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- **Juncker Plan: New projects signed, European Fund for Strategic Investments supports 300,000 jobs**

The latest projects to receive support from the Investment Plan's European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) are Nova School of Business and Economics in Portugal, to extend their campus; Águas de Portugal, to improve water supply and sanitation; Mecachrome, a circular economy project in France; Amadéite Group in France to support investments in marine biotechnology; Vertis Venture 3 in Italy which finances early-stage technology projects; and today the European Investment Bank (EIB) signed an agreement to finance the construction of 524 near-zero-energy social houses in Navarra, Spain, creating more than 700 jobs. The European Commission and the EIB Group estimate that the EFSI has so far supported 300,000 jobs across the EU. By 2020 that figure should be 700,000. This week the European Parliament and Member States came to an [agreement in principle](#) on EFSI 2.0 - the extension and reinforcement of the European Fund for Strategic Investments. *(For more information about the EFSI 2.0 agreement, see our [EFSI 2.0 Q&A](#), and for more details on any of the projects and Investment Plan results see the new and updated [website](#), which has even more data about EFSI financing including results for all countries, more material such as stories about small businesses that have benefitted so far, and all the latest news.*

- **Convergence criteria for joining the euro: State of play for non-euro area Member States**

As President **Juncker** [stated](#), *"It's not my idea to request that Member States now gallop into the euro. They have to fulfil the criteria before joining the euro. This will not change. But a Euro-accession support instrument should help those who want to join."* This is why President **Juncker** in his 2017 speech on the State of the Union, proposed the creation of a Euro-accession Instrument, to offer technical and financial assistance to non-euro area Member States on their path towards full membership of the euro. All EU Member States except Denmark and the United Kingdom are required by the EU Treaties to join the euro once they fulfil all conditions, but as President **Juncker** said, *"no one would be forced to do so. The strict convergence criteria for joining the euro would continue to apply"*, he explained. Today the European Commission published the latest available facts and figures on the situation of non-euro area Member States vis-à-vis meeting the convergence criteria. See President **Juncker's** statement in [EN](#), [DE](#) and [FR](#). More

information is available online in the two factsheets [covering the legal parameters](#) (also available in [DE](#)) and on the [convergence criteria](#) and facts and figures on non-euro area Member States.

- **Preparation of the Eurogroup and informal ECOFIN meetings, Tallinn 15-16 September 2017**

Commissioner **Moscovici** represented the European Commission at today's meeting of the Eurogroup. Both Vice-President **Dombrovskis** and Commissioner **Moscovici** attend the informal ECOFIN Council meetings today and tomorrow in Tallinn, Estonia. At today's Eurogroup, Ministers held a thematic discussion on ways to increase the economic resilience of Member States in the Economic and Monetary Union (EMU) in order to better withstand internal and external shocks. Ministers were also informed about the state of play of the stability support programme for Greece. Commissioner **Moscovici** participated in the press conference following the Eurogroup meeting. EU Ministers will exchange views during a working lunch on deepening the Economic and Monetary Union and maximising effectiveness of EU finances. This discussion will be followed by a working session on the same topic based on the Commission's [Reflection Paper on the deepening of the Economic and Monetary Union](#) published in May 2017. Ministers will further debate the implications of technological innovation in the area of financial regulation as part of the Capital Markets Union. On Saturday, Ministers will hold a working session on digital economy and taxation, given the importance of adapting European tax systems to the challenges of a modern economy. The discussion comes just days after President Juncker confirmed in his [State of the Union letter of intent](#) that the Commission would come forward in 2018 with a proposal for the taxation of the digital economy. In the final working session on Saturday, the ECOFIN will look at ways to increase cost efficiency and sustainability of EU customs IT systems. Vice-President **Dombrovskis** will participate in the two press conferences following the ECOFIN sessions on 15 and [16 September](#).

- **Clean, shared and intelligent mobility: Commission launches the EUROPEAN MOBILITY WEEK**

The European Commission is today launching the 16<sup>th</sup> edition of the [EUROPEAN MOBILITY WEEK](#) taking place from 16 to 22 September across more than 2000 towns and cities. The objective of the EUROPEAN **MOBILITY WEEK** is to promote sustainable urban mobility and this year edition will encourage people to use shared forms of transportation such as bicycle and car sharing under the slogan '*Sharing gets you further*'. Shared mobility solutions can indeed reduce congestion, air pollution and make a significant contribution to the decarbonisation of urban transport, which is responsible for about 23% of the EU's greenhouse gas emissions. This is essential for Europe to be "the leader when it comes to the fight against climate change" envisioned by President **Juncker** in the [State of the Union](#). The EUROPEAN **MOBILITY WEEK** will include events such as car-free days all across Europe and the second edition of the [European day without a road death](#), which aims at raising awareness on road safety. More information is available [here](#).

- **Le taux d'emplois vacants à 1,9% dans la zone euro**

Le taux d'emplois vacants s'est établi à 1,9% dans la zone euro (ZE19) au deuxième trimestre 2017, stable par rapport au trimestre précédent et en hausse par rapport au taux de 1,7% enregistré en deuxième trimestre 2016, selon les chiffres publiés par Eurostat, l'office statistique de l'Union européenne. Le taux

d'emplois vacants dans l'UE28 s'est quant à lui établi à 2,0% au deuxième trimestre 2017, en hausse par rapport au taux de 1,9% relevé au trimestre précédent et à celui de 1,8% du deuxième trimestre 2016. Un communiqué de presse est disponible [ici](#).

- **Eurostat: La croissance annuelle des coûts de la main-d'œuvre à 1,8% dans la zone euro**

Les coûts horaires de la main-d'œuvre ont augmenté de 1,8% dans la zone euro (ZE19) et de 2,2% dans l'UE28 au deuxième trimestre 2017, par rapport au même trimestre de l'année précédente. Au premier trimestre 2017, les coûts horaires de la main-d'œuvre avaient progressé de 1,4% et 1,6% respectivement. Ces données sont publiées par Eurostat, l'office statistique de l'Union européenne. Un communiqué de presse est disponible [ici](#).

- **Excédent de 23,2 milliards d'euros du commerce international de biens de la zone euro**

D'après les premières estimations pour le mois de juillet 2017, les exportations de biens de la zone euro (ZE19) vers le reste du monde se sont établies à 177,7 milliards d'euros, en hausse de 6,1% par rapport à juillet 2016 (167,6 mrd). Les importations depuis le reste du monde ont quant à elles été de 154,6 mrd d'euros, en hausse de 8,2% par rapport à juillet 2016 (142,8 mrd). En conséquence, la zone euro a enregistré en juillet 2017 un excédent de 23,2 mrd d'euros de son commerce international de biens avec le reste du monde, contre +24,8 mrd en juillet 2016. Le commerce intra-zone euro s'est établi à 145,6 mrd d'euros en juillet 2017, soit +5,6% par rapport à juillet 2016. Un communiqué de presse est disponible [ici](#).

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