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- **Europe-wide campaign launched to promote sustainable work and healthy ageing**

Today in Brussels, the European Commission and the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work in cooperation with the Netherlands EU Presidency launched a two-year Europe-wide campaign: [Healthy Workplaces for All Ages](#), which is the world's biggest campaign in promoting sustainable work and workplace safety and health in the context of the ageing workforce. The campaign focuses on Europe's enterprises (both private and public), encouraging them to protect their workers' health up to and beyond retirement age. Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility, Marianne **Thyssen**, highlighted the timeliness of this campaign topic: *'At a time when there are important discussions going on about the future landscape of occupational safety and health in the EU, this campaign is extremely relevant. We need to start now to cater for the needs of Europe's future workplaces and workers. Workplaces that address the health challenges of an ageing workforce gain in productivity. This is good for workers and good for business.'* More information can be found in the [press release](#) and [memo](#) and on the [campaign website](#). A press conference took place this morning and can be watched on [Ebs](#)

- **Euro area international trade in goods surplus €19.0 bn, €3.0 bn surplus for EU**

The first estimate for euro area (EA19) exports of goods to the rest of the world in February 2016 was €163.5 billion, an increase of 1% compared with February 2015 (€161.4 bn). Imports from the rest of the world stood at €144.4 bn, a rise of 2% compared with February 2015 (€141.5 bn). As a result, the euro area recorded a €19.0 bn surplus in trade in goods with the rest of the world in February 2016, compared with +€20.0 bn in February 2015. Intra-euro area trade rose to €141.0 bn in February 2016, up by 3% compared with February 2015. A full EUROSTAT press release is [available online](#).

- **Latest from the European Commission's participation at the IMF/World Bank Spring meetings in Washington, including the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meetings**

International Monetary Fund and World Bank Spring Meetings

President **Juncker**, Vice-President **Georgieva**, Vice-President **Dombrovskis**, Commissioner **Hahn**, Commissioner **Mimica** and Commissioner **Moscovici** are representing the European Commission at the [International Monetary Fund and World Bank Spring Meetings](#) in Washington DC (USA) and at different events hosted in the framework of the spring meetings.



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President **Juncker** will deliver a speech at a World Bank flagship event “[Forced Displacement: A Global Development Challenge](#)”. On Wednesday, Vice-President **Georgieva** opened the World Bank-European Commission flagship event “[Focus on Results](#)”, and she will be signing a cooperation agreement between the two institutions to facilitate the common work for development projects around the world. Vice-President **Dombrovskis** will attend the IMFC ([International Monetary and Financial Committee](#)) Plenary meeting and address the members of the International Finance Institute. Commissioner **Mimica** is [due to announce a contribution of EUR 14 million](#) of EU support to a Multi-Donor Trust Fund managed by the World Bank.

G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meetings

The G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors are also meeting today in the margins of the spring meetings, and they will discuss international financial architecture, investment and infrastructure and the financial sector reform. Commissioner **Moscovici** will represent the European Commission at these meetings as well as at the Fiscal Forum, where the agenda includes global fiscal developments and corporate tax avoidance. For more information on G20 activities, a video can be viewed [here](#).

Other high-level events

In addition to their participation in key meetings, Members of the Commission present in Washington attend a variety of high-level events. For example, yesterday, President **Juncker** held bilateral meetings with Vice-President of the United States Joe Biden and with the President of the World Bank Group, Jim Yong Kim. Today, he will also meet with Christine Lagarde, Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund. Vice-President **Dombrovskis** will discuss the steps the European Commission is taking to strengthen the resilience of the European economy against global market turbulence at [an event organised by the Atlantic Council](#) later today. Commissioner **Hahn** will attend the ministerial pledging session of the [International Conference for the New Financing Initiative to Support the Middle East and North Africa \(MENA\)](#).

For an overview of the Commissioners’ commitments, please refer to our [weekly calendar](#).

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