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- **Facility for Refugees in Turkey: reaching cruising speed**

Ahead of the European Council on 20/21 October, President **Juncker** informed the EU heads of state or government that six months into implementation the Facility for Refugees in Turkey is delivering fully and is helping to secure livelihoods and create opportunities for the refugees hosted by the country. In a [letter](#) sent to the leaders, President **Juncker** stressed: *"Operations under the Facility have reached cruising speed quickly, and recent weeks have brought several significant breakthroughs in its implementation. The total amount of funding allocated under the Facility now stands at over € 2.2 billion, with over € 1.2 billion already awarded via concrete contracts. Of this, €467 million has been disbursed to the implementing partners. The balance will be paid progressively as the implementation of the projects advances. Crucially, the funding from the Facility is making a real, tangible difference to the lives of the over three million refugees hosted by Turkey."* More information on how the Facility works and on the state of play of our assistance can be found on the [factsheet](#). Details of the projects of the Facility can be found [here](#).

- **EU announces €50 million in support for Cape Verde for growth and poverty reduction**

Today Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development, Neven **Mimica**, and Cape Verde's Minister for Foreign Affairs and Communities, Mr Luís Felipe Tavares, will sign an agreement which will provide €50 million to Cape Verde. The signature will take place in the presence of European Commission President Jean-Claude **Juncker** and the President of Cape Verde José Ulisses de Pina Correia e Silva. Ahead of the signature, Commissioner Mimica said: "The EU will continue to support Cape Verde's government in tackling their challenges, to reduce poverty, make their economy more competitive and strengthen their relationship with the European Union. We have a special partnership with Cape Verde, which is based on the history of our continued support and on our shared values. The signature of the new €50 million financing agreement for good governance and development illustrates the EU's ongoing commitment." A full press release will be available [online](#) after the signature.

- **EU signs agreement with the US to foster research cooperation**

The European Commission and the US Government are signing an agreement today which will enable European and American researchers to work together more closely on projects funded under [Horizon 2020](#), the EU's research and innovation programme. Carlos **Moedas**, European Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation, said: *"Bright ideas should know no boundaries, so European research and innovation is open to the world for collaboration. This agreement means that the best talent on both sides of the Atlantic will be able to work even closer together on tackling the global challenges that our societies are facing."* With this agreement, researchers respectively funded by the US and the EU will be able to organise their cooperation outside the formal Horizon 2020 Grant Agreement signed for each project. The agreement will be signed in Brussels at approximately [12.30 CET](#) by Commissioner **Moedas** and H.E. Anthony L. Gardner, US Ambassador to the EU. It is another key step in support of the Commission's [policy](#) of making European research and innovation [Open to the World](#). More information on the agreement is available [online](#).

- **Excellency in reporting on diversity – a new European prize for journalists**

The European Commission will announce today in Dublin the winners of the European Journalist Awards on Diversity. It is the first edition of the EU-wide award which is one of the follow-up actions announced in the [conclusions](#) of the [1st Fundamental Rights Colloquium](#) that took place in Brussels last year. In line with the theme of the Colloquium, the articles selected focused on "Promoting social acceptance and diversity of all faiths and beliefs". The articles were published over the past 1-2 years in all 28 EU Member States and they all showcase examples of print and online journalism promoting diversity and combatting discrimination. The jury was made up of experts on journalism and equality, as well as European Commission staff. All winning articles will be presented [here](#). Tomorrow, the [7th Annual Forum of Diversity Charters](#) will bring together businesses, academics and policymakers in Dublin to discuss how diversity can be better promoted. Participants will exchange on how diversity can be put in practice in the workplace, or how to better measure the impact of diversity policies.

- **Mergers: Commission clears joint acquisition of a hospital concession and parking in Portugal by Talanx and Aberdeen**

The European Commission has approved under the EU Merger Regulation the proposed acquisition of Escala Vila Franca – Sociedade Gestora do Edifício, S.A. and PNH – Parque do Novo Hospital, S.A., both of Portugal, by Talanx AG of Germany, together with the current parent Aberdeen Infrastructure (HoldCo) B.V. of The Netherlands. Escala Vila Franca is the concession holder for the management, conservation and maintenance of the infrastructure of the Vila Franca Hospital, in Portugal, and PNH Parque is responsible for the parking space of this hospital. Talanx operates in primary insurance and reinsurance in about 150 countries. Aberdeen is an investment fund with equity investments in the sectors of transport, health, accommodation, waste and rail. The Commission concluded that the proposed acquisition would raise no competition concerns, because Talanx is currently not active in the concession of such hospital infrastructure. 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.8174](#).

- **EUROSTAT: septembre 2016 – Le taux d'inflation annuel de la zone euro en hausse à 0,4%**

Le taux d'inflation annuel de la zone euro s'est établi à 0,4% en septembre 2016, contre 0,2% en août. Un an auparavant, il était de -0,1%. Le taux d'inflation annuel de l'Union européenne s'est également établi à 0,4% en septembre 2016, contre 0,3% en août. Un an auparavant, il était de -0,1%. Ces chiffres sont publiés par Eurostat, l'office statistique de l'Union européenne. Un communiqué de presse EUROSTAT est disponible [en ligne](#).

- **EUROSTAT: 17 octobre: journée internationale pour l'élimination de la pauvreté – La proportion de personnes menacées de pauvreté ou d'exclusion sociale dans l'UE retrouve son niveau d'avant crise**

En 2015, environ 119 millions de personnes, soit 23,7% de la population, dans l'Union européenne (UE) étaient menacées de pauvreté ou d'exclusion sociale. Cela signifie que ces personnes étaient affectées par au moins une des trois conditions suivantes: en risque de pauvreté après transferts sociaux (pauvreté monétaire), en situation de privation matérielle sévère ou vivant dans des ménages à très faible intensité de travail. Après trois années consécutives de hausses entre 2009 et 2012 pour atteindre près de 25%, la proportion de personnes menacées de pauvreté ou d'exclusion sociale dans l'UE a depuis continuellement baissé pour retrouver son niveau de 2008 (23,7%). La réduction du nombre de personnes confrontées dans l'UE au risque de pauvreté ou d'exclusion sociale est l'un des objectifs clés de la stratégie Europe 2020. Un communiqué de presse EUROSTAT est disponible [en ligne](#).

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