenneT to increase capacity on the electricity interconnector between Western Denmark and Germany. The commitments are in response to Commission concerns that capacity restrictions may breach EU antitrust rules. Prior to the [opening of the investigation](#) and sending of a preliminary assessment on 19 March 2018, TenneT had already been in commitment discussions with the Commission. The opening of the investigation allowed TenneT to formally submit a set of commitments to address the Commission's concerns. In particular, TenneT is proposing to ensure that the maximum capacity of the interconnector between Denmark and Germany would be made available to the market, while preserving the security of the German high-

voltage electricity network. The Commission invites all stakeholders to submit their views on the commitments. Taking into account all comments received, the Commission will then take a final view on whether the commitments address its competition concerns. Commissioner Margrethe Vestager, in charge of competition policy, said: *"Electricity interconnectors must be open to cross-border trade if we are to build a real Energy Union. To achieve this we need to ensure that energy flows freely without any capacity restrictions that may breach EU antitrust rules. In this context, we will assess whether TenneT's proposed commitments address our competition concerns in light of the responses of interested parties."* A full press release is available in [DE](#), [DA](#), [EN](#), [FR](#). (For more information: Ricardo Cardoso – Tel.: +32 229 80100; Maria Sarantopoulou – Tel.: +32 229 13740)

### **State aid: Commission approves reductions on offshore surcharge for electro-intensive and railway companies in Germany**

The European Commission has found German plans to grant reductions on an offshore surcharge to electro-intensive users and railways to be in line with EU State aid rules. The measure will contribute to the competitiveness of these companies without unduly distorting competition in the Single Market. Following an amendment to the German Energy Act (EnWG), as of 2019 the costs of connecting offshore wind installations to the main electricity grid will be financed via an offshore surcharge (Offshore-Netzumlage), to be paid by electricity consumers. The amended German Energy Act also provides for reductions from this offshore surcharge for certain electro-intensive industrial users, as well as for railway companies. The reductions will confer an advantage to these companies, as it will lower their financial burden compared to other companies that will not benefit from them. The Commission has assessed the measure under both its Guidelines [on State aid for environmental protection and energy 2014-2020](#) as well as its Guidelines [on State aid for railways undertaking](#) and concluded that the German plans to grant reductions on offshore surcharges to electro-intensive users and railways are in line with EU State aid rules, because they will contribute to the competitiveness of these companies without unduly distorting competition in the Single Market. A full press release is available in [DE](#), [EN](#), [FR](#). (For more information: Ricardo Cardoso – Tel.: +32 229 80100; Maria Sarantopoulou – Tel.: +32 229 13740)

### **State aid: Commission publishes the non-confidential version of decision to open in-depth investigation into the Netherlands' tax treatment of Inter IKEA**

Today, the Commission has published the non-confidential version of its decision, adopted on 18 December 2017, [to open an in-depth investigation](#) into the Netherlands' tax treatment of Inter IKEA, one of the two groups operating the IKEA business. The Commission has concerns that two Dutch tax rulings may have allowed Inter IKEA to pay less tax and given them an unfair advantage over other companies, in breach of EU State aid rules. The opening of an in-depth investigation gives the Netherlands and interested third parties an opportunity to submit comments. It does not prejudice the outcome of the investigation. The decision is available under the case number [SA.46470](#) on the [competition](#) website. (For more information: Ricardo Cardoso – Tel.: +32 229 80100; Yizhou Ren – Tel.: +32 229 94889)

## **Mergers: Commission clears acquisition of Sits Holding by 3i Group**

The European Commission has approved, under the EU Merger Regulation, the acquisition of Sits Holding of the Netherlands by 3i Group Plc of the UK. Sits Holding is active in the manufacturing of personal care products for retailers and brand owners. 3i is an international investor and investment management business, specialising in core investments markets in Europe and North America. The Commission concluded that the proposed acquisition would raise no competition concerns given the companies' moderate combined market positions resulting from the proposed transaction. 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.8836](#). *(For more information: Ricardo Cardoso – Tel.: +32 229 80100; Maria Sarantopoulou – Tel.: +32 229 13740)*

## **La Commission enregistre une nouvelle spécialité traditionnelle de République tchèque**

La Commission européenne a approuvé la demande d'inscription du [«Pražská šunka»](#) dans le registre des Spécialités Traditionnelles Garanties (STG). Le «Pražská šunka» (Jambon de Prague) est un jambon élaboré à partir de parties de cuisses de porc parées, cuites et fumées. Sa production repose, depuis son origine, sur la sélection des matières premières et sur la méthode de salaison. La dénomination «Pražská šunka» est utilisée depuis les années 1860 pour désigner ce qui est l'un des produits les plus renommés de la République tchèque, et de Prague en particulier. Le label "Spécialité Traditionnelle Garantie" met l'accent sur la tradition plutôt que sur l'origine et désigne des produits dont la composition ou les moyens de production présentent un caractère traditionnel. Il s'agit du 5<sup>ème</sup> produit tchèque à être enregistré comme Spécialité Traditionnelle Garantie. Cette nouvelle appellation va rejoindre plus de 1425 produits déjà protégés dont la liste est disponible dans la base de données [D00R](#). Pour plus d'informations, voir aussi les pages sur la [politique de qualité](#). *(pour plus d'information: Daniel Rosario – Tel: +32 2 29 56185; Clémence Robin – Tel: +32 229 52 509)*

## **Eurostat: La moitié des jeunes sans emploi dans l'UE prêts à s'établir ailleurs pour décrocher un emploi**

Quelque 50% des chômeurs de 20 à 34 ans dans l'Union européenne (UE) hésitent à changer de lieu de résidence pour décrocher un emploi; 21% sont disposés à déménager pour les besoins d'un emploi dans le même pays et 12% sont prêts à s'établir ailleurs dans l'UE. 17% seraient même prêts à quitter l'UE pour décrocher un emploi. Un communiqué de presse est disponible [ici](#). *(Pour plus d'informations: Christian Wigand– Tel.: +32 229 62253; Sara Soumillion – Tel.: + 32 229 67094)*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **First Vice-President Timmermans holds roundtable with European Muslim leaders**

Tomorrow, Commission First Vice-President Frans **Timmermans** will hold a roundtable discussion with ten European imams and scholars as part of the Future of Europe debate and the Commission's engagement with Muslim communities in Europe. The imams and scholars hail from six Member States – Belgium, Bulgaria, Germany, France, Italy and The Netherlands – and represent the Sunni, Shia, Ahmadiyya and Alevi branches of Islam. Ahead of the roundtable, First Vice-President Timmermans said: *"The Muslim community, in all its diversity, has an important role to play in Europe's future. Muslims will find a loyal friend in the European Commission that will support everyone's right to practice their faith and traditions in peace"*. The European Commission holds high-level meetings with religious and non-confessional organisations (see events in [June](#) and [November](#)), as part of the regular dialogue with churches, religions, philosophical and non-confessional organisations foreseen by the Lisbon Treaty (Article 17). In September 2017, First Vice-President Timmermans hosted a seminar with Muslim university students from across the continent together with European Parliament Vice-President Mairead McGuinness. Tomorrow's meeting is an opportunity to further deepen this much needed conversation, bringing in new voices and perspectives. More information on the Commission's actions on combating anti-Muslim hatred and its dialogue with religions can be found [here](#) and [here](#). (For more information: Christian Wigand – Tel.: +32 229 62253; Mélanie Voin – Tel.: +32 229 58659)

## **Commissioner Hahn in Jordan to promote sustainable economic development**

Johannes **Hahn**, Commissioner for European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations is in [Jordan](#) today 27 March and tomorrow 28 March to launch the [External Investment Plan](#) with the country and support its economic development. Johannes **Hahn** will meet with key political authorities of the country including Deputy Prime Minister Jafar Hassan, Foreign Minister Ayman Safadi and Minister of Planning and International Cooperation Imad Fakhoury. Ahead of the visit Commissioner **Hahn** said: *"It is with great pleasure that I am travelling to Jordan. I will be focussing on how the EU can further support economic development in Jordan and in particular, how the EU can help Jordan to attract foreign investors. I will launch the External Investment Plan, which is a concrete proof EU engagement to respond to the demands of Jordanian citizens for economic growth and jobs"*. He added *"We deeply respect the contribution Jordan makes by hosting so many Syrian refugees. The 24 and 25 April [Brussels II Conference](#) will re-confirm the EU support to Syrian refugees and host communities in Jordan."* In Jordan, Commissioner **Hahn** will also sign two measures supporting reform work in Jordan including trade for Development. Videos and photos of the visit will be available on [EBS](#). (for more information: Maja Kocijančič – Tel.: +32 229 86570; Alceo Smerilli – Tel.: +32 229 64887)

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# Digital Single Market – Portability of online content services

## **What is the objective of the Regulation?**

The aim is to ensure that Europeans who buy or subscribe to films, sports broadcasts, music, e-books and games in their home Member State are able to access this content when they travel or stay temporarily in another EU country. The Regulation comes into force on 1 April 2018 in all EU Member States.

## **Who benefits from the new rules?**

- Consumers who reside in the EU: new rules enable them to watch films or sporting events, listen to music, download e-books or play games – when visiting or staying temporarily in other EU countries.
- Providers of online content services: they will be able to provide cross-border portability of online content to their subscribers without having to acquire licences for other territories where the subscribers stay temporarily.

The interests of right holders are safeguarded to avoid abuses.

## **Do providers have to offer the same service wherever the subscriber is travelling? How will it work for video-on-demand services like Netflix, which is active in more than one country in the EU?**

Yes, providers of paid-for online content services (such as online movie, TV or music streaming services) have to provide their subscribers with the same service wherever the subscriber is in the EU. The service needs to be provided in the same way in other Member States, as in the Member State of residence. So for Netflix for example, you will have access to the same selection (or catalogue) anywhere in the EU, if you are temporarily abroad, just as if you were at home.

The new rules do not prevent service providers to offer additional options to their users when they are abroad, such as access to the content which is available in the country they travel in. Whether the service provider in question will allow or maintain access to the local content in addition to their obligation under the regulation will therefore depend entirely on the service provider.

## **Is there a limitation in time? What will happen if a person lives in one country and works in another on a daily basis?**

The portability regulation covers situations in which subscribers are temporarily abroad. This term is not defined in the Regulation. However, what



is meant by this is to be present in a Member State other than the Member State of residence. It covers various scenarios including holidays and business trips.

The new rules do not set any limits for the use of the portability feature, as long as the user resides in another Member State. Service providers should inform their subscribers of the exact conditions of their portability offers. For example, if you live in Belgium and subscribe to a paid music streaming service there, you will have access to the same selection of music in other Member States, as at home in Belgium.

This portability of your online content will be available if you commute daily to other Member States, like France or Luxembourg for example.

### **How will the content service providers verify the country of residence of their users?**

The service provider will have to verify the subscriber's country of residence. This will be done at the conclusion and renewal of the contract.

Service providers will be able to verify the country of residence through different information provided by the subscriber. The Regulation provides for a closed list of such verification means to limit interference with consumers' privacy. The means listed include for example payment details, payment of a licence fee for broadcasting services, the existence of a contract for internet or telephone connection, IP checks or the subscriber's declaration of their address of residence. The service provider will be able to apply not more than two means of verification from this list. Any processing of personal data will have to be carried out in accordance with EU data protection rules.

### **Does the Regulation also apply to online services that are free of charge?**

Providers of online content services that are free of charge are able to choose whether they want to benefit from these new rules. Once they opt-in and allow portability under the Regulation, all rules will apply to them in the same manner as for the paid services. This means that the subscribers will have to log-in to be able to access and use content when temporarily abroad, and service providers will have to verify the Member State of residence of the subscriber.

### **How can a consumer know which online services provided free of charge have opted-in?**

If providers of free of charge online content services decide to make use of the new portability rules, they are required to inform their subscribers about this decision prior to providing the service. Such information could, for example, be announced on the providers' websites.

### **Are public broadcasters covered? Can I watch BBC, Arte or other services?**

Online content services covered by the Regulation may also include services offered by public broadcasters. The question whether a particular broadcaster

is covered by the scope of the Regulation depends on whether the following conditions are fulfilled:

- Consumer can already access the services on different devices and not limited to a specific infrastructure only,
- The TV programmes are provided to subscribers whose Member State of residence is verified by the provider and,
- The online content services are either provided against payment or the provider has decided to make use of the new portability rules on a voluntary basis.

### **Can I watch films from the broadcasters in another country online, such as movies from Spanish or Estonian TV in Belgium?**

If a broadcaster of online content in your home Member State is covered by the new portability rules, you will be able to watch your content when you are temporarily abroad in another Member State.

On the contrary, accessing content that is offered in another Member State from your home country is not covered by the new portability rules. Consumers would, however, for certain TV and radio programmes benefit from the proposed [Regulation on broadcasters' online transmissions and retransmissions of radio and TV programmes](#) currently under negotiations. This will give the broadcasters and producers the additional choice to give cross-border access to more programmes (see [factsheet](#)).

### **Do you have examples of problems that the Regulation solves?**

People travelling or staying temporarily in other EU countries have often faced restrictions: they can be cut off from their online content services or have only limited access. Many people – especially when they leave for short trips – will not find it convenient to buy a subscription to a local service, or may find that their favourite films and series are not available or only in a foreign language.

- A subscriber trying to watch films using his Home Box Office (HBO) Nordic account when on holiday in Italy sees a message saying that the service “is only available in Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Finland”.
- A French user of the MyTF1 film and series service is not able to rent a new film while on business trip to the UK.

### **Users may have been able to, for example, only view the content that they have already downloaded onto their portable device.**

- Users of the Belgian film service Universciné must remember to download a film they have rented before leaving for a trip in another EU country. They are not able to use the Universciné streaming feature when away from their home country or download films when they are abroad.

These issues will be resolved by the new portability rules. The restrictions concerning the portability of subscriptions to online music services (like Spotify or Deezer) or e-books seem to be less significant. But restrictions in the future cannot be excluded, that is why today's rules are also



important for such services.

**Is the portability of sports online subscriptions covered by the new rules?**

Yes, various online sports content services will be covered. This includes services where sports are part of a paid-for TV online content service (for example, streaming services such as Zattoo in Germany), or where sports are part of the overall online services package (for example Sky Go), as well as where a sports organiser sets up a dedicated online content service.

**Will the service provider be able to charge for portability?**

No, under the new rules, online content services will not be allowed to impose additional charges on subscribers for providing cross-border portability of their content.

**What are the new rules saying if a service provider starts to limit the titles of music, films or games available when travelling abroad?**

Subscribers to paid-for online content services and free online content services that have opted-in will have the same access to these services when they travel as in their Member State. This means that when accessing the service in another Member State, it will be like at home: offering the same content on the same range and number of devices, and with the same range of functionalities.

Any action taken by a provider that would prevent subscribers from accessing or using the service while temporarily present in another Member State: for example, restrictions to the functionalities of the service are contrary to the Regulation. This means that the provider cannot limit the catalogues of music, films or TV series available when you travel to another Member State.

**Are the main providers of online content technically ready to apply the new Regulation from 1 April?**

The Commission has been in close contact with the main providers of online content services (like platforms for TV shows, movies, music, sports, etc.) and has received positive feedback from them that the roll out of the new portability rules has been going smoothly and on time. Where service providers had encountered issues, we understood that they were in the process of overcoming them. The Commission has been monitoring closely the process and will continue to do so.

The regulation is binding for paid-for services. Providers of free content may opt in to benefit from the new rules, but do not have to do so. Some service providers have already announced to opt in (YLE in Finland, RTBF in Belgium), and the Commission expects that others will follow now that the new rules have become applicable.

**For more information**

[Factsheet](#)

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*Removing the boundaries that prevented Europeans from travelling with digital media and content subscriptions is yet another success of the Digital Single Market for our citizens, following the effective abolition of roaming charges that consumers all over Europe have enjoyed since June 2017.*

*Our new rules directly respond to new behaviours and habits amongst European citizens using new technologies. For example, consumer spending on video subscription services rose by 113% per year between 2010 and 2014, and the number of users by 56% between 2014 and 2015. It is also estimated that at least 29 million people, or 5.7% of consumers in the EU, could make use of cross-border portability, and many more in the future – up to 72 million people by 2020.*

*In addition, almost 60% of young Europeans say that being able to travel with their subscriptions is an important factor in choosing to subscribe to online services. Making portability a reality addresses this concern, and in turn,*

*will help service providers increase the numbers of subscribers.*

*Reaching an agreement on portability is a great result of close collaboration between the EU institutions and European companies and stakeholders; and we have full confidence that broadcasters and platforms will take this as an opportunity to enhance the user experience. Today we have taken another concrete step towards building a true Digital Single Market and a united European digital society, accessible for all our citizens and profitable for our businesses."*

## **For More Information**

[Q&A](#)

[Factsheet](#)

[Statement by Vice-President Ansip after the vote in the European Parliament](#)

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Welcoming the political agreement, Commissioner for Climate Action and Energy Miguel **Arias Cañete** said: "This agreement is proof of Europe's firm intention

*to curb the growing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from heavy-duty vehicles. I thank the European Parliament and the Council for their work to reach this ambitious outcome. With this new robust, reliable and transparent monitoring and reporting system, we are on track for the next step: CO<sub>2</sub> emissions standards for heavy-duty vehicles to be proposed in May 2018.”*

## **Main elements**

- Member States to monitor and report registration data concerning all new HDVs registered in a calendar year, including trailers.
- Vehicle manufacturers to monitor and report information related to CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and fuel consumption, determined according to the [certification procedure](#) for each new vehicle simulated with the Vehicle Energy Consumption Calculation Tool (VECTO) during a calendar year.
- The Commission to make reported data publicly available in a register, managed by the European Environment Agency. Sensitive data on grounds of personal data protection and fair competition will not to be published, i.e. the Vehicle Identification Numbers and name of component manufacturers. Some other data will be published in a range format, i.e. the aerodynamic drag value of each vehicle.
- The Commission to set up a system of administrative fines in case of vehicle manufacturers not reporting the data or reporting falsified data.
- The Commission to set up a system for monitoring and reporting the results of future on-road tests for the verification of the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and fuel consumption of heavy-duty vehicles.

## **Next steps**

The provisional agreement must now be formally approved by the European Parliament and Council of Ministers bringing together the national governments of the EU Member States. Following approval, the Regulation will be published in the EU's Official Journal and enter into force 20 days later.

## **Read more:**

[Reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from heavy-duty vehicles](#)

[Determination of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and fuel consumption of trucks from 1 January 2019](#)

[Europe on the Move](#)

[Communication “Road from Paris”](#)

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# C02 emissions of lorries, buses and coaches: provisional agreement with Parliament on new rules for monitoring and reporting

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On 26 March, the Bulgarian presidency reached an provisional agreement with the European Parliament on a regulation on **monitoring and reporting of C02 emissions as well as fuel consumption of new heavy-duty vehicles**. This regulation forms part of the EU's overall efforts to reduce C02 emissions, and is a further step towards a competitive low carbon economy.

The provisional text will be presented to EU ambassadors for approval. Once approved, the text will be submitted to the European Parliament for a vote and then to the Council for final adoption. It will enter into force 20 days after its publication in the Official Journal.

The new system of monitoring and reporting will provide the basis for setting and enforcing standards on C02 emissions and fuel consumption, and constitutes a precursor to a further legislative proposal which the Commission aims to present later this year.

For cars and vans, rules are already in place. The regulation on which we now have a provisional agreement is aimed at new lorries, buses and coaches. **Emissions of heavy-duty vehicles registered in the EU will for the first time be measured and monitored in a standardised way.** The regulation will allow for the creation of a central EU register where authorities and manufacturers will provide data on C02 emissions and fuel consumption performance. In order to be transparent and to allow for easier comparison between different vehicle models this data will be made accessible to the public. The only exception being cases which are justified by the need to protect private data and to ensure fair competition.

At its meeting of 28 June 2007, the Environment Council called for a reinforced strategy to reduce C02 emissions of road vehicles including heavy-duty vehicles. In response, the European Commission presented a proposal on 1 June 2017 to create a mandatory EU wide system for monitoring and reporting C02 emissions and fuel consumption of new heavy-duty vehicles.

On 15 December 2017, EU ambassadors agreed on a mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament. The Bulgarian Presidency started negotiations with the European Parliament on 27 February and reached **an agreement already at the second trilogue on 26 March.**

According to the European Environment Agency, greenhouse gas emissions from road transport in 2015 were 19% above 1990 levels. In 2015 road transport was responsible for almost 73 % of total greenhouse gas emissions from transport, including aviation and international shipping. Of these emissions, 44.5 % were contributed by passenger cars, while **18.8 % came from heavy-duty vehicles.** However, in order to reach the 2030 climate policy framework objectives, the EU aims to reduce **greenhouse gas emissions** from transport to around 20% below their 2008 level by 2030.

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