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- **Bratislava Declaration and Roadmap**

On Friday, 16 September, European Commission President, Jean-Claude **Juncker**, took part in the informal meeting of the EU 27 Heads of State or Government. The meeting agreed the [Bratislava Declaration and Road Map](#), which set out clear priorities for action over the next 12 months. Speaking alongside Slovak Prime Minister, Robert Fico, and European Council President, Donald Tusk, following the meeting, President **Juncker** welcomed the firm backing that EU leaders have given to the new initiatives he announced in this week's [State of the Union speech](#). In particular, President **Juncker** highlighted the unanimous support for the new package of measures promoting the [EU's Digital Single Market](#), which the Commission adopted on the same day as the State of the Union. These measures would contribute to Europe's "modernisation, economic growth and creation of new jobs", said the President. EU leaders also endorsed the Commission's proposals to expand the [Investment Plan for Europe](#), which has already mobilised €116 billion of new investment in its first year.

- **Commission awards €108 million in support to Bulgaria for border and migration management**

Following the announcement made by President **Juncker** at the [press conference](#) after the Informal Meeting of the EU 27 Heads of State or Government in Bratislava on 16 September as well as on-going contacts with the Bulgarian authorities over the past months, the European Commission fast-tracked requests for funding received from the Bulgarian authorities on Thursday evening and on Friday decided to award €108 million in emergency funding. The funding will be used to strengthen the management of migration flows and strengthen border surveillance and border control activities. The funding will be used to strengthen the management of migration flows, increase reception capacities and the capacities of the asylum service as well as strengthen border surveillance and border control activities. A press release is available [here](#).

- **Investment Plan for Europe: Investment Plan for Europe: EUR 100 million to support Research, Development and Innovation**

The European Investment Bank (EIB) is providing a EUR 100 million loan to Bonnier AB, a Swedish media and publishing company. The loan is designed to support the company's RDI efforts. This is the third transaction in Sweden benefitting from the support of the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI), the heart of the Investment Plan for Europe. For more information see [here](#)

- **Joint Statement on CETA by Commissioner Malmström and Canada's Minister of International Trade Chrystia Freeland**

Ahead of this week's meeting of EU Trade Ministers in Bratislava, Commissioner **Malmström** and her Canadian counterpart Chrystia Freeland have underlined the progressive and forward-looking nature of the EU-Canada Comprehensive Trade and Economic Agreement (CETA), which will set a new standard for international trade. In a joint statement, the two stressed that *"Now is the time to build bridges, not walls"*, adding: *"We look forward to meeting this week in Bratislava, Slovakia with colleagues from all the 28 EU Member States to discuss CETA's benefits. We understand that some concerns remain that need to be clarified. Where formal clarifications are needed to allay concerns we are committed to providing these, including confirming our shared views on the delivery of public services, labour rights and environmental protection. We also have a strong, shared commitment to monitor carefully the improved investment dispute settlement mechanism included in CETA to ensure it operates in a truly independent manner."* Read the full statement [here](#). Also, today in Brussels, Commissioner **Malmström** will participate in a [Civil Society Dialogue](#) on the benefits for citizens of CETA, where over 160 representatives of civil society organisations have registered to participate. At the event, which will be [livestreamed here](#), the Commissioner will deliver a speech, which will be available [here](#) at around 15:00 CET today.

- **EU at the United Nations' General Assembly – Day 1**

Ahead of today's UN Summit on large movements of refugees and migrants as well as a busy Ministerial Week of the [71st United Nations General Assembly](#) in New York City, First Vice-President Frans **Timmermans** met on Sunday, together with the President of the European Council Donald Tusk, the UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon. In their discussions they underlined the need to enhance global responsibility sharing to better manage the migration challenge. They also discussed the need to combat climate change and the strong commitment of the EU to the Paris Agreement. Vice-President Kristalina **Georgieva** participated in the event co-hosted by Estonia, the Council of Europe and UNICEF "Carry a light for every child on the move - a right to be safe, a right to a home". The work in New York City will continue today when the high-level European Union delegation will participate in the UN Summit; the EU is also hosting a side event Investing in partnership: the new investment plan to address root causes of migration and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, where High Representative/Vice-President Federica **Mogherini** and Vice-President **Georgieva** will speak. Commissioner **Avramopoulos** will speak at the [High Level Meeting on large movements of refugees and migrants](#), addressing in particular vulnerabilities of refugees and migrants. Audio-visual coverage of all events on [EBS](#).

- **EUROSTAT: La production dans le secteur de la construction en hausse de 1,8% dans la zone euro**

En juillet 2016 par rapport à juin 2016, la production dans le secteur de la construction, corrigée des variations saisonnières, a augmenté de 1,8% dans la zone euro (ZE19) et de 1,1% dans l'UE28, selon les premières estimations d'Eurostat, l'office statistique de l'Union européenne. En juin 2016, la production dans le secteur de la construction avait augmenté de 0,3% dans la zone euro et était restée stable dans l'UE28. Un communiqué de presse est [disponible ici](#).

- **EUROSTAT: Excédent de 8,4 milliards d'euros des échanges courants de l'UE28**

Le compte des opérations courantes de la balance des paiements de l'UE28, corrigé des variations saisonnières, a enregistré un excédent de 8,4 milliards d'euros en juillet 2016, contre des excédents de 15,2 mrd en juin 2016 et de 10,3 mrd en

juillet 2015, selon les estimations d'Eurostat, l'office statistique de l'Union européenne. Un communiqué de presse est [disponible ici](#).

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