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- **Energy Union: EU invests €22.1 million supporting synergies between transport and energy sectors**

Today, EU Member States approved the Commission's proposal to invest €22.1 million in [seven actions](#) that will help develop sustainable and efficient transport and energy infrastructure. They will receive funding from the [Connecting Europe Facility](#) (CEF), one of the key funding instruments of the EU's [Energy Union](#) strategy to promote growth, jobs and competitiveness through targeted infrastructure investment at European level. Four of the selected actions refer to the transport priorities "motorways of the sea", "maritime ports" and "multimodal transport modes" with emphasis on the gas sector (EU funding of €8.8 million), two are in the electricity sector addressing roads and multimodal transport modes (EU funding of €12.3 million) and one relates to smart grids, focusing on railway transport (EU funding of €1 million). More information is available [here](#) as well as the [list of selected actions](#). More information about Connecting Europe Facility via the [Innovation & Networks Executive Agency \(INEA\)](#).

- **Commission awards the Seal of Excellence to 2300 researchers**

The Commission has today awarded, for the first time, Seal of Excellence certificates to more than 2300 researchers in recognition of their high-quality research proposals under the [Marie-Sklódowska-Curie Actions](#) (MSCA). These are being awarded to all researchers whose 2016 MSCA Individual Fellowship proposals reached a score of 85% or above but could not be funded due to the highly-competitive nature of the MSCA programme. This endorsement provides applicants with recognition for the quality of their work, which they can use to further develop their careers and to support their search for alternative funding at regional or national level. Cyprus and the Czech Republic have drawn on the [European Social Fund](#) to introduce funding schemes in support of recipients of the Seal. National funding bodies in Croatia, Slovenia and Poland also have initiatives in the pipeline. Some other countries have opted not to introduce a specific funding scheme but are instead encouraging recipients of the Seal to apply to existing schemes. For further information, including national funding initiatives, please see [here](#). For information on MSCA see [factsheet](#).

- **European Immunisation Week: Statement by Commissioner for Health and Food Safety Vytenis Andriukaitis and the WHO Regional Director for Europe Zsuzsanna Jakab**

Today, the European Commission and the World Health Organisation (WHO) have issued a joint statement on the crucial importance of vaccination for immunisation and disease prevention in the European Union and the wider WHO European Region. The statement highlights the strong contribution of vaccines to public health: *"Vaccines have contributed to the health and wellbeing of everyone alive today in the European Union and the wider WHO European Region. In the last 60 years, immunisation has saved more children's lives than any other medical intervention. The impact of this revolution in disease prevention over just a few decades is enormous. Measles caused an estimated 2.6 million deaths each year, before widespread vaccination was put in place in 1980. Thanks to Maurice Hilleman's measles vaccine this highly contagious disease is now preventable. It is a blessing and an achievement that these diseases are largely behind us."* Each year, the European Immunisation Week celebrates the tremendous progress made thanks to vaccines. Furthermore, it provides an occasion to take stock of the tasks still lying ahead to secure public health such as reducing health system barriers and ensure public trust in immunisation. Member States have shown a strong commitment to this issue by endorsing the [European Vaccine Action Plan](#), the [European Health 2020 policy framework](#) and the [Sustainable Development Goals](#). Read the full statement [here](#) and spread the word that #VaccinesWork for us all.

- **Eurostat: Déficit public de la zone euro et de l'UE28 respectivement de 1,5% et 1,7% du PIB**

Le déficit ainsi que la dette publique se sont réduits en termes relatifs en 2016 par rapport à 2015, tant dans la zone euro (ZE19) que dans l'UE28. Le ratio du déficit public par rapport au PIB a baissé dans la zone euro, passant de 2,1% en 2015 à 1,5% en 2016, ainsi que dans l'UE28, de 2,4% à 1,7%. Le ratio de la dette publique par rapport au PIB a reculé dans la zone euro, passant de 90,3% à la fin de l'année 2015 à 89,2% à la fin de l'année 2016, ainsi que dans l'UE28, de 84,9% à 83,5%. Un communiqué de presse est disponible [ici](#).

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