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- **The EU Cohesion Policy invests in the industrial modernisation of the Portuguese region of Alentejo**

€23.5 million from [the European Regional Development Fund \(ERDF\)](#) is invested in the upgrade of the production facilities of aviation manufacturer Embraer Portugal, established in the city of Évora, in the region of Alentejo. This investment will boost the company's innovation capacity, allowing it to produce metallic components for the next generation of Embraer jets, more resource efficient. 100% of the site's production will be exported. The project will indeed contribute to the development of an emerging aerospace cluster in the region and create 200 direct jobs in the first years of its implementation. More information on the European Structural and Investment Fund in Portugal can be found [here](#) and on the [Cohesion Open Data Platform](#).

- **Juncker Plan: More than EUR 200 billion in investments set to be triggered; changes enhance accessibility of European Investment Project Portal**

Following last week's meeting of the European Investment Bank's (EIB) Board of Directors, the [Juncker Plan](#) is now expected to trigger EUR 209 billion in investments across all 28 Member States. This represents two-thirds of the original EUR 315 billion target of total investments to be mobilised by the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI). The operations approved under the EFSI now represent a total financing volume of just under EUR 39 billion. Given its continued success, President **Juncker** has made it clear that the [proposal to extend and reinforce the EFSI](#) (the so-called "EFSI 2.0") is among the Commission's top legislative priorities. The Juncker Plan also aims to enhance the visibility of investment projects. To this end, the [European Investment Project Portal](#) (EIPP) acts as a match-making platform to connect project promoters with investors. In order to make it even easier for project promoters to highlight investment opportunities, the EIPP has now reduced the threshold for eligible projects from

EUR 5 million to EUR 1 million and withdrawn the registration fee required to upload projects.

- **Integration: New Skills Profile tool to help non-EU nationals enter the labour market**

On the occasion of the [World Refugee Day](#), the European Commission is today releasing the '[EU Skills Profile Tool for Third-Country Nationals](#)'. It is an off – and online web editor that will make it possible for non-EU nationals to present their skills, qualifications, and experiences in a way that is well understood by employers, education and training providers and organisations working with migrants across the whole European Union. The Skills Profile Tool will be a first instrument for reception centres, integration services, public employment services and other organisations offering services to non-EU nationals to make sure their skills and education are recognised, and to further guide them to training, education or employment. In addition to giving an overview of a non-EU national's skills profile – comparable with a CV – the tool helps migration organisations to identify individuals' specific needs for integration into the labour market. Ultimately this will simplify the process of matching jobseekers to vacancies. The Skills Profile Tool is part of one of the ten actions defined under the [New Skills Agenda for Europe](#). More information can be found in the [press release](#) and [memo](#) online.

- **Innovation: Europe is on right track but significant differences still exist among Member States**

The EU is catching up with Canada and the US in terms of innovation performance, while the situation within Europe presents a more mixed picture, with innovation improving in 15 out of 28 Member States last year. These are some of the findings of the 2017 annual Innovation Scoreboard, which pit Sweden, followed by Denmark, Finland, the Netherlands, the UK and Germany as the leaders in innovation in Europe. The fastest growing innovators last year were Lithuania, Malta, the Netherlands, Austria and the UK. Carlos **Moedas**, Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation, added: *"The Scoreboard shows that still more can be done to improve research and innovation performance. That's why we're gearing up support to breakthrough innovators through the pilot European Innovation Council under the EU's Horizon 2020 research and innovation framework programme."* The 2017 Scoreboard also confirms that countries that perform well overall also tend to do well in specific areas of innovation, showing that a balanced innovation system – with sufficient investments, developed human resources and a supportive research and innovation environment – is the key to perform well across all dimensions. The Scoreboard also includes a regional innovation analysis, which shows that new regional innovative hubs are also on the rise in places like Prague, Bratislava or the Basque Country. A [press release](#) and [MEMO](#) are available online.

- **Eurostat: Structure de la dette publique en 2016 - Dette principalement détenue par les non-résidents dans la moitié des États membres de l'UE**

Des différences importantes peuvent être observées dans l'Union européenne (UE) s'agissant du secteur détenteur de la dette publique. Parmi les États membres pour lesquels des données sont disponibles, la proportion la plus élevée de la dette publique détenue par les non-résidents en 2016 a été enregistrées à Chypre (79%), suivie par la Lettonie (72%), l'Autriche (71%), la Finlande (70%) et la Lituanie (69%). À l'inverse, la plus grande part de la dette détenue par le secteur (résident) des sociétés financières a été enregistrée au Danemark (67%), devant la Suède (64%), le Luxembourg (63%), la Croatie, l'Italie et Malte (62% chacun). Un communiqué de presse est disponible [ici](#).

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