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- **Commission publishes report on the collective redress possibilities in Member States**

The Commission has published today a [report](#) looking at the progress made by Member States on the implementation of collective redress measures following the [Commission's 2013 Recommendation](#). The report shows that the availability of collective redress mechanisms as well as the implementation of safeguards against the potential abuse of such mechanisms is still not consistent across the EU. While EU legislation protects well the rights of consumers, the Commission will propose a "New Deal for Consumers" in spring as announced in the [Commission's work programme](#) for 2018, to further strengthen ways of enforcement and redress for consumers. Today's report will feed into the preparations for this initiative. The Commission also publishes today a further [study](#) on national procedural laws and their impacts on the protection of consumers under EU consumer law, including redress opportunities.

- **Falsification of medicines: Commission calls for strict enforcement of the rules**

The report on the application of penalties for those involved in the production and circulation of falsified medicines published today shows a wide variation in penalties across the EU. Maximum prison sentences for the falsification of medicines range from one year (Sweden, Finland and Greece) to 15 years (Austria, Slovenia and Slovakia); and maximum fines range from €4300 (Lithuania) to €1 million (Spain) and 'unlimited' (UK). The report comes following the requirement enshrined in the [Falsified Medicines Directive \(2011/62/EU\)](#) that all EU countries put in place proportionate, effective and dissuasive penalties for those involved in the production and circulation of falsified medicines. Furthermore, Member States and stakeholders are working on a pan-EU authentication system for medicines scheduled to enter into force in February 2019. This means that the authenticity of prescription medicines will be checked before they are dispensed to patients. More information on falsified medicine available [online](#). Follow us on Twitter: [@V_Andriukaitis](#) [@EU_Health](#).

- **Commission will launch new EU Energy Poverty Observatory**
The new EU Energy Poverty Observatory will be launched on Monday 29 January, at an [event](#) in Brussels hosted by Energy Union Vice-President Maroš Šefčovič and Commissioner for Climate Action and Energy Miguel Arias Cañete. Roughly 9% of the EU population struggle to attain adequate warmth. The Observatory aims to support informed decision making at local, regional and national level by providing a user-friendly and open-access resource that will promote public engagement on the issue of energy poverty as well as serve to disseminate information and good practice among public and private stakeholders. Awareness of energy poverty is rising in Europe and has been identified as a policy priority by European Commission's in its '[Clean Energy for All Europeans](#)' package of initiatives. There the Commission proposed to establish a common definition and required Member States to monitor figures and report back to the Commission. This is part and parcel of the implementation of Principle 20 of the European [Pillar of Social Rights](#) and one of the enabling actions are being put in place to support a just and socially fair clean energy transition. A dedicated new [Observatory website](#) will go live on Monday. Follow on twitter: #EPOV.
- **Holocaust Remembrance Day 2018: Statement by President Juncker**
Ahead of Holocaust Remembrance Day tomorrow, President Juncker issued a [statement](#) today, saying: *"The 27th of January is a date marked in history by sorrow and grief. On this day 73 years ago, Allied Forces liberated the concentration camp Auschwitz-Birkenau and brought the horrors perpetrated there to an end. To mark this event, we honour today the memories of the six million Jews and others victims who perished during the Holocaust. We also pay tribute to those who survived the Shoah, among them the first President of the European Parliament Simone Veil, who dedicated her life to reconciliation and who has sadly passed away this past year...This day should remind us to be vigilant in the face of hatred, discrimination and dehumanisation. It is a day to confront those who spread lies about our history and who question the Holocaust or negate its fundamental meaning for today's Europe. As Simone Veil reminded us, it is necessary to recall the names and stories of those we have lost, to spare them from disappearing for a second time...Remembering the atrocities of the Holocaust, this darkest chapter of modern European history, is essential for understanding the value of having a European Union today. It is to prevent these horrors that we founded a Union based on universal human rights, democracy, the rule of law and non-discrimination, and it is in the name of those values that we need to preserve it and constantly improve it."* President Juncker's full statement can be found [online here in all official EU languages](#).

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