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Single sitting: Wednesday 6 June 2018 (morning)

The sitting opened at 9.42 with Mr JUNCKER, President, in the chair.

Present:

Mr JUNCKER	President	
Mr TIMMERMANS	First Vice-President	
Ms MOGHERINI	High Representative / Vice-President	
Mr ANSIP	Vice-President	
Mr ŠEFČOVIČ	Vice-President	
Mr DOMBROVSKIS	Vice-President	
Mr KATAINEN	Vice-President	
Mr OETTINGER	Member	
Mr HAHN	Member	
Ms MALMSTRÖM	Member	
Mr MIMICA	Member	
Mr ARIAS CAÑETE	Member	
Mr VELLA	Member	
Mr ANDRIUKAITIS	Member	
Mr AVRAMOPOULOS	Member	
Ms THYSSEN	Member	
Mr STYLIANIDES	Member	
Mr HOGAN	Member	
Ms BULC	Member	Items 1 to 22.4 (in part)
Ms BIENKOWSKA	Member	
Ms JOUROVÁ	Member	
Ms VESTAGER	Member	
Mr MOEDAS	Member	
Sir Julian KING	Member	
Ms GABRIEL	Member	

Absent:

Mr MOSCOVICI

Member

Mr NAVRACSICS

Member

Ms CREȚU

Member

The following sat in to represent absent Members of the Commission:

Mr BAILLY	Chef de cabinet to Mr MOSCOVICI
Ms KIRALY	Chef de cabinet to Mr NAVRACSICS
Ms RUS	Deputy Chef de cabinet to Ms CREȚU

The following also sat in:

Ms MARTÍNEZ ALBEROLA	Chef de cabinet to the PRESIDENT	
Mr ROMERO REQUENA	Director-General, Legal Service	
Mr PESONEN	Director-General, DG Communication	
Mr SCHINAS	Head of the Spokesperson's Service and Chief Spokesperson of the Commission	
Ms METTLER	Head of the European Political Strategy Centre	
Ms AHRENKILDE HANSEN	Deputy Secretary-General	
Mr SZOSTAK	Deputy Chef de cabinet to the PRESIDENT	
Mr DELVAUX	Adviser in the PRESIDENT's Office	Item 22.2
Ms DEJMEK HACK	Adviser in the PRESIDENT's Office	Item 22.4
Ms SILLAVEE	PRESIDENT's Office	
Mr SMULDERS	Chef de cabinet to Mr TIMMERMANS	Items 1 to 7
Mr GRASSI	Chef de cabinet to Ms MOGHERINI	Items 22.3 to 22.4
Ms ÅSENIUS	Chef de cabinet to Ms MALMSTRÖM	Item 22.2
Ms ANDREEVA	Commission Spokesperson's Service	
Ms VILA NUÑEZ	Secretary-General	
Mr KRAFF	Director-General, Internal Audit Service	Item 21

Secretary: Mr SELMAYR, Secretary-General, assisted by Mr AYET PUIGARNAU, Director in the Secretariat-General.

1. AGENDAS

(OJ(2018) 2257/FINAL; SEC(2018) 2257/FINAL)

The Commission took note of that day's agenda and of the tentative agendas for forthcoming meetings.

2. WEEKLY MEETING OF CHEFS DE CABINET

(RCC(2018) 2257)

The Commission considered the Secretary-General's report on the weekly meeting of Chefs de cabinet held on Monday 4 June 2018.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 2254TH, 2255TH AND 2256TH MEETINGS OF THE COMMISSION (16, 23 AND 29 MAY 2018)

The Commission held over approval of the minutes of its 2254th, 2255th and 2256th meetings for a later meeting.

4. INTERINSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS

(RCC(2018) 98)

The Commission took note of the record of the meeting of the Interinstitutional Relations Group held on Friday 1 June 2018 (RCC(2018) 98).

It paid particular attention to the following points.

4.1. HORIZONTAL ITEM

- i) Negotiations with the United Kingdom for an agreement setting out the arrangements for its withdrawal from the Union under Article 50 of the Treaty on European Union – United Kingdom of**

**Great Britain accession to the World Trade Organisation Agreement
on Government Procurement – Letter from the European Union to
the World Trade Organisation Director-General**

(point 1.2 of the IRG record)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2018) 270.

4.2. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

ii) Trilogues

(point 3.1 of the IRG record)

- European Electronic Communications Code (Directive - recast) –
DEL CASTILLO VERA report – 2016/0288 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2018) 290/3.

- Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications
(Regulation) – TOŠENOVSKÝ report – 2016/0286 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2018) 291/2 and /3.

- Standards for the reception of applicants for international protection
(Directive – recast) – IN 'T VELD report – 2016/0222 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2018) 292.

- European Defence Industrial Development Programme aiming at
supporting the competitiveness and innovative capacity of the EU defence
industry (Regulation) – GROSSETÊTE report – 2017/0125 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2018) 310.

iii) European Parliament dossiers - June 2018 part-session

(point 3.2 of the IRG record)

Ordinary legislative procedure – First reading

- Common rules in the field of civil aviation and establishment of a European Union Aviation Safety Agency, and repeal of Regulation (EC) 216/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council (Regulation) – MARINESCU report – 2015/0277 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SP(2018) 356 and took note of the compromise text attached to that document, further to note SI(2017) 538/2, which it had already approved on 22 November 2017.

- Amendment of Regulation (EU) 648/2012 as regards the clearing obligation, the suspension of the clearing obligation, the reporting requirements, the risk-mitigation techniques for OTC derivatives contracts not cleared by a central counterparty, the registration and supervision of trade repositories and the requirements for trade repositories (Regulation) – LANGEN report – 2017/0090 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SP(2018) 358 and /2.

- Monitoring and reporting of CO2 emissions from and fuel consumption of new heavy-duty vehicles (Regulation) – ZOFFOLI report – 2017/0111 (COD)

The Commission took note of SP(2018) 357, further to note SI(2018) 64, which it had already approved on 21 February 2018.

iv) Council dossiers

(point 3.3 of the IRG record)

- Amendment of Regulation (EC) 883/2004 on the coordination of social security systems and regulation (EC) 987/2009 laying down the procedure for implementing Regulation (EC) 883/2004 (Regulation) – BALAS report – 2016/0397 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2018) 294/3.

- Transparent and predictable working conditions in the European Union (Directive) – CALVET CHAMBON report – 2017/0355 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2018) 295.

- Work-life balance for parents and carers and repeal of Council Directive 2010/18/EU (Directive) – CASA report – 2017/0085 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2018) 296/2.

- Respect for private life and protection of personal data in electronic communications and repeal of Directive 2002/58/EC (Regulation) – SIPPEL report – 2017/0003 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2018) 297.

- European Union Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (Regulation – recast) – PETERSEN report – 2016/0378 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2018) 298.

- Amendment of Regulation (EC) 726/2004 laying down Community procedures for the authorisation and supervision of medicinal products for human and veterinary use and establishing a European Medicines Agency (Regulation) – TĂNĂSESCU report – 2014/0256 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2018) 302.

- Amendment of Regulation (EU) 182/2011 laying down the rules and general principles concerning mechanisms for control by Member States of the Commission's exercise of implementing powers (Regulation) – SZÁJER report – 2017/0035 (COD)

The Commission took note of the information in SI(2018) 308.

- Amendment of Directive 92/106/EEC on the establishment of common rules for certain types of combined transport of goods between Member States (Directive) – AIUTO report – 2017/0290 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2018) 306.

- Port reception facilities for the delivery of waste from ships, repeal of Directive 2000/59/EC and amendment of Directive 2009/16/EC and Directive 2010/65/EU (Directive) – MEISSNER report – 2018/0012 (COD)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2018) 307.

4.3. RELATIONS WITH THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL AND THE COUNCIL

v) Programming of Council business

(SI(2018) 311)

The Commission took note of the information in SI(2018) 311 on the Council meetings between 7 and 20 June 2018.

vi) Non-legislative dossiers

(point 4.1 of the IRG record)

- Draft Council Conclusions on European Integrated Border Management (EUIBM)

The Commission approved the line set out in SI(2018) 300.

- Cooperation between the European Union and the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation – Third progress report on the implementation of the Warsaw EU-NATO Joint Declaration of July 2016

The Commission took note of the information in SI(2018) 301.

vii) Latest developments in the Council

(point 4.4 of the IRG record)

- Election of the members of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage annexed to Council Decision of 76/787/ECSC, EEC, Euratom of 20 September 1976 (Council Decision) – HÜBNER/LEINEN report – 2015/0907 (APP)

The Commission took note of the information in SI(2018) 309.

4.4. RELATIONS WITH PARLIAMENT

viii) Action to be taken on Parliament's legislative resolutions and other resolutions of a legal nature

(SP(2018) 343)

The Commission decided to empower the Members of the Commission responsible for the sectors in question, in agreement with the PRESIDENT and Mr TIMMERMANS and, if necessary, with the other Members concerned, to adopt the amended proposals for transmission to Parliament and the Council, as set out in SP(2018) 343, drawn up following the part-session of Parliament of 28 to 31 May 2018, the contents of which were noted.

ix) Action taken on the legislative opinions and non-legislative resolutions adopted by Parliament at its April 2018 part-session

(point 5.6.1 of the IRG record)

The Commission approved, for transmission to Parliament, document SP(2018) 350 on the action taken on the legislative opinions and non-legislative resolutions adopted by Parliament at its April 2018 part-session.

x) Results of Parliament's May II 2018 part-session

(SP(2018) 327; SP(2018) 328)

The Commission took note of the information in SP(2018) 327 and SP(2018) 328 on the proceedings of the part-session of Parliament held in Strasbourg from 28 to 31 May 2018.

4.5. RELATIONS WITH NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS, THE OTHER INSTITUTIONS AND BODIES, THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS

xi) Participation by Members of the European Economic and Social Committee in international conferences

(point 6.3.1 of the IRG record)

- High-level political forum on sustainable development, under the auspices of the United Nations Economic and Social Council ('ECOSOC') (New York, 9 to 18 July 2018)

The Commission agreed to the request to the PRESIDENT from Mr Luca JAHIER, President of the European Economic and Social Committee, concerning the attendance of three Members of that Committee at the above-mentioned meeting as observers in the EU delegation, with a reminder about the procedure to be followed, in accordance with SC(2018) 23.

5. WRITTEN PROCEDURES, EMPOWERMENT AND DELEGATION OF POWERS

**5.1. WRITTEN PROCEDURES APPROVED
(SEC(2018) 278 ET SEQ.)**

The Commission took note of the Secretariat-General's memoranda recording decisions adopted between 28 May and 1 June 2018.

5.2. EMPOWERMENT**(SEC(2018) 279 ET SEQ.)**

The Commission took note of the Secretariat-General's memoranda recording decisions adopted between 28 May and 1 June 2018.

5.3. DELEGATION / SUBDELEGATION OF POWERS**(SEC(2018) 281 ET SEQ.)**

The Commission took note of the Secretariat-General's memoranda recording decisions adopted under the delegation and subdelegation procedure between 28 May and 1 June 2018 archived in Decide.

5.4. SENSITIVE WRITTEN PROCEDURES**(SEC(2018) 282 AND /2)**

The Commission took note of the sensitive written procedures for which the time limit expired between 4 and 8 June 2018 and of the finalisation written procedures initiated following the weekly meeting of Chefs de cabinet on Monday 4 June 2018.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY MATTERS**(SEC(2018) 283/2)****ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS****(PERS(2018) 38/2)****6.1. DG COMPETITION - CHANGE TO THE ORGANISATION CHART****(SEC(2018) 308/2)**

On a proposal from Mr OETTINGER, in agreement with the PRESIDENT and after consulting Ms VESTAGER and also Mr ANSIP, Mr ŠEFČOVIČ and Mr KATAINEN, the Commission decided:

- to create a permanent post of principal adviser responsible for ex-post economic evaluation of the regulatory framework, in DG Competition;
- to adopt the new organisation chart set out in SEC(2018) 308/2.

These decisions would take effect on 1 January 2019.

6.2. RESIGNATION OF AN AD16 OFFICIAL UNDER ARTICLE 48 OF THE STAFF REGULATIONS

On a proposal from Mr OETTINGER, in agreement with the PRESIDENT and after consulting Mr ANDRIUKAITIS and also Mr KATAINEN, the Commission decided to accept, in accordance with Article 48 of the Staff Regulations, the resignation of Ms Jaana HUSU-KALLIO, former Deputy Director-General in the Directorate-General for Health and Consumers, which would come into effect on 1 August 2018.

6.3. DG RESEARCH AND INNOVATION – EXTENSION OF THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE AD14 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE BIO-BASED INDUSTRIES JOINT UNDERTAKING

On a proposal from Mr OETTINGER, in agreement with the PRESIDENT and after consulting Mr MOEDAS and also Mr ANSIP, Mr ŠEFČOVIČ, Mr DOMBROVSKIS and Mr KATAINEN, the Commission decided:

- to propose to the Governing Board of the Bio-Based Industries Joint Undertaking that the term of office of its Executive Director Mr Philippe MENGAL be extended for four years starting on 1 October 2018 in accordance with Article 8(4) of the Annex to Council Regulation (EU) 560/2014 of 6 May 2014 establishing the Bio-based Industries Joint Undertaking;
- to instruct Mr MOEDAS, the member of the Commission responsible for research, science and innovation, to communicate this decision to the Governing Board of the Bio-Based Industries Joint Undertaking.

These decisions would take effect immediately.

6.4. *DG RESEARCH AND INNOVATION – EXTENSION OF THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE AD14 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE INNOVATIVE MEDICINES INITIATIVE 2 JOINT UNDERTAKING*

On a proposal from Mr OETTINGER, in agreement with the PRESIDENT and after consulting Mr MOEDAS and also Mr ANSIP, Mr ŠEFČOVIČ, Mr DOMBROVSKIS and Mr KATAINEN, the Commission decided:

- to propose to the Governing Board of the Innovative Medicines Initiative 2 Joint Undertaking that the term of office of its Executive Director Mr Pierre MEULIEN be extended for four years starting on 16 September 2018 in accordance with Article 8(4) of the Annex to Council Regulation (EU) 557/2014 of 6 May 2014 establishing the Innovative Medicines Initiative 2 Joint Undertaking;
- to instruct Mr MOEDAS, the member of the Commission responsible for research, science and innovation, to communicate this decision to the Governing Board of the Innovative Medicines Initiative 2 Joint Undertaking.

These decisions would take effect immediately.

6.5. *DG HUMAN RESOURCES AND SECURITY – LAUNCH OF THE 2017 APPRAISAL EXERCISE FOR SENIOR MANAGEMENT STAFF*

On a proposal from Mr OETTINGER, in agreement with the PRESIDENT, the Commission decided to authorise the launch of the 2017 appraisal exercise for senior management in line with the rules applied during the previous exercise.

This decision would take effect immediately.

6.6. DG HUMAN RESOURCES AND SECURITY – LAUNCH OF THE JUNIOR PROFESSIONALS PILOT PROGRAMME 2018-2020

The Commission took note of the information in point 6 of PERS(2018) 38/2, and with a view to launching a 2018-2020 pilot programme for junior professionals as part of its talent management strategy, on a proposal from Mr OETTINGER, in agreement with the PRESIDENT, decided:

- to instruct the Directorate-General for Human Resources and Security to:
 - organise the selection of 40 junior professionals with the support of the Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, the European Personnel Selection Office, the European School of Administration and other Directorates-General;
 - to recruit up to 30 junior professionals as temporary agents at grade AD5 under Article 2(b) of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union, as a general rule, or under Article 2(a) of the same Conditions, where necessary;
 - to draw up, together with the European School of Administration, a training and development programme for the pilot programme;
- to allow a derogation from Article 2(c) and Article 3 of Commission Decision C(2013) 9049 of 16 December 2013 on policies for the engagement and use of temporary agents;
- to ask the Directorate-General for Human Resources and Security to provide the member of the Commission responsible for human resources and security with regular progress reports on the pilot programme.

These decisions would take effect immediately.

6.7. DG HUMAN RESOURCES AND SECURITY – AMENDMENT TO THE SECOND SUBPARAGRAPH OF ARTICLE 12(7) OF COMMISSION DECISION C(2016) 3288 OF 15 JUNE 2016 ON MIDDLE MANAGEMENT STAFF

The Commission, on a proposal from Mr OETTINGER, in agreement with the PRESIDENT, decided to amend certain purely organisational aspects of Decision C(2016) 3288 of 15 June 2016 on middle management staff by replacing Article 12(7) second subparagraph, relating to possible derogations from the principle of not occupying a head of unit post in the same Directorate-General for more than ten years, with the following subparagraphs:

‘As regards derogations from paragraph 3, the Director-General concerned shall send a duly reasoned request to the Director-General for Human Resources and Security, who shall decide on the derogation.

The Directors-General concerned shall decide on derogations from paragraph 4 after informing the Director-General for Human Resources and Security. In the event of disagreement, the Directorate-General for Human Resources and Security shall refer the matter to the member of the Commission responsible for human resources and security and the member of the Commission responsible for the department, who shall decide on the derogation in agreement with the President.’

This decision would take effect immediately.

6.8. DG HUMAN RESOURCES AND SECURITY – APPROVAL OF A TRANSFER IN THE INTEREST OF THE SERVICE TO THE POST OF HEAD OF EU DELEGATION TO THE REPUBLIC OF GUINEA AT GRADE AD9/14 (PERS(2018) 39)

The Commission took note of the information in point 8 of PERS(2018) 38/2,

and on a proposal from Mr OETTINGER, in agreement with the PRESIDENT, decided to approve the proposal for the transfer in the interest of the service, under Article 95(2) of the Staff Regulations, of Mr Josep COLL i CARBO to the post of Head of the EU Delegation to the Republic of Guinea; this decision would serve as a basis for the competent authority of the European External Action Service (EEAS) to make the final transfer.

This decision would take effect immediately.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

AGREEMENT IN THE FORM OF AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN UNION AND THE KINGDOM OF MOROCCO CONCERNING LIBERALISATION MEASURES ON AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERY PRODUCTS FOLLOWING THE JUDGMENT OF THE COURT OF JUSTICE OF 21 DECEMBER 2016 (CASE C-104/16 P)
(RCC(2018) 2257)

The Commission approved the line set out in item 22.3 of the conclusions of the meeting of Chefs de cabinet that took place on 4 June 2018, distributed in RCC(2018) 2257.

The relevant proposals for legal instruments would be adopted by urgent written procedures, the deadline for which was set at 10.00 on Monday 11 June 2018 (PE/2018/3881 and PE/2018/3882).

8. **2021-2027 MULTIANNUAL FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK – PROPOSAL FOR A REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL ESTABLISHING THE DIGITAL EUROPE PROGRAMME FOR THE PERIOD 2021-2027**
(COM(2018) 434 TO /3; SWD(2018) 305; SWD(2018) 306; SEC(2018) 289; RCC(2018) 100)
9. **2021-2027 MULTIANNUAL FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK – PROPOSAL FOR A REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL ESTABLISHING HORIZON EUROPE – THE FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME FOR RESEARCH AND INNOVATION, LAYING DOWN ITS RULES FOR PARTICIPATION AND DISSEMINATION**
(COM(2018) 435 AND /2; SWD(2018) 307 AND /2; SWD(2018) 308; SWD(2018) 309; SEC(2018) 291; RCC(2018) 92)
10. **2021-2027 MULTIANNUAL FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK – PROPOSAL FOR A DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL ON ESTABLISHING THE SPECIFIC PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTING HORIZON EUROPE – THE FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME FOR RESEARCH AND INNOVATION**
(COM(2018) 436 AND /2; SWD(2018) 307 AND /2; SWD(2018) 308; SWD(2018) 309; SEC(2018) 291; RCC(2018) 92)
11. **2021-2027 MULTIANNUAL FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK – PROPOSAL FOR A COUNCIL REGULATION ESTABLISHING THE RESEARCH AND TRAINING PROGRAMME OF THE EUROPEAN ATOMIC ENERGY COMMUNITY FOR THE PERIOD 2021-2025 COMPLEMENTING HORIZON EUROPE – THE FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME FOR RESEARCH AND INNOVATION**
(COM(2018) 437 AND /2; SWD(2018) 307 AND /2; SWD(2018) 308; SWD(2018) 309; SEC(2018) 291; RCC(2018) 92)

12. **2021-2027 MULTIANNUAL FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK – PROPOSAL FOR A COUNCIL DECISION AMENDING DECISION 2007/198/EURATOM ESTABLISHING THE EUROPEAN JOINT UNDERTAKING FOR ITER AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF FUSION ENERGY AND CONFERRING ADVANTAGES UPON IT**
(COM(2018) 445 AND /2; SWD(2018) 325; SWD(2018) 326; RCC(2018) 92)
13. **2021-2027 MULTIANNUAL FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK – PROPOSAL FOR A REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL ESTABLISHING THE SPACE PROGRAMME OF THE UNION AND THE EUROPEAN UNION AGENCY FOR THE SPACE PROGRAMME AND REPEALING REGULATIONS (EU) 912/2010, (EU) 1285/2013, (EU) 377/2014 AND DECISION 541/2014/EU**
(COM(2018) 447 TO /3; SWD(2018) 327; SWD(2018) 328; SEC(2018) 297; RCC(2018) 101)
14. **2021-2027 MULTIANNUAL FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK – PROPOSAL FOR A REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL ESTABLISHING THE CONNECTING EUROPE FACILITY AND REPEALING REGULATIONS (EU) 1316/2013 AND (EU) 283/2014**
(COM(2018) 438 AND /2; SWD(2018) 312; SWD(2018) 313; SEC(2018) 292; RCC(2018) 97)
15. **2021-2027 MULTIANNUAL FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK – PROPOSAL FOR A REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL ESTABLISHING THE 'FISCALIS' PROGRAMME FOR COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF TAXATION**
(COM(2018) 443 AND /2; SWD(2018) 323; SWD(2018) 324 AND /2; RCC(2018) 93)
16. **2021-2027 MULTIANNUAL FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK – PROPOSAL FOR A REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL ESTABLISHING THE 'CUSTOMS' PROGRAMME FOR**

COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF CUSTOMS

**(COM(2018) 442 AND /2; SWD(2018) 321; SWD(2018) 322 AND /2;
SEC(2018) 295; RCC(2018) 93)**

- 17. 2021-2027 MULTIANNUAL FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK – PROPOSAL FOR
A REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE
COUNCIL ESTABLISHING THE PROGRAMME FOR SINGLE MARKET,
COMPETITIVENESS OF ENTERPRISES, INCLUDING SMALL AND
MEDIUM-SIZED ENTERPRISES, AND EUROPEAN STATISTICS AND
REPEALING REGULATIONS (EU) 99/2013, (EU) 1287/2013, (EU) 254/2014,
(EU) 258/2014, (EU) 652/2014 AND (EU) 2017/826
(COM(2018) 441 AND /2; SWD(2018) 320; SEC(2018) 294; RCC(2018) 96)**
- 18. 2021-2027 MULTIANNUAL FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK – PROPOSAL FOR
A REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE
COUNCIL ESTABLISHING THE INVESTEU PROGRAMME
(COM(2018) 439 TO /3; SWD(2018) 314; SWD(2018) 316; SEC(2018) 293;
RCC(2018) 96)**
- 19. 2021-2027 MULTIANNUAL FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK – PROPOSAL FOR
A COUNCIL REGULATION AMENDING COUNCIL REGULATION
(EU) 2015/1588 OF 13 JULY 2015 ON THE APPLICATION OF
ARTICLES 107 AND 108 OF THE TREATY ON THE FUNCTIONING OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION TO CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF HORIZONTAL
STATE AID
(COM(2018) 398 AND /2; RCC(2018) 96)**
- 20. 2021-2027 MULTIANNUAL FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK – PROPOSAL FOR
A REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE
COUNCIL ESTABLISHING THE EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS
PROGRAMME AND REPEALING [EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS
REGULATION] AND REGULATION (EU) 375/2014**

(COM(2018) 440 AND /2; SWD(2018) 317; SWD(2018) 318; SWD(2018) 319 AND /2; RCC(2018) 102)

The PRESIDENT invited Mr OETTINGER to present the second wave of the sectoral legislative proposals submitted to the College for approval and which formed part of the 2021-2027 Multiannual Financial Framework.

Mr OETTINGER reminded the College that the general guidelines defined in the draft Multiannual Financial Framework adopted by the Commission on 2 May needed to be translated into proposals for specific legal bases for each sector and programme. As planned, these proposals were being submitted to the College in three stages: the first on 29 May, the second that day, and the third on 12 June.

He presented the main features of the thirteen legislative proposals in the second wave, some of which would be adopted by finalisation written procedure and presented at press conferences over the coming days by the Commission members responsible.

Mr OETTINGER began by reviewing the Proposal for a Regulation establishing a **Digital Europe programme** for the period 2021-2027. He described the five areas covered by this programme: (i) supercomputers, (ii) artificial intelligence, (iii) cybersecurity and trust, (iv) digital skills and (v) a wide use of digital technologies, including increased possibilities of interoperability, across all sectors of the economy and society. The programme would have an overall budget of €9.2 billion for the whole period, comprised of €2.7 billion for supercomputers, €2.5 billion to help spread artificial intelligence, €2 billion to safeguard the digital economy, society and democracy through cybersecurity, €700 million for training in digital skills and, lastly, €1.3 billion for the digital transformation of public administration and public services, their EU-wide interoperability and access to technology for businesses, notably SMEs.

The overall budget was supplemented by additional funds invested in digital development under the Connecting Europe Facility and the Horizon Europe

framework programme for research and innovation, taking the Union's total digital investment to some €13 billion – an increase of 96 % compared to the current multiannual financial framework.

Mr OETTINGER then presented the two proposals relating to the next 'Horizon Europe' **framework programme for research and innovation, and the research and training programme pursuant to the treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community** supplementing it. He also emphasised the substantial increase in the allocation for the framework programme, which amounted to nearly €100 billion for the period 2021-2027. By means of its three pillars (open innovation, open science and open to the world) – Horizon Europe aimed to derive scientific, economic and societal benefits from the Union's investments in research and innovation, with the aim of strengthening Europe's scientific and technological bases, enhancing its competitiveness, delivering on its strategic priorities and tackling global challenges such as sustainable development.

Thirdly, he highlighted the proposal concerning the Joint Undertaking for **ITER** and the Development of Fusion Energy, now worth EUR 6 billion, in order to allow the Union to sustain its financial effort compared to its main international partners. He also mentioned the **Union's space programme**, worth EUR 16 billion, the aim of which *inter alia* was to reduce Europe's dependency in this area. The programme's leading European projects were '**Galileo**' and '**EGNOS**' (satellite navigation) and the '**Copernicus**' programme (Earth observation).

Fourthly, under the financial framework for the period 2021-2027, the Commission proposed to extend the **Connecting Europe Facility** with a budget worth EUR 42 billion in order to support investment in trans-European infrastructure networks in transport (over EUR 30 billion), energy (around EUR 9 billion) and the digital sector (EUR 3 billion), i.e. an overall increase of 47 %. For the next generation of the technology the Commission was focusing on the facility's environmental dimension by earmarking 60 % of funding for climate-related objectives. The aim was to improve the integration of the transport, energy and

digital sectors with a view to speeding up the decarbonisation and digitalisation of the Union's economy.

In terms of the fifth group of programmes he drew attention to **InvestEU**, aimed at bringing together under the same umbrella funding from the EU budget that took the form of loans and guarantees. InvestEU would bring together the multiple existing financial programmes and extend the model of the Investment Plan for Europe, which had been very successful, thereby encouraging even more job creation, investment and innovation. The Commission was proposing to earmark EUR 15.2 billion for the InvestEU fund. The EU budget would thus provide a guarantee of EUR 38 billion for use in support of projects of strategic importance throughout the Union, potentially worth up to EUR 650 billion in four policy areas, namely (i) sustainable infrastructure, (ii) research, innovation and digitalisation, (iii) small and medium-sized enterprises, and (iv) social investment and skills. InvestEU would also be designed to respond rapidly to market variations and changing political priorities over time.

Mr OETTINGER also presented a sixth group comprising the '**Fiscalis**' and '**Customs**' programmes, worth EUR 270 million and EUR 950 million respectively, aimed at facilitating enhanced cooperation between the Union's tax authorities, and helping to unify the operations of customs administrations, in particular by allowing them to embrace the major technological changes.

The '**Programme for single market, competitiveness of enterprises, including small and medium-sized enterprises, and European statistics**' would, in particular, incorporate the current 'Competitiveness of enterprises and small and medium-sized enterprises' (COSME) programme, and would be allocated EUR 4 billion for the period 2021-2027.

Finally, he indicated that the '**European Solidarity Corps**' programme would be the successor to the programme currently under negotiation between the Union's three institutions and on which a trilogue meeting on 4 June had reached an agreement in principle that was to be confirmed within the next few days. The

Commission was proposing to assign EUR 1.2 billion for the entire period 2021-2027.

In conclusion, Mr OETTINGER emphasised that the third and final wave of legislative proposals for sectoral programmes in the next MFF would be presented the following week. The Commission would then have to adopt implementing provisions for all its proposals.

The PRESIDENT noted that the Commission was in agreement on the whole of the second wave of proposals under the MFF, which were in line with the guidelines adopted in the communication of 2 May last.

He wanted communication efforts concerning InvestEU, the successor programme to the current European Fund for Strategic Investments, to highlight its leverage effect, which should enable it to generate more than EUR 650 billion of additional investment across the Union over seven years.

He also briefly returned to the European Solidarity Corps in order to emphasise that it was a flagship programme, as he had announced in his State of the Union address in September 2017, and that every necessary effort should be made to implement this initiative successfully in 2018.

Following the presentations and subject to a final general clean-up of the texts, the Commission:

- adopted the proposal for a Regulation establishing the Digital Europe programme set out in COM(2018) 434/3, for transmission to Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of the Regions and the national parliaments, together with the impact assessment, the summary thereof and the opinion of the Regulatory Scrutiny Board in SWD(2018) 305, SWD(2018) 306 and SEC(2018) 289, the contents of which were noted;
- adopted the proposal for a Regulation establishing the space programme of the

European Union set out in COM(2018) 447/3, for transmission to Parliament, the Council and the national parliaments and, for information, to the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions, together with the impact assessment, the summary thereof and the opinion of the Regulatory Scrutiny Board in SWD(2018) 327, SWD(2018) 328 and SEC(2018) 297, the contents of which were noted;

- adopted the proposal for a Regulation establishing the Connecting Europe Facility set out in COM(2018) 438/2, for transmission to Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of the Regions and the national parliaments, together with the impact assessment, the summary thereof and the opinion of the Regulatory Scrutiny Board in SWD(2018) 312, SWD(2018) 313 and SEC(2018) 292, the contents of which were noted;
- adopted the proposal for a Regulation establishing the InvestEU programme set out in COM(2018) 439/3 for transmission to Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of the Regions and the national parliaments, together with the impact assessment, the staff working document and the opinion of the Regulatory Scrutiny Board in SWD(2018) 314, SWD(2018) 316 and SEC(2018) 293, the contents of which were noted;
- adopted the proposal for a Council Regulation set out in COM(2018) 398/2 for transmission to Parliament and the Council and, for information, to the national parliaments.

In addition, on a proposal by the PRESIDENT, the Commission confirmed that:

- the proposals for a Regulation or a Decision in COM(2018) 435/2, COM(2018) 436/2, COM(2018) 437/2, COM(2018) 445/2 and COM(2018) 441/2 would be formally adopted by finalisation written procedure, the deadline for which was set at 10.00 on Thursday 7 June 2018 (PE/2018/3673, PE/2018/3674, PE//2018/3675, PE/2018/3766 and

PE/2018/3751);

- the proposals for a Regulation in COM(2018) 443/2 and COM(2018) 442/2 would be formally adopted by finalisation written procedure, the deadline for which was set at 10.00 on Friday 8 June 2018 (PE/2018/3745 and PE/2018/3744);
- the proposal for a Regulation in COM(2018) 440/2 would be formally adopted by finalisation written procedure, the deadline for which was set at 10.00 on Monday 11 June 2018 (PE/2018/3746).

21. REPORT FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE COUNCIL AND THE COURT OF AUDITORS – 2017 ANNUAL MANAGEMENT AND PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR THE EU BUDGET (COM(2018) 457 AND /2; SEC(2018) 296; INFO(2018) 33 AND /2)

At the invitation of the PRESIDENT, Mr OETTINGER presented the 2017 Annual Management and Performance Report for the EU budget that the Commission is required to submit under Article 318 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and Article 66(9) of the Financial Regulation.

Based on the Annual Activity Reports of the Commission departments and evaluation of the programmes, the Report provided an overview of the major points in terms of performance and management of the European Union's budget, describing, in the light of the available data, the way in which the Union's resources had been used to support its political priorities during the year in question.

Mr OETTINGER pointed out that with this report, the College took political responsibility for the management of the budget for 2017, and that the European Parliament, the Council and the Court of Auditors would examine it under the budgetary discharge procedure for the same year.

He was pleased to note another drop in the error rate for payments from the Union's budget, which had dropped below 2 %, to 1.9 %, for the first time, thereby demonstrating the effectiveness of the internal control systems.

Lastly he encouraged the Members of the Commission to refer to this report in order to use specific examples in their communication efforts illustrating the added value of the Union's action.

The PRESIDENT thanked Mr OETTINGER for his presentation of a report that was of great importance for the institution and the Union.

The Commission:

- approved the 2017 Annual Management and Performance Report for the EU Budget set out in COM(2018) 457/2, together with the technical annexes, for transmission to Parliament, the Council and the Court of Auditors, and, for information, to the national parliaments, indicating a link giving access to all the annual activity reports (<https://ec.europa.eu/info/node/1645>);
- took note of the fact that each Member of the Commission had been made aware of the Annual Activity Report and of the declaration presented by his or her Director(s)-General or Head(s) of Service, and that a reference to this dialogue was specifically mentioned in each Annual Activity Report;
- took note of the fact that the declarations of assurance contained in the Annual Activity Reports did not cover the Members' private offices and their expenditure;
- authorised Mr OETTINGER, the Member of the Commission with responsibility for the Budget and Human Resources, to present the report to the discharge authority;
- took note of the documents available in Decide as supporting documents: (i) the Annual Report of the Audit Progress Committee for the period from

May 2017-May 2018, distributed as SEC(2018) 296, (ii) the annual report on the internal audit for 2017, distributed as a meeting document under Ares(2018) 2721383, and (iii) the general opinion of the Internal Auditor for 2017 and the related working document;

- also took note of the information note in INFO(2018) 33/2.

22. OTHER BUSINESS (CTD)

22.1. RESPECT FOR THE RULE OF LAW IN POLAND

The Commission discussed the latest developments with regard to respect for the rule of law in Poland and noted the postponement of the planned decision on Poland in the context of the infringement cycle under adoption.

22.2. TRADE RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES (SEC(2018) 312)

The Commission reviewed trade relations between the European Union and the United States.

The Commission took note of the background note distributed as SEC(2018) 312 and agreed the adoption of the two delegated acts announced (PE/2018/3765 et PE/2018/3982).

22.3. RESULTS OF JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS COUNCIL MEETING (LUXEMBOURG, 4 AND 5 JUNE)

The Commission discussed the main results of the discussions on reform of the Dublin system for asylum management at the Justice and Home Affairs Council meeting.

22.4. LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN RELATIONS WITH IRAN**(SEC(2018) 313)**

The PRESIDENT gave the floor to Ms MOGHERINI and Mr KATAINEN and invited them to present the planned measures, in the form of two delegated acts, to protect the Union's interests and those of European businesses that invested in Iran under the commitment taken by the Union to preserve the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action on the Iran nuclear programme. He reminded the meeting that the EU leaders had confirmed their support for this commitment at their informal summit in Sofia on 16 May.

The PRESIDENT noted the College's agreement with the approach proposed by Ms MOGHERINI and Mr KATAINEN.

The Commission took note of this information and of the background note distributed as SEC(2018) 313, and approved the adoption of the two delegated acts announced (PE/2018/3765 and PE/2018/3982).

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The Commission's other discussions on certain agenda items are recorded in the special minutes.

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The meeting closed at 11.27.