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The Council agreed on a new system for resolving double taxation disputes between member states. Ministers also discussed a proposal for a common corporate tax base (CCTB) in the EU, aimed at reducing the administrative burden of multinational companies.

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Déplacements et visites

Lundi 29 mai 2017

29-30/05 Competitiveness Council

Mr Andrus **Ansip** receives Mr Brian Mikkelsen, Minister for Industry, Business and Financial Affairs of Denmark.

Mr Valdis **Dombrovskis** receives Mr Steven Maijoor, Chair of the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA).

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** receives Mr Brian Mikkelsen, Minister for Industry, Business and Financial Affairs of Denmark.

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** receives Mr Joachim Herrmann, Minister for the Interior, Construction and Transport of the Free State of Bavaria, Germany.

Mr Günther H. **Oettinger** receives Ms Beate Merk, Minister of State for European affairs and Regional Relations of the Free State of Bavaria, Germany.

Ms Cecilia **Malmström** receives Mr Mateusz Morawiecki, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Economic Development and Finance of Poland.

Ms Cecilia **Malmström** participates in a "[Civil Society Dialogue on EU Trade Policy](#)", in Brussels.

Mr Miguel **Arias Cañete** in Madrid, Spain: delivers a keynote speech at "The Clean Energy Package for all Europeans" event.

Mr Karmenu **Vella** in Malta: delivers a speech at the opening event of the [EU Green Week](#); and a speech at the LVII plenary meeting of the Conference of Parliamentary Committees for Union Affairs of the Parliaments of the European Union on "[Expanding the Blue Economy – Towards a more sustainable EU Integrated Maritime Policy](#)".

Mr Vytenis **Andriukaitis** in Poland (until 30/05): in Toruń: participates in a [Citizens' Dialogue](#) together with Mr Piort Całbecki, Marshal of the Kujawsko-Pomorskie region.

Mr Dimitris **Avramopoulos** in Berlin, Germany: participates in the 3rd Berlin Roundtable on Refugees and Migration.

Ms Marianne **Thyssen** in Rome, Italy: delivers a keynote speech during the celebration of the 60th anniversary of the Treaty of Rome organised by the

European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC).

Mr Christos **Stylianides** receives Mr Neil Buhne, United Nations Resident Coordinator and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Resident Representative in Pakistan.

Mr Phil **Hogan** receives Mr Krzysztof Jurgiel, Minister for Agriculture and Rural Development of Poland.

Mr Phil **Hogan** receives Mr Ruairí Quinn, Chairperson of the Institute of International and European Affairs (IIEA); and Mr Barry Andrews, Director-General of IIEA.

Mr Phil **Hogan** meets representatives of the Irish Northern and Western Regional Assembly, in Brussels.

Mr Tibor **Navracsics** in Budapest, Hungary: visits the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) together with Mr Markku Markkula, President of the European Committee of the Regions (CoR).

Ms Margrethe **Vestager** participates in the online webinar “Europe Calling” with Mr Sven Giegold, Member of the European Parliament, in Brussels.

Mr Carlos **Moedas** in Porto, Portugal: delivers a speech at Estoril Conferences – Youth Summit Programme in Lisbon; and a speech at the “Europe, where are we going? Opportunities and challenges for Portugal in the vertigo of change” conference.

Mardi 30 mai 2017

Competitiveness Council

President Jean-Claude **Juncker** receives Mr Donald Tusk, President of the European Council for a working lunch.

President Jean-Claude **Juncker** addresses the Committee of Inquiry into Money Laundering, Tax Avoidance and Tax Evasion (PANA) in the European Parliament, in Brussels.

Mr Frans **Timmermans** receives a group of students from Lycée de Vauban in Luxembourg to discuss “*Une nouvelle Fraternité en Europe.*”

Mr Frans **Timmermans** participates in a discussion on the future of Europe together with Lord Peter Mandelson, Chairman of Global Counsel and former European Commissioner.

Mr Andrus **Ansip** and Mr Tibor **Navracsics** deliver speeches at “[Meet the Authors](#)” event organised by the European Grouping of Societies of Authors and Composers (GESAC).

Mr Maroš **Šefčovič** participates in an exchange of views with the Party of

European Socialists (PES) Environment and Climate Change Network, in Brussels.

Mr Valdis **Dombrovskis** delivers opening remarks at the [EU Green Jobs Summit](#), in Brussels.

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** in the Netherlands: delivers a keynote speech at the [European Family Business Summit](#); and meets social partners at the Social and Economic Council to discuss the European Semester.

Ms Cecilia **Malmström** receives Ms Urve Palo, Minister for Entrepreneurship and Information Technology of Estonia.

Mr Neven **Mimica** receives Mr José Graziano da Silva, Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations.

Mr Miguel **Arias Cañete** receives Mr Rafael Villaseca Marco, CEO of GasNatural Fenosa.

Mr Karmenu **Vella** delivers speeches at the [EU Green Jobs Summit](#) in the framework of the [EU Green Week](#) during the sessions: 'Green jobs for tomorrow, today', 'Is Europe ready for green employment?' and the 'Green Awards Ceremony', in Brussels.

Mr Vytenis **Andriukaitis** in Warsaw, Poland: participates in the COCERAL and UNISTOCK joint conference "Innovation in the food and production supply chain – communicating risks, sharing experiences, seizing opportunities".

M. Pierre **Moscovici** prononce un discours d'ouverture à [l'événement Tax Day 2017](#) organisé par Accountancy Europe, à Bruxelles.

M. Pierre **Moscovici** rencontre M. Alain Rousset, Président du Conseil régional de Nouvelle-Aquitaine, France, à Bruxelles.

M. Pierre **Moscovici** prononce un discours à l'événement "*Tax policy: the mission and limits of the European Union*" organisé par la Fédération pour l'économie bavaroise, à Bruxelles.

Mr Phil **Hogan** in Stockholm, Sweden: meets Mr Sven-Erik Bucht, Minister for Rural Affairs of Sweden; and delivers a speech at the General Assembly of the Federation of Swedish Farmers.

Ms Violeta **Bulc** receives Mr Henri Poupart-Lafarge, Chairman and CEO of Alstom.

Ms Elżbieta **Bieńkowska** receives Ms Urve Palo, Minister for Entrepreneurship and Information Technology of Estonia.

Ms Elżbieta **Bieńkowska** receives Mr Axel Eggert, Director-General of European Steel Association (EUROFER); and Mr Geert Van Poelvoorde, President of EUROFER.

Ms Corina **Crețu** receives Mr Kathrin Schneider, Minister for Infrastructure

and Spatial Planning of the Land Brandenburg, Germany.

Ms Corina **Crețu** receives Mr Aidan McQuade, Director of Anti-Slavery International.

Mercredi 31 mai 2017

College meeting

European Parliament Plenary Session in Brussels

President Jean-Claude **Juncker** in Berlin, Germany (until 01/06): delivers a speech at the event “Social partners and employers in dialogue” hosted by the Confederation of German Employers’ Association (BDA).

Mr Frans **Timmermans** receives Mr Janez Potočnik, Member and Co-Chair of the International Resource Panel of the United Nations, and former European Commissioner.

Mr Frans **Timmermans** hosts a Facebook Live chat on “A social Europe”.

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** participates in a working lunch with a delegation from the Ministry for Education of Finland, in Brussels.

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** delivers a keynote speech at the [Retail Forum for Sustainability](#), in Brussels.

Mr Karmenu **Vella** participates in the ‘EU Ecolabel Session’ of the [EU Green Jobs Summit](#) in the framework of the [EU Green Week](#), in Brussels.

Mr Karmenu **Vella** and Ms Marianne **Thyssen** deliver keynote speeches at the closing session of the [EU Green Jobs Summit](#) in the framework of the [EU Green Week](#), in Brussels.

Mr Vytenis **Andriukaitis** delivers a speech at the workshop “Seeking new partnerships for EU action on vaccination”, in Brussels.

Mr Vytenis **Andriukaitis** delivers a speech at the high-level policy debate [World No Tobacco Day 2017 “Tobacco – a threat to development”](#) at the European Parliament, in Brussels.

Mr Vytenis **Andriukaitis** delivers a speech at the side event “WHO FCTC Article 14 – time to prioritise tobacco cessation and dependence treatment” organised by health NGOs as part of the [World No Tobacco Day 2017](#) at the European Parliament, in Brussels.

Mr Vytenis **Andriukaitis** receives representatives of the European Federation for Salaried Doctors (FEMS).

M. Pierre **Moscovici** participe à un déjeuner de travail avec le Club des grandes entreprises françaises, à Bruxelles.

M. Pierre **Moscovici** reçoit Mme Carole Delga, Présidente de la région Occitanie, France, à Bruxelles.

M. Pierre **Moscovici** reçoit M. George Soros, Fondateur et Président de Open Society Foundations.

Mr Christos **Stylianides** receives Mr George Soros, Founder and Chairman of the Open Society Foundations.

Ms Věra **Jourová** delivers a keynote speech at the third meeting of the EU High-Level Group on Combating Racism, Xenophobia and other forms of Intolerance, in Brussels.

Mr Tibor **Navracsics** participates in the plenary debate of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) on the EESC's evaluation of Erasmus+ programme, in Brussels.

Ms Corina **Crețu** receives Mr Hu Zucai, Vice-Chairman of the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC).

Mr Carlos **Moedas** in Krakow, Poland: participates in Visegrad V4 ministerial meeting.

Jeudi 01 juin 2017

01-02/06 EU-China Summit

President Jean-Claude **Juncker** in Berlin, Germany: participates in the [20th edition of the WDR Europaforum](#); and meets Mr Frank-Walter Steinmeier, President of the Federal Republic of Germany, for a working lunch.

President Jean-Claude **Juncker** participates in an official dinner with Mr Li Keqiang, Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China; and Mr Donald Tusk, President of the European Council, ahead of the EU-China Summit, in Brussels.

Mr Frans **Timmermans** participates in a panel debate "[Belgium at the Centre – of Which Europe?](#)" to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the Egmont Institute, in Brussels.

Mr Andrus **Ansip** in Vienna, Austria (until 02/06): meets members of the Parliament of Austria; and participates in the [Pioneers 2017 Festival](#).

Mr Maroš **Šefčovič** Copenhagen, Denmark (until 02/06): on Energy Union tour: meets representatives of the Danish Energy Association; and LEGO Group on environmental responsibility agenda; participates in a [citizens' dialogue](#); meets representatives of SydEnergy, Energy South; and visits ARLA dairy products' plant.

Mr Valdis **Dombrovskis** and Mr Pierre **Moscovici** deliver speeches at the [Brussels Economic Forum](#), organised by the European Commission, in Brussels.

Mr Valdis **Dombrovskis** receives Mr François Villeroy de Galhau, Governor of the Bank of France.

Mr Valdis **Dombrovskis** receives Mr Gregory Johnson, CEO of Franklin Templeton Investments.

Mr Valdis **Dombrovskis** receives representatives of the Banking and Payments Federation Ireland (BPFI).

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** in Helsinki, Finland (until 02/06): together with Ms Corina **Crețu** deliver speeches at the opening of [Smart regions 2.0 Conference “Maximising Europe’s innovation potential”](#); visit an EFSI-funded Project “Tripla mall”; and participate in a [Citizens’ dialogue](#) on the Future of Europe.

Mr Günther H. **Oettinger** in Berlin, Germany: participates in the [20th edition of the WDR Europaforum](#) organised by the *Westdeutscher Rundfunk* (WDR).

Mr Miguel **Arias Cañete** in Copenhagen, Denmark: delivers a keynote speech at the [“Energy Infrastructure Forum”](#).

Mr Karmenu **Vella** delivers the welcome speech at the high-level event [“Skills needed in an evolving maritime green economy”](#), in Brussels.

Mr Karmenu **Vella** participates in the opening ceremony of the ‘Lampara’ photographic exhibition about traditional Maltese fishing community by Gilbert Calleja, in Brussels.

Mr Karmenu **Vella** delivers the welcome speech at [“EU-China Blue Year Event – forecasting, data, monitoring, planning, indicators”](#), in Brussels.

Mr Vytenis **Andriukaitis** in Riga, Latvia (until 02/06): participates in the Ministerial meeting on African swine fever.

Ms Marianne **Thyssen** receives Ms Zornitsa Rusinova, Vice-Minister for Labour and Social Policy of Bulgaria.

M. Pierre **Moscovici** reçoit M. François Villeroy de Galhau, Gouverneur de la Banque de France, à Bruxelles.

M. Pierre **Moscovici** à Paris, France: rencontre M. Bruno Le Maire, Ministre de l’économie de la France.

Mr Phil **Hogan** in Kilkenny, Ireland (until 02/06): delivers the opening speech at [Digital Innovation Hubs for Agriculture](#) seminar organised by the agricultural European Innovation Partnership; and participates in a [Citizens’ Dialogue](#).

Ms Elżbieta **Bieńkowska** in Grasse, France: visits production units of cosmetics manufacturers.

Ms Věra **Jourová** receives experts to discuss collective redress, in Brussels.

Ms Věra **Jourová** delivers the keynote opening speech at the conference "[A Czech Perspective for the Future of the EU](#)", organised by EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy, in Brussels.

Mr Tibor **Navracsics** delivers a speech at the "[2nd Digital Festival](#)", in Brussels.

Ms Margrethe **Vestager** in Denmark: delivers a keynote speech at the [REDO biannual Cumulus conference](#), organised by Design School of Kolding; a keynote speech on fair competition in front of Danish European Movement; and a keynote speech in front of Business academy Aarhus on her role as Commissioner for Competition and current European issues.

Vendredi 02 juin 2017

EU- China Summit

President Jean-Claude **Juncker** and Ms Margrethe **Vestager** participate in the EU-China Summit, in Brussels.

Ms Federica **Mogherini** hosts the EU-China Summit, in Brussels.

Mr Andrus **Ansip** in Vienna, Austria: meets Ms Muna Duzdar, State Secretary for Diversity, Public Service and Digitalisation in the Federal Chancellery; visits an e-Government centre; holds a discussion with trust service providers; and meets Social Partners.

Mr Maroš **Šefčovič** in Copenhagen, Denmark: on Energy Union tour: visits Amager Bakke waste-to-energy plant; participates in a roundtable with energy stakeholders and members of the Confederation of Danish Industry hosted by the Confederation of Danish Industry; meets Mr Lars Christian Lilleholt, Minister for Energy, Utilities and Climate of Denmark; and representatives of the think-tank Concito.

Mr Valdis **Dombrovskis** in Sofia, Bulgaria: meets Mr Boyko Borissov, Prime Minister of Bulgaria; Mr Vladislav Goranov, Minister for Finance of Bulgaria; Mr Biser Petkov, Minister for Labour and Social Policy; and Mr Dimitar Radev, Governor of Bulgarian National Bank.

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** in Helsinki, Finland: participates in a European Fund for Strategic Investments signature event; meets members of the Ministerial Committee on European Union Affairs of the Government of Finland; Mr Petteri Orpo, Minister for Finance of Finland; addresses a meeting of the Parliamentary Group of the National Coalition Party in the Finnish Parliament; and participates in working lunch with Mr Antti Herlin, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Kone Corporation.

Ms Cecilia **Malmström** delivers a speech at the [12th EU-China Business Summit](#) jointly organised by BusinessEurope and the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT) in the margins of the EU-China Summit, in Brussels.

Mr Karmenu **Vella** in Essen, Germany: delivers a speech at the closing event of

the [EU Green Week](#); and participates in the “[2019 European Green Capital and 2018 European Green Leaf Awards Ceremony](#)”.

Mr Vytenis **Andriukaitis** in Riga, Latvia: participates in the Ministerial meeting on African swine fever.

Ms Marianne **Thyssen** receives Mr Herman Van Rompuy, President Emeritus of the European Council.

M. Pierre **Moscovici** prononce un discours au comité mixte de coopération douanière UE-Chine; et participe à la signature du Cadre stratégique UE-Chine pour la coopération douanière, à Bruxelles.

Mr Phil **Hogan** in Kilkenny, Ireland: delivers the closing speech at the “[Digital Innovation Hubs for Agriculture](#)” seminar organised by the agricultural European Innovation Partnership.

Ms Violeta **Bulc** in Barcelona, Spain: delivers a keynote speech at the “[2017 Conference of the European Sea Ports Organisation](#)”.

Ms Elżbieta **Bieńkowska** in Paris, France: delivers an opening speech at a strategic public procurement conference co-organised by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

Mr Carlos **Moedas** participates in 3rd EU-China Innovation Cooperation Dialogue together with Mr Wan Gang, Minister for Science and Technology of China, in Brussels.

Mr Carlos **Moedas** meets Ms Emma Marcegaglia, President of BusinessEurope, in Brussels.

Prévisions du mois de mai:

29-30/05 Competitiveness Council

31/05 European Parliament Plenary Session in Brussels

01-02/06 EU- China Summit

08-09/06 Informal meeting of the General Affairs Council

08-09/06 Justice and Home Affairs Council

08-09/06 Transport, Telecommunications and Energy Council

12/06 Agriculture and Fisheries Council

15/06 Eurogroup

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[EU announces new aid for natural disasters for Latin America and the Caribbean at UN Conference](#)

The announcement comes as Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management Christos **Stylianides** is set to take part today in the UN Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in Cancun, Mexico, together with the President of Mexico and leaders from Latin America.

“The European Union has assisted the Latin American and Caribbean region in all major recent natural disasters, from Hurricane Matthew in Haiti to the forest fires in Chile and the floods in Peru and Colombia earlier this year. We are committed to continue supporting the region and helping communities better prepare themselves for new emergencies, so that they can be more resilient when disasters strike in the future.” said Commissioner Stylianides.

The new funding will be used to build resilience in local communities and support the food security needs of populations stricken by natural disasters. Since 1994, the Commission has provided over €1 billion in humanitarian assistance to Latin America and the Caribbean, focusing on the populations most affected by natural disasters, violence and on preparing communities for future hazards.

Background

The Latin America and Caribbean region is one of the world’s most disaster-prone areas and is highly exposed to natural hazards such as earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, floods, tsunamis, landslides and droughts.

Additionally, the El Niño phenomenon (including its coastal variant, which consists in an abnormal warming of the Pacific Ocean waters) regularly causes catastrophic weather events such as droughts and floods that cause large humanitarian consequences. When disasters strike, the immediate needs of the affected population include shelters, food, clean water, primary health care, basic household items, and early support for livelihood recovery.

For more information

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