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Back to Schengen: Council adopts Commission proposal on next steps towards lifting of temporary internal border controls

The Council has today adopted the Commission's proposal to prolong proportionate controls at certain internal Schengen borders in Germany, Austria, Sweden, Denmark and Norway, for up to six months. These countries had already introduced measures to address the threat to public policy and internal security resulting from the secondary movements of irregular migrants from Greece. Last week, the Commission proposed a recommendation to extend these measures, in line with the [Schengen Borders Code](#), as, and despite significant progress made by Greece, not all of the serious deficiencies identified could be adequately and comprehensively addressed within the three months' limit. These measures, foreseen under the Schengen Borders Code, act as a safeguard for the overall functioning of the area without internal border controls. The objective is to lift all internal border controls and return to a normally functioning Schengen area by the end of 2016, in line with the ["Back to Schengen" Roadmap](#). You can find a full press release [here](#).

EU Facility for Refugees in Turkey – 2nd Steering Committee meeting taking place in Brussels on 12 May 2016

The second Steering Committee of the Facility for Refugees in Turkey is taking place in Brussels, today. The Steering Committee – meeting on senior officials' level - gathers representatives from EU Member States and [Turkey](#) under the chairmanship of the European Commission. It monitors and assesses the implementation of the Facility, gives strategic guidance, and decides on which types of actions are supported and through which financing instruments. A press release following the meeting will be published [here](#) at approximately 13:30. The factsheet ['The Facility for Refugees in Turkey'](#) is available online.

First deployment of the European Medical Corps

Amid the ongoing outbreak of yellow fever in the Republic of Angola, the [European Union will deploy a team of medical experts on 12 May](#) to develop a better understanding of the outbreak, examine what further expert support is needed by the country and assess the implications for Europe and for Europeans travelling in the region. Experts from EU Member States, the European Commission and the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC), will travel to the African country for what will be the first deployment of a public health team under the [European Medical Corps](#) launched in February this year. The mission, led by the ECDC, will last about two weeks and will be implemented in close coordination with both the Angola Government and the World Health Organization. The yellow fever outbreak started in Angola's capital Luanda in December 2015, but has quickly spread to other municipalities and provinces. Imported cases have also been reported from China, Kenya, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Mauritania. The European Medical Corps (EMC) makes it possible for teams and equipment from the EU Member States to be rapidly deployed to provide medical assistance and public health expertise both inside and outside the EU.

Commission launches public consultation on EU consumer and marketing law

The European Commission today launched a public consultation on the evaluation of key EU consumer and marketing law directives. It will contribute to the [Fitness Check of six directives](#) and to the evaluation of the [EU Consumer Rights Directive](#). The six directives subject to the Fitness Check regulate issues such as price indication, guarantees for defective goods, unfair contract terms and unfair commercial practices and business to business marketing. The Consumer Rights Directive deals with matters such as pre-contractual information and the right of withdrawal from contracts concluded online. The Fitness Check is part of the Commission's [Better Regulation](#) effort and will establish whether directives are effective, coherent and provide EU-added value. It will look at the application of the current rules. It will also lay the basis for future initiatives that will better protect consumers and set a fair level-playing field for economic operators, especially SMEs. The results of the public consultation will be presented at the next Consumer Summit on 17-18 October 2016 and will feed into the Commission's Fitness Check report as well as the evaluation report on the Consumer Rights Directive to be published in 2017. The consultation is available [here](#) and will be open until 2 September 2016.

EUROSTAT: La production industrielle en baisse de 0,8% dans la zone euro

En mars 2016 par rapport à février 2016, la production industrielle corrigée des variations saisonnières a diminué de 0,8% dans la zone euro (ZE19) et de 0,5% dans l'UE28, selon les estimations d'Eurostat, l'office statistique de l'Union européenne. En février 2016, la production industrielle avait reculé de 1,2% dans la zone euro et de 1,0% dans l'UE28. En mars 2016 par rapport à mars 2015, la production industrielle a progressé de 0,2% dans la zone euro et de 0,3% dans l'UE28. Un communiqué de presse est disponible [ici](#).

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