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- **Um orçamento da UE a pensar no futuro: Comissão lança debate sobre o futuro das finanças da EU**

Enquanto a Europa decide sobre o seu futuro, a UE precisa de um orçamento à sua medida, que ponha cada euro ao serviço dos seus cidadãos.

Hoje publicado, o documento de reflexão da Comissão sobre o [futuro das finanças da UE](#) pondera as diferentes opções para proceder à sua concretização. As questões suscitadas no quinto e último documento desta série são fulcrais para o debate iniciado em 1 de março, com o Livro Branco da Comissão sobre o Futuro da Europa. O documento de reflexão traça as possíveis implicações orçamentais das opções que fizemos.

O orçamento da UE depara-se com um desafio de monta: financiar mais com menos. A UE é chamada a desempenhar um papel mais importante em novos domínios estratégicos como a migração, a segurança interna e externa ou a defesa. E a Europa deve também manter o seu papel de liderança na cena mundial, enquanto importante doador de ajuda humanitária e de ajuda ao desenvolvimento à escala global e principal impulsionador do combate às alterações climáticas. Deverá assegurá-lo com um orçamento que se verá ainda mais reduzido após a saída do Reino Unido.

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- **Steering Committee of EU Facility for Refugees in Turkey meets today**

Today, the 7th Steering Committee meeting of the EU Facility for Refugees in Turkey takes place in Brussels. It brings together the European Commission, representatives of EU Member States, representatives of Turkey and the European Parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee's rapporteur for Turkey Ms Kati Piri. On the occasion, Commissioner **Hahn** stressed: *"The EU Facility for Refugees continues to make a difference in the daily lives of many refugees. EU support gives Syrian refugees and host communities the opportunity to*

boost their skills and thus succeed on the labour market. I remain fully committed to helping Turkey improve the living conditions of the refugees in the country and I look forward to visiting some of our refugee support projects next week when I travel to

*Turkey." Commissioner **Stylianides** added: "We have already reached over 680,000 people through the Emergency Social Safety Net and the additional funding committed in May will enable us to reach 1.3 Million refugees by the end of the year. The Conditional Cash Transfer for Education programme has already reached the families of 56,000 refugee children. This is the EU's largest humanitarian aid operation ever and we continue working hard to provide vulnerable refugees in Turkey with aid, a sense of dignity, and hope." During the Steering Committee meeting, the European Commission will report on the continuous progress under the EU Facility. A full press release of the meeting will be available after 1pm [here](#). More information on the Facility [here](#). (For more information: Maja Kocijancic – Tel.: +32 229 86570; Carlos Martin Ruiz De Gordejuela – Tel.: +32 229 65322; Lauranne Devillé – Tel.: +32 229 80833; Christina Wunder – Tel.: +32 229 92256)*

- **EU strengthens girls' visibility and participation in fighting violence against women and girls**

Tomorrow, Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development, Neven **Mimica**, will give the keynote speech at the launch event of a new global campaign by the aid agency World Vision, with the aim to end violence against women and girls. In this context, Commissioner **Mimica** said: *"Violence against girls has dramatic and life-long consequences – on its victims, their families, and on whole societies. It's up to all of us not to let this continue a day longer. The EU is already investing huge efforts to provide an empowering and safe environment for girls – from helping to reform legislation to protect girls from femicide and harmful practices to supporting girls who are victims of sexual violence. In order to increase our impact globally, we are currently working together with the United Nations on a ground-breaking Initiative to eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls around the world. We intend to officially launch it in September – so join us to make this change happen!"* The EU initiative and the new World Vision campaign come at the right time: a [recent report](#) found that in 2015, less than 0.6% of total global development spending was allocated to ending violence against children. The European Commission leads by example: between January 2011 and March 2017, the EU has supported children's rights through all sectors of its external relations with over €8 billion in 142 developing countries – almost 10% of which was directly dedicated to tackling child labour, trafficking of children, supporting children in armed conflicts, preventing harmful practices and sexual exploitation, as well as other violence-related projects. (For more information: Carlos Martin Ruiz De Gordejuela – Tel.: +32 229 65322; Christina Wunder – Tel.: +32 229 92256)

- **Bringing the EU closer to citizens – Commission launches new prize**

The European Commission has today started an EU-wide contest for the "Altiero Spinelli Prize for Outreach: Spreading Knowledge about Europe". This Prize will reward outstanding contributions that communicate the founding values, history, action and key benefits of the EU to citizens. Eligible participants include, for example, scholars, researchers, scientists, writers, journalists and artists who can contribute to articulating what Europe stands for today and tomorrow. This first-time Prize complements the [Jean Monnet Actions](#) – an Erasmus+ funded initiative supporting teaching and academic research programmes on EU studies. European Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport, Tibor Navracsics, said: *"I am pleased that the 'Altiero Spinelli Prize for Outreach' will recognise and reward quality works that effectively and creatively spread knowledge about Europe. We need to bring the EU, its benefits and achievements closer to citizens – giving visibility and European level recognition to such works will help us reach that goal."* The Altiero Spinelli Prize will award six first prizes of EUR 50.000; six second prizes of EUR 30.000 and ten third prizes of EUR 17.000. More information including the application documents and rules is available [here](#). (For more information: Nathalie Vandystadt – Tel.: +32 229 67083; Inga Höglund - Tel.: +32 229 50698)

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