



RAPID

EDIÇÃO DA REPRESENTAÇÃO DA COMISSÃO EUROPEIA EM PORTUGAL

COMUNICADO DE IMPRENSA

Lisboa, 23 de janeiro de 2018

- **Boost of €100 million for microfinance and social enterprises in Europe from the Investment Plan for Europe**

Investment in microfinance and social enterprises is set to receive a significant boost. The EU's financing programme for [Employment and Social Innovation \(EaSI\)](#) will receive an additional €100 million for its Guarantee scheme from the [European Fund for Strategic Investments \(EFSI\)](#), the core of the Investment Plan for Europe. The financial support comes on top of the original EaSI Guarantee instrument worth €96 million, for a combined overall investment of €196 million. In order to continue to highlight the need for investment in social infrastructure, a High-Level Task Force on "Investing in social infrastructure in Europe" was set up in January 2017 on the initiative of the European Association of Long Term Investors. Today the Task Force, chaired by former Commission President Romano Prodi and former French Minister Christian Sautter, presented its [report](#) at the Commission in the presence of Vice-President **Katainen**.

- **EU risk assessments in food sector: EC launching public consultation on transparency**

The European Commission is launching today a public consultation on the transparency and the independence of risk assessments and scientific studies as a follow-up to its response to the [European Citizens' Initiative \(ECI\)](#) on glyphosate. The public consultation is also based on the current [evaluation of the General Food Law](#). The consultation will remain open until 20 March 2018 and is available [here](#).

- **Commission welcomes progress in approval of the modernised EU's trade defence rules**

Today, the international trade committee of the European Parliament endorsed the [political agreement](#) reached between the Commission, the Council and the European Parliament on 5 December 2017 on the modernisation of the EU's trade defence instruments. The changes to the EU's anti-dumping and anti-subsidy regulations will make the EU's trade defence instruments more adapted to the

challenges of the global economy: they'll become more effective, transparent and easier to use for companies. In some cases they will also enable the EU to impose higher duties on dumped products. The [details of the agreement](#) reached in December are now presented in a dedicated factsheet. The new rules will enter into force once the European Parliament and the Council conclude the respective ongoing approval procedures.

- **Publication of latest agri-food trade figures: EU remains a strong exporter of agri-food products**

Published today by the European Commission, the latest monthly trade report shows that the value of EU agri-food exports reached €12.7 billion in November 2017. With EU agri-food imports at a value of €10 billion, the latest monthly trade balance is now at about €2.7 billion. For the 12-months period November 2016 to November 2017, EU agri-food exports increased by 5.6 % in value terms, compared to the same period one year ago. Major gains in annual values have been achieved in agri-food exports to the USA, Russia and several Asian markets: China, Japan, Korea and Hong Kong. Wine, milk powder and infant food have had good export performance over the last 12 months. EU agri-food imports increased the most for palm oil oilseeds and unroasted coffee and tea. The [full report](#) is online.

Para mais informações sobre assuntos europeus:
<http://ec.europa.eu/portugal>

Se pretende deixar de receber a nossa newsletter, clique [aqui](#) por favor.

Representação da Comissão Europeia em Portugal, Largo Jean Monnet, n.º 1-10, 1269-068 Lisboa
Telefones: geral (+351) 213 509 800; direto (+351) 213 509 810
Internet: <http://ec.europa.eu/portugal> - E-mail: comm-rep-lisbonne@ec.europa.eu
Siga a Representação no [Facebook](#) e no [Twitter](#)

Créditos © União Europeia, 2018