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Commission confirms decision to approve Banif resolution asset transfer

The European Commission has confirmed its approval of support granted by Portugal to Portuguese Banco Internacional do Funchal (Banif), in the context of its resolution [in December 2015](#), for the transfer of impaired assets from Banif to Oitante, a special purpose asset management vehicle owned by the Portuguese Resolution Fund. In December 2015, in view of the urgency, the Commission approved the transfer to Oitante temporarily pending a final assessment of the aid involved in the asset transfer. All other aid measures taken by the Portuguese authorities in the resolution of Banif already received definitive approval as part of the December 2015 decision and did not require further assessment. The Commission decision of December 2015 therefore remains in force. Today's decision is simply a final confirmation that one of the measures taken by the Portuguese authorities to resolve Banif, notably the aid included in the transfer of assets to Oitante, complied with EU state aid rules. More information will be available in the [State Aid Register](#) on the [DG Competition website](#) once any confidentiality issues have been resolved, under the case number SA.43977.

Commissioners Navracsics, Thyssen and Oettinger to attend the Education, Youth, Culture and Sport Council

This morning, Commissioner **Navracsics**, in charge of Education, Culture, Youth and Sport, discussed with Youth Ministers ways to engage with and support young people in the EU. Ministers adopted conclusions on promoting new approaches in youth work, which has a vital role in helping young people fulfil their potential. Both sides also exchanged views on the upcoming Youth Initiative, stressing the important role of young people in building a strong Europe. The Council will also adopt conclusions on the [prevention of radicalisation leading to violent extremism](#) following the Commission's communication on the issue. Commissioner **Thyssen**, in charge of Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility will participate and strongly support the political agreement that is due to be reached by the Council today on the [Upskilling Pathways initiative](#) which was presented in June under the new [Skills Agenda for Europe](#). Commissioner **Oettinger**, in charge of the Digital Economy and Society, will participate in the second day of the Council. Ministers will look at ongoing

work on the [Commission's proposal to update the Audiovisual Media Services Directive](#) and adopt a progress report. Culture Ministers are also expected to agree on a general approach on the Commission's proposal to make 2018 the European Year of Cultural Heritage.

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