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- **Commission completes reform of the Common European Asylum System and proposes EU Resettlement Framework**
Today, the Commission is presenting proposals to complete the reform of the Common European Asylum System, in order to move towards a fully efficient, fair and humane asylum policy – one which can function effectively both in times of normal and in times of high migratory pressure. The proposals include the creation of a common procedure for international protection, uniform standards for protection and rights granted to beneficiaries of international protection and the further harmonisation of reception conditions in the EU. A [press release](#) and [Q&A on the Common European Asylum System](#), a [press release](#) and [Q&A on the Resettlement Framework proposal](#) and [factsheets on Asylum Procedures](#), the [Qualification Regulation](#) and the [Reception Conditions Directive](#) are available.
- **Relocation and Resettlement: Positive trend continues, but more efforts needed**
Today, the Commission adopted its latest progress report on the EU's emergency relocation and resettlement schemes, assessing actions taken over the past month. The positive trend observed in the last report has continued with Member States stepping up their efforts on both relocation and resettlement. Relocation has continued at the increased rate reached in the previous month with an additional 776 persons relocated since 14 June. Further important achievements have also been made as regards resettlement, with 8,268 people resettled so far of the agreed 22,504 under the July 2015 scheme and a total of 802 Syrian refugees resettled from Turkey under the EU-Turkey Statement. A [press release](#) on the Resettlement and Relocation Report and a [factsheet](#) are available.
- **President Juncker speaks at the press conference with President Tusk, following the 18th EU-China Summit, and delivers speech at the EU-China Business Summit**

This morning in the press conference following the 18th EU-China Summit, President **Juncker** said that with his Chinese counterparts he expressed the EU's serious concerns over the overcapacity in steel production. The EU-China Summit comes just a few weeks after the European Commission and the High Representative adopted a [Joint Communication on elements for a new EU strategy on China](#). President **Juncker**'s remarks at the [press conference](#) and at the [EU-China Business Summit](#) are available online.

- **Mergers: Commission clears acquisition of the payment card business of Banco Popular Portugal by Bancopopular-e**

The European Commission has approved under the EU Merger Regulation the proposed acquisition of the payment card business of Banco Popular Portugal by Bancopopular-e of Spain. Banco Popular Portugal is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Banco Popular of Spain. Bancopopular-e is a joint venture controlled by Banco Popular Español of Spain and private funds managed by VärdePartners of the United States. It provides services related to the issuing of payment cards within the Spanish market. The Commission concluded that the proposed transaction would raise no competition concerns given the companies' moderate combined market positions resulting from the transaction and the presence of a number of strong players that will remain active in the market. The transaction was examined under the simplified merger review procedure. More information is available on the Commission's [competition](#) website, in the [public case register](#) under the case number [M.8077](#).

- **First European list adopted to stop the spread of invasive species threatening biodiversity and economic activities**

Invasive alien species are plants or animals alien to their natural environment, crowding out indigenous species and thereby representing one of the most rapidly growing threats to biodiversity in the EU. Today the Commission took an important step which requires action across the EU to contain the spread of the 37 species identified as invasive in the first EU list adopted. The restrictions will start applying 20 days after publication of the list in the Official Journal of the European Union. The list and more information on DG Environment [website](#).

- **EUROSTAT: La production industrielle en baisse de 1,2% dans la zone euro – En baisse de 1,1% dans l'UE28**

En mai 2016 par rapport à avril 2016, la production industrielle corrigée des variations saisonnières a diminué de 1,2% dans la zone euro (ZE19) et de 1,1% dans l'UE28, selon les estimations d'Eurostat, l'office statistique de l'Union européenne. En avril 2016, la production industrielle avait augmenté de 1,4% dans la zone euro et de 1,5% dans l'UE28. En mai 2016 par rapport à mai 2015, la production industrielle a progressé de 0,5% dans la zone euro et de 1,1% dans l'UE28. Un communiqué EUROSTAT est disponible [en ligne](#).

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