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- **As a joint initiative with the EU, International Alliance for Torture-Free Trade is launched**

The International Alliance for Torture-Free Trade was launched on Monday during the United Nations General Assembly ministerial week in New York. The initiative – a joint effort by the European Union, Argentina and Mongolia, with a total of 58 participating countries – aims to stop the trade in goods used to carry out the death penalty and commit torture. More information [here](#) and at <http://torturefreetrade.org>

- **EU at UN General Assembly: Full day of activities**

On the first full day of events and bilateral meetings at the 72<sup>nd</sup> UN General Assembly ministerial week on Monday in New York, First Vice-President **Timmermans** addressed the World Economic Forum Sustainable Development Impact Summit, highlighting the importance of education, as well as the [high-level launch event of the Equal Pay International Coalition](#), where he underlined the need of empowering women through education and ensuring undifferentiated treatment of girls and boys from birth. He further had an [interactive discussion on democracy and media at Columbia University](#). High Representative/Vice-President Federica **Mogherini** took part in the ministerial meeting of the like-minded group on Syria, hosted by US Secretary of State Rex Tillerson. She also attended a high level meeting on the G5 Sahel, organised by UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres, and [spoke at the Ad-hoc Liaison Committee for Palestine](#) together with Commissioner Johannes **Hahn**. She chaired an [informal meeting of EU Foreign Ministers](#) who were joined by the UN Special Representative of the Secretary General for Libya Ghassan Salamé; Commissioner Hahn also participated. Commissioner Neven **Mimica** hosted a meeting of the Scaling up Nutrition Movement Lead Group and addressed the UN Private Sector Forum 2017 on the financing of the 2030 Agenda. Commissioner Chrystos **Stylianides** delivered a [speech on Hurricane Irma](#) and spoke at an event on [Rebuilding Shattered Lives and Communities: Chibok and Yazidi Girls and Women](#), where he pointed out that women and girls are the most vulnerable people in conflicts and crises. As the leader of the global initiative on gender-based violence protection, the EU is dedicating more than €200 million per year in humanitarian aid to related healthcare. Commissioner Dimitris **Avramopoulos** underlined the important need

for a global approach on cybersecurity at a high-level event on [the role and responsibilities of private actors in strengthening the stability and international security of cyberspace](#). The EU's agenda at #UNGA on Tuesday will be dominated by further multilateral and a high number of bilateral meetings as well as the annual EU event, this year dedicated to the [Erasmus programme](#).

- **Eurostat clarifies how to record energy performance contracts in national accounts**

Eurostat, the [Statistical Office of the European Commission](#), has published today an updated guidance note on the recording of energy performance contracts (EPCs) in government accounts. The revised guidance note clarifies the accounting rules applied to the treatment of energy performance contracts. It note follows up on the work already undertaken by Eurostat to clarify the accounting rules for various types of public investment, including the [Guide to the Statistical Treatment of Public Private Partnerships](#) published last year. Energy performance contracts in the public sector offer a practical solution to make public buildings and other public infrastructures more energy efficient, as the initial investment can be covered by a private partner and repaid by guaranteed energy savings. However, frequently this type of contract simultaneously contains elements of a rental, service, lease, purchase or loan agreement, making its recording complex. At the request of Member States, Eurostat has worked with National Statistical Institutes (NSIs) to reflect on the most appropriate recording of EPCs in government accounts, resulting in the guidance note published today. More information can be found in a [press release](#) and [memo](#) online. The guidance note is available to download [here](#).

- **Eurostat: Juillet 2017 comparé à juin 2017: La production dans le secteur de la construction en hausse de 0,2% dans la zone euro, en hausse de 0,5% dans l'UE28**

En juillet 2017 par rapport à juin 2017, la production dans le secteur de la construction, corrigée des variations saisonnières, a augmenté de 0,2% dans la zone euro (ZE19) et de 0,5% dans l'UE28, selon les premières estimations d'Eurostat, l'office statistique de l'Union européenne. En juin 2017, la production dans le secteur de la construction avait augmenté de 0,2% dans la zone euro et de 0,3% dans l'UE28. En juillet 2017 par rapport à juillet 2016, la production dans le secteur de la construction a progressé de 3,4% dans la zone euro et de 3,6% dans l'UE28. Un communiqué de presse Eurostat est à votre disposition [en ligne](#).

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