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### **Commissioner Věra Jourová presents the 2014 results of the European Rapid Alert System for Dangerous Products**

The 2014 figures show that nearly 2500 dangerous products, ranging from toys to motor vehicles, were either stopped before they entered the EU or removed from the market. The [website of the Rapid Alert System](#) attracted nearly 2 million visits in 2014, and new search tools allow consumers and businesses to better inform themselves about the detection of dangerous products and product recalls. You'll find more information in the [press release](#) and the [Q&A](#). The [press conference](#) with Commissioner **Jourová** can be watched live on EBS. (*for more information: Christian Wigand – Tel: +32 229 62253; Melanie Voin – Tel: +32 229 58659*)

### **OTHER NEWS**

#### **The Commission and the European Investment Bank facilitate access to credit for farmers**

The European Commission and the European Investment Bank (EIB) have today presented a model financial instrument aimed at easing access to finance for agricultural producers, including young farmers. This is the first new product developed in the framework of the Memorandum of Understanding on co-operation in agriculture and rural development within the EU, signed in July 2014. Commissioner **Hogan** invited Member States to set up financial instruments in their rural development programmes in order to benefit from the opportunities provided. A [press release](#) is available online. A technical briefing on the topic will take place today at 15h00 CET. (*for more information: Daniel Rosario – Tel: +32 229 56 185; Clémence Robin – Tel: +32 229 52 509*)

#### **Speech by Commissioner Moedas on "*British science thrives in the EU and we thrive because of you*"**

Carlos **Moedas**, Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation, gives a lecture on "Science Without Borders" at the Royal Society of London today. He will present his views on science and innovation being the true drivers of growth and prosperity. Commenting on the fact that the EU is falling short of the 3% of GDP research and development target, in

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particular when it comes to private investment, he will add: "We have to try something new. In this new mandate, the European Commission wants to make more high-risk, high-value investments in research and innovation, not less". He will also explain that, contrarily to some concerns expressed, fundamental science can attract private investment and loans. Commissioner **Moedas** will further comment on the contribution of EU membership to the global standing of British universities and to their value to the British economy: "The majority of the UK's top 20 research partners are other EU countries. You ranked first for number of applicants to our previous EU research funding programme. In the last two years of that programme, you received more funding than any other country, including Germany. That's almost € 7 bn of EU funds flowing to the UK in the form of over 17,000 grants. Earned by your willingness, and ability, to compete for funding based on merit. So, my ambitions for your place in Europe are immense." (for more information: Lucia Caudet – Tel.: +32 229 56182)

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