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An EU high-level delegation led by High Representative/Vice-President Federica Mogherini visited Iran and agreed with the Iranian counterparts to promote cooperation in different sectors.

THOUSANDS IN BRUSSELS ANTI-TERROR MARCH

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At least 7,000 people took to the streets of Brussels in a march "against terror and hate".

Heading the processions were some of those caught up in the suicide bomb attacks on Belgium's airport and metro station that killed 32 people.

Belgian broadcaster described the march as "calm and silent".

The march had been due to be held a week after the 22 March attacks, but officials asked for it to be postponed because of the security threat.

Relatives of victims, and paramedics and airport staff affected by the attacks joined people of several religious faiths on Sunday's march. Flowers were carried in memory of those who lost their lives.

The procession took them past the Molenbeek neighbourhood - where many of those alleged to have carried out the attacks in both Brussels and Paris had lived - and to the makeshift memorial outside the city's stock exchange.

One of the organisers of the march, Hassan Bousetta, told the AFP news agency: "When our fellow citizens, defenceless civilians, are cut down in a cowardly attack, all citizens should stand up to express their disgust and solidarity."



GERMAN FINANCE MINISTER URGES GREECE TO 'DO MORE'

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The finance ministers of France and Germany have voiced hope that Athens would soon reach a new bailout deal with its international lenders. Both also urged the IMF to continue its involvement with the debt issue.

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ITALIAN MINISTER HOPES LIBYA SEALS BORDERS, OFFERS HELP

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Italy said on Sunday it hoped Libya's U.N.-backed unity government could restore control of the country's borders to limit migrant flows from north and south and was ready to help in any way it could.

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€ EU EXIT WILL HIT TRADE AND LIVING STANDARDS, TREASURY SAYS

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Britain's national income could be 6% smaller by 2030 if the UK leaves the European Union, a major report by the Treasury will say. The 200-page report says the size of the cut in gross domestic product would be the equivalent of about £4,300 a year for every household.

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🏛️ SCOTLAND SHOULD HOLD NEW REFERENDUM IF FORCED OUT OF EU - STURGEON

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Scotland should have the right to hold a new referendum on independence if the country is taken out of the European Union "against our will", the leader of the Scottish National Party (SNP) said on Sunday.

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✦ US AND GERMANY SAY NO TO POLAND ON NATO BASE

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US and Germany have said that Nato will not build new bases in Poland, citing tactical and political reasons. Germany is open to "dialogue" with Russia.

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🔍 INDUSTRY MINISTER JOSÉ MANUEL SORIA RESIGNS OVER PANAMA PAPERS

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Spain's acting industry minister, José Manuel Soria, on Friday announced he was stepping down over his involvement in offshore companies.

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€ GOOGLE WARNS RED TAPE THREATENS EUROPEAN TECH SECTOR

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Europe risks falling behind in digital innovation, as regulators and governments discourage entrepreneurs and suffocate technology companies with red tape, says Google's leading executive on the continent.

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THE AGENDA

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EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

- 15:00 **Committee on Foreign Affairs**. The agenda includes: Exchange of views with **Fathallah Sijilmassi**, Secretary General of the Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean, Recommendation on the 71st session of the United Nations General Assembly (rapporteur **Andrey Kovatchev**, PPE) (JAN - 2Q2).
- 15:00 **Special Committee on Tax Rulings and Other Measures Similar in Nature or Effect** (TAXE 2). The agenda includes: The **Anti-Tax Avoidance Package** and other EU and international developments: scrutiny and democratic control by National Parliaments (exchange of views with EU National Parliaments) (JAN - 4Q2).
- 15:00 **Committee on Employment and Social Affairs**. The agenda includes: Jointly with the **Committee on Culture and Education**: Discussion with Commissioner **Marianne Thyssen** and Commissioner **Tibor Navracsics** on New Skills Agenda (PSH - 1A002).
- 15:00 **Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety**. The agenda includes: Discussion with **Karmenu Vella**, Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries as part of the structured dialogue, the Member States of the European Union, 2010-2012, Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on food and food ingredients treated with ionising radiation for the year 2014 (exchange of views with the European Commission) (PSH - 3C050).
- 15:00 **Committee on Regional Development**. The agenda includes: Access to Finance for SMEs and increasing the diversity of SME funding in a Capital Markets Union (consideration of draft opinion by **Marc Joulaud**, PPE), Exchange of views with **Valdis Dombrovskis**, Vice-President of the European Commission for the Euro and Social Dialogue on the Commission proposal for a "Structural Reform Support Programme" (JAN 6Q2).
- 15:00 **Committee on Fisheries**. The agenda includes: Sustainable management of external fishing fleets (exchange of views with Commission representatives, rapporteur **Linnéa Engström**, VERTS/ALE) (ASP - 1G2).
- 15:00 **Committee on Culture and Education**. The agenda includes: Follow-up of the Strategic framework for European cooperation in education and training (ET2020) (adoption of draft report by **Zdzisław Krasnodebski**, ECR) (ASP - 3G2).
- 15:00 **Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality**. The agenda includes: The fight against trafficking in human beings in the EU's external relations (consideration of draft opinion, **Catherine Bearder**, ALDE) (JAN - 4Q1).
- 15:00 **Committee on Petitions** (ASP - 1G3).
- MEPs adopted an **agreement on the sharing of passenger name records** to help fight terrorism and debated counterterrorism measures during an eventful plenary session in Strasbourg last week. They also debated revelations about the Panama papers as well as the migration agreement with Turkey.

COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

- **Informal meeting of Ministers of Health** organised by the Council of the EU and chaired by the Council presidency takes place in Scheepvaartmuseum, Amsterdam.
- 9:00 a **two-day Foreign Affairs Council** starts in Luxembourg. The Council will discuss the external dimension of migration and EU's regional strategy for Syria and Iraq and the Da'esh threat (Council of the European Union Luxembourg).

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

- On Friday, the Commission and the **European Agency for Safety and Health at Work** in cooperation with the **Netherlands EU Presidency** launched a two-

year Europe-wide campaign: **Healthy Workplaces for All Ages**, which is the world's biggest campaign in promoting sustainable work and workplace safety and health in the context of the ageing workforce.

- On Sunday the European Commission announced the adoption of 20 new measures to assist the **Sahel region and the Lake Chad Basin under the Emergency Trust Fund for stability** and addressing root stability and root causes of irregular migration and displaced persons in Africa.

- **According to the Eurostat** the first estimate for euro area (EA19) **exports of goods to the rest of the world in February 2016 was €163.5 billion**, an increase of 1% compared with February 2015 (€161.4 bn). Imports from the rest of the world stood at €144.4 bn, a rise of 2% compared with February 2015 (€141.5 bn).

WHO WHEN WHERE

- 9:00 **'The EU Consumer and Competition Day'** takes place in Amsterdam. This interactive conference and networking event focuses on innovation-inspired policy from the perspective of competition and consumer protection. Commissioners **Margrethe Vestager** and **Vera Jourová** deliver keynote speeches (Europe Building, Amsterdam).

TODAY CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS



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