

# EUROPEAN COMMISSION

THE EU'S POLITICAL EXECUTIVE

European  
Commission

Een nieuwe **START**  
voor **EUROPA**



Un nouvel **ÉLAN**  
pour l'**EUROPE**



A new **START**  
for **EUROPE**



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## What do you know about the Commission?



## In this presentation...

### European Commission

- How it works
- 4 main roles

### The Juncker Commission

- Election process
- 10 priorities

# The European Commission

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is the  
political  
executive

2

acts as a  
college

3

promotes  
the general  
interest of  
the Union



# Division of competences



## COMPETENCES

### EXCLUSIVE



- Trade
- Competition



### SHARED



- Agriculture
- Environment



### SUPPORTING



- Tourism
- Education



# EU law

## Primary Legislation



## Secondary Legislation

### Non-binding

#### RECOMMENDATION



Economic  
governance

### Binding

#### REGULATIONS



Roaming

#### DIRECTIVES



Consumer  
rights

#### DECISIONS



Microsoft



# The 4 roles of the Commission

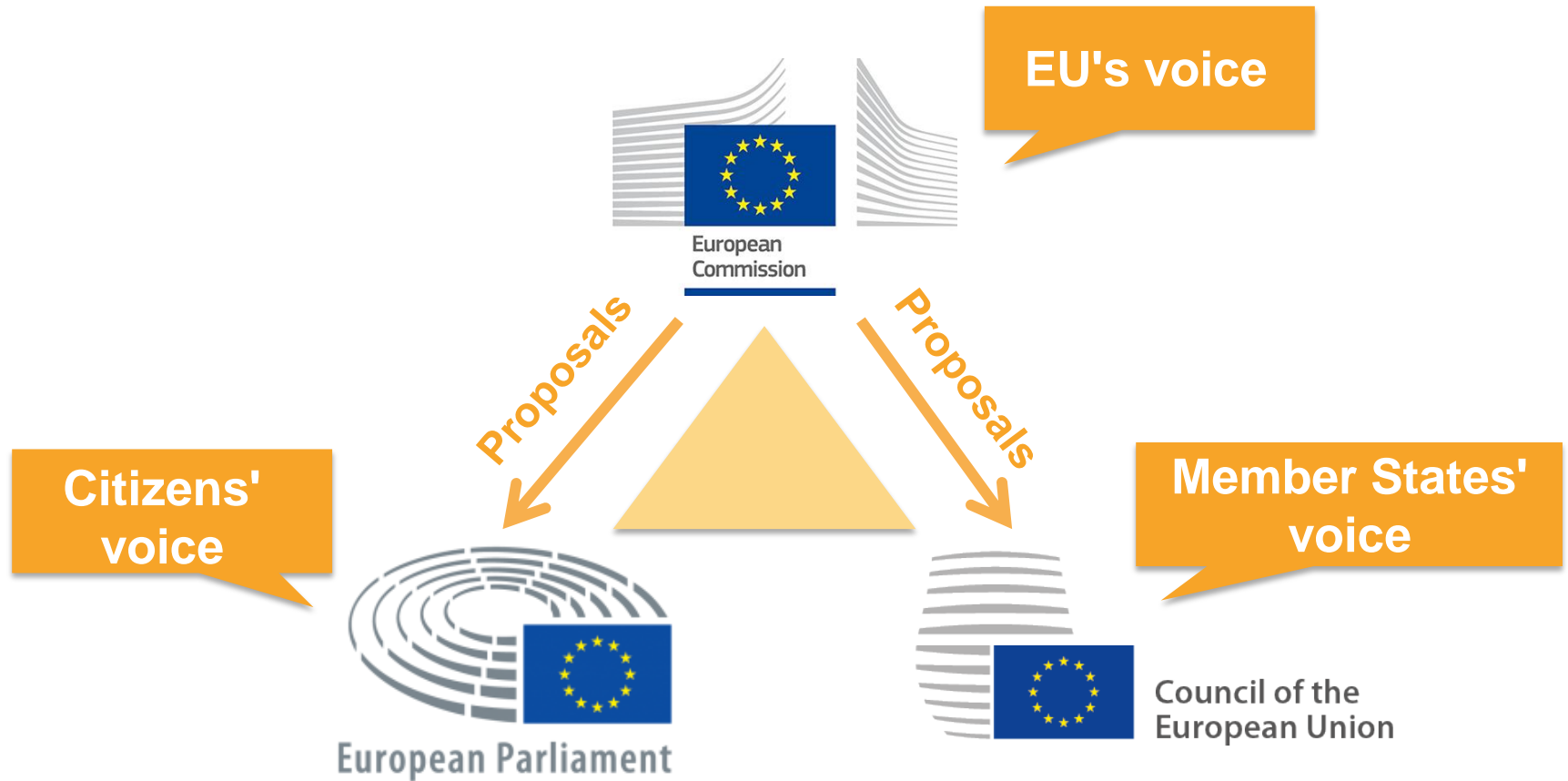
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**GUARDIAN OF THE TREATIES**

**INTERNATIONAL DIMENSION**

# Initiating laws and policies





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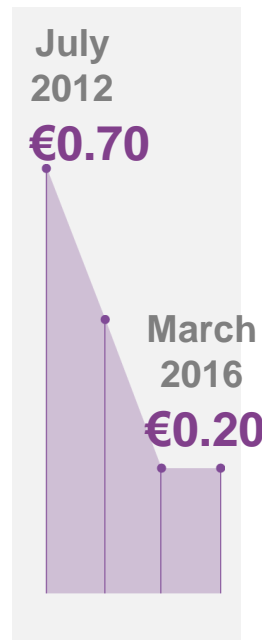
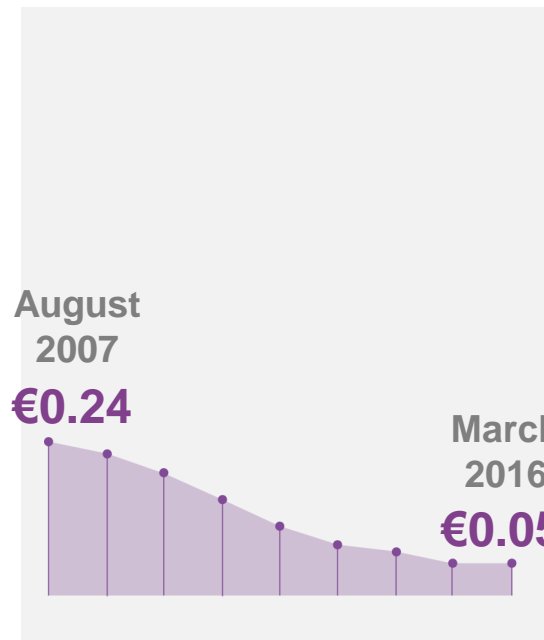
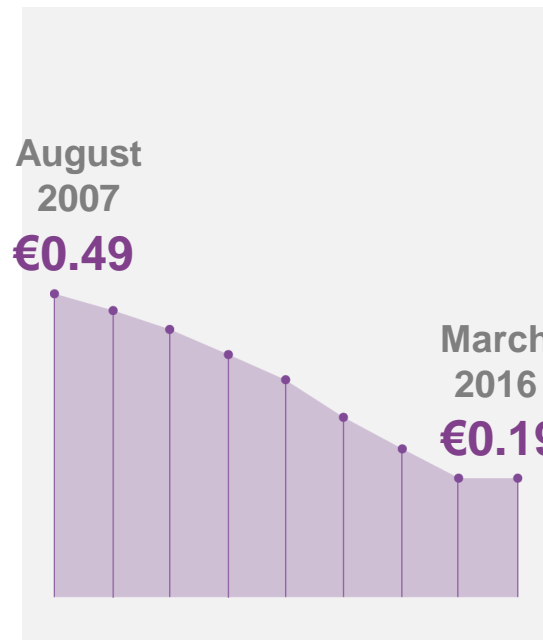
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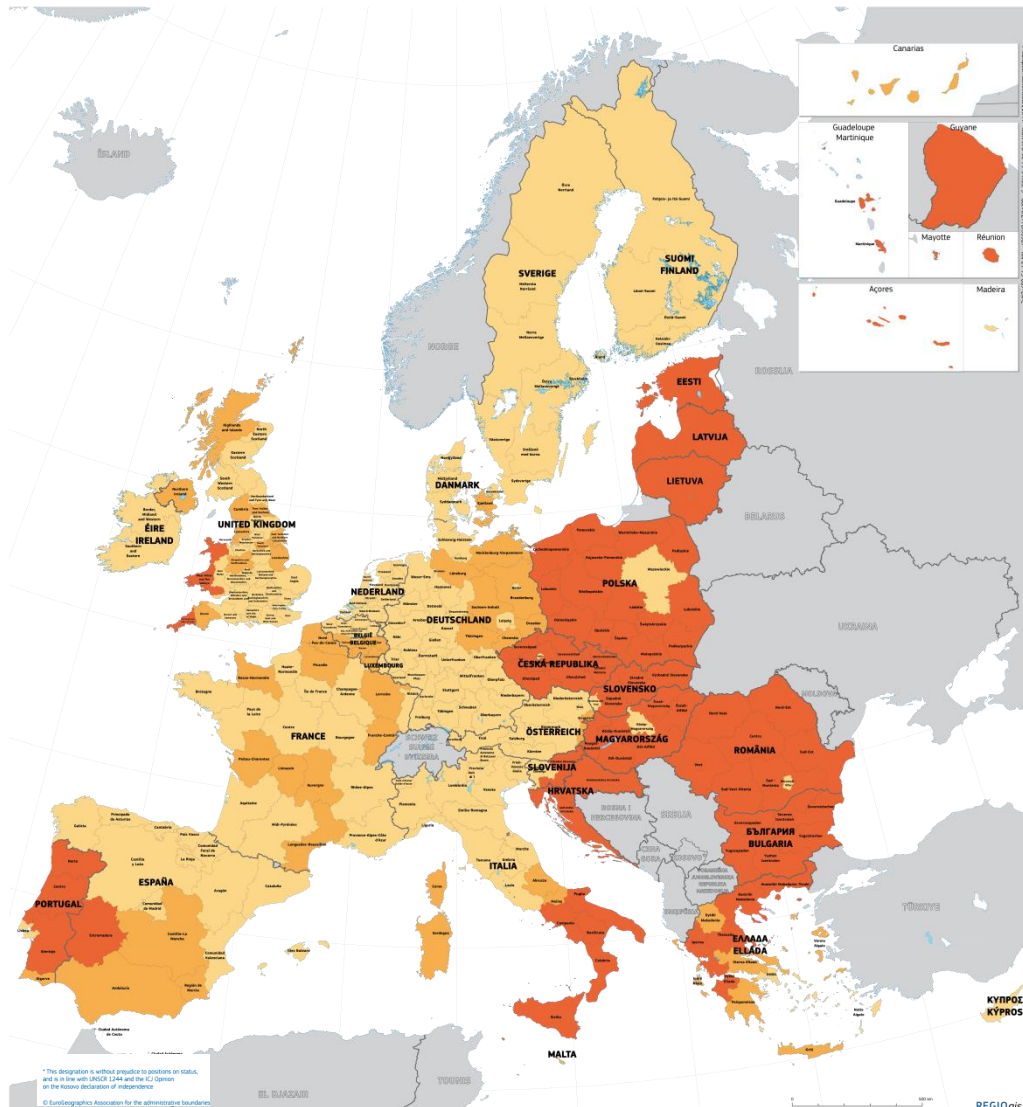


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## AS OF 15 JUNE 2017: NO EXTRA CHARGES



### Implementing policies – Regional policy



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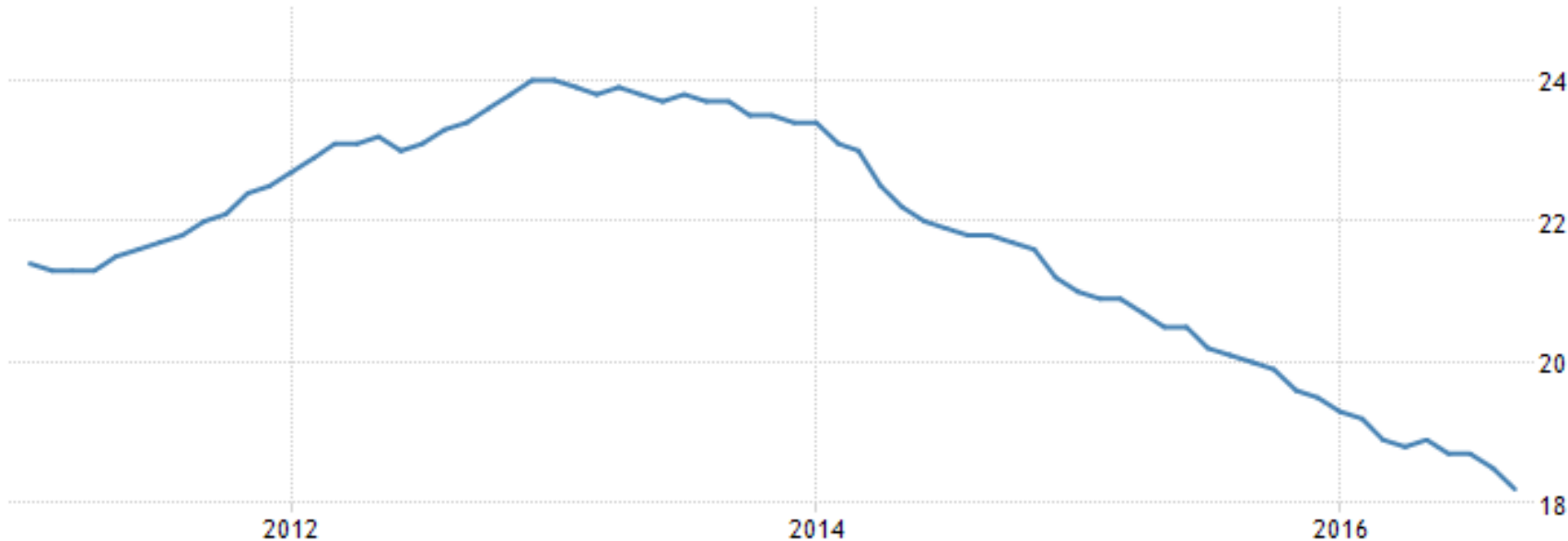
- Less developed regions (GDP/head < 75% of EU-27 average)
- Transition regions (GDP/head between 75% and 90% of EU-27 average)
- More developed regions (GDP/head >= 90% of EU-27 average)

## Implementing policies



# Youth Guarantee

## EU YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT RATE % OF LABOUR FORCE 15-24



SOURCE: WWW.TRADINGECONOMICS.COM | EUROSTAT

# Income & spending on policies

Economic, social & territorial cohesion 34%

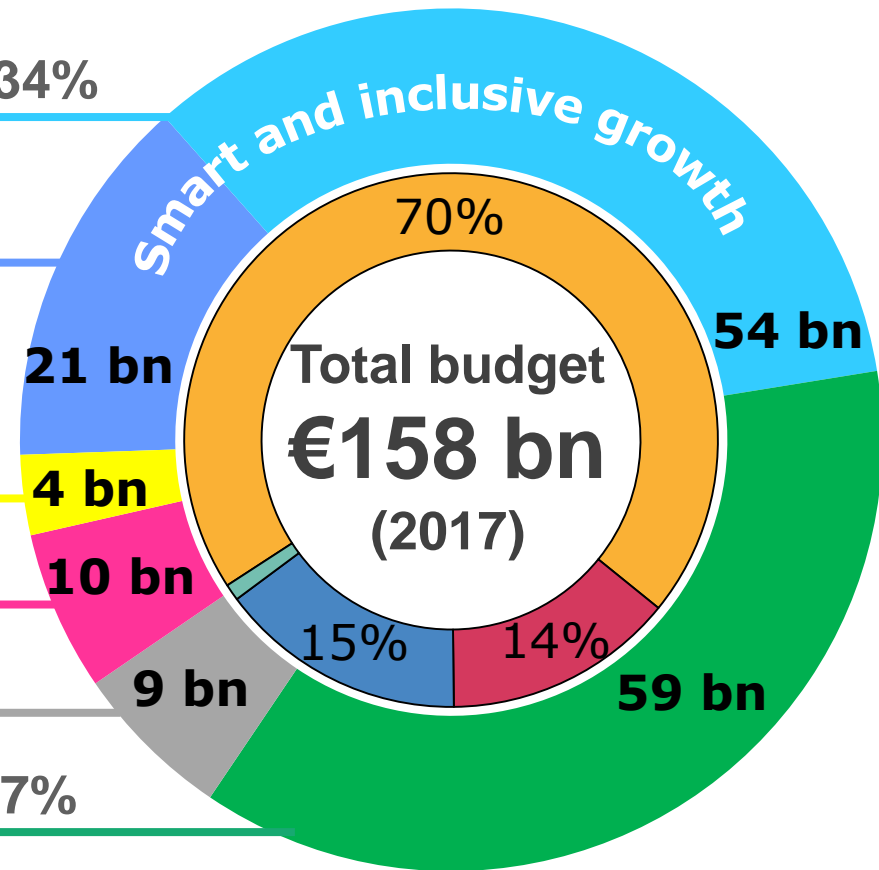
Competitiveness for growth & jobs 14%

Security & Citizenship 3%

Global Europe 6%

Administration 6%

Sustainable growth: natural resources 37%



■ % of Member States' GNI

■ % of Member States' VAT rate

■ Import duties on non-EU products

■ Other

# The 4 roles of the Commission

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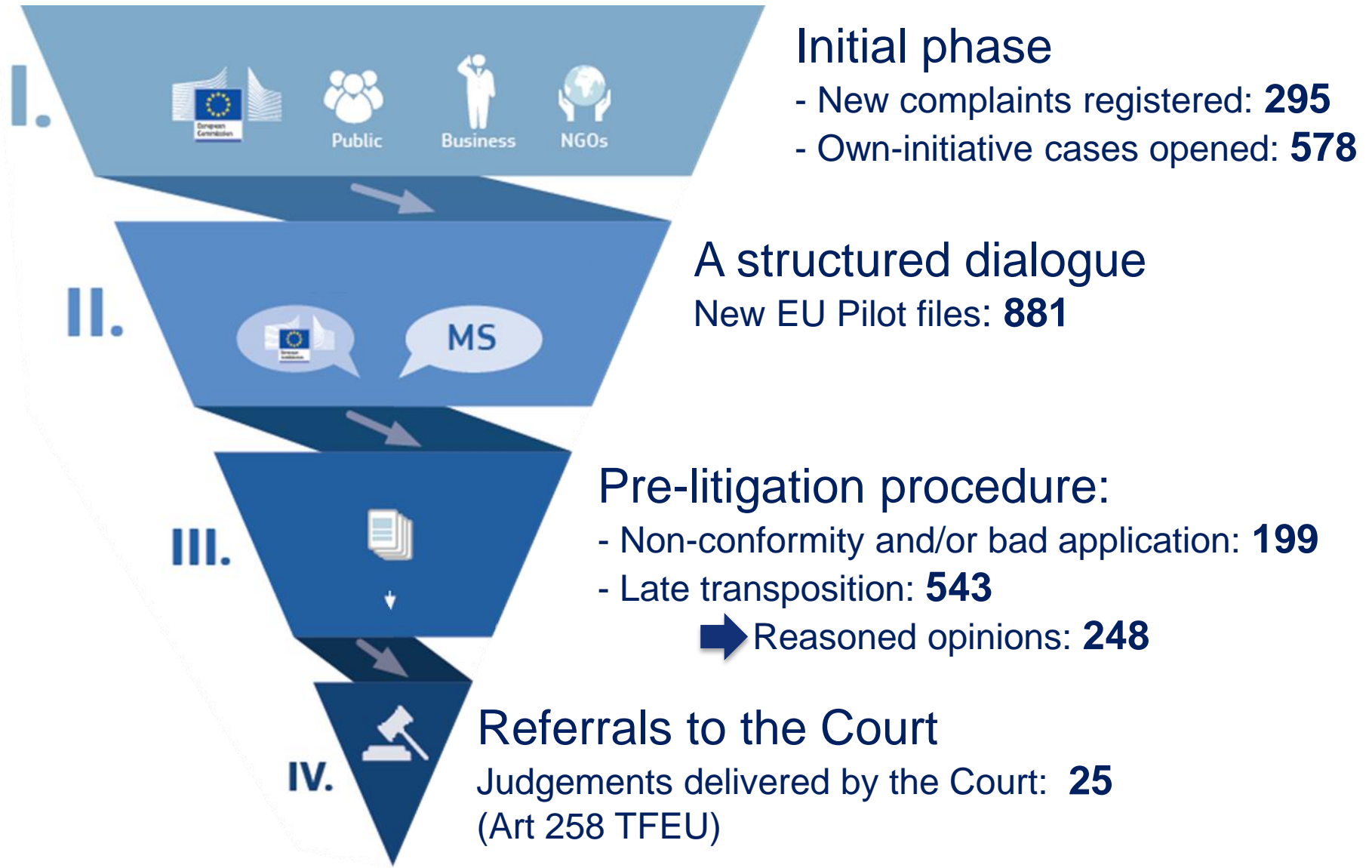
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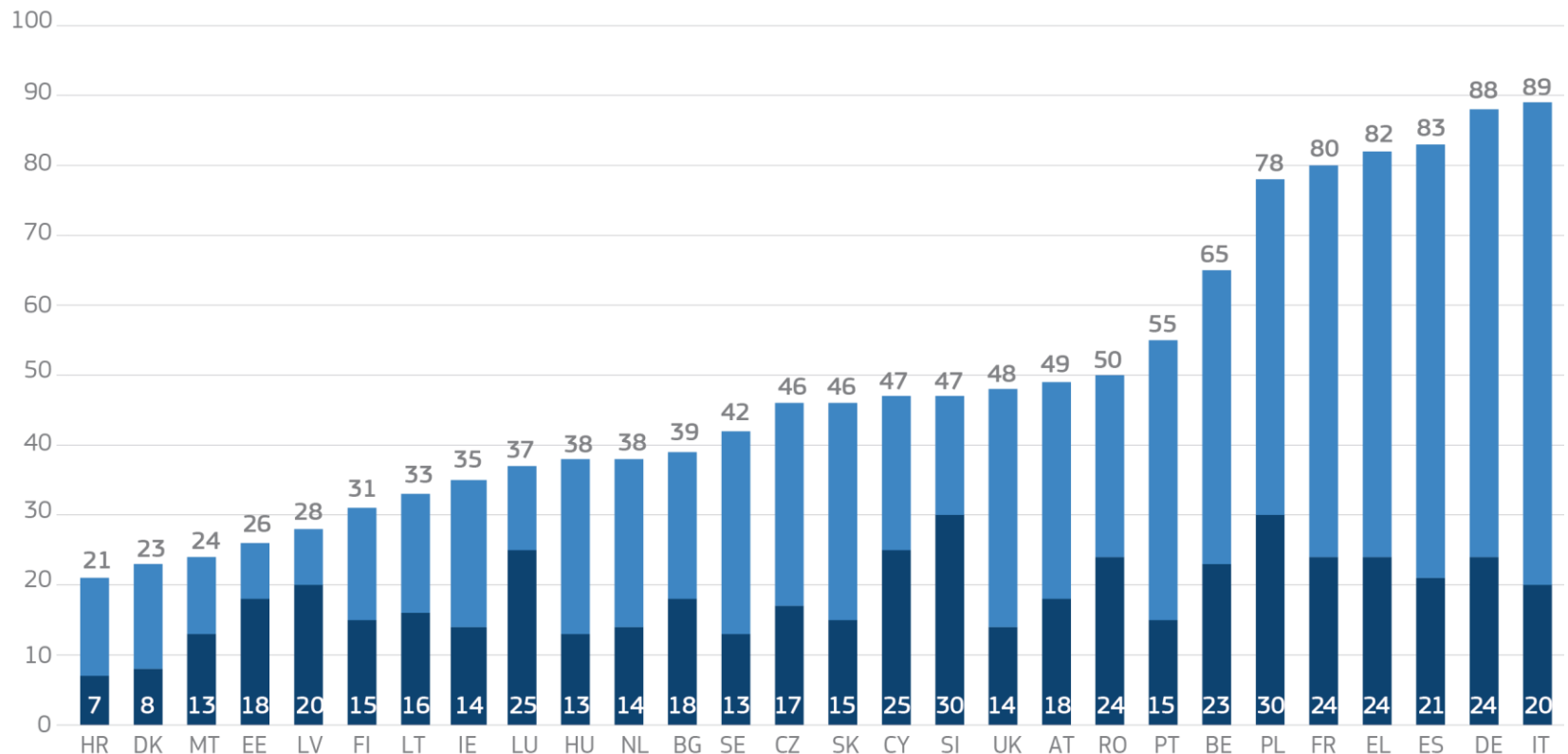


# Guardian of the treaties – infringement procedure (2015)



### Guardian of the treaties / Member States

Number of infringement cases in EU-28 in 2015



*Top figures: Total number of infringements*

- Infringements for incorrect transposition and/or bad application of EU laws
- Late transposition infringements

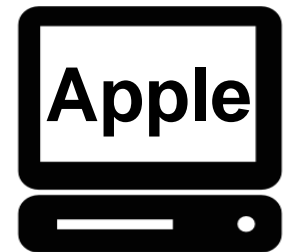
## Guardian of the treaties – companies



Illegal state aid  
(October 2015)

**Google**

Antitrust proceeding  
(April 2016)



Illegal state aid  
(August 2016)

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## Representing the EU in the world



**International  
agreements**



**Development  
cooperation &  
humanitarian aid**



**Neighbourhood  
Policy &  
Enlargement  
Negotiations**



**Common  
Foreign and  
Security Policy**

## From achievements of the past

**1957**

Treaty of Rome



**1992**

Treaty of Maastricht

**1995**

Schengen

**2004**

Eastern Enlargement



**1987**

ERASMUS

**1993**

The Single Market

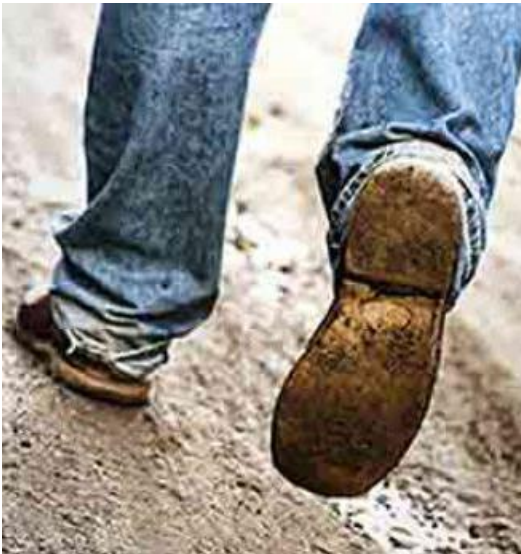
**2002**

Euro

**2012**

Nobel Peace Price

**....to the challenges of today**



**Migration crisis**



**Economic  
& social  
inequalities**



**Terrorism**

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## Juncker Commission (2014-2019)

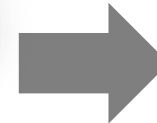




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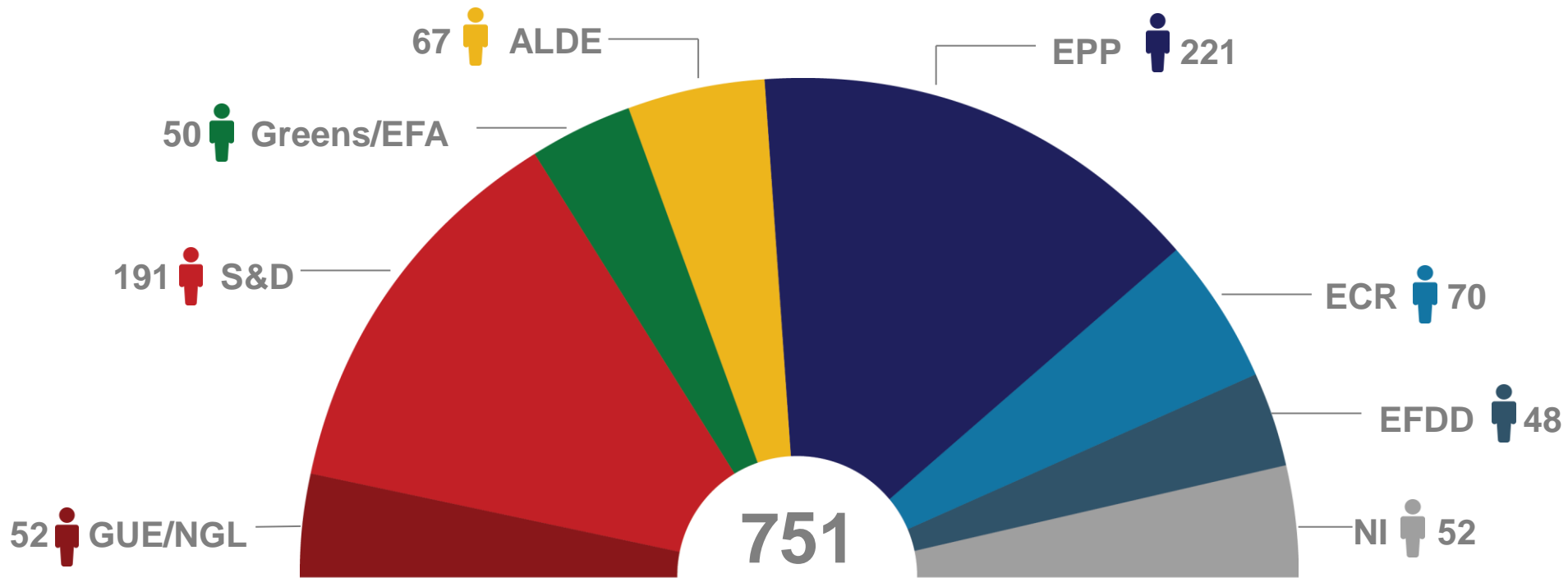
## European Parliament elections 2014



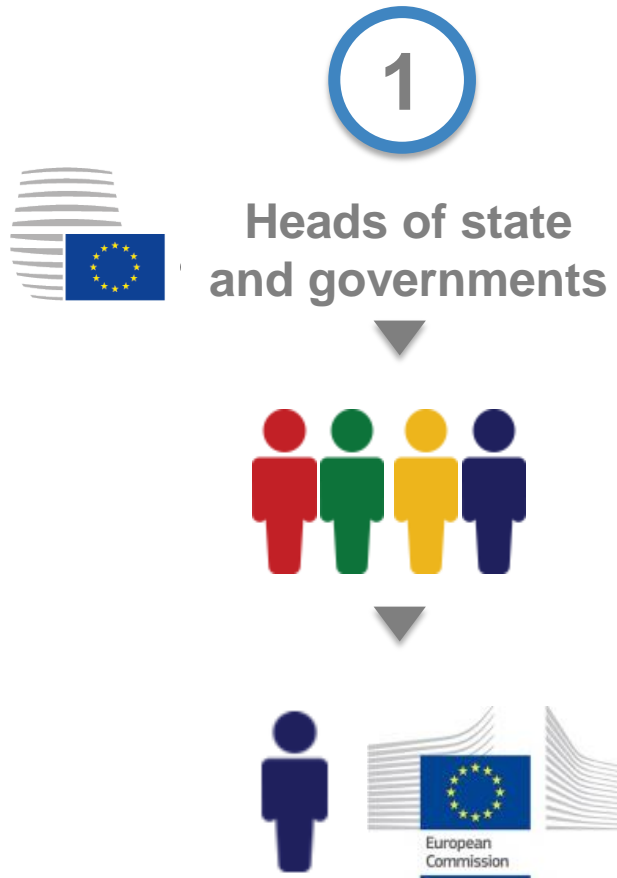
European Parliament



# European Parliament elections 2014



# How President Juncker was elected





*"My first priority as  
Commission President  
will be to strengthen  
Europe's  
competitiveness  
and to stimulate  
investment for the  
purpose of job  
creation."*

President Jean-Claude Juncker  
Strasbourg, 15 July 2014



European  
Commission

# The 10 priorities



Jobs, growth,  
investment



Digital single  
market



Energy Union  
& climate



Internal market



Economic &  
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EU as a global  
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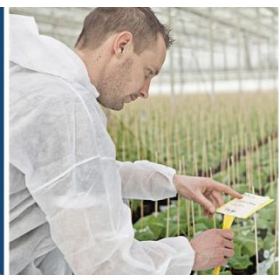
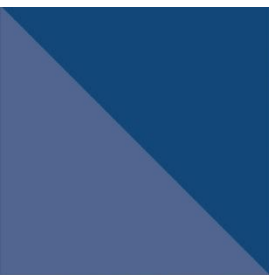


Democratic  
change



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*The Investment Plan  
for Europe*

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The Investment Plan reaches the real economy



## THE INVESTMENT PLAN FOR EUROPE



European  
Commission

## Success story of the Investment Plan



**EUR 225 billion** in new investment



**445,000 SMEs and Mid-Caps** have better access to finance

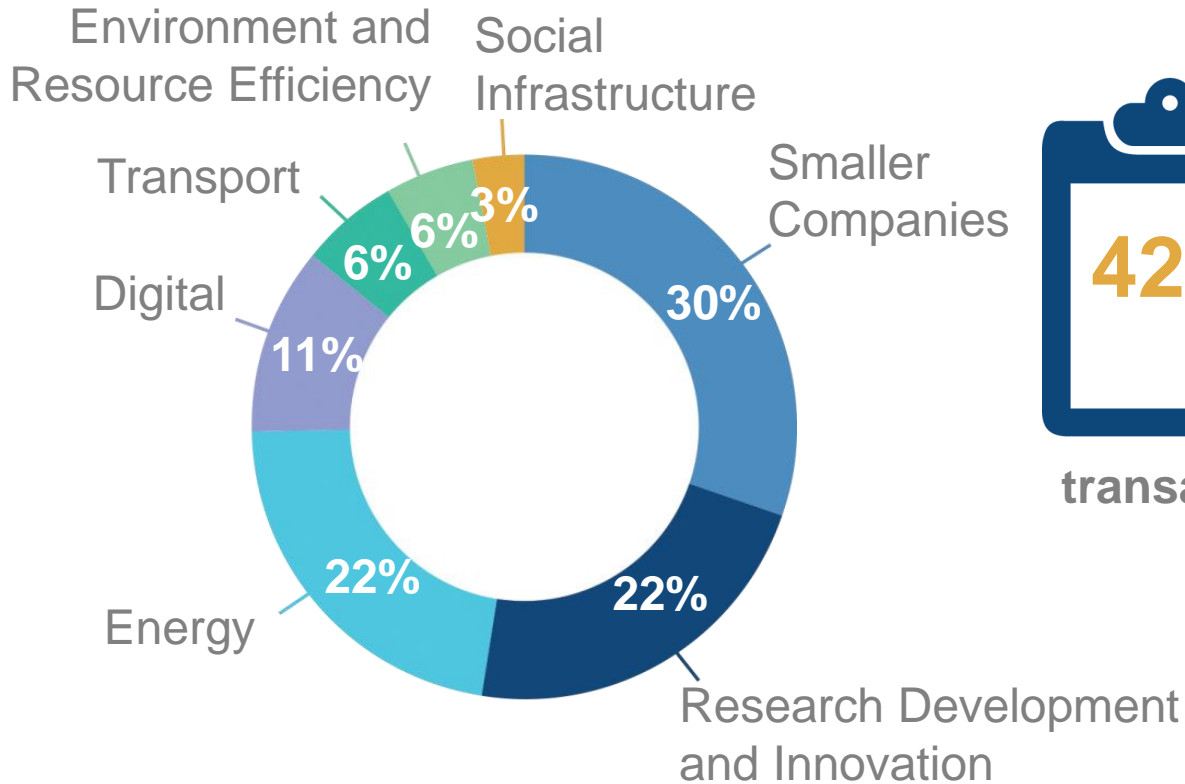


More than **300,000** new jobs



**European External Investment Plan**

## European Fund for Strategic Investments - Investment by sector



transactions



## Examples of projects under the Investment Plan for Europe

### Qredits - Loans for Dutch-based SMEs



**Location:** Netherlands  
**Sector:** Smaller and mid-cap companies  
**Will benefit:** 7,500 SMEs and start-ups



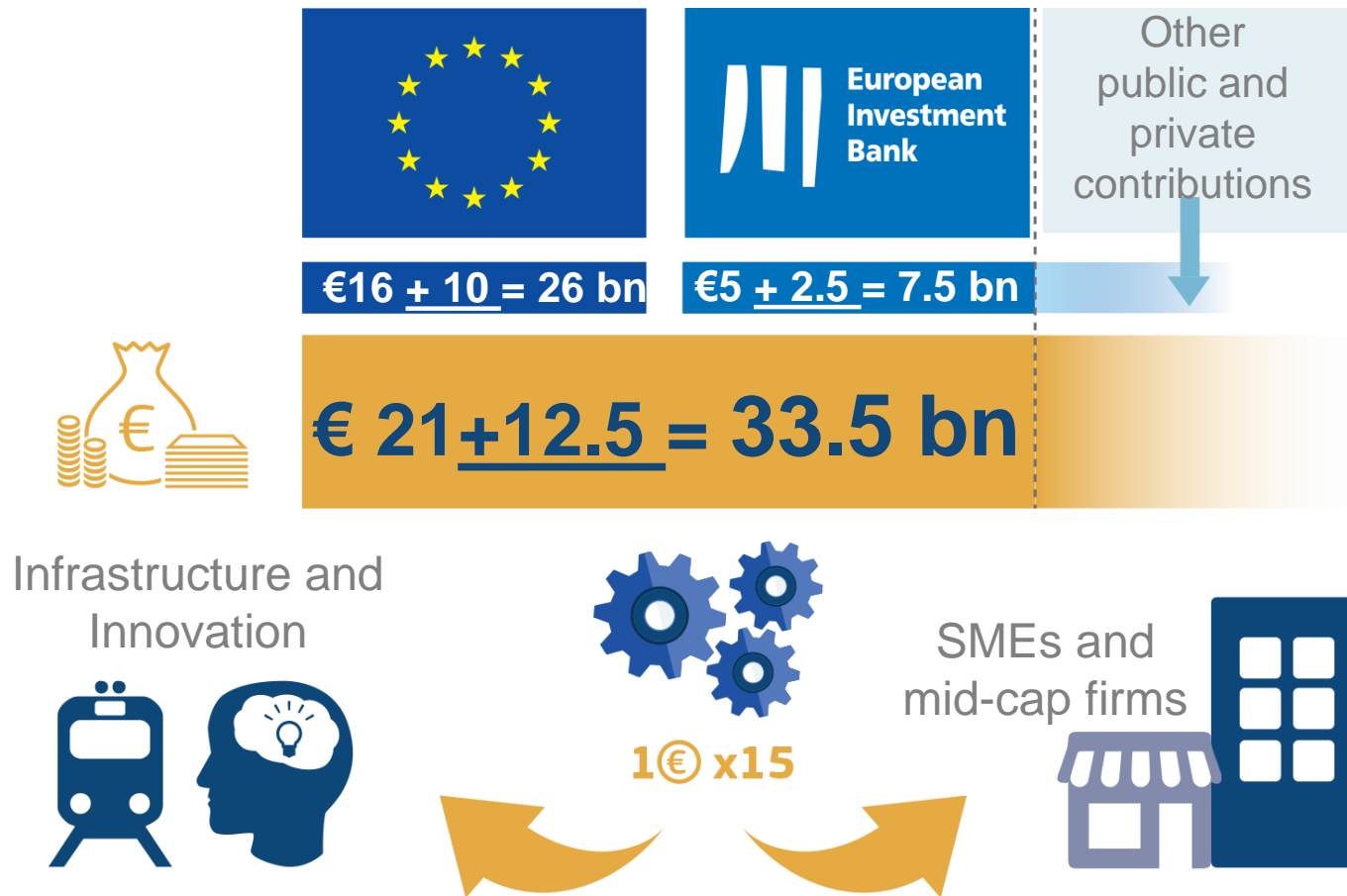
### Bio-Product Mill in Finland



**Location:** Finland  
**Sector:** Renewable energy, innovation  
**Jobs created:** 6,150



## Extending the European Fund For Strategic Investments



## Next steps



Continuing **EFSI**

Simplified  
combination of  
**ESFI & ESI**

Enhanced  
**Advisory Hub**

Encouraged  
**Investment  
Platforms**

The European Investment Fund will provide at least **€500 billion by 2020**,  
and aims for **€630 billion by 2022**





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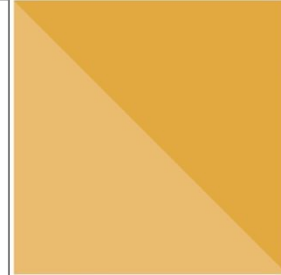
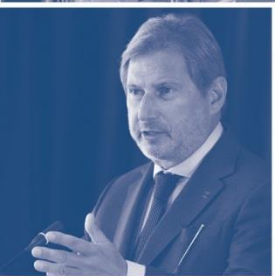
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## A DIGITAL SINGLE MARKET FOR EUROPE

#DigitalSingleMarket

# Why do we need a Digital Single Market?

Only 59% of Europeans can access 4G networks

90% of jobs will soon require digital skills

+ €11 billion in savings for consumers

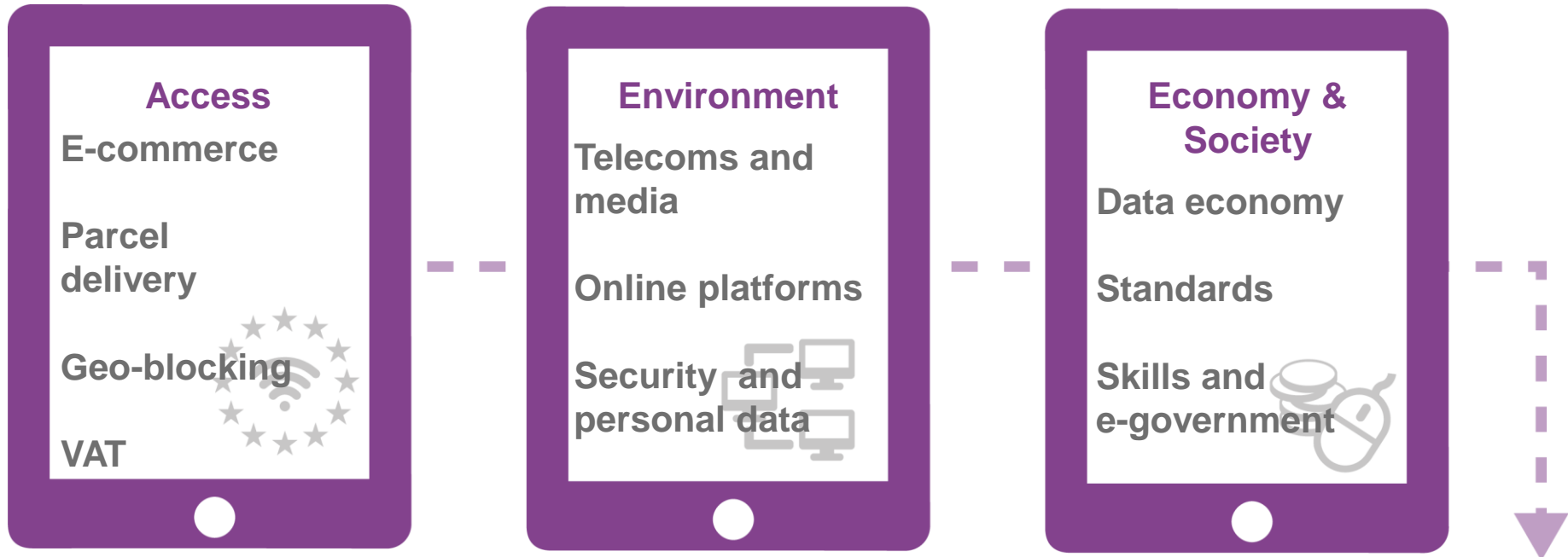
Small businesses could save €9,000

52% of cross-border purchases are blocked

#DigitalSingleMarket



## The three pillars of the Digital Single Market



Creating a #DigitalSingleMarket

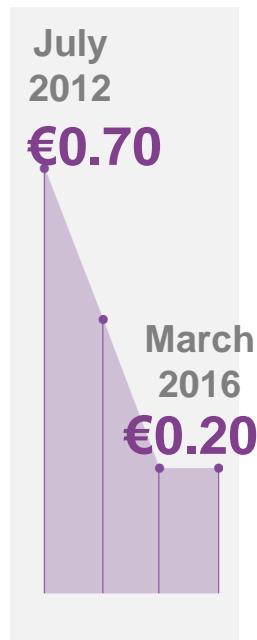
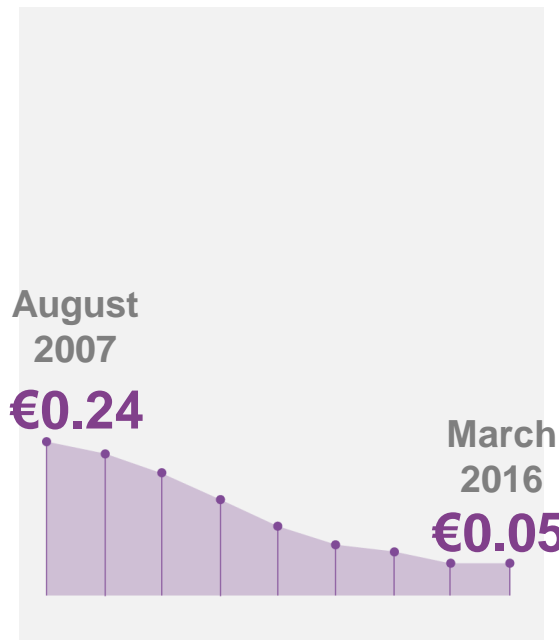
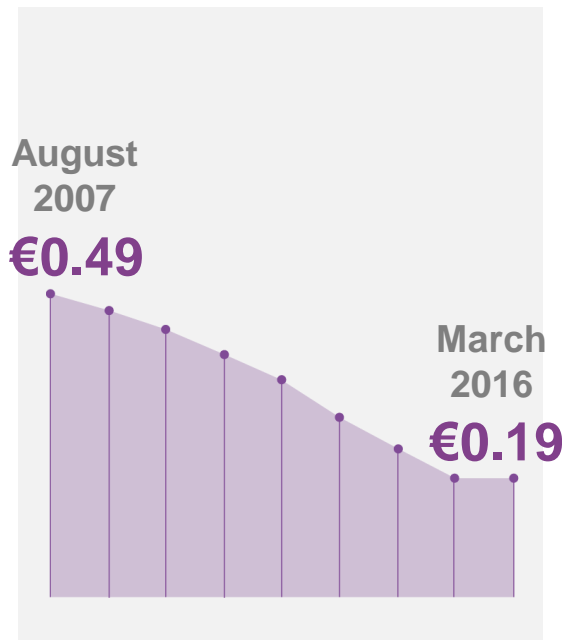
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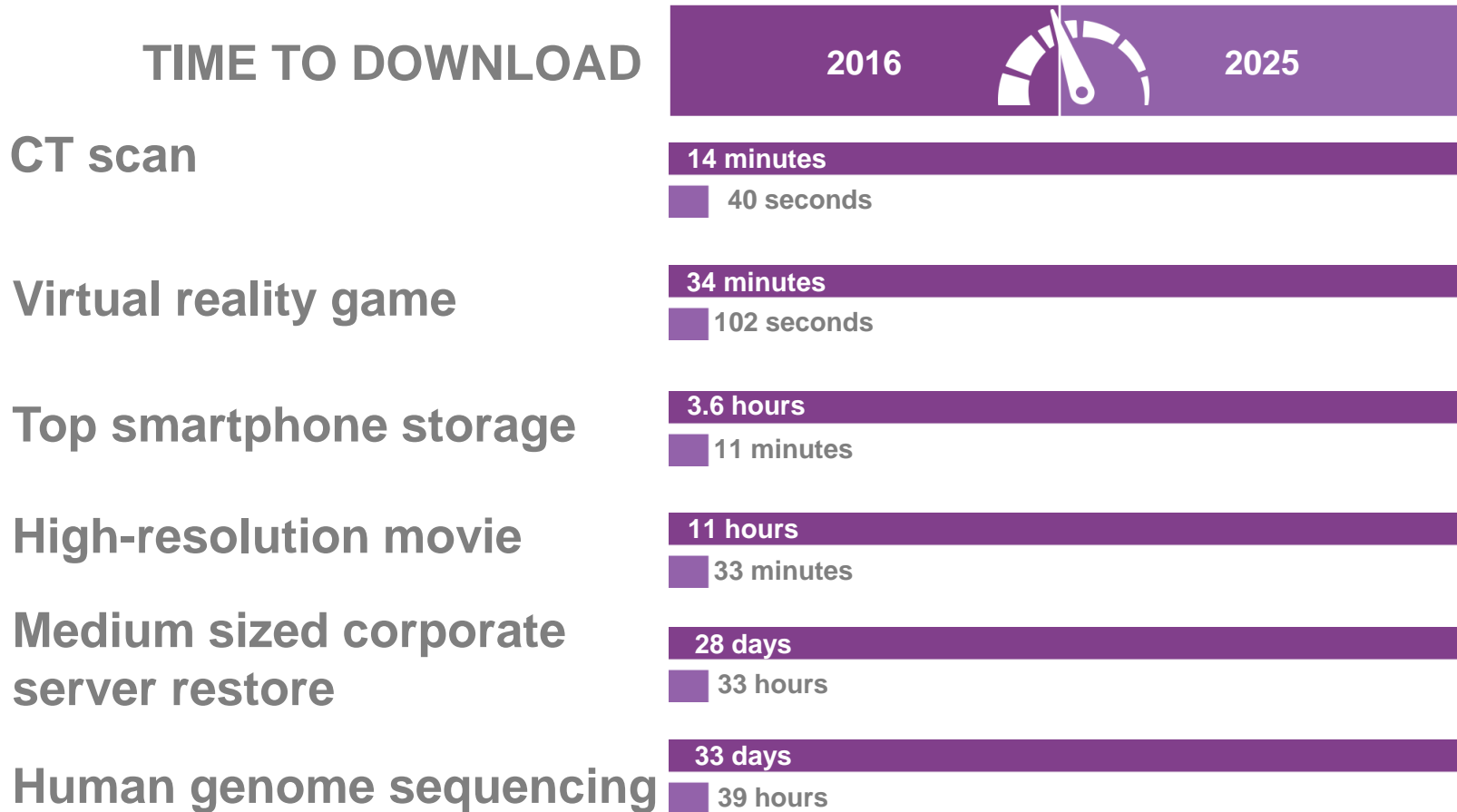


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## 2. Faster and higher quality connectivity

### TIME TO DOWNLOAD



## Next steps

### DATA ECONOMY



- Cloud computing
- Internet of Things

### VAT



- Single electronic registration and payment
- Common VAT threshold

### E-PRIVACY



- E-Privacy Directive
- Protection of personal data






### The 10 priorities

 Jobs, growth, investment	 Trade
 Digital single market	 Justice & fundamental rights
 Energy Union & climate	 Migration
 Internal market	 EU as a global actor
 Economic & Monetary Union	 Digital




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## ENERGY UNION AND CLIMATE ACTION

#EnergyUnion

## Why do we need the Energy Union?



Modernised economy

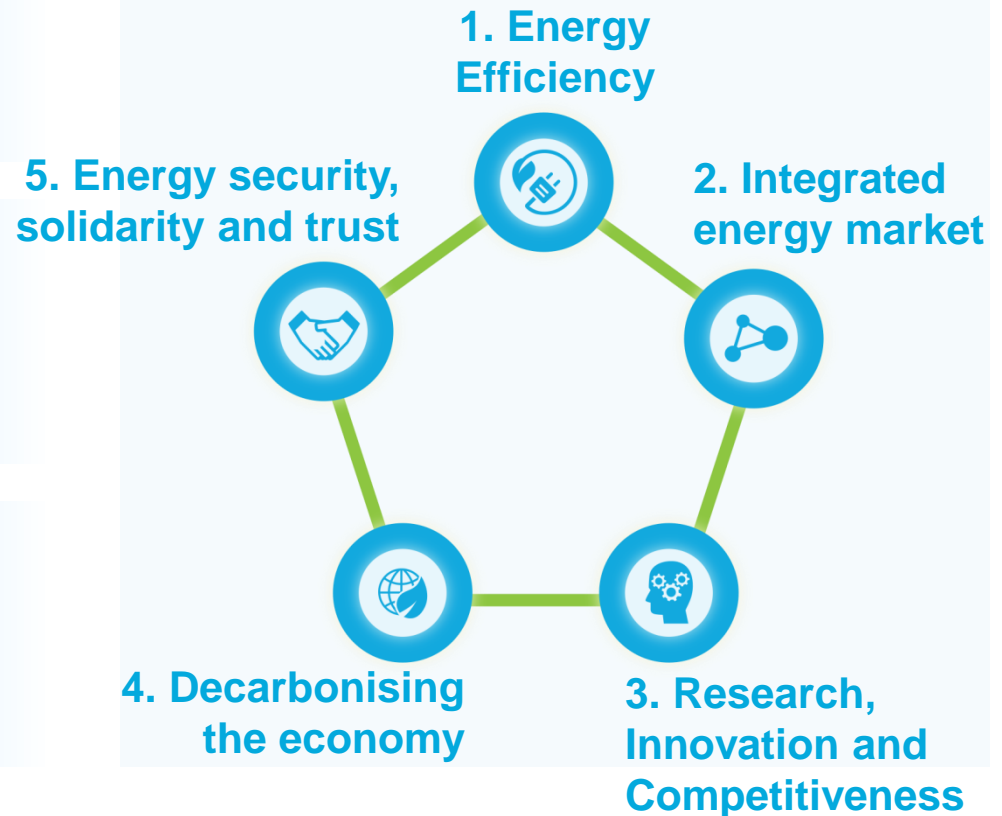


Renewable energy and efficiency



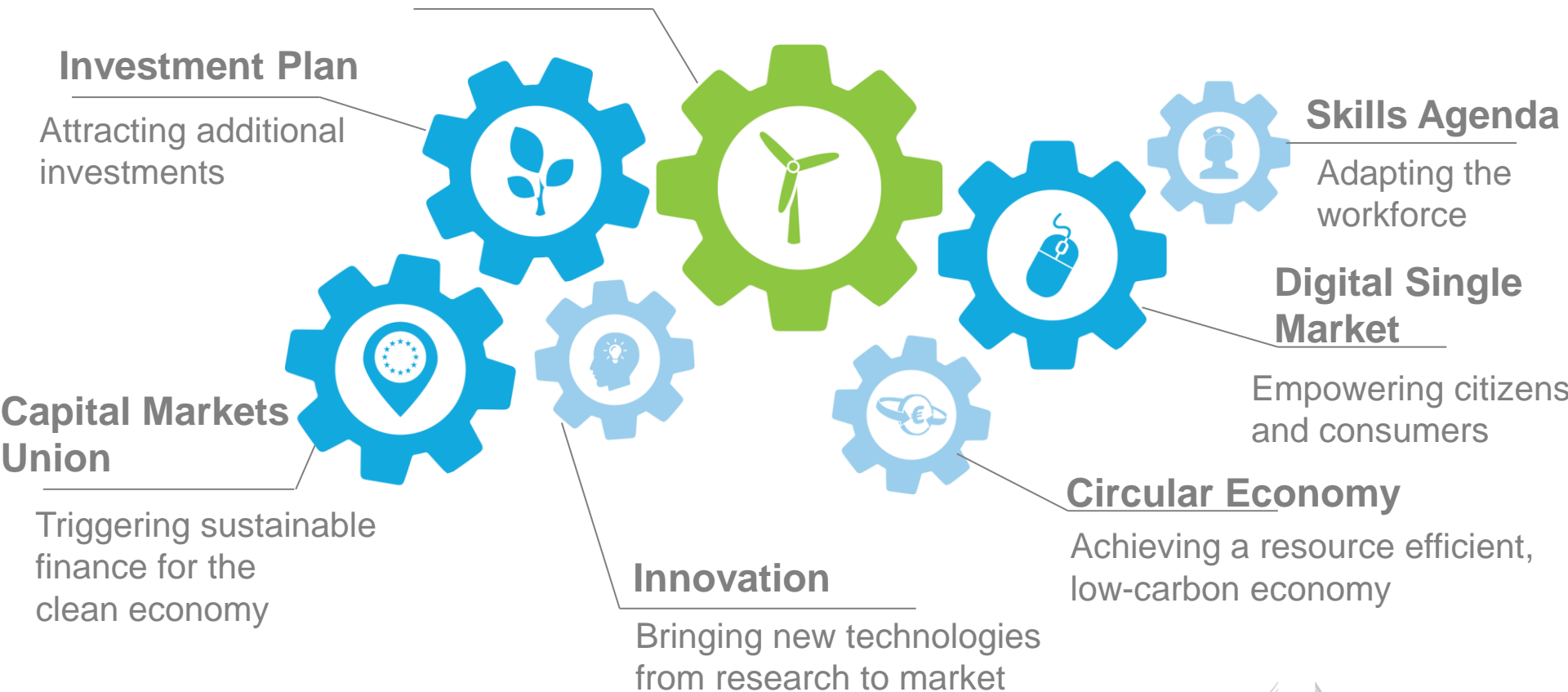
Fair and social transition

### ENERGY UNION STRATEGY



## Synergies with other priorities

### Energy Union and Climate Action





## 4. Climate deliverables – Paris and beyond

### PARIS AGREEMENT REQUIREMENTS



Ratification by:

**55**  
Parties



Representing:

**55%**

Global  
greenhouse  
gas emissions



### EU TRIGGERS PARIS AGREEMENT



EU ratification:

**>55%**

Takes us across  
emissions  
threshold



**PARIS2015**  
UN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE  
COP21·CMP11





## 4. Climate deliverables

### FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND INVESTMENTS



**20%** of the EU budget for climate-related expenditures



**>35%** of the Horizon 2020 budget for climate-related expenditures



**>40%** of EFSI for climate action projects



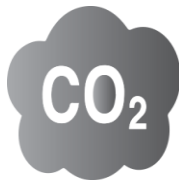
Green projects in Africa via the EEIP





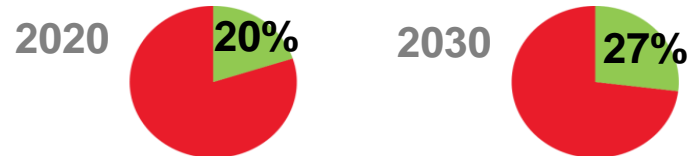
## 4. Climate deliverables

CUT GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS BY AT LEAST **40%**



*(Compared to 1990)*

INCREASE THE SHARE OF RENEWABLES IN THE ENERGY MIX TO AT LEAST **27%**



IMPROVE ENERGY EFFICIENCY BY AT LEAST **27%**



*(Compared to the "Business-as-usual" scenario)*

## Next steps



Implementing the  
**Paris Agreement**



Implementing the **Energy Union and Climate Change** proposals



Implementing the  
**Strategy on low-emission mobility**



Accelerating **clean energy innovation and global competitiveness**



Working on **sustainable finance and investments**



Strengthening the **EU's environment** for a clean economy



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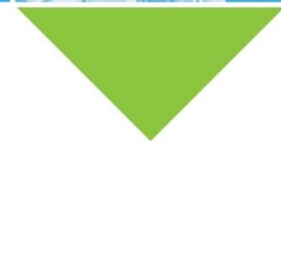
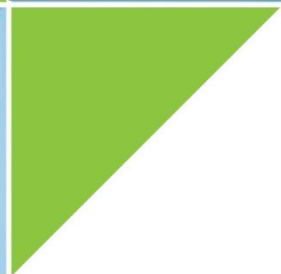
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Digital agenda



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# AN EU AGENDA FOR TAXATION

#FairTaxationEU



# Why do we need an agenda against tax avoidance?



- 1) deprives public budgets of **billions of euros a year**
- 2) creates a **heavier tax burden for citizens**
- 3) causes **competitive distortions** for those businesses that pay their share

**#FairTaxationEU**

# Common Consolidated Corporate Tax Base (CCCTB)



EU Member States lose up to **€70 billion** annually to corporate tax avoidance

Aim of the **CCCTB**:

- **fighting tax avoidance**
- **fighting aggressive tax planning** and cross-border tax abuse
- offer a **single set of rules** to calculate taxable profits of cross-border companies in the EU





# Mismatches and loopholes between national systems

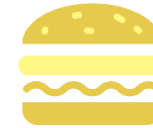
October 2015



Fiat and Starbucks - illegal state aid

December 2015

McDonald's – tax advantage investigation



January 2016



Belgium to recover **€700 million** from more than 30 companies

August 2016

Ireland to recoup

**€13 billion**

in lost revenues from Apple



## External strategy

We are proposing:



Updated  
**tax good  
governance**  
criteria



**Tax clauses** in  
international  
agreements



**Assistance** to  
developing  
countries



**Tax good  
governance**  
conditions for  
EU funds



A new **EU  
listing process**  
for third  
countries that  
don't play fair

## Next steps

2016

- Proposal for Re-launch of the Common Consolidated Corporate Tax Base (**CCCTB**)
- Proposal on **double taxation disputes mechanisms** between Member States

2017

- First **common EU list of third-countries** that refuse to comply with tax good governance standards
- New **EU rules for Country by Country Reporting** between tax authorities

2018

- Exchange of financial account information with Switzerland, Andorra and Monaco
- Transposition of the Anti-Tax Avoidance Directive becomes effective



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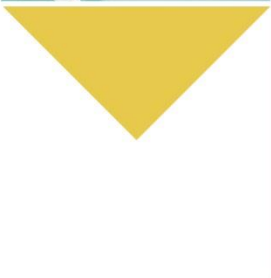
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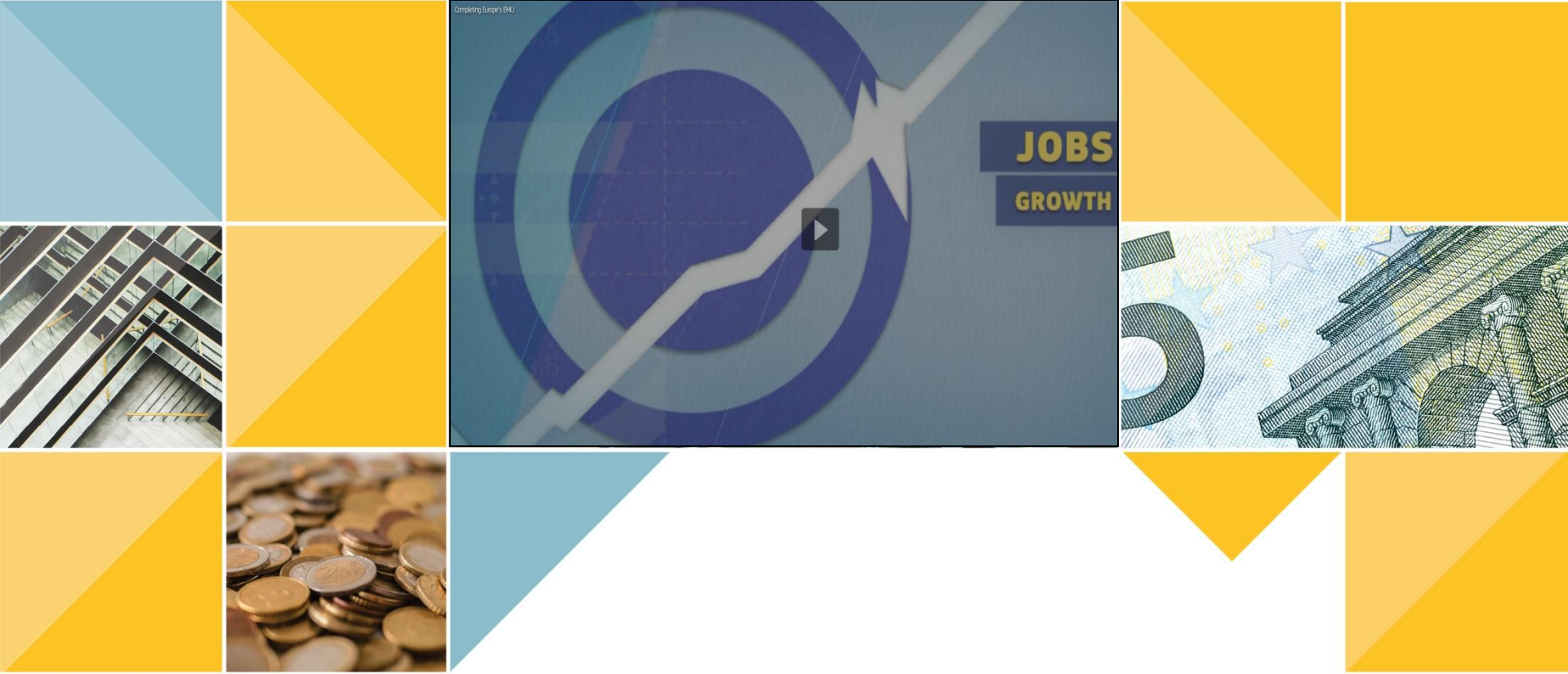


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Completing Europe's EMU

**JOBS**  
**GROWTH**

# COMPLETING THE ECONOMIC AND MONETARY UNION

#DeepeningEMU

## Deepening the Economic and Monetary Union

**European Semester  
of economic policy  
coordination**



**Upgraded fiscal  
rules**



**Macroeconomic  
Imbalances Procedure**



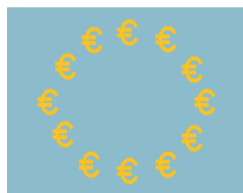
**National  
advisory**



**European Stability  
Mechanism**



**Banking  
Union**



**Unified representation  
of the Euro area**





## Reforms achieved in the first two years



**Flexibility within the rules of the Stability and Growth Pact**

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**Streamlined and reinforced European Semester**

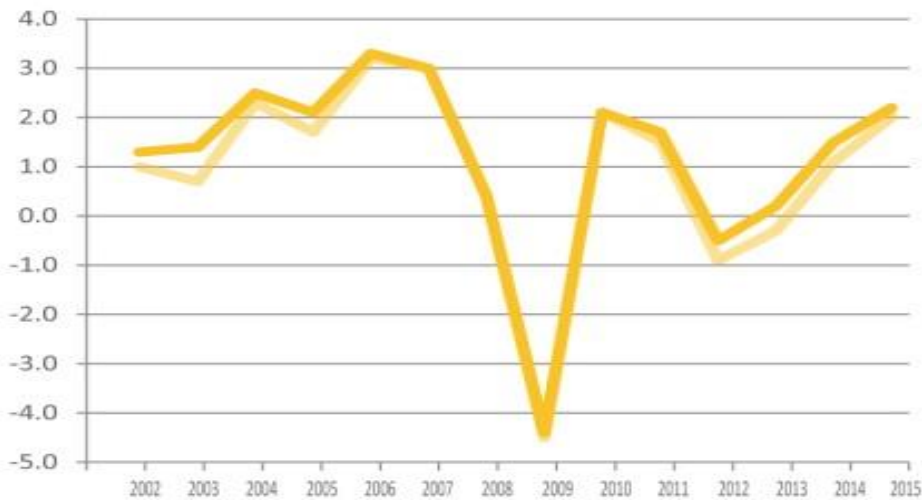
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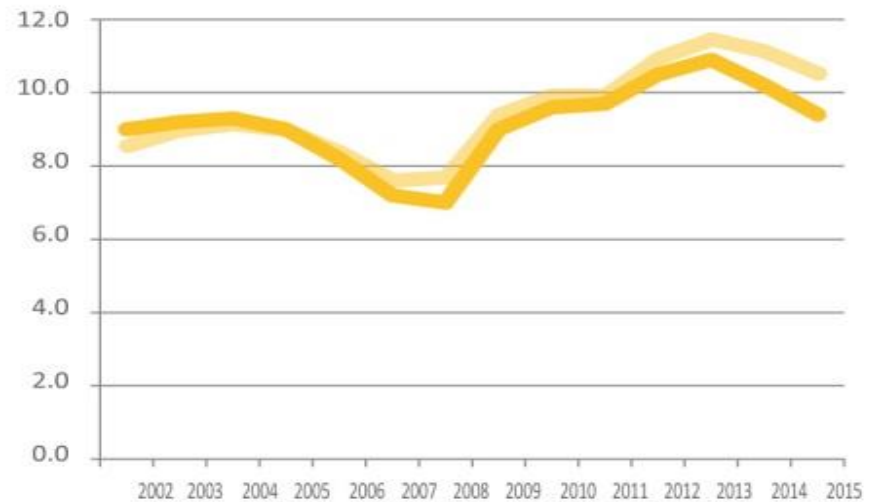
**Deeper and fairer Economic and Monetary Union**

### Key economic indicators

#### Economic growth (%)



#### Unemployment rate (%)



#### Government deficit to GDP ratio (%)

Year	EU28 (%)	Euro area (%)
2013	3.3	3.0
2014	3.0	2.6
2015	2.4	2.1
2016 Q2	1.8	1.5

#### Government sovereign debt (%)

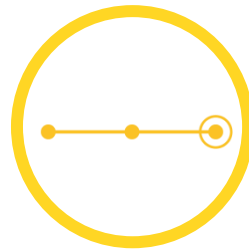
Year	EU28 (%)	Euro area (%)
2013	85.5	91.1
2014	86.8	92.0
2015	87.5	92.1
2016 Q2	84.3	91.2

## Greece – one year on



### New Stability Support Programme(2015)

Up to  
**€86 billion**  
committed  
for disbursements  
until August 2018



### Memorandum of Understanding:

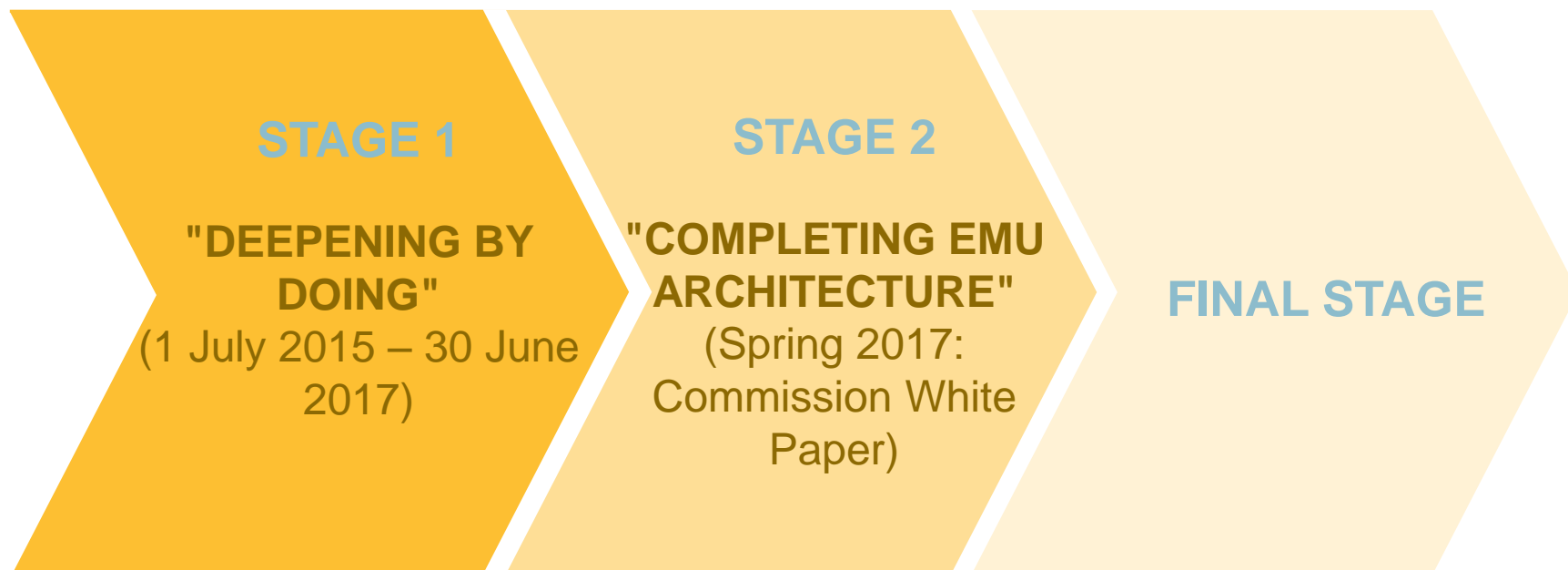
- restoring fiscal sustainability
- safeguarding financial stability
- growth, competitiveness and investment
- a modern State and public administration



**€31.7  
billion**

disbursed  
(August 2015 till  
November 2016)

# The roadmap of the Five Presidents' Report



## Next steps



March 2017:  
**White paper on the  
Future of Europe**

- Review of the  
**Stability and Growth Pact**



**Important ongoing work**

- Adopting the  
**European Deposit Insurance  
Scheme**
- Working on the  
**European Pillar of Social Rights**



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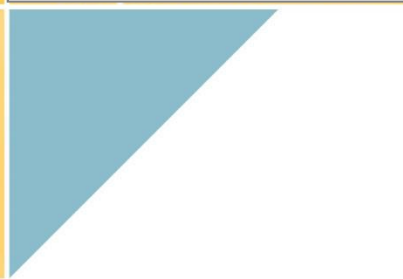
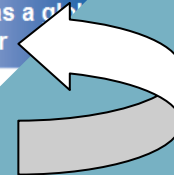
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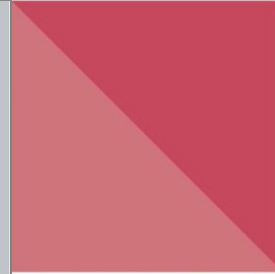
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EU Trade Policy explained



# TRADE



#EUTrade

### Trade for all

More than **30 million jobs**, 1 in 7 of all jobs in the EU depend on exports



Every **€1 billion in exports** supports **14,000 jobs** across the EU

### "Trade for All" strategy

Endorsed by all 28 Member States

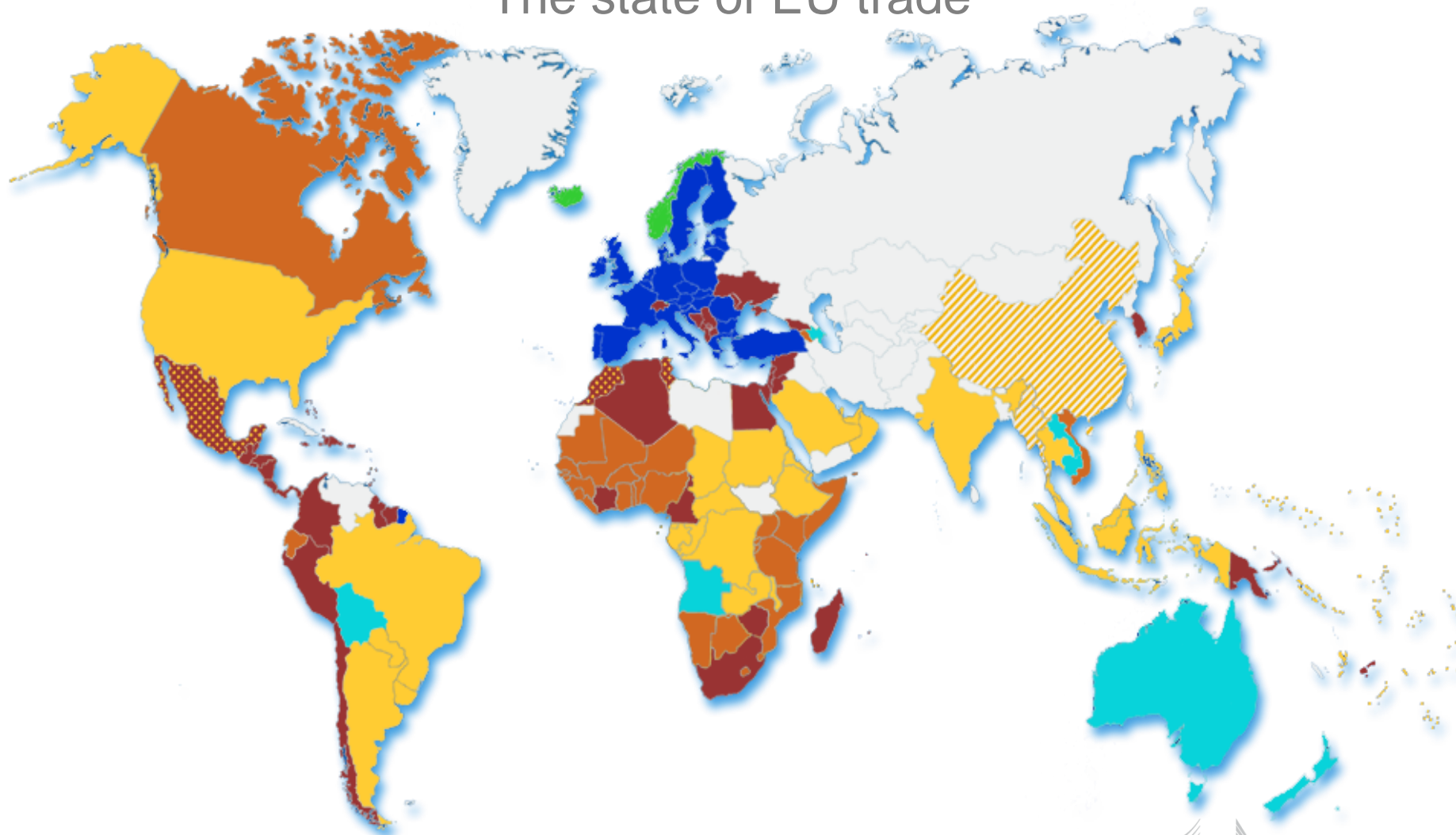
Based on three pillars:  
**Effectiveness,**  
**Transparency** and **Values**

Responding to citizens' expectations

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## The state of EU trade



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## A modernised system of investment protection



### ➔ **Real judges**

Highly qualified,  
appointed by both trade  
partners

### ➔ **No wearing double hats**

Judges can't also be lawyers  
in disputes between investors  
and states

### ➔ **Hearings open to the public**

For maximum transparency

### ➔ **No choosing of the judge**

The judges are randomly  
assigned

### ➔ **The right to an appeal**

Increases fairness of the  
system

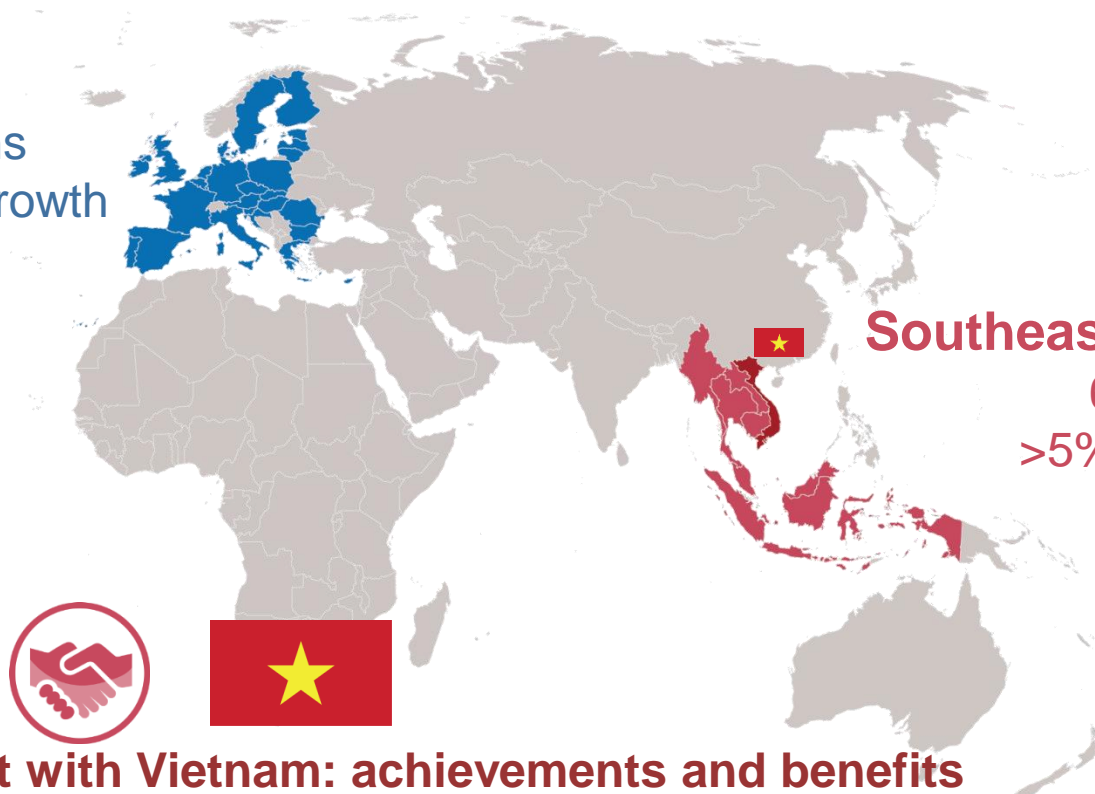
### ➔ **All documents available online**

More transparent than domestic  
courts

# Free trade agreement between the EU and Vietnam

## EU

500 million citizens  
1.8% economic growth



## Association of Southeast Asian Nations

600 million citizens  
>5% economic growth



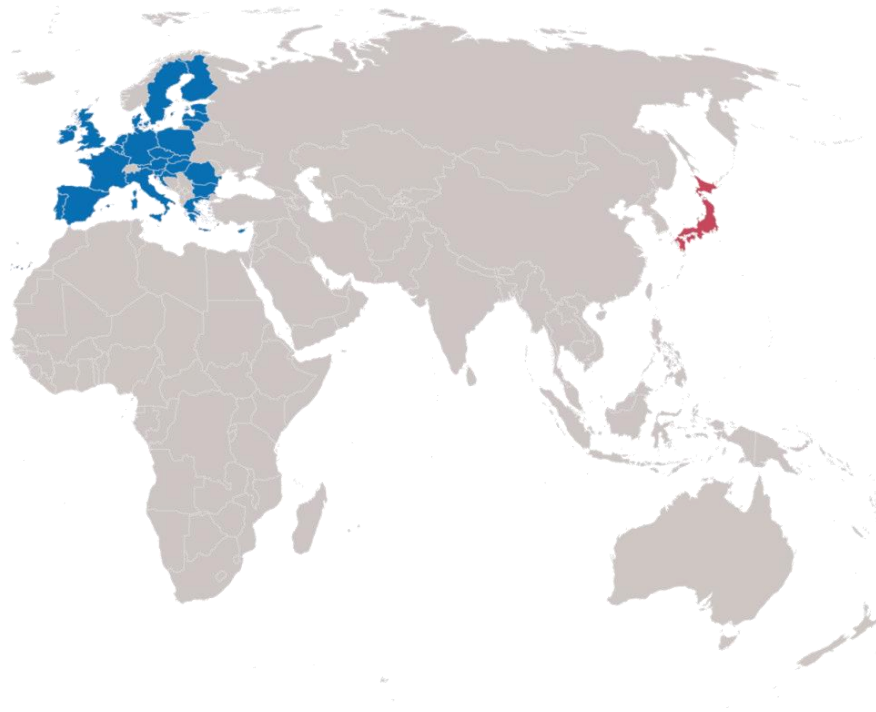
## Agreement with Vietnam: achievements and benefits

Enhanced economic growth and development

Sustainable environmental and labour approaches

The Investment Court System

# Economic partnership agreement and free trade agreement between the EU and Japan



17th round of negotiations in Brussels,  
September 2016

established '**roadmaps**' for

- ➔ removal of **non-tariff barriers**
- ➔ opening up of **public procurement** markets in Japan's railways and urban transport





## The 10 priorities



Jobs, growth, investment



Digital single market



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# JUSTICE AND FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS

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## Data protection and privacy



### European data protection regulation

- **Applies to companies** wherever they are based
- **Gives citizens control** over personal data
- **Simplifies** the regulatory environment for business



### Directive for police and criminal justice sector

- **Protects citizens'** fundamental right to data protection



### EU-U.S. Privacy Shield

- **Data protection** obligations for US companies receiving personal data from the EU
- **Annual joint review** to monitor implementation

## Hate speech and discrimination



New code of conduct  
to combat illegal hate  
speech online (May 2016)



### One-stop-shop website

Promoting tolerance and  
combating racism, xenophobia  
and discrimination



### Launch of High Level Group

Combating racism, xenophobia  
and other forms of Intolerance

### Access to justice and defending the rights of Europeans



Directive on legal aid for suspects or accused persons in criminal proceedings



Proposal to improve the EU rules that protect children in cross-border parental responsibility disputes



Proposal to clarify the property rights for international married couples or registered partnerships



Slashing red tape on citizens' public documents



Dialogue with Poland under the Rule of Law Mechanism

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## Promoting fundamental rights



First Annual EU Colloquium on  
Fundamental Rights (October 2015)

Second Annual EU Colloquium on Media  
Pluralism and Democracy (November  
2016)

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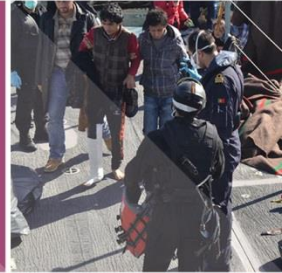
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# DELIVERING ON MIGRATION

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## Humanitarian assistance worldwide

**65 million**

people are forcibly displaced worldwide

**85%** live in the developing world

**21.3 million** refugees

**40.8 million** internally displaced

**1.8 million** seeking asylum

The EU gives more than **€1 billion** a year to help refugees



World's largest donor:  
**€68 billion** official development assistance in 2015

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## Support for Syrian refugees

The EU is a leading donor with **€6.8 billion**



- Safe water, sanitation and hygiene items for **2 million** people
- Food for **850 000** people
- Shelter for **1 million** people
- Protection programmes for **2 million** children

- Food assistance, health care, protection service
- Education emergency

- Humanitarian aid to **665 000** people
- Shelter for **152 000** Syrian refugees

- EU's humanitarian Aid to **350 000** Syrian refugees

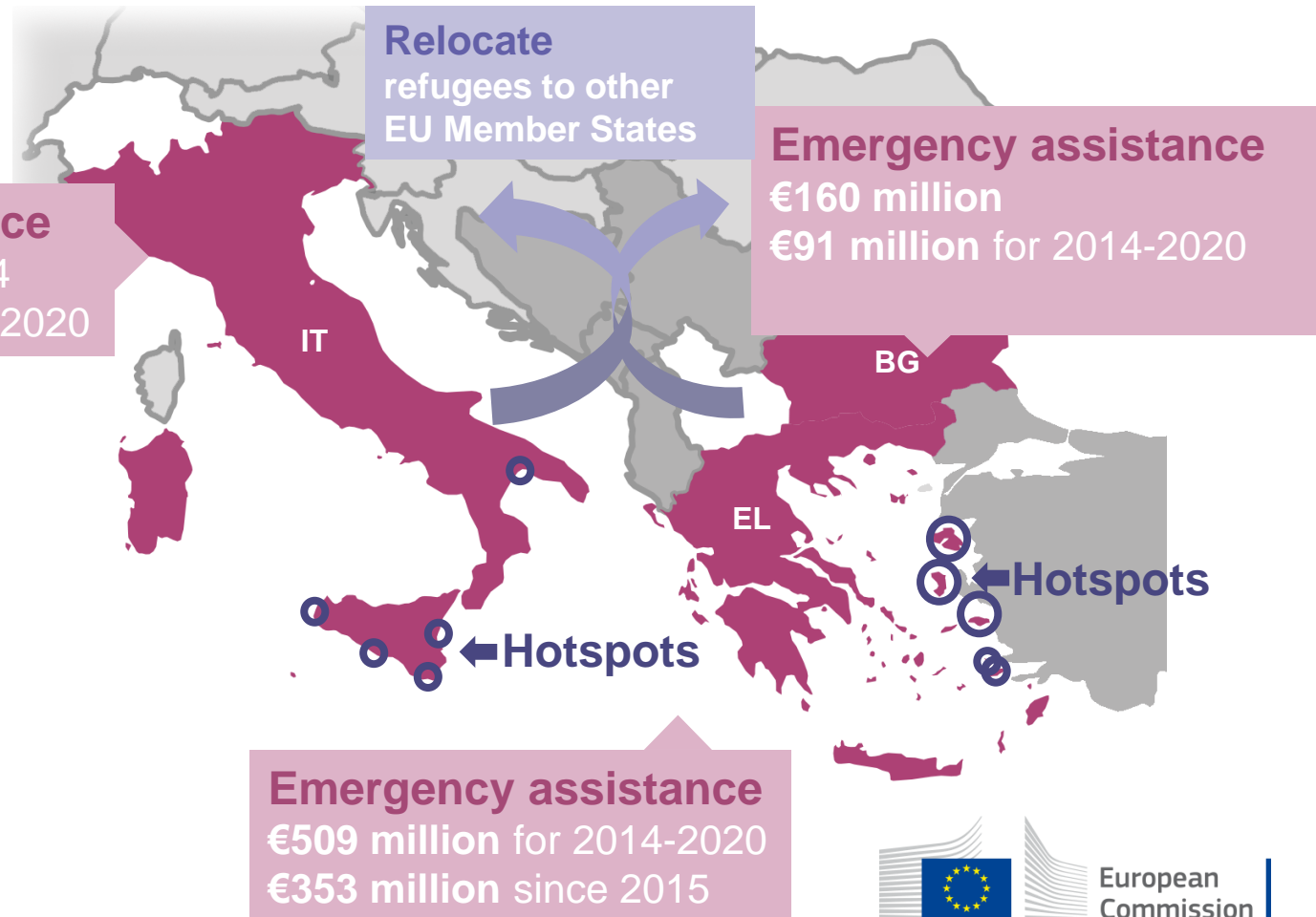
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## Financial and technical assistance

**€7 billion**

(2014-2020)



### Saving lives and disrupting smuggling networks

▶ **9 out of 10 refugees and migrants**

have paid organised criminals and people smugglers



▶ People smuggling networks made more than **€ 4 billion** 2016

▶ **> 620,000 people**

rescued at sea in 2015-2017

Actions at sea to tackle the smugglers business model

Frontex Joint operations + EUNAVFOR MED Operation Sophia





## The Common European Asylum System

Different treatment =  
**secondary movements**  
and **asylum shopping**



A more **humane, fair,**  
**coherent** and **efficient**  
European Asylum policy

The European Commission tabled proposals to:



Simplify,  
clarify and  
shorten the  
asylum  
procedures



Create uniform  
standards for  
protection of  
asylum  
seekers



Harmonise  
reception  
conditions



Revising the  
fingerprint  
database  
system



Make the  
European Asylum  
Support Office a  
genuine European  
Asylum Agency

## Next steps

- ▶ Operationalisation of the **European Border and Coast Guard**
- ▶ Implementation of the **EU-Turkey Statement**
- ▶ Adoption of the reformed **Common European Asylum System**, including the reform of the Dublin mechanism
- ▶ Implementation of the new **Migration partnership framework** with Third countries
- ▶ Adoption of a **new resettlement framework**



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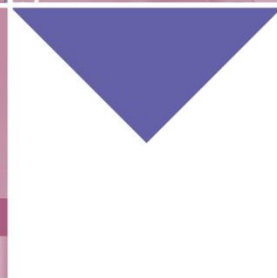
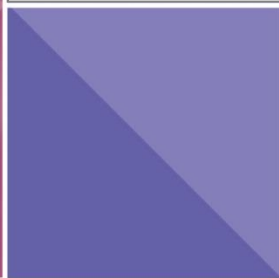
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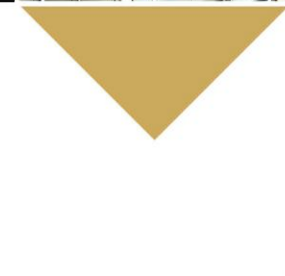
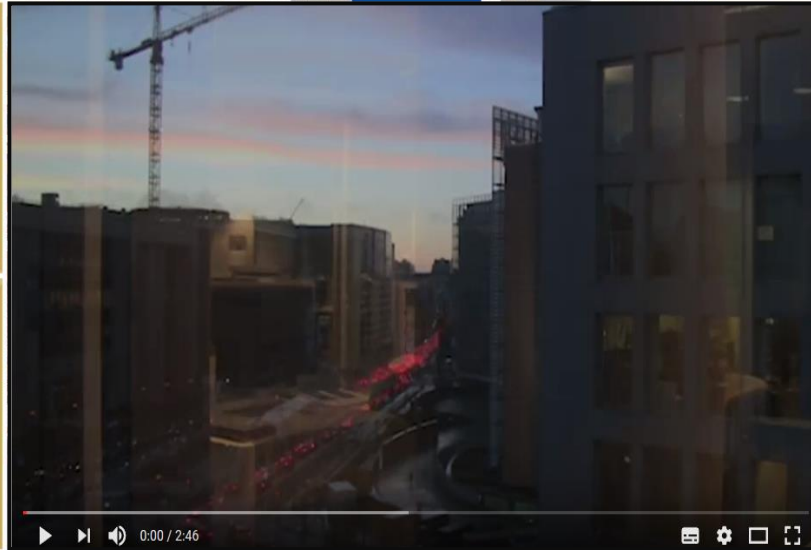
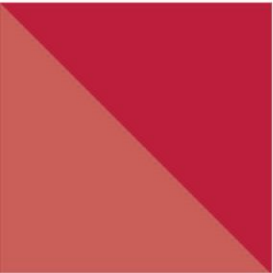


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# A STRONGER GLOBAL ACTOR

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## A new Global Strategy



World's largest **trading block**  
Top trading partner for **80 countries**



World's largest source  
and destination of  
**foreign direct  
investment**



the EU operates  
**139 delegations**  
worldwide

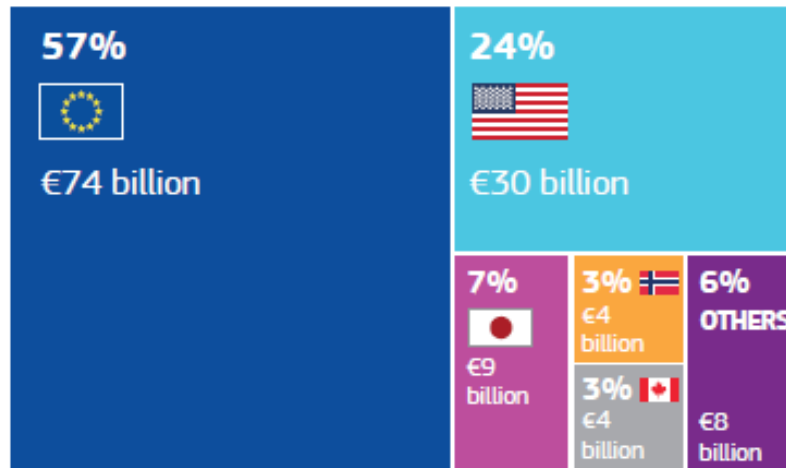
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World's **3<sup>rd</sup> largest  
energy producer**



World's largest aid  
donor : **€74 bn**



Source: OECD, 2017, EU = EU and its Member States

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## European neighbourhood policy in action



Armenia



Azerbaijan



Belarus



Georgia



Moldova



Ukraine



Algeria



Libya



Egypt



Morocco



Israel



Palestine



Jordan



Syria



Lebano



Tunisia



## Enlargement policy

### Stability in the western Balkans



Albania



Montenegro



Bosnia and Herzegovina



Serbia



The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia



Kosovo\*

## RE-ENERGISED RELATIONS WITH TURKEY

- New impetus to Turkey's EU **accession process**
- **Visa liberalisation** accelerated
- **Dialogue on counter-terrorism**, regional security and refugees



Turkey

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## Development and humanitarian support



**+ 74 million**  
connected to improved  
drinking water



**13.7 million**  
new pupils enrolled  
in primary education



**27.5 million**  
connected to sanitation  
facilities



**20 million**  
Children under the age of one  
immunised against measles



**58.7 million**  
assisted through food  
security related transfers



**€ 85.9 million**  
to help children through Education in  
emergencies humanitarian aid projects



**8.8 million**  
benefited from  
employment related  
assistance



In the DRC alone over **40,000 children**  
formerly associated with armed groups,  
victims of violence or unaccompanied  
minors have accessed education

**The EU is the world's largest aid donor with a € 68 billion contribution**

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## Examples of projects funded by the EU budget



Earthquake  
in Ecuador  
**€5 million**  
EU funding

In Mali  
**€91.5 million**  
EU Emergency  
Trust Fund

Helping refugees  
In Kampala  
**€1.9 million**  
EU funding

Tackling drug  
addiction in Asia  
**€2.3 million**  
EU funding

Building shelters  
in Samar  
**€2.5 million**  
EU funding



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Better Regulation



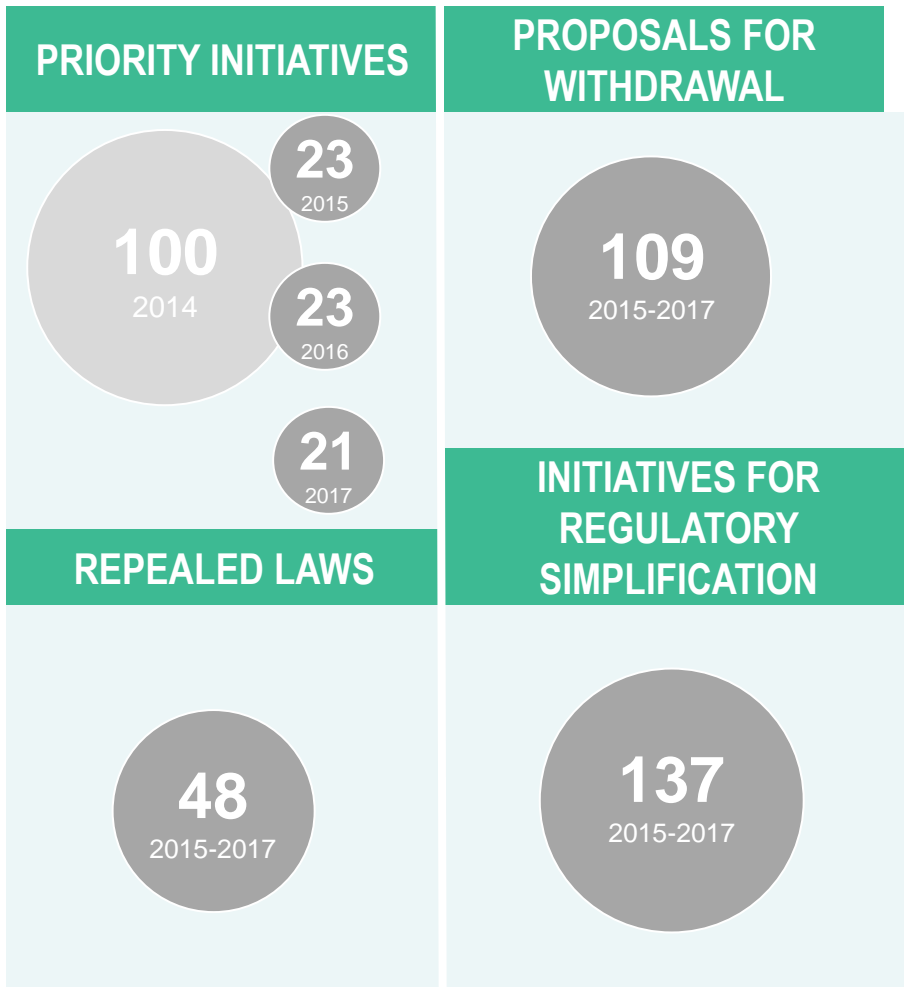
**70%** OF EUROPEANS BELIEVE THAT THE EU GENERATES TOO MANY **REGULATORY BURDEN**



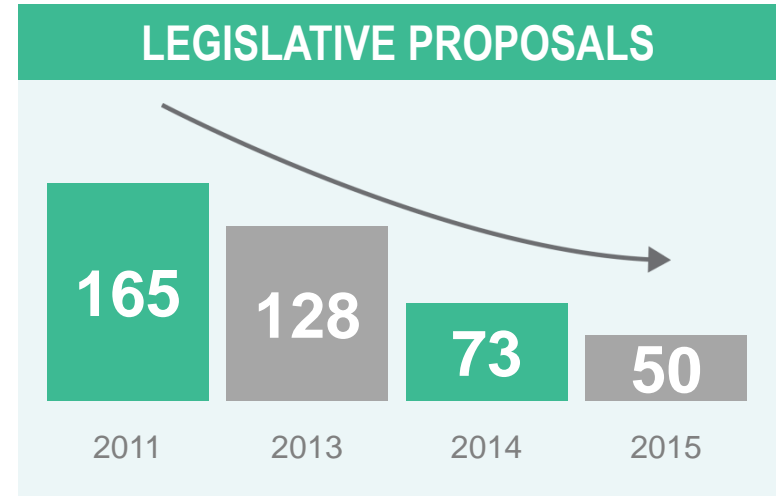
# BETTER REGULATION AND TRANSPARENCY

#BetterRegulation

### A streamlined and efficient body of EU law



Better regulation in numbers, 2015-2017



Number of legislative proposals, 2011-2015



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## A commitment to evidence-based policy-making



### Listening to citizens

Public consultations, Regulatory Fitness Platform, Citizen's Dialogues



### Impact Assessments

when the Commission's proposal is amended



### An independent Regulatory Scrutiny Board

ensures the quality of Impact Assessment work



**Subsidiarity principle** is enhanced by listening more to National Parliaments



**975 IMPACT ASSESMENTS**

**688 EVALUATIONS**

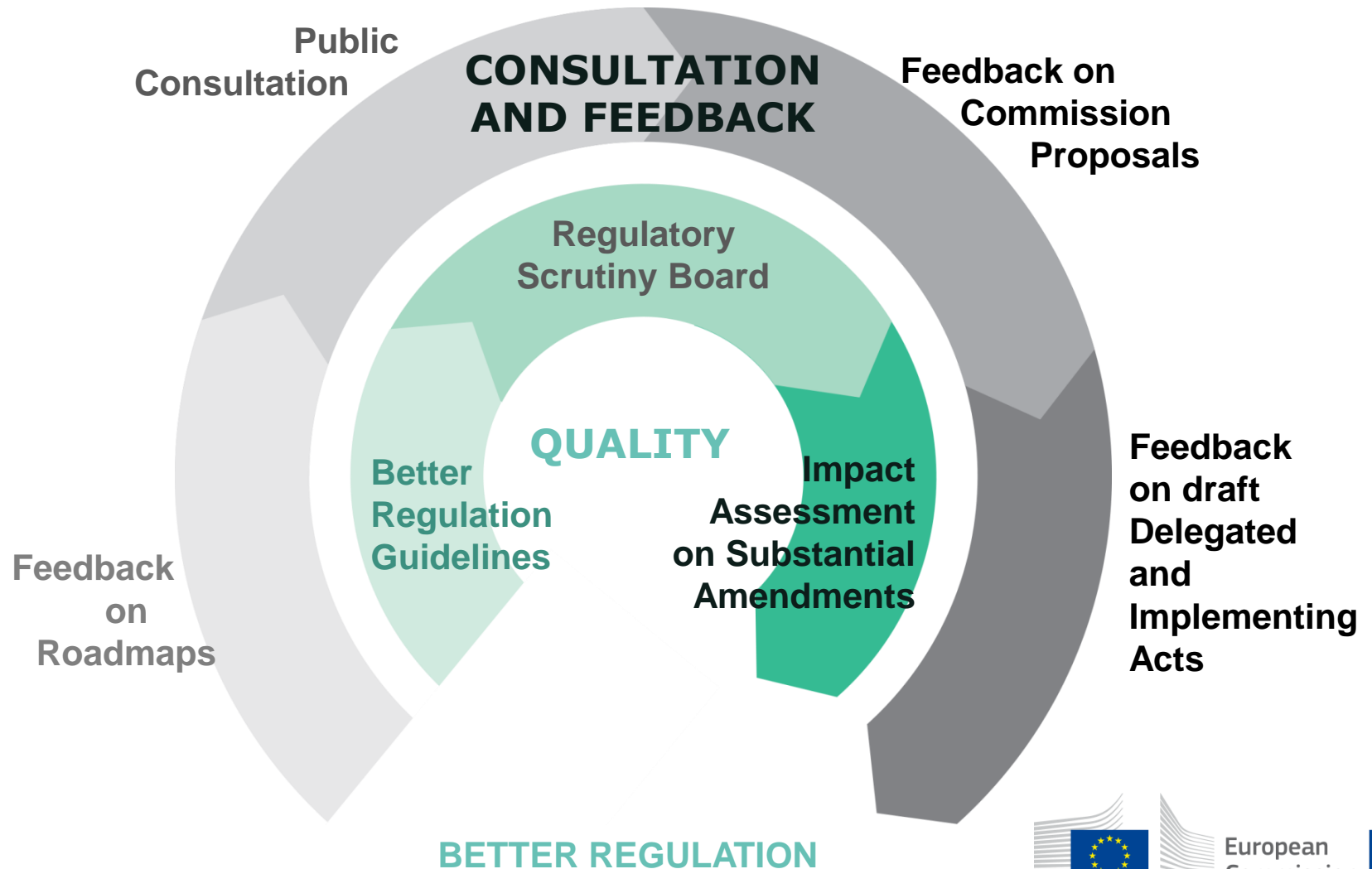
**704 OPEN PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS**

\*Overview of better regulation activities since their launch in the Commission

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## Better regulation agenda: impacting the whole policy cycle













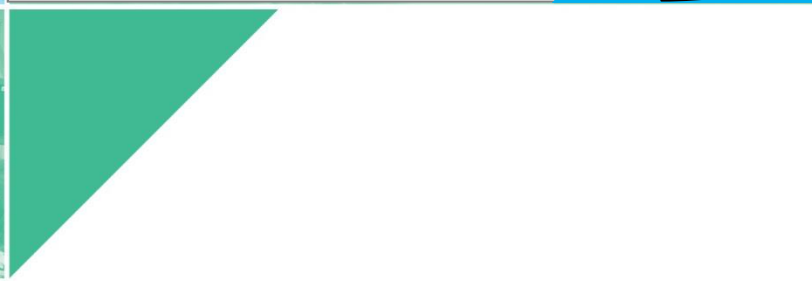
## New transparency rules

- ▶ **Publication of information** about meetings by Commissioners, their Cabinet Members and Directors-General (since December 2014)
- ▶ **"No registration, no meeting": 4000** new entries in the Transparency Register
- ▶ **Mandatory Transparency Register**
- ▶ **Commission Expert Groups** to improve the balance and transparency of the external expertise



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 Energy Union & climate	 Migration
 Internal market	 EU as a global actor
 Economic & Monetary Union	 Democracy



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***"We can only succeed  
as a Union. Collectively  
we are stronger than  
the challenges that  
confront us."***

**President Jean-Claude Juncker  
Strasbourg, 9 September 2015**



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# White Paper on the future of Europe

## Five scenarios for the EU27 by 2025



1) Carrying on



5) Doing much more together



2) Nothing but the single market



4) Doing less more efficiently



3) Those who want more do more



# Five scenarios for the future of Europe by 2025



## 1) Carrying on

- + Delivering concrete results
- + Preserving EU-27's unity
- Testing EU-27's unity
- Closing the gap between promise and delivery slowly



## 2) Nothing but the Single Market

- + Simplifying decision-making
- Growing gap between expectations and delivery
- Restricting citizens' rights



## 3) Those who want more do more

- + Preserving EU-27's unity & allowing Member States to do more
- + Closing the expectation gap in countries which want to do more
- Questioning decision-making's transparency and accountability
- Varying EU citizens' rights

## Five scenarios for the future of Europe by 2025



### 4) Doing less more efficiently

- + Acting only in fields with added value
- + Acting faster
- Arguing about priority areas



### 5) Doing much more together

- + Taking decisions faster
- + Giving citizens more rights
- Alienating parts of society

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## The White Paper process: from Rome to the European Parliament elections



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