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- **Erasmus+: More and better opportunities for Europe's future generations**

In its initial year, the Erasmus+ programme - in its new and expanded form - has already lived up to expectations. This is demonstrated by figures presented today by Tibor Navracsics, EU Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport. With a budget of over €2 billion in its first year, Erasmus+ has offered more than one million people the opportunity to take part in 18,000 funded projects. The programme has notably supported a record 650,000 mobility grants for students, trainees, teachers, volunteers and other young people. It had also paved the way for the first student loans for a full Master degree abroad. More flexible opportunities for collaboration across sectors are also helping Europe's education, training, youth and sport systems to try out innovative practices and contribute to reform and modernisation. A press conference will start at 12.00 CET and available on [EbS](#). A full [press release](#), [memo](#) and [country factsheets](#) are available here. (Portugal: [here](#))

- **TTIP: further negotiating documents published**

In line with its transparency initiative, the Commission published a [technical paper for regulatory cooperation on generic medicines](#) outlining the EU objectives in this part of the negotiations with the US. In this paper the EU proposes to make the marketing authorisation process more similar on both sides of the Atlantic, which would allow patients to get access to generic medicines more quickly. In addition, this paper proposes to reduce duplicative clinical trials, which in turn would reduce the exposure of humans in these trials. The [EU position on pharmaceutical products](#) as well as a [factsheet on pharmaceutical products](#) is available online.

- **Tourism in the EU - New peak of almost 2.8 bn tourism nights spent in the EU in 2015 - Spain in top position**

In 2015, the number of nights spent in tourist accommodation establishments in the **European Union** is expected to have reached a new record level of around 2.8 billion

nights, up by 3.2% compared with 2014. Since 2009, there has been a steady increase in the number of nights spent in tourist accommodation establishments in the EU, notably driven by the rise in the nights spent by non-residents. (*More information* [STAT-16-163](#))

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