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- **President Juncker participates in the European Council meeting in Brussels on 20 and 21 October**

Today and tomorrow, President Juncker is participating in the meeting of the European Council. Heads of State or Government of the European Union will discuss the implementation of the agenda set out by President Juncker in his speech on the [State of the Union](#), officially welcomed by Member States during the Bratislava meeting in September. The agenda will focus on migration, including the work carried out by the Commission to implement the EU-Turkey Statement, work with third countries of transit and origin on Migration Partnerships and the swift operationalisation of the European Border and Coast Guard. EU leaders will also discuss trade, including the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement with Canada (CETA), in the context of its importance for growth and jobs across the EU. Other topics are expected to include the Investment Plan for Europe, the ratification of the Paris Agreement, and external relations – in particular relations with Russia and the situation in Syria.

- **€2.5 billion available for Erasmus+ in 2017, a 13% increase compared to 2016 and record rise since the start of the Erasmus+ programme**

Today, the European Commission published its [2017 Call for Proposals](#) for [Erasmus+](#), the European Union's programme for education, training, youth and sport. For 2017, funds available for the programme have increased by almost €300 million compared to 2016, also representing a record annual rise of funds since the first year of the Erasmus+ programme (2014). This will benefit Erasmus students, but also teachers, apprentices, volunteers and young people involved in sport projects, while also supporting cooperation between education institutions, youth organisations and businesses. As in 2016, priority will be

given to projects promoting social inclusion. The increase in budget is an acknowledgement of the positive impact of the programme on the lives and personal projects of people all over Europe. As the European Commission's President Jean-Claude Juncker highlighted in his annual [State of the European Union speech](#) on 14 September, Erasmus+ is of major importance as it gives people the chance to move, travel, work, study and train in countries across the EU. The funds available for 2017 will also be used to implement the [European Solidarity Corps](#) announced in the same speech. From today, organisations wishing to apply for funds can start to prepare their grant applications. More background information is available [online](#).

- **Commission puts forward commitments to reach global targets in sustainable urban development**

The [New Urban Agenda](#), adopted at the [U.N. Habitat III Conference](#) taking place this week in Quito, Ecuador, contains guidelines to make cities all over the world more inclusive, green, safe and prosperous. U.N. Habitat partners, including the EU and its Member States, presented commitments to implement the New Urban Agenda, each with a specific scope and expected achievements and deliverables. The EU's three commitments are: 1 - Delivering the New Urban Agenda through the [Urban Agenda for the EU](#) 2 - Developing a global, harmonised definition of cities and 3 - Fostering cooperation between cities in the field of sustainable urban development. A full press release is available [here](#). More information on [EU urban policy](#) is available online.

- **Eurostat: Almost 1 adult in 6 in the EU is considered obese**

While 46.1% of those aged 18 or over living in the European Union (EU) had a normal weight in 2014, slightly more than half of the adults (51.6%) were considered as over-weight (35.7% pre-obese and 15.9% obese) and a further 2.3% as under-weight. In other words, nearly 1 in every 6 persons aged 18 or over in the EU was obese in 2014. Obesity is a serious public health problem that can be statistically measured using the Body Mass Index (BMI) of adults. Obesity is defined as a BMI of 30 or over. A Eurostat press release is available [here](#).

- **Eurostat: EU28 current account surplus €13.5 bn**

The EU28 seasonally adjusted current account of the balance of payments recorded a surplus of €13.5 bn in August 2016, compared with surpluses of €11.3 bn in July 2016 and €8.2 bn in August 2015, according to estimates from Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union. A press release is available [here](#).

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