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- **Commission adopts Communication on next operational steps with Turkey on migration and Report on relocation and resettlement**

Today the Commission set out its contribution to Thursday's European Council and Friday's meeting of the EU Heads of State or Government with the Turkish Prime Minister. In a Communication on the next operational steps in EU-Turkey cooperation in the field of migration, the Commission outlines the legal, operational and financial details of how the deal agreed in principle at the 7 March meeting with Turkey could be feasible. The Commission is also today reporting on the progress made on relocation and resettlement commitments. Today's Report includes recommendations for how to improve the implementation of the temporary emergency relocation scheme and the European resettlement scheme. The College of Commissioners also discussed what longer term measures need to be taken, notably as regards improvements to the current system for deciding which Member State is responsible for dealing with an asylum claim (the Dublin System). Following today's Orientation Debate, the College will set out its strategic vision of possible reform options on 6 April. Press releases on the [Communication](#) and the [Report](#) can be found here. Relocation and resettlement factsheets can be found here in [English](#), [French](#) and [German](#).

- **Steel industry: Commission takes action to preserve sustainable jobs and growth in Europe**

The European Commission has presented today a [Communication](#) setting out how the short-term and long-term challenges of the EU steel sector can be addressed with the support of Member States and the EU institutions. A joint effort is needed to overcome serious challenges fuelled by global overcapacity, a dramatic increase of exports and an unprecedented wave of unfair trading practices. High energy costs and changing market conditions require energy-intensive industries to adapt and innovate to ensure their long-term competitiveness and sustainability. The Commission is taking and will continue to take action to accompany that process. In addition to the ongoing efforts and measures already taken by the Commission, the Communication "Steel: Preserving sustainable jobs and growth in Europe" calls on the Parliament and Council to urgently move on the [trade defence modernisation proposal](#) put forward in 2013, indicates the Commission's readiness to propose further legislative action quickly to speed up the overall procedure for trade defence measures and modify the use of the lesser duty rule, and invites stakeholders to provide input on whether and how the EU should change the treatment of China in anti-dumping investigations after December 2016. To guarantee the long-term competitiveness and sustainability of energy-intensive industries like steel, the Commission stands ready to give targeted advice to industry and Member States to make sure that state aid and EU funding possibilities are fully exploited. A read-out by *First Vice-President Frans Timmermans* of today's College meeting is taking place today and can be followed live on [EbS](#). A [press release](#) and a [memo](#) are available online.

- **EU steps up humanitarian assistance for Ukraine by €20 million**

Today the European Commission is increasing its humanitarian response to help people affected by the conflict in eastern Ukraine, with a new humanitarian aid package worth €20 million. The announcement comes as European Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management *Christos Stylianides* arrives in the country for a visit from 16-18 March 2016. A press release is available [here](#).

- **EU institutions and social partners gather at Tripartite Social Summit for Growth and Employment**

This afternoon, the Tripartite Social Summit for Growth and Employment will take place in Brussels, bringing together European employer and employee representatives ("social partners"), the European Commission, the European Council and representatives of the European Parliament, as well as the EU



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Heads of State or Government and Employment and Social Affairs Ministers from the countries holding the current and future EU Council Presidencies. The spring Tripartite Social Summit will focus on "A strong partnership for job creation and inclusive growth – taking stock of the new start for social dialogue". One year ago, the [high-level conference "New Start for Social Dialogue"](#) marked the beginning of a renewed partnership between social partners and EU Institutions, and showed the importance of European social dialogue in addressing today's economic and social challenges. Today's Summit will be an opportunity to take stock of what has been achieved so far and which challenges lie ahead. In addition, participants are invited to express their views on the implementation of country specific recommendations and the recommendations for the euro area, on the progress made and the role of the social partners in the integration of refugees into the labour market and on the challenges for the labour market and skills arising from digitalisation of the economy. Finally, the Summit will also be an opportunity to present the social partners the first outline of the [European Pillar of Social Rights](#) in more detail, given their key role in the consultation process. The Commission will be represented by President **Juncker**, who will give a speech at the opening of the Summit, Vice-President for the Euro and Social Dialogue Valdis **Dombrovskis** and Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility Marianne **Thyssen**. The press conference will take place today at 19:00 and can be followed on [EBS](#). A joint statement will be made available [here](#), and a memo taking stock of the first year following a new start for social dialogue [here](#). The programme of the Summit can be found [here](#).

- **Production in construction up by 3.6% in euro area - Up by 1.6% in EU28**

In January 2016 compared with December 2015, seasonally adjusted production in the construction sector increased by 3.6% in the euro area (EA19) and by 1.6% in the EU28, according to first estimates from Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union. In December 2015, production in construction fell by 0.7% in the euro area and by 0.1% in the EU28. A Eurostat press release is available [here](#)

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