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- **Protecting Europeans: European Council of 22-23 June focuses on security and borders, defence, trade and economic development**

At the meeting of the European Council of 22-23 June, EU leaders welcomed the encouraging return to economic growth to all 28 Member States, underlined the importance of the Union's comprehensive strategy on migration and committed to stepping up work on defence and security. Speaking of the Commission's concrete proposals on defence, President **Juncker** said at yesterday's press conference: *"The proposal to create a Defence Fund is necessary — because in Europe we have 178 types of weapon systems, whereas the U.S. have 30. [...] there is room for improvement and that is exactly what we decided today."* Today, EU Heads of State or Government also discussed how to unlock the potential of the Single Market, as well as trade and industry, while ensuring that the benefits reach all parts of society. Speaking at today's press conference, President **Juncker** underlined the improving economic situation in Europe: *"We have good news. Unemployment is going down, employment is improving, growth is picking up, [...] The fiscal deficit is decreasing: in 2011, we had 24 countries in the Excessive Deficit Procedure, we are left now with four countries. This is a tremendous achievement [...]"* President **Juncker** also called on Member States to step up their contributions to the EU-Africa Trust Fund and reiterated that trade needs to be free, but fair. President **Juncker's** remarks will be available online and a recording of both press conferences ([yesterday](#) and [today](#)) are available on [EbS](#). Today, the Commission published first key findings of the [Standard Eurobarometer Survey](#). These show that today, almost half of Europeans believe the economic situation is good in their country (while it was only 20% back in 2009) and that optimism is on the rise regarding the Future of the Union (56% say they are optimistic which is +6 percentage points up in the last 6 months).

- **Commission to invest 2.7 billion Euro in transport sector**

Today the European Commission is proposing to invest €2.7 billion in 152 key transport projects that support competitive, clean and connected mobility in Europe. In doing so, the Commission is delivering on its [Investment Plan for Europe](#) and on Europe's connectivity including the recent "[Europe on the Move](#)" agenda. [Selected projects](#) will contribute to modernising rail lines, removing

bottlenecks and improving cross-border connections, installing alternative fuel supply points, as well as implementing innovative traffic management solutions. This investment is made under the [Connecting Europe Facility](#), the EU's financial mechanism supporting infrastructure networks, and will unlock €4.7 billion of public and private co-financing. Under the Connecting Europe Facility, €23.2 billion is available from the EU's 2014-2020 budget to co-fund [trans-European transport network](#) (TEN-T) projects in the EU Member States. A [full press release](#) in all languages, a [Q&A](#) and [factsheets for each country](#) are available online.

- **7ème Forum sur la Cohésion: cap sur l'après 2020**

Lundi et mardi aura lieu à Bruxelles le [7ème Forum sur la Cohésion](#). Ce rendez-vous majeur, organisé tous les trois ans, réunira près de 700 acteurs de la politique de Cohésion, représentants des institutions européennes, des Etats membres, partenaires économiques et sociaux, universitaires et autorités régionales et locales. Tous se rencontreront pour débattre de la politique de Cohésion après 2020, alors que la préparation du futur cadre budgétaire est en cours, avec un document de réflexion de la Commission sur le futur des finances de l'UE prévu d'ici à la fin du mois. Le président de la Commission européenne, Jean-Claude **Juncker**, le président du Parlement européen, Antonio Tajani, et le Premier ministre maltais, Joseph Muscat, prendront chacun la parole pendant ces deux jours durant lesquels seront organisés de nombreux ateliers et conférences sur, notamment, la simplification des règles, les investissements de l'UE dans l'innovation, dans la réduction des disparités géographiques ou le soutien aux réformes structurelles. Le Vice-président de la Commission chargé de l'emploi, de la croissance, de l'investissement et de la compétitivité, Jyrki **Katainen** ouvrira ce Forum, qui sera clôturé par la Commissaire à la politique régionale Corina **Crețu**, et au cours duquel interviendront les Commissaires Günther H. **Oettinger**, Phil **Hogan**, Marianne **Thyssen**, Karmenu **Vella** et Pierre **Moscovici**. Le programme complet du Forum est disponible [ici](#). Toutes les sessions sont diffusées en direct [ici](#) et ouvertes à la presse. Un point presse avec la Commissaire **Crețu**, le Président du Comité des Régions Markku Markkula et la présidente du comité sur le Développement régional (REGI) du Parlement européen, Iskra Mihaylova, aura lieu lundi à midi, en salle Jenkins du bâtiment Charlemagne.

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