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- **Novos dados revelam um número recorde de participantes no programa Erasmus+**

A Comissão Europeia publicou hoje novos dados que demonstram que o programa de ensino e formação da UE, que celebra o seu 30.º aniversário este ano, é mais bem-sucedido e mais abrangente do que nunca. Em 2015, o programa [Erasmus+](#) permitiu a 678 000 europeus estudar, receber formação, trabalhar ou fazer voluntariado no estrangeiro - um número superior a todos os registados até agora. No mesmo ano, a UE investiu 2,1 mil milhões de EUR em mais de 19 600 projetos que envolveram 69 000 organizações. São estas as principais conclusões do [Relatório anual do programa Erasmus+ de 2015](#), publicado hoje pela Comissão Europeia. Os resultados demonstram também que o programa está no bom caminho para cumprir o seu objetivo de dar apoio a 4 milhões de pessoas entre 2014 e 2020.

- **Circular Economy: Commission delivers on its promises, offers guidance on recovery of energy from waste and works with the European Investment Bank to boost investment**

One year after adopting its [Circular Economy Package](#), the Commission today reports on the delivery and progress of key initiatives of its 2015 Action Plan. Together with the report, the Commission will also present today the creation of a Circular Economy Finance Support Platform with the European Investment Bank (EIB) bringing together investors and innovators. Finally, the Commission will issue guidance to Member States on converting waste to energy and also propose a targeted improvement of legislation on certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment. A [press release](#) and a [Q&A](#) will be made available with the start of the press conference at 13.00 (CET) with First Vice-President **Timmermans** and Vice-President **Katainen** presenting today's package.

- **Car emissions: Commission presents guidance for Member States to enforce ban on defeat devices**

Today, the European Commission is publishing [guidance](#) to help Member States evaluate if car manufacturers use defeat devices or other strategies that lead to higher vehicle emissions outside of the test cycle and analyse whether they are technically justified. Defeat devices are clearly banned by EU law but there is an exemption for when the need for the device is justified to protect the engine against damage or accident and to ensure the safe operation of the vehicle. Read more about the Guidance [here](#) and check our [FAQs on emission regulation and vehicle type-approval](#).

- **International Customs Day 2017**

Customs officials and customs agencies in the European Union and all over the world play an integral role in maintaining border security and in keeping us safe. International Customs Day, which falls today, aims to raise awareness and appreciation for those who perform this important work. The World Customs Organization has dedicated 2017 to Digital Customs under the slogan "Data Analysis for Effective Border Management". The EU's Customs Union, which will celebrate its 50 years anniversary in 2018, is unique in the world. It is a foundation of the European Union and essential for the proper functioning of the Single Market.

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