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[Statement by Jean-Claude Juncker, President of the European Commission, on the occasion of the death of former German Federal Minister of Economic Affairs, Werner Müller](#)

I am deeply saddened by the news of Werner Müller's death. Born in Essen, Werner Müller typified the people of the Ruhr, where he was a highly respected manager in industry. As Federal Minister for Economic Affairs, he was a key figure in German and European politics. His great expertise, dry wit and calm manner made for a good rapport with everyone he had dealings with. I too had the pleasure of working closely with him. His services to Germany's mining industry and miners are inestimable.

I will always think fondly of Werner Müller, and I am glad that I was able to speak to him personally one last time at the closure of the last coal mine in Bottrop on 21 December last year.

My thoughts are with Werner Müller's family, and I wish them strength at this difficult time.

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Eurostat: Excédent de 23 milliards d'euros du commerce international de biens de la zone euro, excédent de 7,8 milliards d'euros pour l'UE28

Selon les premières estimations d'Eurostat, les exportations de biens de la zone euro (ZE19) vers le reste du monde se sont établies à 203,4 milliards d'euros en mai 2019, en hausse de 7,1% par rapport à mai 2018 (189,9 milliards). Les importations depuis le reste du monde ont quant à elles été de 180,3 milliards d'euros, en hausse de 4,2% par rapport à mai 2018 (173,0 milliards). En conséquence, la zone euro a enregistré en mai 2019 un excédent de 23,0 milliards d'euros de son commerce international de biens avec le reste du monde, contre +16,9 milliards d'euros en mai 2018. Le commerce

intra-zone euro a augmenté à 172,0 milliards d'euros en mai 2019, une hausse de 4,9% par rapport à mai 2018. En ce qui concerne l'UE28, les exportations de biens extra-UE28 se sont établies à 178,5 milliards d'euros en mai 2019, en hausse de 10,7% par rapport à mai 2018 (161,3 milliards). Les importations depuis le reste du monde ont quant à elles été de 170,7 milliards d'euros, en hausse de 6,1% par rapport à mai 2018 (160,9 milliards). En conséquence, l'UE28 a enregistré en mai 2019 un excédent de 7,8 milliards d'euros de son commerce international de biens avec le reste du monde, contre un excédent de 0,4 milliard en mai 2018. Le commerce intra-UE28 s'est élevé à 308,1 milliards d'euros en mai 2019, soit +3,5% par rapport à mai 2018. Un communiqué de presse est disponible [en ligne](#). (Pour plus d'informations : Daniel Rosario – Tél.: +32 229 56185 ; Kinga Malinowska – Tél.: +32 229 51383)

Mergers: Commission clears acquisition of DNA by Telenor

The European Commission has approved, under the EU Merger Regulation, the acquisition of DNA Plc of Finland, by Telenor ASA of Norway. DNA provides mobile and fixed communications services, broadband internet services and TV distribution services in Finland. Telenor provides mobile and fixed telecommunications services and TV distribution services in the Nordic region. The Commission found that the proposed transaction would raise no competition concerns, because there are very limited horizontal overlaps between the companies' activities in the market of retail TV services in Finland, the wholesale market for acquisition of TV channels and the possible market for machine-to-machine (M2M) subscriptions for business customers. A number of strong players would remain in each of the markets after the merger. In addition, the Commission found no problems regarding the vertical links between the upstream markets for wholesale international roaming and wholesale mobile and fixed call termination services, and the downstream markets for retail mobile and fixed telecommunications services. 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.9370](#). (For more information: Lucía Caudet – Tel. +32 229 56182; Maria Tsoni – Tel.: +32 229 90526)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Le commissaire Moscovici assiste à la réunion des ministres des Finances et des gouverneurs de Banques centrales du G7 demain et jeudi à Chantilly, en France

Pierre **Moscovici**, commissaire en charge des affaires économiques et

financières, de la fiscalité et des douanes, assistera cette semaine à la [réunion des ministres des Finances et des gouverneurs de Banques centrales du G7](#) à Chantilly, en France, au nom de la Commission européenne. Le commissaire **Moscovici** participera à des discussions sur les risques liés à l'économie mondiale et au système financier ; sur les nouveaux défis liés à la fiscalité internationale, à la concurrence et à l'économie numérique ; et sur la lutte contre les inégalités dans les économies avancées. (*Pour plus d'informations: Annika Breidhardt – Tél.: +32 229-56153; Vanessa Mock –Tél.: +32 229 56194; Enda McNamara Tél.: +32 229 64976; Patrick McCullough – Tél.: +32 229 87183*)

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[May 2019 – Euro area international trade in goods surplus €23.0 bn – €7.8 bn surplus for EU28](#)

Euro area

The first estimate for **euro area** (EA19) exports of goods to the rest of the world in May 2019 was €203.4 billion, an increase of 7.1% compared with May 2018 (€189.9 bn). Imports from the rest of the world stood at €180.3 bn, a rise of 4.2% compared with May 2018 (€173.0 bn). As a result, the **euro area** recorded a €23.0 bn surplus in trade in goods with the rest of the world in May 2019, compared with +€16.9 bn in May 2018. **Intra-euro area** trade rose to €172.0 bn in May 2019, up by 4.9% compared with May 2018.

[Full text available on EUROSTAT website](#)