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[Europe needs social consensus for strong, dynamic and sustainable industrial change](#)

EESC-CCMI celebrates 15th anniversary with discussion on Industry and Society 4.0

Industry has always been shaped by continuous change. But some changes are real upheavals, such as the industrial revolution in the 19th century and the one we are facing now: Industry 4.0, the digital revolution of the 21st century. “It may be almost impossible to predict the future, but we need to be prepared for it”: that was the message from the panellists at the event.

In particular, Europe needs a comprehensive public-private partnership framework:

- to boost long-term investment in digital industrial change;
- to ensure continually renewed 4.0 skills, life-long learning, quality jobs and the sustained protection of labour standards in the new digital age;
- to promote a fair societal distribution of the “digital dividend”;
- cooperation at all levels and along the value chain is paramount.

On 16 November, the Consultative Commission for Industrial Change (CCMI) of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) celebrated its 15th anniversary with a conference entitled “**From Industrial Change to Society 4.0**”.

Opening the event, CCMI president **Lucie Studničná** said: “Europe must reach a viable social consensus if the 4.0 process is to be strong, dynamic and sustainable. Industrial change and societal change are forged together and social and civil dialogues are paramount.” She saw four important challenges ahead:

- creating a single Industry 4.0 policy framework for all EU members, with cybersecurity at the core of the project;
- strengthening cooperation between the industrial and services sectors

and the universities, ensuring the labour force is enabled to master the technological skills for Industry 4.0.

- framing 4.0 industrial transformation with less “flexicurity” and more “security-flex”

Count Etienne Davignon, special guest at the 15th CCMI anniversary, voiced his regret that industry was given too little importance: “Today industry has become like an abandoned child. With the Common Market, the EU thought everything would run itself, but the market is not strong enough. The market also needs a state that arranges things.”

Europe’s young people play a key role in shaping its industrial future. With this in mind, Count Davignon proposed teaching entrepreneurship from childhood on: “Businesses and schools must be brought together, and apprenticeship must have a higher standing in society. It needs to become as fashionable to be an apprentice as to be a student, because we need both.”

EESC member **Joost van Iersel** referred to the impact the 4.0 transformation was already having on business models. New kinds of SMEs would emerge in all production or service sectors. The relationship between society and the production sector would also change, creating prosumers as new market participants. An emphasis on education, training and skills was therefore paramount – but also on collaboration between the main stakeholders, such as the private and public sectors, businesses and universities: “We need to do it together, or we fall apart as a society,” he warned.

Enrico Gibellieri and **Jacques Glorieux**, two founding members of the CCMI, pointed out the importance of bringing in the different positions of various sectors of industry and society and so adding to the wealth of ideas: “This knowledge that civil society has is essential and should be the basis for Europe’s decision-making.”

Adrian Harris, Director General of Orgalime, which represents a sector that directly employs almost 11 million people across Europe and which had a turnover of EUR 2 000 billion in 2016, highlighted the strength of Europe’s industry in manufacturing-based services: “Our industry is well placed to build on its strengths through increasing digitalising of production, products, processes and services. The Single Market, the Digital Single Market and the Energy Union are important agendas for Europe’s industry; however, what we are still missing is an EU industrial policy.”

“Compared with the US and China, Europe is lagging behind in Industry 4.0.,” said **Mark Nicklas** from DG Grow. This was particularly true for SMEs, which are at the heart of Europe’s industry. Europe needs to invest in production equipment, but also in new skills and new forms of management and work. While 62% of US enterprises are prepared for the current transformation, only 38% of those in the EU are ready for the challenges. However, Europe is leading in clean production, which is an asset in terms of commitments under the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals.

Wolfgang Greif thought we needed to discuss a new distribution of work, new employment conditions and an intelligent approach to reducing working hours.

It was also important that everyone – whether in or out of work, in stable or precarious employment – had the same opportunities for training and education.

The CCMI is the direct successor of the European Coal and Steel Community's Consultative Committee. Made up of 51 EESC members and 51 external delegates, it delivers in-depth policy opinions and reports on many industrial sectors, based on fact-finding field trips, sectoral consultations, hearings and conferences with civil society stakeholders.

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Sommet social pour des emplois et une croissance équitables: Un programme de principe d'abord et d'action ensuite

Dans son discours d'ouverture, concernant le socle des droits sociaux qui sera proclamé à l'occasion du sommet social par le Parlement européen, le Conseil et la Commission européenne, le Président **Juncker** a déclaré: *"Lorsque j'ai pris mon mandat, parmi les dix priorités que j'avais présentées au Parlement figurait la mise en place d'un socle des droits sociaux minimaux que nous appelons aujourd'hui socle des droits sociaux. C'est une longue liste d'intentions, de convictions et de principes. Mais je ne voudrais pas que ce sur quoi nous nous sommes mis d'accord soit considéré par les beaux esprits, qui sont nombreux, comme un poème. Ce n'est pas un poème, c'est un programme: programme de principe d'abord, programme d'action ensuite."* La proclamation du socle réaffirmera l'engagement commun des dirigeants de l'UE à défendre et à sauvegarder les 20 principes et droits qui y sont consacrés. Le Président **Juncker** a aussi fait référence au programme Erasmus, en disant qu'il ne veut pas voir une diminution du budget: *"aucune réduction ne devrait être acceptée pour le programme Erasmus + "* et a ajouté qu'il faut plus de jeunes, plus d'apprentis, plus de professeurs faisant partie du programme. Le sommet marque une étape décisive dans le débat plus large sur l'avenir de l'Europe, qui a démarré avec le [livre blanc de la Commission européenne](#) et la [feuille de route pour une Union plus unie, plus forte et plus démocratique](#) du président **Juncker**. Il offre aux acteurs clés une occasion unique et venant à point nommé pour stimuler la dimension sociale de l'UE et de ses États membres. Le discours du Président **Juncker** est disponible [en ligne](#). Plus d'information sur le Sommet social dans ce [communiqué de presse](#), ainsi que sur le [site web](#) du Sommet. (Margaritis Schinas – Tel.: +32 229 60524; Mina Andreeva – Tel.: +32 229 91382)

Juncker Plan exceeds €250 billion in investment and backs new deals in Slovenia, France and Ireland

Following this week's meeting of the European Investment Bank (EIB) Board of Directors, the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) is now expected to trigger more than €251.6 billion in investments. The deals approved under

the EFSI amount to €49.6 billion in financing and are located in all 28 Member States. Around 528,000 small and medium-sized companies (SMEs) are expected to benefit from improved access to finance. As of November, the top five countries ranked in order of investment triggered relative to GDP are Estonia, Bulgaria, Greece, Portugal and Spain. The EIB Group has also signed new agreements in Slovenia, France and Ireland. In Slovenia, the European Investment Fund (EIF) and SID Banka, the Slovene export and development bank, are launching [a €100 million equity investment programme](#) in Slovenia to support growing SMEs and mid-cap companies. Also in Slovenia, the EIB is [lending €51 million](#) to Slovenian company DARS to finance the introduction of an electronic tolling system for vehicles above 3.5t using the country's motorway network, which will ease traffic flow. In France, the EIB is supporting an innovative renewable energy project by providing €90 million to Valeco to construct 38,000 solar panels with a total energy of 12MW covering the energy consumption of 6,000 local homes, saving 13,340 tonnes of CO2 per year. Finally, the EIF and the Strategic Banking Corporation of Ireland (SBCI) are tripling their finance for Irish SMEs, with €330 million now available to around 10,000 businesses. All of these agreements benefit from the guarantee of the Investment Plan's European Fund for Strategic Investments. Vice-President Jyrki **Katainen**, responsible for Jobs, Growth, Investment and Competitiveness, said: *"With nearly 80% of the original €315 billion investment target now reached, we are seeing the tangible benefits of the Investment Plan every day. With the climate change conference in Bonn just coming to a close, it is fitting that we celebrate the launch of an innovative project in solar energy. Under EFSI 2.0, we place even more emphasis on financing projects in line with the Paris Agreement targets to transition towards a low-carbon economy."* (For more information see the [Investment Plan website](#) or contact Johannes Bahrke – Tel.: +32 229 58615; Siobhán Millbright – Tel.: +32 229 57361)

MiFID II: EU issues rules on the trading obligation for derivatives

The Commission has today issued rules to make certain types of derivatives trades safer and more transparent. A derivative is a financial contract linked to the fluctuation in the price of the underlying asset or basket of assets to which it refers (e.g. the development of interest rates). The new rules specify which derivatives should be subject to the trading obligation under the Markets in Financial Instrument Regulation (MiFIR) and follows G-20 commitments to ensure that more trading in derivatives takes place on transparent trading venues, instead of being privately negotiated over the counter. Valdis **Dombrovskis**, Vice-President in charge of Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union, said: *"With these rules, EU financial market players will now have certainty on what derivatives will have to be traded on venues where greater safety, stability and transparency are assured."* Specifically, the new rules determine those derivatives that may only be traded on an EU trading venue or a non-EU trading venue covered by equivalence decisions of the Commission. EU trading venues include regulated markets, multilateral trading facilities, and organised trading facilities. The rules adopted today take the form of regulatory technical

standards (RTS) and will now be sent for scrutiny to the European Parliament and the Council. Furthermore, the Commission is planning to soon adopt its equivalence decision recognising some US trading platforms, following last month's agreement with the US Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) on a common approach regarding certain derivatives trading platforms. For more information [see here](#) (For more information: Vanessa Mock – Tel.: +32 229 56194; Letizia Lupini – Tel.: +32 229 51958)

Mergers: Commission clears the creation of a joint venture in Malaysia between Mitsui and Sime Darby

The European Commission has approved, under the EU Merger Regulation, the acquisition of joint control over a newly created joint venture by Mitsui & Co., Ltd of Japan and Sime Darby Property (Sungai Kapar) Sdn Bhd of Malaysia. The joint venture will be established in Malaysia, where it will acquire and develop plots of land as a logistics and industrial park. Mitsui is a general trading company engaged in business areas such as machinery, electronics, iron, steel, coal, chemicals and energy. Sime Darby is mainly engaged in property development in Malaysia. It belongs to the Sime Darby group, a multi-national group active in plantation, industrial equipment, motors, property and logistics. The Commission found that the transaction would raise no competition concerns in the EEA as the joint venture has no actual or foreseen activities within the EEA. The transaction was examined under the simplified merger review procedure. More information is available on the Commission's [competition](#) website, in the public [case register](#) under the case number [M.8656](#). (For more information: Ricardo Cardoso – Tel.: +32 229 80100; Maria Sarantopoulou – Tel.: +32 229 13740)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

High Representative/Vice-President Federica Mogherini travels to Myanmar for the ASEM Foreign Ministers' Meeting and to Bangladesh

On Monday and Tuesday 20-21 November, the EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy/Vice-President of the European Commission, Federica **Mogherini**, will lead the European delegation at the 13th Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) of Foreign Ministers in Nai Pyi Taw, Myanmar. On Sunday 19 November, the High Representative/Vice-President will also have a working visit to Bangladesh. The theme of this year's Asia-Europe Meeting is "Strengthening Partnership for Peace and Sustainable Development" with a focus on security, economic, and political issues of common interest. The meeting will serve as preparation for next year's 12th ASEM Summit (Brussels, October 2018). While in Nai Pyi Taw, High Representative/Vice-President **Mogherini** will also hold a number of bilateral meetings. The visit will also provide an opportunity to address the situation in Northern Rakhine State. In Bangladesh, the High Representative/Vice-President will visit Rohingya refugee camps in the district of Cox's Bazar, and meet with representatives of humanitarian organisations. In Dhaka, she will also meet the Prime Minister of Bangladesh, Mrs Sheikh Hasina, to address the refugee crisis and the [EU's support to the country in this context](#), as well as other areas of the EU-Bangladesh partnership. For more information, a full press release is

available [online](#). Additional material is available on the [ASEM website](#) and in a [factsheet](#) on EU-Myanmar relations. (For more information: Maja Kocijančič – Tel.: +32 229 86570; Adam Kaznowski – Tel.: +32 229 89359)

Le commissaire Navracsics participe au Conseil Éducation, Jeunesse, Culture et Sport

Lundi et mardi 20 et 21 novembre, la Commission européenne sera représentée au Conseil Education, Jeunesse, Culture et Sport par le Commissaire Tibor **Navracsics**. Au cours de la première journée, les ministres de la Jeunesse devraient adopter une approche générale sur le règlement relatif au Corps européen de solidarité. Les ministres de l'éducation discuteront de l'avenir des compétences et de l'évolution du rôle de l'enseignement et de la formation professionnelle et adopteront des conclusions du Conseil sur le développement scolaire et l'enseignement supérieur, ainsi qu'une recommandation sur le suivi des étudiants diplômés. Le Commissaire **Navracsics** présentera également la [Communication intitulée "Renforcer l'identité européenne par l'éducation et la culture"](#) qui est discutée aujourd'hui par les chefs d'Etat et de gouvernement de l'Union lors d'un déjeuner de travail organisé en marge du Sommet social de Göteborg en Suède (une série de factsheets sur la communication est disponible [ici](#)). Le Commissaire informera aussi les ministres des préparatifs du Sommet sur l'éducation qui se tiendra à Bruxelles le 25 janvier 2018 et qui donnera suite aux orientations proposées par la Commission européenne dans la Communication adoptée le 14 novembre 2017. Mardi, les ministres de la Culture tiendront un débat d'orientation sur le rôle de la culture dans l'édification de sociétés ouvertes et solidaires en Europe et devraient s'accorder sur des conclusions du Conseil relatives à la promotion de l'accès à la culture par des moyens numériques. Sur le volet sport du Conseil, les ministres mèneront un débat politique sur les principaux défis dans le sport au XXI^e siècle en présence de Thomas Bach, président du Comité international olympique. Les ministres du sport devraient adopter des conclusions sur le rôle des entraîneurs dans la société et une résolution sur le développement du dialogue structuré au niveau de l'UE dans le sport. Des conférences de presse auront lieu les deux jours. (Pour plus d'informations Nathalie Vandystadt – Tél. : +32 2 296 70 83, Christian Wigand – Tél. : +32 2 296 22 53, Joseph Waldstein Tél. : +32 2 295 61, Sara Soumillon – Tél.: +32 229-67094).

La semaine européenne de la robotique 2017 : montrer la capacité des robots à améliorer le quotidien en Europe

La [semaine européenne de la robotique 2017](#) (ERW2017) aura lieu [du 17 au 26 novembre 2017](#) partout en Europe. Avec plus de 1000 événements organisés localement, ERW2017 sera l'occasion d'exposer différents projets robotiques venant de toute l'Europe et de démontrer le rôle croissant que jouent les robots dans une grande variété de domaines, comme la santé, l'éducation, l'environnement ou encore la coopération internationale. Différents événements comme des journées portes ouvertes dans des usines, des

laboratoires de recherche, des visites d'écoles par des robots et des discussions avec des experts auront lieu au cours de cette semaine. Pendant cette année, les objectifs sont de démontrer à quel point la [technologie robotique](#) est capable d'améliorer nos sociétés ainsi que de sensibiliser les jeunes générations à l'importance grandissante des compétences scientifiques, technologiques, d'ingénierie et mathématiques (STEM) qui leur permettront de s'impliquer dans les secteurs de la robotique et de l'intelligence artificielle. A Bruxelles, l'événement principal de la semaine européenne de la robotique 2017 aura lieu [du 20 au 23 novembre](#) et sera organisé par le [Comité des Régions](#). La communauté de recherche européenne sur la robotique (menée par le partenariat sur la recherche robotique [SPARC](#), que finance l'UE) expliquera comment les citoyens européens et les entreprises peuvent bénéficier de ces technologies. Andrus **Ansip**, Vice-président pour le marché unique numérique, et Mariya **Gabriel**, commissaire chargée de l'économie et de la société numériques, notamment, ont souligné à plusieurs reprises l'importance des robots pour l'industrie européenne et la société (des discours sont disponibles [ici](#) et [ici](#)). Le Vice-Président a publié un [blog post](#) à l'occasion de l'ERW2017 aujourd'hui. . (For more information: Nathalie Vandystadt – Tel.: [+32 229 67083](#); Julia-Henriette Bräuer – Tel.: [+32 229 80707](#))

[Calendar](#)

The Commissioners' weekly activities

[CALENDRIER du 20 au 26 novembre 2017](#)

(Susceptible de modifications en cours de semaine)

Déplacements et visites

Lundi 20 novembre 2017

General Affairs Council (GAC), in Brussels

20-21/11 Education, Youth, Culture and Sports Council (EYCS), in Brussels

President Jean-Claude **Juncker** receives Mr François Hollande, former President of France.

President Jean-Claude **Juncker** attends the awarding of the National Order of Merit to Ms Bernadette Ségol, General Secretary of the European Trade Union Confederation, in Brussels.

Mr Frans **Timmermans** hosts together with Ms Věra **Jourová** the Annual Colloquium on Fundamental Rights; and delivers the keynote opening speech, in

Brussels.

Ms Federica **Mogherini** in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar (until 21/11): leads the European delegation at the 13th Asia-Europe Meeting of Foreign Ministers.

Mr Andrus **Ansip** in Tallinn, Estonia: delivers the opening speech at the 10th “Enterprise Europe Network Annual Conference 2017”; and addresses Estonian Business School alumni.

Mr Maroš **Šefčovič** delivers a keynote speech at the launch of the [World Energy Outlook 2017](#), organised by the International Energy Agency (IEA) and Friends of Europe, in Brussels.

Mr Maroš **Šefčovič** receives CEOs of the European Round Table of Industrialists (ERT).

Mr Maroš **Šefčovič** meets Mr Berat Albayrak, Minister of Energy and Natural Resources of Turkey.

Mr Valdis **Dombrovskis** participates in a working dinner with Mr Edgars Rinkēvičs, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Latvia, in Brussels.

Mr Valdis **Dombrovskis** delivers a keynote speech at the [CDP Europe Awards 2017](#), in Brussels.

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** receives the members of the Grand Committee of the Finnish Parliament.

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** receives Ms Sanni Grahn-Laasonen, Minister for Education of Finland.

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** delivers a keynote speech at an InvestEU workshop for stakeholders on investment platforms.

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** delivers keynote speeches on “Investment and Innovation”, organised by Invest Europe and the Long-Term Investment Intergroup of the European Parliament, and on “Insurers’ role in sustainable finance”, organised by Insurance Europe, in the framework of [Invest Week](#), in Brussels.

Mr Johannes **Hahn** in Skopje, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (until 21/11): on official visit.

Mr Neven **Mimica** in New York, the United States (until 21/09): participates in the Signature Ceremony of the Regional Programme “Geothermal Risk Mitigation for Eastern Caribbean”.

Mr Vytenis **Andriukaitis** participates in the World Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) Day Raising Awareness event.

Ms Marianne **Thyssen** opens the [European Vocational Skills Week](#), in Brussels.

M. Pierre **Moscovici** reçoit M. Nouriel Roubini, Président de Roubini Macro Associate.

M. Pierre **Moscovici** reçoit M. Xavier Bertrand, Président du Conseil Régional Hauts-de-France.

M. Pierre **Moscovici** prononce un discours lors de la conférence “Fostering inclusive growth: Inequality and fairness in integrated markets”, organisée par la Commission Européenne, à Bruxelles.

M. Pierre **Moscovici** reçoit M. Peter Mandelson, Président du Global Counsel.

Mr Christos **Stylianides** receives Ms Marija Pejčinović Burić, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign and European Affairs of Croatia.

Mr Phil **Hogan** receives Mr José Ignacio Cenicerós, President of La Rioja region of Spain.

Mr Phil **Hogan**, Ms Corina **Crețu** and Ms Mariya **Gabriel** participate in the opening ceremony and the award ceremony of the [Launch Event of the Broadband Competence Offices Network and the Support Facility](#), in Brussels.

Ms Elżbieta **Bieńkowska** in Katowice, Poland: delivers a speech at the international conference [‘City 2017 – city management’](#).

Ms Elżbieta **Bieńkowska** receives Ms Brune Poirson, Secretary of State to the Minister for State, Minister for Ecological and Solidarity Transition of France.

Ms Věra **Jourová** receives Mr Lee Hyo-sung, Chairman of Korea Communications Commission and Mr Jeong Hyun Cheol, Vice-President of Korea Internet and Security Agency.

Ms Věra **Jourová** delivers a keynote speech at the EU-Korea Data Protection Conference, in Brussels.

Mr Tibor **Navracsics** meets Ms Anna Ekström, Minister for Upper Secondary School and Adult Education and Training of Sweden; and Ms Françoise Nyssens, Minister for Culture of France, in Brussels.

Ms Margrethe **Vestager** receives Mr Jacques Steenbergen, President of the Belgian National Competition Authority.

Mr Carlos **Moedas** à Paris, France; rencontre M. Clément Beaune, Conseiller du Président de la République pour les questions européennes; participe à un déjeuner de travail avec le Conseil de l’Académie des technologies; à la conférence de l’OCDE (Organisation de coopération et de développement économiques) sur “*Innovation in Government*”; rencontre Mr José Ángel Gurría, Secrétaire général de l’OCDE; et participe au 50ème anniversaire de la Maison du Portugal.

Mr Julian **King** receives Mr Antti Häkkinen, Minister for Justice of Finland.

Ms Mariya **Gabriel** receives Ms Blaženka Divjak, Minister for Science and Education of Croatia, for the signature of the EuroHPC (High Performance Computing) declaration.

Ms Mariya **Gabriel** delivers a keynote speech at the opening ceremony of the [Broadband Days 2017](#).

Ms Mariya **Gabriel** receives Mr Henrique Mota, President of the Federation of European Publishers.

Ms Mariya **Gabriel** receives Mr Luc Hindryckx, Executive Director of the European Competitive Telecommunications Association (ECTA).

Mardi 21 novembre 2017

Education, Youth, Culture and Sports Council (EYCS), in Brussels

President Jean-Claude **Juncker** together with Mr Donald Tusk, President of the European Council, meets Mr Jens Stoltenberg, Secretary-General of NATO, for a working dinner, in Brussels.

Mr Frans **Timmermans** receives Mr Antti Häkkinen, Minister for Justice of Finland.

Mr Frans **Timmermans** delivers a keynote speech at [Circular Economy Day Belgium](#), in Brussels.

Ms Federica **Mogherini** in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar: leads the European delegation at the 13th Asia-Europe Meeting of Foreign Ministers.

Mr Maroš **Šefčovič** delivers a keynote speech at the event "[Cleaner, Smarter, Cheaper: Responding to Opportunities in Europe's Changing Energy System](#)", organised by the European Climate Foundation, in Brussels.

Mr Maroš **Šefčovič** receives Mr Puiu Lucian Georgescu, Minister for Research and Innovation of Romania and Mr Victor Negrescu, Minister-Delegate for European Affairs.

Mr Maroš **Šefčovič**, Mr Günther H. **Oettinger** and Mr Carlos **Moedas** participate in the 2017 CEO Event of the Advisory and Support Group of BusinessEurope.

Mr Valdis **Dombrovskis** delivers a speech at the Autumn Reception of the *Deutsches Aktieninstitut*, in Brussels.

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** attends a working breakfast with Mr Kari Jordan, Chairman of the Board and President and CEO of Metsä Group.

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** receives Mr Juan Manuel Moreno Bonilla, President of *Partido Popular* party group of Andalusia, Spain.

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** delivers the opening speech at the [European Bioenergy Future 2017](#) conference, organised by the European Biomass Association, in Brussels.

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** receives Mr Marc-Alexander Mahl, President of Medicines for Europe.

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** receives Mr Sture Fjäder, President of the Confederation of Unions for Academic Professionals in Finland (Akava) and a delegation.

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** receives Mr Werner Baumann, CEO of Bayer; Mr Richard Blackburn, President for Europe, Africa/Middle East and Biosimilars at Pfizer Essential Health; and Mr Bruno Strigini, CEO of Novartis Oncology.

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** participates in a working dinner of 2017 CEO Event of the Advisory and Support Group of BusinessEurope.

Mr Johannes **Hahn** in Skopje, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia: on official visit.

Ms Cecilia **Malmström** receives Ms Susana Díaz Pacheco, President of Andalusia region of Spain.

Mr Neven **Mimica** in New York, the United States: participates in the CARICOM (Caribbean Community)-UN High Level Pledging Conference [“Building a more Climate Resilient Community”](#).

Mr Karmenu **Vella** delivers a speech on: “The European maritime agenda: What’s going on?”, at the high-level opening session of the [Ocean Meets Regions Conference](#), in Brussels.

Mr Karmenu **Vella** receives Mr Niko Peleshi, Minister for Agriculture and Rural Development of Albania.

Mr Karmenu **Vella** receives Ms Helena Dalli, Minister for European Affairs and Equality of Malta.

Mr Vytenis **Andriukaitis** participates in the 1st International Platform of Insects for Food and Feed (IPIFF) conference, in Brussels.

Mr Dimitris **Avramopoulos** in Warsaw, Poland: participates in the ceremony marking the entry into force of the European Border and Coast Guard Agency headquarters agreement with Poland.

M. Pierre **Moscovici** à Paris, France: participe à une table ronde sur l’avenir de L’Union Économique et Monétaire lors de la 100ème Congrès des Maires; rencontre M. Laurent Zylberberg, Directeur des relations institutionnelles, internationales et européennes de la Caisse des Dépôts.

Ms Violeta **Bulc** in Helsinki, Finland: participates in the opening of the High Level Conference on Drones 2017; and meets Ms Anne Berner, Minister for Transport and Communications of Finland.

Ms Elżbieta **Bieńkowska** receives Mr Puiu Lucian Georgescu, Minister for Research and Innovation of Romania and Mr Victor Negrescu, Minister-Delegate for European Affairs.

Ms Věra **Jourová** delivers a keynote speech at the Annual Colloquium on Fundamental Rights, in Brussels.

Mr Tibor **Navracsics** meets Ms Ingrid van Engelshoven, Minister for Education, Culture and Science of the Netherlands, in Brussels.

Ms Corina **Crețu** receives Ms Jurgita Petrauskienė, Minister for Education and Science of Lithuania.

Ms Corina **Crețu** receives Mr Liviu-Marian Pop, Minister for Education and Scientific Research of Romania.

Ms Corina **Crețu** receives Ms Helena Dalli, Minister for European Affairs and Equality of Malta.

Ms Margrethe **Vestager** in Paris, France: delivers a keynote speech at the “*Rencontres de Bercy*”, conference on technological breakthroughs and inequalities.

Ms Margrethe **Vestager** participates in the Structured Dialogue with the ECON (Economic and Monetary Affairs) Committee of the European Parliament, in Brussels.

Mr Carlos **Moedas** participates in the Industrial Digitalization and European Mobility Information and Networking Event co-organised by the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) , in Brussels.

Mr Carlos **Moedas** meets representatives from the School of Young Leaders in Portugal, in Brussels.

Mr Julian **King** receives Mr Erich Clementi, Senior Vice-President, Global Markets and Chairman, IBM Europe.

Ms Mariya **Gabriel** delivers a keynote speech at the launch of [Broadband Days 2017](#).

Ms Mariya **Gabriel** delivers a welcome speech at the Digitising European Industry Conference

Ms Mariya **Gabriel** receives Mr Antonello Giacomelli, State Secretary for Economic Development of Italy, for the signature of the WIFI4EU Administrative agreement with Italy

Ms Mariya **Gabriel** receives Ms Françoise Nyssen, Minister for Culture of France.

Ms Mariya **Gabriel** receives Mrs Véronique Desbrosses, Secretary General of the European Grouping of Societies of Authors and Composers.

Ms Mariya **Gabriel** receives Mr Jean-Dominique Giuliani, President of the Robert Schuman Foundation.

Ms Mariya **Gabriel** delivers a speech at the [The 2017 .eu Web Awards Ceremony](#), in Brussels.

Mercredi 22 novembre 2017

College meeting

President Jean-Claude **Juncker** receives Mr Winfried Kretschmann, Minister-President of Baden-Württemberg.

Mr Frans **Timmermans** receives representatives of RegWatchEurope.

Mr Frans **Timmermans** receives Mr Winfried Kretschmann, Minister-President of Baden-Württemberg, Germany, to discuss climate and biodiversity.

Mr Frans **Timmermans** attends a book launch [event](#) “A Second Chance for Europe” by Mr Jo Ritzen, President of Conflict Education and Learning Laboratory (CELL).

Ms Federica **Mogherini**, Mr Neven **Mimica**, Mr Karmenu **Vella**, Mr Günther H. **Oettinger** and Ms Mariya **Gabriel** deliver speeches at the [High-Level Conference “Towards a renewed partnership with Africa”](#) hosted by Mr Antonio Tajani, President of the European Parliament, at the European Parliament, in Brussels.

Ms Federica **Mogherini** receives Mr Moussa Faki Mahamat, Chairperson of the African Union (AU) Commission.

Mr Andrus **Ansip** delivers a keynote speech at [Orgalime General Assembly launch session](#) on B2B and data economy, in Brussels.

Mr Valdis **Dombrovskis** receives Mr Laurent Burelle, President of the French Association of Large Companies (AFEP) and CEO of Plastic Omnium.

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** participates in a working lunch with African and EU business leaders.

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** delivers the keynote speech at the Saab Annual Dinner Seminar.

Mr Johannes **Hahn** receives Mr Bahadır Kaleağası, CEO of the Turkish Industry and Business Association (TÜSİAD).

Ms Cecilia **Malmström** and Mr Phil **Hogan** attend a high-level meeting of Business Leaders from the EU and Africa, in Brussels.

Mr Karmenu **Vella** receives Ms Tines Sundtoft, former Minister for Climate and the Environment of Norway.

Mr Karmenu **Vella** receives representatives from Rethink Plastic Alliance.

Mr Vytenis **Andriukaitis** receives the Ms Ulana Suprun, Minister for Healthcare of Ukraine.

Mr Dimitris **Avramopoulos** receives Mr Mark Harbers, Minister for Migration of the Netherlands.

Ms Marianne **Thyssen** delivers the closing speech at the [European Vocational Skills Stakeholders Conference](#), in Brussels.

M. Pierre **Moscovici** reçoit Mme Susana Díaz Pacheco, Présidente de la Junte d'Andalousie, Espagne, à Bruxelles.

Mr Phil **Hogan** receives Mr Winfried Kretschmann, Minister-President of the State of Baden-Württemberg of Germany.

Mr Phil **Hogan** delivers a speech at the SpiritsEurope Annual Spirits Summit.

Ms Věra **Jourová** receives Ms Barbara Scarafia, Vice-President and Associate General Counsel of Amazon.

Mr Tibor **Navracsics** and Ms Mailis Reps, Minister for Education and Research of Estonia sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC) and the Ministry for Education and Research of Estonia, in Brussels.

Mr Tibor **Navracsics** delivers a welcome speech on 'Social inclusion through sport' at the ["Be inclusive EU Sports awards Gala"](#) ; and announces the winners of the three awards, in Brussels.

Ms Corina **Crețu** receives Mr Felix Stroe, Minister for Transport of Romania.

Ms Corina **Crețu** receives Mr George Ciamba, Secretary of State of Romania for Bilateral and Strategic Affairs within the Euro-Atlantic Area.

Mr Carlos **Moedas** receives Mr Martin Stratmann, President of the Max Planck Society.

Mr Carlos **Moedas** receives Ms Susana Díaz Pacheco, President of Andalusia region of Spain and Ms Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, Member of the European Parliament.

Ms Mariya **Gabriel** receives Mr Paul-Bernhard Kallen, CEO of Hubert Burda Media.

Ms Mariya **Gabriel** receives Mr Goran Svilanovic, Secretary General of the Regional Cooperation Council.

Ms Mariya **Gabriel** receives Mr Michael Mabe, CEO of the International Association of STM Publishers.

Jeudi 23 novembre 2017

President Jean-Claude **Juncker** in Bern, Switzerland: meets Ms Doris Leuthard, President of the Swiss Confederation, for a working lunch.

President Jean-Claude **Juncker** participates in the 5th European People's Party Leaders' Working Dinner on Eastern Partnership, in Brussels.

Mr Frans **Timmermans** in Nijmegen, the Netherlands: delivers a keynote speech at the Conference "[Europe Contested](#)" at the Raboud Universiteit Nijmegen.

Ms Federica **Mogherini** delivers a keynote speech at the [2017 Annual Conference of the European Defence Agency \(EDA\) "Security in the digital age: the added value of European cooperation"](#), in Brussels.

Mr Andrus **Ansip** in Leuven, Belgium: visits IMEC, world-leading R&D and innovation hub in nanoelectronics and digital technologies; and meets Mr Luc Van den Hove CEO and President of IMEC and other researchers.

Mr Valdis **Dombrovskis** delivers an opening address at the [First European Business-Education Summit](#), organised by the European Business Network for Corporate Social Responsibility and the European Commission, in Brussels.

Mr Valdis **Dombrovskis** receives Mr Oleksandr Danyliuk, Minister for Finance of Ukraine.

Mr Valdis **Dombrovskis** participates in the Latvian National Day Reception, in Brussels.

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** in Finland (until 24/11): visits the Parliament of Finland to discuss the Future of Europe; and participates in a [Citizens' Dialogue](#) on the Investment Plan for Europe.

Mr Johannes **Hahn** receives Mr George Ciamba, Secretary of State of Romania for Bilateral and Strategic Affairs within the Euro-Atlantic Area.

Mr Johannes **Hahn** receives Mr Pavel Filip, Prime Minister of Moldova.

Mr Neven **Mimica** receives a delegation of young Africans and Europeans from the Plug-In Initiative ahead of the African Union-European Union Summit.

Mr Vytenis **Andriukaitis** receives Ms Dame Sally Davies, Chief Medical Officer for England.

Ms Marianne **Thyssen** delivers an opening keynote speech at the [First European Business-Education Summit](#) in the framework of the [European Vocational Skills Week](#) in Brussels.

M. Pierre **Moscovici** reçoit M. Oleksandr Danyliuk, ministre des finances d'Ukraine.

M. Pierre **Moscovici** reçoit M. Gavin St Pier, Président de Guernesey, et M. Ian Gorst, Ministre en chef de Jersey.

M. Pierre **Moscovici** reçoit M. Pavel Filip, Premier ministre de Moldavie.

Mr Phil **Hogan** in Kildare, Ireland: delivers a speech at the Irish Farmers Journal Dairy Day event.

Ms Violeta **Bulc** participates in the Danube Transport Day 2017, in Brussels.

Ms Violeta **Bulc** meets Mr Felix Stroe, Minister for Transport of Romania, in

Brussels.

Ms Elżbieta **Bieńkowska** in Tallinn, Estonia, attends the Small and Medium-sized Enterprises [SME Assembly](#).

Ms Věra **Jourová** receives Mr Jean-Raymond Lemaire, Honorary President of the European Expertise and Expert Institute (EEEI).

Ms Věra **Jourová** receives Mr Vladimír Jirousek, President of the Czech Bar Association.

Mr Tibor **Navracsics** chairs the panel on “Mainstream entrepreneurship and soft skills in curricula” at the [1st Europe Enterprise Education Summit](#), in Brussels.

Ms Corina **Crețu** in Munich, Germany: participates in and delivers a keynote speech at the [EUSALP General Assembly II / First EUSALP Annual Forum](#).

Ms Margrethe **Vestager** in Leuven, Belgium: receives an Honorary Doctorate from Leuven University and delivers a speech on globalisation and competition.

Mr Carlos **Moedas** in Coimbra, Portugal: participates in the National Congress of the Order of the Engineers under the theme “Engineer and Digital Transformation”.

Mr Julian **King** delivers a speech at the [5th Annual European Cybersecurity Conference](#) organised by Forum Europe, in Brussels.

Mr Julian **King** delivers a speech at the European Defence Agency Annual Conference on “Security in the digital age: the added value of European cooperation”, in Brussels.

Mr Julian **King** in Oxford, the United Kingdom: participates in the Oxford Union debate on “The House believes the decline and fall of the European Union is upon us”.

Ms Mariya **Gabriel** in Sofia, Bulgaria: participates in an international conference on the role of Bulgaria in Europe’s Digital Transformation.

Vendredi 24 novembre 2017

Eastern Partnership summit, in Brussels

President Jean-Claude **Juncker**, Ms Federica **Mogherini**, Mr Johannes **Hahn** and Ms Cecilia **Malmström** participate in the [5th Eastern Partnership Summit](#), in Brussels.

Mr Frans **Timmermans** chairs the [REFIT Platform meeting](#), in Brussels.

Mr Frans **Timmermans** in Bad Godesberg, Germany: delivers a keynote speech at the General Assembly of German Catholics.

Mr Maroš **Šefčovič** in Paris, France: delivers a keynote speech at the International day of the “[Assises de la mobilité](#)”.

Mr Valdis **Dombrovskis** participates in a meeting of the European Banking Federation Board.

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** in Kuopio, Finland: delivers the opening speech at [Finland 100 leadership seminar](#); and participates in a [Citizens' Dialogue](#) on the Future of Europe at Kuopion Lyceum.

Mr Karmenu **Vella** receives Mr Joachim Rukwied, President of COPA, European farmers, and Mr Pekka Pesonen, Secretary-General of COPA COGECA, European farmers and European agri-cooperatives.

Mr Karmenu **Vella** receives representatives of environmental NGOs and think-tanks.

Mr Vytenis **Andriukaitis** in Paris, France: participates in the Final Conference of the Joint Action on Nutrition and Physical Activity event hosted by the Ministry for Solidarity and Health of France; and meets Ms Agnès Buzyn, Minister for Solidarity and Health of France.

Ms Marianne **Thyssen** delivers a keynote speech at the closing event of the [European Vocational Skills Week](#), in Brussels.

M. Pierre **Moscovici** à Paris, France: participe à la cérémonie de remise de diplôme du Master en Droit européen et affaires internationales de l'Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne.

Mr Phil **Hogan** in Cork, Ireland: visits Moorepark in Fermoy; and visits the Port of Cork.

Ms Violeta **Bulc** in Poland: participates in the opening of the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) conference; meets Mr Mateusz Morawiecki, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Economic Development and Finance of Poland; Mr Andrzej Adamczyk, Minister for Infrastructure and Construction; and participates in a joint sitting of three Parliamentary Committees: EU Affairs, Economy and Development, and Infrastructure, at the Polish Parliament.

Ms Elżbieta **Bieńkowska** in Jaworzno, Poland: participates in a gala event for Best entrepreneur of the town.

Ms Margrethe **Vestager** in Copenhagen, Denmark: meets the members of the European Committee of the Danish Parliament; delivers a keynote speech at the Confederation of Trade Unions on "EU scenarios and future work market"; a speech at the Orestads gymnasium event of [Global Gymnasium "How to act on a global market?"](#); meets Mr Ulrik Vestergaard Knudsen, Permanent Secretary of State of Denmark; Mr Kristian Jensen, Minister for Finance of Denmark; delivers a keynote speech at the Copenhagen University on "The future of Europe: Scenarios for the EU and consequences for Denmark"; and a keynote speech at "a Talk" – a public after-work event on the Future of Europe.

Mr Carlos **Moedas** meets Mr Michael Arthur, President and Provost of University College London (UCL); and a delegation of Russell Group universities, in Brussels.

Prévisions du mois de novembre:

27/11 Foreign Affairs Council (FAC), in Brussels.

29-30/11 European Parliament plenary session, in Brussels.

30/11 – 01/12 Competitiveness Council (COMPET), in Brussels.

Prévisions du mois de décembre:

30/11 – 01/12 Competitiveness Council (COMPET), in Brussels.

04/12 Eurogroup, in Brussels.

04-05/12 Transport, Telecommunications and Energy Council (TTE), in Brussels.

05/12 Economic and Financial Affairs Council (ECOFIN), in Brussels.

07-08/12 Justice and Home Affairs Council (JHA), in Brussels.

07-08/12 Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council (EPSCO), in Brussels.

11/12 Foreign Affairs Council (FAC), in Brussels.

11-12/12 Agriculture and Fisheries Council (AGRIFISH), in Brussels.

11-14/12 European Parliament plenary session, in Strasbourg.

12/12 General Affairs Council (GAC), in Brussels.

12/12 General Affairs Council (Art. 50), in Brussels

14-15/12 European Council, in Brussels.

18/12 Transport, Telecommunications and Energy Council (TTE), in Brussels.

19/12 Environment Council (ENVI), in Brussels.

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Steven Maijoor speech at EFAMA's Investment Management Forum

In the course of his speech he highlighted that ESMA, as part of its work in the fund management space, would perform further work on closet indexing – beginning with gathering comprehensive information from NCAs on the results of their work/investigations at national level – and also further supervisory convergence work on performance fees.