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Commission proposes better workers' protection against cancer-causing chemicals

Cancer is the first cause of work-related deaths in the EU, accounting for 53% of the total and therefore the single biggest health risk to workers in the European Union. To improve protection for workers from cancer-causing chemicals, the Commission today proposes changes to the [Carcinogens and Mutagens Directive \(2004/37/EC\)](#) to limit exposure to 13 cancer-causing chemicals at the workplace. The Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility, Marianne **Thyssen**, said: *'Cancer has an enormous impact on workers, their families, industry and society. With this proposal we will save 100,000 lives in the next 50 years. Protection of workers is at the core of the Commission's commitment to a strong social Europe.'* Concretely, the Commission proposes to address exposure to 13 cancer-causing chemicals by including new or amended limit values in the Carcinogens and Mutagens Directive. These limit values set a maximum concentration for the presence of a chemical carcinogen in the workplace air. The proposal is based on scientific evidence and follows broad discussions with scientists, employers, workers, Member States' representatives and labour inspectors. More information can be found in the [press release](#) and the [memo](#) online.

Investing in creativity: 25 years of MEDIA programme celebrated at Cannes Film Festival

Since it was launched in 1991, the EU MEDIA programme has invested over €2.4 billion in European creativity and cultural diversity. It has supported the development of thousands of films in Europe and their international distribution. This year's [Cannes Film Festival](#) is a great occasion to celebrate the 25th anniversary of MEDIA. MEDIA-funded films once again feature very strongly in the selection: 9 of the 21 films in competition for the Palme d'Or this year have been supported by MEDIA. Both European Commission Vice-President **Ansip** and Commissioner **Oettinger** will be at the Cannes Film Festival this year to discuss the achievements of MEDIA and how the EU can further strengthen the audiovisual sector, which employs over 1.3 million people in the EU, under its [strategy to create a Digital Single Market](#). Vice-President **Ansip**, in charge of the Digital Single

Market, said: *"The MEDIA programme has played an essential role to help European films reach new audiences across borders. We need to build on this success and foster the circulation of content in Europe with the right EU framework. Digital developments bring opportunities and challenges for the audiovisual sector. We need to find solutions together to boost the legal offer online and fight piracy. I am really looking forward to discussions with filmmakers in Cannes."* Commissioner **Oettinger**, responsible for the Digital Economy and Society, said: *"The MEDIA programme has become a quality label for European films. I am proud to see that almost half of the films in competition for the Palme d'Or this year have been supported by MEDIA. The MEDIA programme is also constantly adapting to the needs of the sector. In June, we will launch a €121 million guarantee facility for the cultural and creative sectors that will be open to audiovisual projects. It is expected to generate more than €600 million worth of bank loans."* A press release in all EU languages is available [here](#). [Questions and answers](#), [video clip](#) and [testimonials](#), [factsheets](#) and [country sheets](#) have also been published online.

Draft study on impact of TTIP open for public consultation

The independent consultant carrying out a Sustainability Impact Assessment (SIA) for the European Commission on the trade agreement being negotiated between the EU and the United States published today [its draft interim report](#). The technical report highlights the opportunities that a Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) could create for people and businesses across Europe, and is now available for public consultation. This work is being conducted by Ecorys, in a process involving wide consultation with stakeholders. The 400-page report indicates that all Member States' economies would grow as a result of the new trade agreement. The study also predicts that EU exports to the US would rise by 27% and a mix of social indicators shows a combined benefit both for European and US citizens. The report goes beyond the numbers to also look in detail at the social and environmental impact that TTIP could have. Commenting in [a blog post](#), EU Trade Commissioner Cecilia **Malmström** said: *"This is a snapshot based on assumptions about a future TTIP deal. Needless to say, being a draft version to now be scrutinised by stakeholders and others, this assessment should be taken with a pinch of salt. The economic analysis is based on modelling, with many assumptions and caveats. We should thus be cautious when analysing numbers, especially when it comes to things like market data that may depend on many other factors. That being said, the report does highlight the many opportunities TTIP presents for the EU. I believe one particular thing cannot be scientifically captured in any study, however – the impact of TTIP on Europe's ability to shape globalisation according to our own standards. Modern trade agreements are one of the tools at our disposal to shape globalisation, making it more responsible. With this in mind, both TTIP as well as our trade agreement with Canada (CETA) aim to include progressive chapters on sustainable development, including on labour rights and the environment."* All interested stakeholders will now have the opportunity to review the draft and offer feedback, before Ecorys moves on to work on the final interim report and recommendations for the end of 2016. The Commission will also organise [a civil society dialogue](#) with the authors of the report, which will take place on 23 May. The Commission has been carrying out sustainability impact assessments on all negotiated trade agreements since 1999.

These assessments take place during the negotiations and feed into the work of the negotiators as the negotiations evolve.

Eurostat: La moitié des enfants de moins de trois ans étaient gardés uniquement par leurs parents dans l'UE en 2014

En 2014, l'Union européenne (UE) comptait près de 15,5 millions d'enfants âgés de moins de trois ans. La moitié (50%) d'entre eux étaient gardés uniquement par leurs parents, tandis que 28% fréquentaient au moins partiellement des systèmes formels d'accueil, ce qui signifie que l'objectif de Barcelone d'une prise en charge de 33% des moins de trois ans dans des structures formelles d'accueil n'était toujours pas atteint. De grandes différences prévalaient toutefois d'un État membre à l'autre. Un communiqué de presse est disponible [ici](#).

Commissioner Carlos Moedas to participate in G7 Science and Technology Ministers meeting in Tsukuba, Japan

EU Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation, Carlos **Moedas** will join ministers of science, technology and innovation from Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, UK and USA at the [G7 Science and Technology Ministerial Meeting](#) in Tsukuba, Japan on 15-17 May. Ahead of his trip, Commissioner **Moedas** said: "*The G7 Science and Technology meeting is a great opportunity to align our approaches on issues where countries can achieve more by working together. I am delighted that this year there is a focus on open science, which is a leading priority of the European Commission in the research field.*" The meeting will have a particular focus on inclusive innovation and open science. The main items on the agenda are the importance of science, technology and innovation in addressing global challenges such as ageing populations and the spread of disease. Also for discussion is the future of the world's oceans and seas and the importance of clean energy, as well as expanding women's participation in areas of science, technology and innovation and how to adequately prepare the next generation of global science leaders.

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