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### **Eurogroup made progress towards the completion of the first review of the Greek programme**

Yesterday the Eurogroup discussed the state of play of the first review of Greece's ESM programme. The Commission was represented at the meeting by Vice-President **Dombrovskis** and Commissioner **Moscovici**. Three main points were on the agenda. First the Eurogroup took stock of progress made with the package of reforms required to complete the first review. This package includes, among others, the pension reform, income tax reform (both of which were adopted by the Greek Parliament on Sunday), as well as measures to tackle non-performing loans, the establishment of the privatisation and investment fund and the independent revenue agency. Second, the Eurogroup discussed a contingency mechanism, which should deliver an extra layer of reassurance concerning the achievement of the agreed fiscal targets. Finally, the Eurogroup started discussing debt issues. The Commission stands ready to contribute its technical expertise to these discussions. The Eurogroup's conclusions were set out in a [statement](#). Commissioner **Moscovici** participated in the press conference concluding the meeting. His opening remarks are available [here](#).

### **President Juncker at ceremony awarding Charlemagne Prize to Pope Francis**

On 6 May in the Vatican, European Commission President Jean-Claude **Juncker** took part in the ceremony awarding the [Charlemagne Prize](#) to Pope Francis. Together with European Parliament President Martin Schulz and European Council President Donald Tusk, President **Juncker** delivered a joint speech which highlighted Pope Francis's contribution to European unity: *"You personify the idea that solidarity and compassion are not just fine-sounding words but values that require us, time and again, to take a stand and act."* President **Juncker** recalled that the EU represents solidarity amongst European nations, saying: *"It is more than an enhanced free trade area, more than a partnership of convenience – a partnership of convenience in which people are full-time Europeans one day because they receive everything, and part-time Europeans the next because they have to sacrifice something."* During his visit to Rome, President **Juncker** also took part in a debate on the State of the Union (5 May), and jointly published an

opinion editorial article with President Schulz. Further details on all parts of President **Juncker's** visit to Rome are available on our [News](#) page.

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