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- **Securing Europe's external borders: Launch of the European Border and Coast Guard Agency**

The European Border and Coast Guard Agency has been officially launched today, less than a year after it was first proposed by the Commission. The launch event took place this morning at the Kapitan Andreevo Border Checkpoint at the Bulgarian external border with Turkey in the presence of Commissioner Dimitris Avramopoulos, Bulgarian Prime Minister Boyko Borissov, Executive Director of the European Border and Coast Guard Agency Fabrice Leggeri, EU interior ministers and other senior officials. Building on the foundations of Frontex, the European Border and Coast Guard Agency will closely monitor the EU's external borders and work together with Member States to quickly identify and address any potential security threats to the EU's external borders. See the [press release](#), [Q&A](#), factsheet on the [European Border and Coast Guard](#) and factsheet on [EU Operations in the Mediterranean Sea](#). The [recordings of the launch event](#) and the [speech](#) delivered by Commissioner Avramopoulos are also available.

- **Brussels Conference on Afghanistan: together for a brighter, more prosperous and peaceful future for the people of Afghanistan**

Yesterday, 75 countries and 25 international organisations and agencies committed to continued engagement and support for Afghanistan. The second day of the Brussels Conference on Afghanistan (full press release [here](#)) concluded with the Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development, Neven **Mimica**, [announcing the global commitment of €13.6 billion](#) for the period 2017-2020, of which the European Union and its Member States expect to provide up to €5 billion, including all funding sources. Day Two of the BCA was co-chaired by the High Representative/Vice-President, Federica **Mogherini** ([opening speech](#)), alongside Commissioner **Mimica** on behalf of the European Union, and by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Salahuddin Rabbani, and of Finance, Eklil Ahmad Hakimi for Afghanistan. The Conference adopted a [Joint Communiqué renewing the Partnership for Peace and Development](#), which reflects the breadth of the international community's engagement in Afghanistan over the coming four years. This includes both political and financial support and will be accompanied by continued and accountable reforms on the ground. The Brussels Conference on Afghanistan, with its side events on women empowerment and regional economic integration, as well as a meeting organised by the High Representative/Vice-President of key international and regional partners to step up regional political support to the peace and reconciliation process in Afghanistan (the remarks of the press conference are available [here](#)), has demonstrated that a self-reliant, prosperous and peaceful Afghanistan is a priority for the European Union, Afghanistan, its

neighbours and the international community at large. The BCA has delivered a reform agenda from the Afghan government for the benefit of its citizens, as well as international and regional support and engagement in Afghanistan's political and economic stability and development. Footage of both [Day One](#) and [Day Two](#) of the BCA is available on EbS, and a press release re-capping Day One is available [here](#). For more information on the Brussels Conference on Afghanistan, visit the [website](#). For more information on EU-Afghanistan relations, see this [factsheet](#).

- **EU triggers entry into force of global climate agreement**

The European Union has officially joined the Paris Agreement, triggering the entry into force of the landmark deal to tackle climate change. Ambassadors from the EU and the seven Member States that have already completed their national procedures (Slovakia, France, Hungary, Germany, Malta, Austria and Portugal) deposited their ratification instruments at the UN headquarters yesterday. The official ceremony will take place on Friday, 7 October in New York at the United Nations headquarters, hosted by the Slovak Minister of Environment, László Sólymos, and Climate Action and Energy Commissioner Miguel **Arias Cañete**. Together with other international partners that have deposited recently, the EU and the UN will celebrate the deposit of the instruments that have triggered the entry into force of the Paris Agreement. The Paris Agreement, which was adopted in December 2015 by 195 countries, will legally enter into force on 4 November 2016. In the presence of European Commission President Jean-Claude **Juncker**, United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and the President of COP 21 Ségolène Royal, the political process for the European Union to ratify the Agreement was already concluded earlier this week (see the full [STATEMENT](#) by the Commission). This follows the State of the Union Address by President **Juncker** on 14 September 2016 in which he called for a swift ratification of the Paris Agreement (the address is available [here](#)). [Europe by Satellite](#) will cover the official ceremony in New York.

- **Commission proposes fishing opportunities for deep-sea fish stocks for 2017-2018**

The European Commission has proposed today fishing opportunities for deep-sea fish stocks in the EU and international waters in the North-East Atlantic for 2017-2018. Deep-sea fisheries account for about 1% of all fish caught in the North-East Atlantic. Over the years, fishing activity and associated jobs have been declining as stocks become more and more scarce. The proposal presented today by the Commission aims to reverse this trend. Based on the scientific advice received, the Commission proposed to keep the Total Allowable Catch unchanged for 1 stock and to reduce them for 10 stocks in order to prevent their over-exploitation. The proposal will be discussed by Member States' fisheries ministers at the November Fisheries Council in Brussels. A full press release and table with quotas proposed for each species is available [here](#).

- **Patient Safety: Single European Code and EU Web Platform improve traceability of donated tissue and cells**

The Commission has launched today the web-based [EU Coding Platform](#) to support healthcare professionals and national competent authorities in tracing donated tissues and cells from donor to recipient in the entire EU. The [EU Directive](#) on standards for quality and safety of human tissues and cells sets standards for tissues and cells such as bone marrow, reproductive cells, corneas, skin, etc., that are used within the EU and which will be identified by a [Single European Code \(SEC\)](#). The new standard SEC is an important tool for better patient safety, as it enables the tracing of tissues and cells along the supply chain - from the donor to the patient receiving it. In case of a quality or safety issue, it allows appropriate action, including - where necessary, withdrawing or recalling all tissues and cells from the same donor, to be taken quickly. The EU Coding Platform contains information on all 2800 tissue establishments authorised in the EU as well as categories of tissue and cell product codes. It provides users with a free, simple and efficient tool, to build their SEC for a tissues and cells

product, and takes into account the needs of small-sized and not-for-profit tissue establishments. The requirements for the Single European Code should be transposed into national law by Member States by 29 October 2016 and will be applicable from 29 April 2017.

- **La Commission publie un rapport sur les perspectives agricoles à court-terme**
La Commission a publié aujourd'hui un rapport sur les perspectives à court terme pour les cultures arables européennes ainsi pour que le marché du lait et de la viande en 2016 et 2017. Les exportations de viande porcine de l'Union Européenne devraient atteindre un niveau record avec 2,7 millions de tonnes en 2016 grâce à une hausse des exportations vers la Chine. Les prix de la viande porcine devraient donc suivre une tendance similaire. Les produits laitiers ont également vu leur prix augmenter ces dernières semaines en Europe ce qui pourrait se répercuter sur le prix du lait payé aux producteurs. La durée de la reprise dans le secteur laitier reste cependant incertaine. C'est la raison pour laquelle la Commission a lancé en septembre un [Programme de Réduction de la Production Laitière](#) à hauteur de 150 millions d'euros auquel les agriculteurs ont largement souscrit. Les céréales et oléagineux font face à une situation particulière qui est le produit d'une production mondiale exceptionnelle mais d'une production faible dans l'Union Européenne, en particulier pour le blé et le maïs. L'offre mondiale restant largement suffisante pour répondre à la demande, les prix des céréales devraient être faibles pour l'année à venir. Le rapport complet avec les bilans for les cultures arables et les secteurs du lait et de la viande est disponible [ici](#).
- **Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2016 goes to EU-funded researchers developing world's smallest machines**
Yesterday, the Swedish Academy awarded [Jean-Pierre Sauvage](#), [Sir J. Fraser Stoddart](#) and [Bernard L. Feringa](#), the [Nobel Prize in Chemistry for 2016](#) for the design of the world's smallest - molecular - machines. All three laureates have participated in EU-funded research projects, and Bernard L. Feringa is also a recipient of two prestigious European Research Council (ERC) grants. Carlos **Moedas**, European Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation, said: *"I warmly congratulate Jean-Pierre Sauvage, Sir J. Fraser Stoddart and Bernard L. Feringa on their achievement. They have taken chemistry into a new dimension, and this outstanding work is an excellent example of cutting-edge European science. I am proud to see that EU support has enabled them to push the frontiers of human knowledge and ultimately benefit the society and economy."* Frenchman Jean-Pierre Sauvage, Scotland's Sir J. Fraser Stoddart and Dutchman Bernard L. Feringa received the award for their design and development of molecular machines that could one day be used to fight cancer or to produce innovative types of materials and energy storage devices. Practical examples of their research include a tiny lift, artificial muscles, miniscule motors and even a four-wheel drive nanocar. The Nobel Prize is awarded annually in a wide range of categories to honour academic, economic, cultural and scientific advancements.
- **European Commission's participation at the G20, G7, IMF / World Bank Annual Meetings in Washington**
Vice-President **Dombrovskis** and Commissioner **Moscovici** are participating in the IMF and World Bank [Annual Meetings](#), which take place in Washington DC, from 6 to 9 October. In particular, they will take part in the [IMF International Monetary and Financial Committee \(IMFC\)](#) meetings on 7-8 October. This Committee proposes policy responses with regard to the global economy and institutional issues, focusing on the role that the IMF has to play: Vice-President **Dombrovskis** will represent the Commission in the IMFC Plenary sessions. Commissioner **Moscovici** will then represent the Commission at the G20 meetings, where the agenda includes a session on the global economy, a session on tax, beneficial ownership, anti-money laundering and a session on the upcoming German G20 Presidency. On 7 October, Commissioner **Moscovici** will participate in the G7 Finance Ministerial and Central Bank Governors

meeting. In addition to key meetings, both Commission members will attend a variety of high-level bilateral meetings. Vice-President **Dombrovskis** will meet, among others, Mark Carney, Governor of the Bank of England, Scott Morrison, Treasurer of Australia, and Yi Gang, Vice-Governor of People's Bank of China. Commissioner **Moscovici** will meet in particular with Christine Lagarde, Managing Director of the IMF, Jack Lew, United-States Secretary of the Treasury, Janet Yellen, Chair of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and Angel Gurría, OECD Secretary-General. Further, they will have speaking engagements in Washington DC. On 6 October, Vice-President **Dombrovskis** will deliver a keynote speech on the European economy at the Peterson Institute. This event will be webstreamed on the [Peterson Institute website](#). Commissioner **Moscovici** will discuss the future of Europe after Brexit at an event [organised](#) by the Atlantic Council.

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