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Commission to announce New Migration Partnership Framework: reinforced cooperation with third countries to better manage migration

This afternoon, meeting in Strasbourg, the College of Commissioners is expected to set out plans for a new results-oriented Partnership Framework to mobilise and focus EU action and resources in our external work on managing migration. Under this Framework, the EU will seek tailor-made partnerships with key third countries of origin and transit using all policies and instruments at the EU's disposal to achieve concrete results. The priorities are saving lives at sea, increasing returns, enabling migrants and refugees to stay closer to home and, in the long term, helping third countries' development in order to address root causes of irregular migration. Member State contributions in these partnerships – diplomatic, technical and financial – will be of fundamental importance in delivering results. A [press release](#), [memo](#) and [factsheet](#) will be available online.

Delivering the European Agenda on Migration: Commission to present Action Plan on Integration and reforms 'Blue Card' scheme for highly skilled workers from outside the EU

The European Commission is expected today to adopt an Action Plan to support Member States in the integration of third-country nationals and their economic and social contributions to the EU, as well as a legal proposal to reform the rules on highly skilled migrants coming to the EU to work, which will support European businesses in attracting qualified and talented people from around the world. These initiatives follow up on the commitment in the **Juncker** Commission's [Political Guidelines](#), which set legal migration as a priority for this Commission. A [press release](#), [memo](#) and factsheets on both the [Action Plan on Integration](#) and the proposal for a reformed [Blue Card](#) will be available online.

Commission takes note of upcoming Global Strategy on Foreign and Security Policy

The European Commission will today further contribute to the ongoing consultations for the upcoming Global Strategy on Foreign and Security Policy that High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy/Vice-President of the Commission Federica **Mogherini** is preparing at the request of the June 2015 European Council. Today's discussion will be another important step in the process,

following an orientation debate, a specific College Seminar and a meeting of the Commissioners' Group for External Action held on the same issue over the past months. Following a wide consultation process that also includes other European Union Institutions, Member States as well as the foreign policy community, civil society and general public, the High Representative will finalise the Strategy in view of its presentation in the coming weeks, as requested by the European Council. More information [here](#).

Commission releases 2016 Convergence Report

[The 2016 Convergence Report](#), published today, assesses Member States' progress on moving towards euro adoption. This year's report covers the seven Member States that are legally committed to adopt the euro: Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Croatia, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Sweden. The report is based on the convergence criteria, sometimes referred to as the 'Maastricht criteria', set out in article 140(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU). The criteria include price stability, sound public finances, exchange rate stability and convergence in long-term interest rates. The compatibility of national legislation with Economic and Monetary Union (EMU) rules is also assessed. The Member States covered in the report have made progress with convergence, but none of them currently meet all conditions for euro adoption. Read the [press release](#) and [memo](#) online.

EUROSTAT: Estimation du PIB et des principaux agrégats pour le premier trimestre 2016 - Le PIB en hausse de 0,6% dans la zone euro et de 0,5% dans l'UE28 - +1,7% et +1,8% respectivement par rapport au premier trimestre 2015

Au cours du premier trimestre 2016, le PIB corrigé des variations saisonnières a progressé de 0,6% dans la zone euro (ZE19) et de 0,5% dans l'UE28 par rapport au trimestre précédent, selon l'estimation publiée par Eurostat, l'office statistique de l'Union européenne. Au cours du quatrième trimestre 2015, le PIB avait augmenté respectivement de 0,4% et 0,5%. Un communiqué de presse est disponible [ici](#).

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