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• **College meeting: Institutional Priorities for 2018**

In the first meeting of 2018, the College of Commissioners discussed the institutional priorities for this year, a year to deliver on the reform of the Economic and Monetary Union, secure the EU's borders, overhaul the EU's asylum system, get back to Schengen, complete the Digital Single Market, and bring the Western Balkans closer to the Union. 89 priority files are currently on the table, 29 have already been delivered, and the College discussed how to ensure that the rest is finalised before May 2019. The orientation debate also included an overview of the major new proposals to be expected for 2018, which will feed into the [Roadmap for a more united, stronger and more democratic Union](#). The Commission will focus on fairness, ensuring Europe can respond in a quicker and more decisive way, using our Treaties to the fullest, and making sure Europe is leading the way in grasping new opportunities and facing up to new challenges. At the same time, the Commission's approach will be balanced, which is why President **Juncker** created a new [Task Force on Subsidiarity, Proportionality and "Doing Less More Efficiently"](#) on 14 November 2017 as a follow-up to the [White Paper on the Future of Europe](#) and the [State of the Union address](#).

• **The future of EU finances: have your say on the EU budget after 2020**

In less than five months, the Commission will propose the next long-term budget for the EU – the [Multiannual Financial Framework](#) or "MFF" - after 2020. Today, the College held a first orientation debate on the next MFF. Also today, the Commission launched a series of [public consultations](#) on the priorities of the EU that should be reflected in the next MFF. This follows the publication of the Commission [reflection paper on the future of EU finances](#) on 28 June 2017 and of the Commission [White Paper on the future of Europe](#) on 1 March 2017, which encouraged all citizens to join the discussion on the key decisions impacting our common future. Resources are stretched at the seams but the EU budget is expected to continue investing for growth, jobs and innovation while addressing the major challenges of the decade to come – the digital revolution, globalisation,

climate change, as well as migration, defence and security. Citizens have until 8 March to say where they think the EU has the most value added and where it should focus its investment power to maximise the impact of each euro invested. They are invited to give feedback on how the current EU policies and programmes of the EU - such as cohesion and youth policies, support to innovation and businesses and investments in strategic digital, transport and energy infrastructures — work and could further be improved in terms of performance, simplification or opportunities for synergies between funds. The results of this consultation will feed into the ongoing reflection on the next MFF alongside options and ideas already put on the table by Member States, local authorities and private stakeholders. The Commission will then present its proposal on the next EU budget in May 2018. More information on the public consultations is available [here](#).

• **President Juncker and the College of Commissioners are travelling to Sofia to attend the opening of the Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the EU (11-12 January 2018)**

The College of Commissioners will travel to Sofia tomorrow for their traditional visit ahead of the incoming [Presidency of the Council of the European Union](#), which will officially start with an opening concert at 19:00 EET/18:00 CET. President **Juncker** will deliver a speech on the occasion, as will Prime Minister of the Republic of Bulgaria Boyko Borissov, President Rumen Radev, Minister in charge of the Bulgarian Presidency Lilyana Pavlova, President of the European Council Donald Tusk and President of the European Parliament Antonio Tajani. You can follow the entire opening ceremony [live on EbS+](#).

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