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### **The June infringements package: Commission acts for full, proper and timely implementation of EU law for the benefit of citizens and businesses**

To help citizens and businesses benefit fully from the internal market, the European Commission continuously engages with and, if necessary, initiates infringement procedures against Member States which do not respect European law. The European Commission also closes pending cases where the Member State concerned, in cooperation with the Commission, has solved the problem and ensured compliance with EU law, thus rendering a referral to the Court of Justice of the EU unnecessary. This month, as part of its monthly package of infringement decisions, the Commission took a number of decisions (including on 2 letters of formal notice, 11 reasoned opinions, 5 referrals to the Court of Justice of the EU, and on 44 closures). A summary of the key decisions as well as the contact details of the relevant Spokespeople and the corresponding press releases can be found in the [fact sheet](#). On the general EU infringement procedure, a memo is also available [here](#).

### **Preparation of the Eurogroup and ECOFIN meetings, Luxembourg 16-17 June**

Vice-President **Dombrovskis** and Commissioner **Moscovici** will represent the European Commission at today's Eurogroup meeting in Luxembourg. The Eurogroup will discuss the IMF's annual review and recommendation to the euro area, inflation and exchange rate developments as well as the sustainability of pensions systems in the euro area. Commissioner **Moscovici** will participate in the [press conference](#) concluding the meeting. Vice-President **Dombrovskis**, Commissioner **Moscovici** and Commissioner **Hill** will represent the Commission at the ECOFIN meeting tomorrow, where the agenda will cover [corporate tax avoidance](#), the Banking Union, the Financial Transaction Tax, the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) and VAT. More specifically, Member States will be asked to agree on far-reaching new rules to tackle loopholes which some

multinational companies use to avoid paying their fair share of tax. An exchange of views will be held on a roadmap to strengthen the Banking Union, which will be presented by the Dutch Presidency. Ministers will also be updated on the current state-of-play on the ongoing enhanced cooperation procedure towards a Financial Transaction Tax, following today's meeting of the ten participating Member States. Ministers will discuss the latest economic package comprising the Country-Specific Recommendations (CSRs) and countries that would exit the Excessive Deficit Procedure (Cyprus, Ireland, Slovenia). They will also take stock of the first stage of deepening the Economic and Monetary Union in view of the upcoming European Council. The Commission will set out its first assessment of requests for a derogation to put in place a reverse charge mechanism for VAT in certain countries. It will also present the [first results](#) of the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI), following the June 1 Communication [Taking stock of the Investment Plan for Europe and next steps](#). Ministers will also take stock of EU progress in fighting [terrorist financing](#). Vice-President **Dombrovskis** will participate in the [press conference](#) immediately after the meeting.

### **Cohesion Policy at work: evaluation of the 2007-2013 period now underway**

Today, Regional Policy Commissioner Corina **Crețu** is in Bulgaria and is participating in the [7th European Evaluation Conference](#) in Sofia, where [the first findings](#) of the evaluation of Cohesion Policy in the 2007-2013 period are discussed. *"A lot happened during this funding period; we were hit by the biggest economic and financial crisis the Union has ever known. We welcomed three new EU Member States. And we adopted an ambitious set of goals to be met by 2020, the Europe 2020 strategy. This evaluation exercise helps us assess how Cohesion Policy managed to adapt to these demanding circumstances,"* said Commissioner **Crețu**. *"This evaluation feeds into our reflection on the future of the policy. We did the same when [we reformed Cohesion Policy for 2014-2020](#), with further concentration on key, growth-generating areas, such as support to small businesses or R&D. Now we are focusing on further simplification, greater flexibility, stronger administrative capacity and on the performance of our investments, also in the perspective of the post-2020 framework,"* she added. In 2007-2013, Cohesion Policy funds helped create 1 million jobs across the EU and directly supported almost 250,000 SMEs. More information on the first findings of the evaluation is available [here](#).

### **EUROSTAT: Demandes d'asile dans les États membres de l'UE - Le nombre de primo-demandeurs d'asile en baisse à moins de 290 000 au premier trimestre 2016 - Plus de 1 sur 3 continue de venir de Syrie**

Au cours du premier trimestre 2016 (de janvier à mars 2016), 287 100 primo-demandeurs d'asile ont introduit une demande de protection internationale dans les États membres de l'Union européenne (UE), soit un chiffre en baisse de 33% par rapport au quatrième trimestre 2015 (au cours duquel 426 000 primo-demandeurs d'asile ont été enregistrés). Avec plus de 102 000 primo-demandeurs

d'asile de janvier à mars 2016, les Syriens sont demeurés la principale nationalité des personnes sollicitant une protection internationale dans les États membres de l'UE, devant les Irakiens et les Afghans (avec chacun environ 35 000 primo-demandeurs). Ils constituent les trois principales nationalités des primo-demandeurs d'asile dans les États membres de l'UE au premier trimestre 2016, représentant 60% de l'ensemble des primo-demandeurs d'asile. Un communiqué de presse EUROSTAT est à votre disposition [en ligne](#).

### **EUROSTAT: Mai 2016 – Le taux d'inflation annuel de la zone euro et de l'UE en hausse à -0,1%**

Le taux d'inflation annuel de la zone euro s'est établi à -0,1% en mai 2016, contre -0,2% en avril. Un an auparavant, il était de 0,3%. Le taux d'inflation annuel de l'Union européenne s'est également établi à -0,1% en mai 2016, contre -0,2% en avril. Un an auparavant, il était de 0,3%. Ces chiffres sont publiés par Eurostat, l'office statistique de l'Union européenne. En mai 2016, des taux annuels négatifs ont été observés dans seize États membres. Les taux annuels les plus faibles ont été observés en Roumanie (-3,0%), en Bulgarie (-2,5%) et à Chypre (-1,9%). Les taux annuels les plus élevés ont été enregistrés en Belgique (1,6%), à Malte (1,0) ainsi qu'en Suède (0,8%). Par rapport à avril 2016, l'inflation annuelle a baissé dans neuf États membres, est restée stable dans huit et a augmenté dans onze autres. Les plus forts impacts à la hausse sur le taux d'inflation annuel de la zone euro proviennent des restaurants & cafés (+0,12 point de pourcentage) ainsi que des loyers et du tabac (+0,07 pp chacun), tandis que les carburants pour le transport (-0,53 pp), les combustibles liquides (-0,20 pp) et le gaz (-0,13 pp) ont eu les plus forts impacts à la baisse. Un communiqué de presse EUROSTAT est à votre disposition [en ligne](#).

### **EURO 2016 – European Commission launches #SupportRefugees campaign**

Ahead of World Refugee Day on 20 June, the European Commission has launched the #SupportRefugees campaign during the EURO 2016 football championship, with the support of international football stars Marouane Fellaini and Anja Mittag as goodwill ambassadors. The information campaign has one key aim: to raise awareness of the situation of the 60 million displaced men, women and children worldwide and the support they are being provided. *"For millions of fans, football is their life. For millions of refugees, life is about survival. Sports and especially football have a long heritage of promoting good causes and socially constructive messages. The footballers – who have given their time freely for the campaign – will help us to spread the word about the positive and important work the EU is doing to support refugees."* said EU Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management, Christos **Stylianides**. In 2016, the European Union is providing over €1 billion in lifesaving humanitarian assistance for refugees worldwide. This funding provides vital access to shelter, food, healthcare, sanitation, education and other essential services. Watch the video [here](#). Read more about the campaign on the [website](#).

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