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"PEACE AND
DIVERSITY DEPEND
ON EVERYONE"

WHAT CAPACITIES DO COMPANIES SEEK IN 2019?



The new year can be a great opportunity to make a change, face a new challenge or expand your horizons. In terms of employment, this could mean accessing a new industry or even embarking on a new career. However, in a competitive job market, how can you maximize your chances of success?

How about focusing on the competencies that companies seek? In recent years, LinkedIn has been detecting annually the capabilities most needed by companies and recently published its conclusions for 2019. Using the data collected through its website on the most demanded capabilities compared to the existing offer, the team LinkedIn reduced the capacities, estimated at 50,000, to a list of 30 that are most in demand (5 "soft" and 25 "hard").

Soft skills

The soft skills that companies seek remain relatively consistent from one year to the next, although, as our world becomes more and more digital, its importance is growing: Creativity, Persuasion, Collaboration, Adaptability...

The hard skills

As expected, the list is dominated by skills related to technology and the digital domain, but there are also some more traditional ones: Cloud computing, Artificial intelligence, Analytical reasoning, Mobile application development, Video production, Sales management, Translation, Audio production, Business analysis, Journalism...

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WORK-LIFE BALANCE: NEW LEAVE RULES FOR FAMILY CARE



The European Parliament is voting on new rules to allow parents and carers to better reconcile their work and family lives.

More adaptable working conditions and family and care-related leave would help working parents and carers balance private and professional interests and avoid the need to choose between family and career. They form part of the EU's social policies to improve people's lives and well-being.

The impact on gender equality

Women, whose employment rate was 66.5% (compared to 78% for men) in 2017, are far more likely to work part-time to take care of children and relatives and face career interruptions, which contribute to them being paid on average less and having lower pensions than men.

The new rules for a better work-life balance aim to increase women's employment rate, create incentives for fathers to take family-related leave and promote gender equality and equal opportunities.

Main elements of the new rules

- The legislation would set new or higher minimum standards for parental and carers' leave.
- Fathers would be entitled to at least 10 working days' paternity leave, paid at least at the level of sick pay. This would also apply to equivalent second parents, where recognised by national laws.
- People would have the right to at least four months of parental leave, of which two months are non-transferable and paid. The level of compensation would be set by EU countries.
- Workers looking after seriously ill or dependent relatives could claim five days of carers' leave a year.
- In addition parents and carers would benefit from improved rights to request flexible working arrangements, for example flexible or reduced working hours.

FACTSHEET: WORK-LIFE BALANCE



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EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENTS IN EUROPE: RECORD NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN EMPLOYMENT, BUT MORE INVESTMENT IN SKILLS NEEDED



The spring edition of the Commission’s Employment and Social Developments in Europe (ESDE) Quarterly Review published today shows that the number of people in employment and the number of hours worked continues to rise.

Hours worked are finally above the peak of 2008. Most of the jobs created are permanent and full time jobs. But growth is unequal and the combination of labour shortages in some Member States and the lack of growth in others is slowing down EU employment rate growth overall.

This points to geographical and skills mismatches on the labour market. Overall, the financial situation of households continues to improve, although unevenly across Member States.

Marianne Thyssen, Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility, said: “The European Union keeps breaking the record for the number of people in employment: 240 million people have now a job in the European Union, with permanent jobs on the rise. At the same time, unemployment is the lowest it has ever been this century, at 6.5% in January 2019. This positive trend has improved the wellbeing of many people. However, growth is still not benefitting all citizens in the same way. Our main task for the years ahead is to continue improving the living and working conditions all over Europe. The European Pillar of Social Rights is driving this agenda forward. And with the Skills Agenda for Europe, we are investing in people to equip them to make the best of the opportunities on the labour market.”

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EU FOREIGN INVESTMENT SCREENING REGULATION ENTERS INTO FORCE



The new framework is based on proposal tabled by the European Commission in September 2017 and will be instrumental in safeguarding Europe's security and public order in relation to foreign direct investments into the Union.

Over the next 18 months, the Commission and EU Member States will take the necessary steps to make sure that the EU can fully apply the Investment Screening Regulation as of 11 October 2020. These steps concern, in particular, the setting up of the new EU-wide mechanism for cooperation, enabling Member States and the Commission to exchange information and raise concerns related to specific foreign investments. Upcoming tasks include:

- Creating formal contact points in each Member State and in the Commission to allow for the exchange of information and analysis;
- Establishing secure channels between Member States and the Commission to exchange information on FDI transactions;
- Putting in place the necessary procedures for Member States and the Commission to react quickly to FDI concerns and to issue opinions;
- Pursuing policy cooperation on FDI screening with relevant partner countries.

Background

The proposal to create the first EU-wide framework for the screening of foreign direct investments was presented by President Juncker during the 2017 State of the Union address. Following its adoption by the European Parliament and by the Council on 19 March 2019, the new EU legislation has now entered into force.

The EU has one of the world's most open investment regimes, as acknowledged by the OECD in its investment restrictiveness index. The EU is the main destination for foreign direct investment in the world: foreign direct investment stocks held by third country investors in the EU amounted to €6,295 billion at the end of 2017, providing Europeans with 16 million direct jobs.

ACCEDE A LA NOTICIA COMPLETA:



ANTITRUST: COMMISSION FINES AB INBEV €200 MILLION FOR RESTRICTING CROSS-BORDER SALES OF BEER



The European Commission has fined AB InBev €200 409 000 for breaching EU antitrust rules. AB InBev, the world's biggest beer company, has abused its dominant position on the Belgian beer market by hindering cheaper imports of its Jupiler beer from the Netherlands into Belgium.

Anheuser-Busch InBev NV/SA (AB InBev) is the world's biggest beer brewer. Its most popular beer brand in Belgium is Jupiler, which represents approximately 40% of the total Belgian beer market in terms of sales volume. AB InBev also sells Jupiler beer in other EU Member States, including the Netherlands and France. In the Netherlands, AB InBev sells Jupiler to retailers and wholesalers at lower prices than in Belgium due to increased competition.

In June 2016, the Commission opened an antitrust investigation to assess whether AB InBev abused its dominant position on the Belgian beer market by hindering imports of its beer from neighbouring countries, in breach of EU antitrust rules. In November 2017, the Commission issued a Statement of Objections.

AB InBev abused its dominant market position in Belgium by pursuing a deliberate strategy to restrict the possibility for supermarkets and wholesalers to buy Jupiler beer at lower prices in the Netherlands and to import it into Belgium. The overall objective of this strategy was to maintain higher prices in Belgium by limiting imports of less expensive Jupiler beer products from the Netherlands..

Background

Article 102 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) prohibits the abuse of a dominant position, which may affect trade and prevent or restrict competition.

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HIGH-LEVEL BUSINESS-TO-BUSINESS ENERGY FORUM: U.S. LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS EXPORTS UP BY 272% AS EU AND U.S



In their Joint Statement of 25 July 2018 in Washington D.C., President Juncker and President Trump agreed to strengthen EU-U.S. strategic cooperation with respect to energy. They came in particular to an understanding on the benefits of expanded exports of U.S. liquefied natural gas (LNG) to the EU gas market.

Since the first cargo in April 2016 U.S. LNG exports to the EU have been increasing substantially and have seen a steep rise after President Trump and President Juncker's meeting in July 2018 increasing by 272%. As a result, March 2019 recorded the highest volume ever of EU-U.S. trade in LNG with more than 1.4 billion cubic metres.

he gathering, which is a clear signal of the strengthened of EU-U.S. cooperation in the field of energy, provided a further occasion for EU Commissioner Miguel Arias Cañete to meet with the U.S. Secretary of Energy Rick Perry and discuss broader aspects of EU-US energy relations.

Increased imports of U.S. LNG contribute to the EU's goal of diversification of energy supply. Competitive, fluid and stable, the EU gas market is the second biggest single gas market in the world after the U.S.

European gas imports are projected to increase in the years to come as its domestic production is decreasing, while demand is projected to remain at a comparable level as gas has been identified as an important transition fuel in the EU's efforts to decarbonise its economy.

Background

The EU has well-developed liquefied natural gas import capacities, with about 150 billion cubic meters currently spare. At the same time, given their strategic importance for diversification and supply security, current capacities are being expanded and new capacities are being developed.

The EU is also supporting capacity developments in Greece, Spain, Ireland, Sweden and Cyprus, a detailed table is available online. The EU estimates that by 2022 all Member States (but Malta and Cyprus) will have access to three sources of gas and 23 Member States will have access to the global LNG market.

ACCESS THE COMPLETE NEWS:



CAN YOU AFFORD TO PAY ALL YOUR BILLS?



In 2018, 6.2 % of the population or around 31 million people in the European Union (EU) were severely materially deprived. This means that they cannot afford at least four of the following items, which are considered by most people to be desirable or necessary to lead an adequate life: pay their bills on time; keep their home adequately warm; face unexpected expenses; eat meat (or fish or the vegetarian equivalent) regularly; take a one week holiday away from home; a TV; a washing machine; a car; a telephone.

The 2018 data reflect the continued downward trend in the proportion of people severely materially deprived in the EU since the peak of 9.9 % in 2012.

Single adult households are most affected. The rate of severe material deprivation for households with only one adult is 9.1 % if the household has no dependent children. It stands at 13.2 % for a household comprised of a single adult with children. For households where two or more adults are present, the rates are significantly lower: 4.4 % without children and 5.7 % with children.

Overall decrease in severe material deprivation

On average the severe material deprivation rate in the EU decreased by 0.4 percentage points (pp) in 2018, from 6.6 % in 2017. Similarly, in most of the countries for which 2018 data are available, the severe material deprivation rate decreased compared with 2017. The exceptions are Finland, where it increased by 0.7 pp, from 2.1 % in 2017 to 2.8 % in 2018; France, where it increased by 0.6 pp, from 4.1 % in 2017 to 4.7 % in 2018; the United Kingdom, where it increased by 0.5 pp, from 4.1 % in 2017 to 4.6 % in 2018; and Denmark, where it increased by 0.3 pp, from 3.1 % in 2017 to 3.4 % in 2018. The largest decreases were registered in Bulgaria (from 30.0 % in 2017 to 20.9 % in 2018, or -9.1 pp), followed by Greece (from 21.1 % to 16.7 %, or -4.4 pp) and Hungary (from 14.5 % to 10.1 %, or -4.4 pp).

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EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT BACKS KEY MEASURES TO BOOST JOBS AND GROWTH



The Commission welcomes the European Parliament’s final votes on legislation putting in place the building blocks of a Capital Markets Union (CMU). This adoption of a substantial number of proposals constitutes another step forward in the completion of the CMU, one of the Juncker Commission’s top political priorities.

The Capital Markets Union project has been at the heart of this Commission’s ambition to boost growth in Europe, invest in innovation and promote the EU’s global competitiveness. With now 11 out of 13 proposals agreed, the CMU will become a true driver of investment in the Single Market, providing additional sources of financing to EU companies and opportunities for citizens to save for their future. The CMU channels investment to environmentally-friendly projects, thereby contributing to the EU’s sustainable and carbon-neutral agenda. A strong CMU is also necessary to complement the Banking Union in order to strengthen the Economic and Monetary Union and the international role of the euro.

Overall, all the adopted proposals will contribute to expanding the CMU’s objectives of innovative financing and creating more investment opportunities from the local to the European level. Each of them covers a specific scope of action:

- Collective Investment Funds: By removing regulatory barriers for investment funds and diverging national rules.
- European Supervisory Authorities (ESAs) review.
- Investment firms review.
- Cover bonds
- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) growth markets.
- Disclosure requirements on sustainable investments.
- European market infrastructure regulation (EMIR) 2.2.
- EMIR REFIT.



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TRAINEESHIPS AT THE COURT OF AUDITORS

The European Court of Auditors organises three traineeship sessions per year in areas of interest to its work. Traineeships are granted for 3, 4 or 5 months maximum. They may be remunerated (1350 €/month) or non-remunerated depending on the budgetary appropriations available.

The requirements are to be nationals of one of the States of the European Union; have a recognized university degree that grants access to the AD function group; not having enjoyed an internship with any EU institution or body; have knowledge of an official language of the European Union and a satisfactory knowledge of a less official language of the European Union.

Deadlines

- October 31, 2019 (call for opening on September 1),
- January 31, 2019 (call for opening on December 1),
- May 31, 2019 (call for opening on April 1).



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WTO ESSAY PRIZE FOR YOUNG ECONOMISTS

The World Trade Organization launched the 2019 Young Economists Essay Award that aims to promote high-quality research on trade policy and international trade cooperation among young economists and strengthen the relationship between the WTO and the academic community.

You will have to write an essay of a maximum of 15,000 words that addresses the problems related to trade policy and international trade cooperation.

Applicants must have or be committed to obtaining a doctorate degree and, if they are over 30 years of age, they should not be more than two years after a doctorate defense.

The winning author will receive a prize of CHF 5,000 and will publish the essay in the WTO Working Documents Series. In the case of a co-authorship article, the prize will be divided equally between the authors.

Deadline: May 31, 2019.

WEBSITE:

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COSME: COMPETITIVENESS PROGRAM



Aimed at promoting the competitiveness of companies and SMEs. It facilitates access to financing for entrepreneurs and small and medium enterprises to start operating, access financing and internationalize, as well as supporting the authorities to improve the business environment and facilitate the economic growth of the European Union. These funds are administered by the Intermediary Bodies of each country (in Spain, through the General Directorate of SME Industry - DGIPYME-), and these will be the ones that will offer the products to SMEs and entrepreneurs.

COSME has a budget of more than 1,300 million euros to finance these financial instruments that facilitate access to loans and capital financing for SMEs where the market gaps have been identified. It has a Loan Guarantee Mechanism, financing guarantees and counter-guarantees. for financial intermediaries to help them provide more loans and lease financing to SMEs.

As an entrepreneur, you can have great ideas and great ambitions, but without money you will not get very far. It's no secret: getting funds can be difficult. Given that small businesses are of vital importance to our economy, the European Union is facilitating access to finance, helping banks to secure credit and provide capital to companies in the growth phase.

This is just one of the many services offered by COSME, the EU program for the competitiveness of small and medium-sized enterprises, aimed at helping entrepreneurs to create and grow their businesses.

TO ACCESS TO MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE FINANCING INSTRUMENTS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS OPERATING WITH COSME:

WEBSITE



STATISTICS

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HOUSEHOLD REAL INCOME PER CAPITA UP IN THE EURO AREA AND IN THE EU28



EURO AREA UNEMPLOYMENT MARCH 2019



EURO AREA ANNUAL INFLATION APRIL 2019



GDP AND EMPLOYMENT IN THE EURO AREA

Seasonally adjusted GDP increased 0.4% in the euro area (EA19) and 0.5% in the EU28 during the first quarter of 2019, compared to the previous quarter.

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INFOGRAPHICS

MAY 2019

IPR PROTECTION FOR THE FURNITURE INDUSTRY IN CHINA

Infographic on intellectual property in the furniture industry in China



THE EU AND CHINA ARE STRATEGIC TRADING PARTNERS

This infographic summarizes the commercial relations between the European Union and China.



EU-US TRADE



TRANSPARENT AND FORESEEABLE WORKING CONDITIONS IN THE EU

Infographic on the new rules that regulate transparent and predictable working conditions in the European Union.

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WHO IS COVERED BY THE NEW RULES?



200 MILLION WORKERS in the EU



3 MILLION WORKERS in atypical or new forms of employment

WHAT ARE WORKERS IN ATYPICAL FORMS OF EMPLOYMENT?



WORKERS ON ZERO-HOUR CONTRACTS
(people working in fast food chains and logistical centres or as shelf stockers in supermarkets)



DOMESTIC OR VOUCHER-BASED WORKERS (performing such activities as cleaning, gardening, child-minding or assisting older people)



PLATFORM WORKERS
(on-demand drivers or couriers)

Source: European Commission



TRADE AND INTERNATIONALIZATION

CHECK LIST FOR ENTERING SOUTH-EAST ASIAN MARKETS



SUMMARY: Checklist to enter the Southeast Asian markets.

Publication date: 15-04-2019

Author: Agencia ejecutiva para pequeñas y medianas empresas (Comisión Europea)

Link: [CLICK HERE](#) 

Key words: acceso a la información, propiedad intelectual, acceso a los mercados, pequeñas y medianas empresas, sudeste asiático

ISBN/ISSN: 978-92-9202-459-8

HOW TO PREPARE FOR BREXIT CUSTOMS GUIDE FOR BUSINESSES



SUMMARY: In the absence of a Withdrawal Agreement, which would put in place a transition period until the end of 2020 (with the possibility of an extension foreseen in the Withdrawal agreement), the UK will be treated as a non-EU country for customs purposes as of 30 March 2019.

Publication date: 21-03-2019

Author: General Directorate of Taxation and Customs Union (European Commission)

Link: [CLICK HERE](#) 

Key words: customs, international trade, extra-EU exchanges, United Kingdom, restoration of customs duties, withdrawal from the EU, international transport

ISBN/ISSN: 978-92-9202-459-8

EU-US LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS (LNG) TRADE



SUMMARY: Infographic on the development of commercial relations of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) between the United States and the European Union.

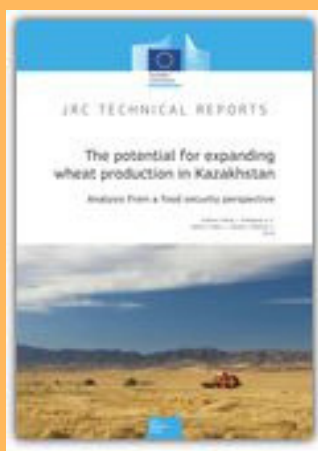
Publication date: 25-04-2019

Author: European Commission

Link: [CLICK HERE](#) 

Key words: Infographics, energy, liquefied natural gas, commercial relations, United States, European Union, gas market

TRADE AND INTERNATIONALIZATION



THE POTENTIAL FOR EXPANDING WHEAT PRODUCTION AND EXPORTS IN KAZAKHSTAN: AN ANALYSIS FROM A FOOD SECURITY PERSPECTIVE

SUMMARY: This report evaluates Kazakhstan's contribution to national, regional and global food security in the short and medium term. Consider the potential of Kazakh farms to sustainably increase their production and exports.

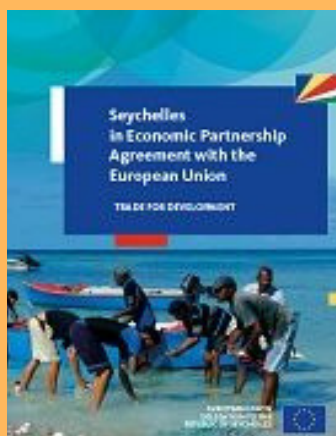
Publication date: 08-04-2019

Author: Joint Research Center (European Commission)

Link: [CLICK HERE](#) 

Key words: agricultural equipment, agricultural holding, agricultural market, agricultural policy, agricultural production, domestic consumption, export, agricultural sector, food security, Kazakhstan, sustainable agriculture, wheat

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SEYCHELLES IN ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH THE EUROPEAN UNION: TRADE FOR DEVELOPMENT

SUMMARY: Madagascar, Mauritius, Seychelles and Zimbabwe signed the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) with the European Union in 2009. The agreement has been applied as of 2012. In July 2017 Comoros also signed the EPA. **Publication date:** 09-04-2019

Author: Delegation to Mauritius, to the Comoros and to the Seychelles

Link: [CLICK HERE](#) 

Key words: development aid, economic cooperation, economic development, economic relations, economic transition, EU relations, market access, Seychelles, trade relations

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EU EXPORTS TO THE EU: EFFECTS ON EMPLOYMENT AND INCOME

SUMMARY: The European Commission identified trade policy as a core component of the European Union's 2020 Strategy. The fast changing global economy, characterised by the dynamic creation of business opportunities and increasingly complex production chains, means that it is now even more important to fully understand how trade flows affect employment in the EU economy.

Publication date:08-04-2019

Author: Joint Research Center (European Commission)

Link: [CLICK HERE](#) 

Palabras clave: added value, economic consequences, employment policy, European Union, export (EU), international trade, remuneration for work, commercial policy

ISBN: 978-92-79-98880-6

LABOUR MARKET

EMPLOYMENT EFFECT OF INNOVATION



SUMMARY: Proporcionamos una evidencia novedosa sobre el nexo entre la innovación y el empleo al descomponerlo mediante la intensidad de I + D en una configuración continua y relajando el supuesto de linealidad. Nuestros resultados confirman que la relación entre innovación y empleo conlleva importantes no linealidades responsables de diferencias significativas en la respuesta del empleo a la innovación en diferentes niveles de intensidad de I + D.

Publication date: 11-04-2019

Author: Joint Research Center (European Commission)

Link: [CLICK HERE](#) 

Palabras clave: econometrics, employment policy, investment, job creation, multinational company, research and development, research report, technological change

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INSTRUMENTO DE CONTRATACIÓN PÚBLICA INTERNACIONAL




SUMMARY: The EU public procurement market is one of the largest and most accessible in the world. In Europe, companies from other countries can bid for public tenders on an equal footing with European companies. However despite this openness, many of the EU's major trading partners apply restrictive practices in their markets that discriminate against EU businesses.

Publication date: 05-04-2019

Autor: General Directorate of Communication (European Commission)

Link:

Key words: [click here](#)  discrimination measure, EU market, EU Member State, foreign market, market access, market organization, open market, public procurement, restriction of competition, tender, third country

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REPORT OF THE HIGH-LEVEL EXPERT GROUP ON THE IMPACT OF THE DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION ON EU LABOUR MARKETS



SUMMARY: Digitalisation is driving rapid changes in the labour market influencing the nature, quality and productivity of work. European leaders face the challenge of making use of these developments to foster economic growth and employment - while at the same time ensuring decent working conditions, social protection and equal opportunities for all.

Publication date: 29-04-2019

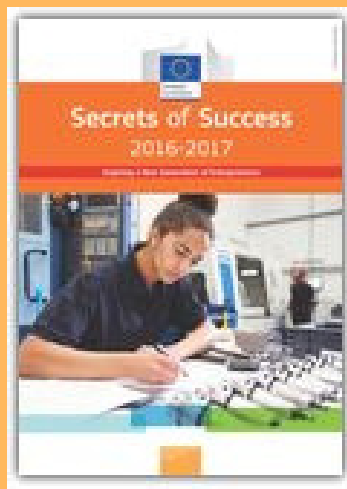
Author: General Direction of Communication Networks, Content and Technology

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Key words: business model, digital literacy, digital technology, digitalization, impact of information technology, information technology, labor market, new type of employment, obsolescence of skills, skilled worker, work-life balance, working conditions

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YOUTH AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP



SECRETS OF SUCCESS 2016-2017: INSPIRING A NEW GENERATION OF ENTREPRENEURS

SUMMARY: This year's edition is designed to inspire a new generation of entrepreneurs across Europe. For those who are at the beginning of their entrepreneurial journey, the information in this brochure will not only serve as inspiration, but will help you to better understand what's involved in starting your own business.

Publication date: 10-04-2019

Author: General Directorate of the Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs

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Key words: Albania, Armenia, business creation, entrepreneur, entrepreneurship, EU Member State, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Montenegro, Norway, Serbia, start-ups, Turkey

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THE CONTRIBUTION OF YOUTH WORK IN THE CONTEXT OF MIGRATION AND REFUGEE MATTERS

SUMMARY: This practical guidance and toolbox are aimed at youth workers who deal with the integration process of young migrants. It provides tips, advice and guidance to youth workers and youth organisations, as extracted from best practice examples across Europe.

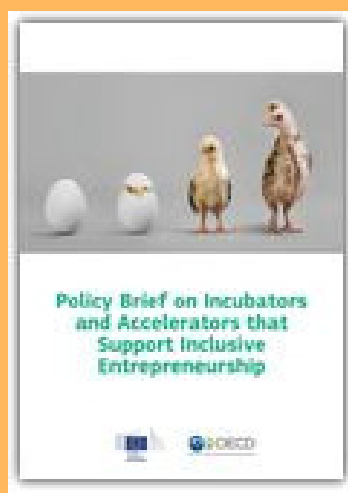
Publication date: 26-04-2019

Author: General Directorate of Education, Youth, Sports and Culture

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Key words: Expert group (EU), integration of migrants, migrant workers, policy formulation, young workers, youth employment, youth policy

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POLICY BRIEF ON INCUBATORS AND ACCELERATORS THAT SUPPORT INCLUSIVE ENTREPRENEURSHIP

SUMMARY: This brief explores the benefits of incubators and accelerators, how they support inclusive entrepreneurship, what makes them successful and how the EU can learn from the experiences of other countries. While there are relatively few examples of business incubators and accelerators that are fully dedicated to supporting entrepreneurs from under-represented and disadvantaged groups, there is a small body of evidence that shows positive results

Publication date: 02-05-2019

Author: Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion (European Commission)

Link: [CLICK HERE](#) 

Key words: creation of companies, entrepreneurship, creation of companies, job creation, small and medium enterprises, creation of companies

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FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

THE PRICING OF GREEN BONDS: ARE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS SPECIAL?



SUMMARY: The financial system plays a major role in the transition to a low-carbon economy. We investigate this issue analyzing the recent developments and challenges in the bond and debt markets.

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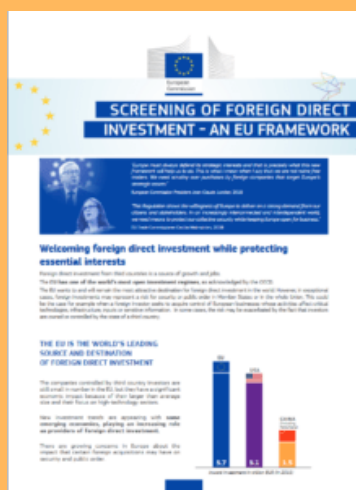
Author: Joint Research Center (European Commission)

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Key words: Banking system, bonds, environmental economics, prevention of environmental risks, financial institution, pricing, reduction of gas emissions, research report

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SCREENING OF FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT - AN EU FRAMEWORK



SUMMARY: The EU wants and will remain the most attractive destination for foreign direct investment in the world. However, in exceptional cases, foreign investments may represent a security or public order risk in the Member States or throughout the Union.

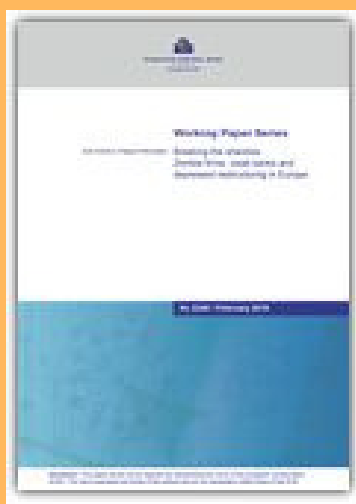
Publication date: 10-04-2019

Author: European Commission

Link: [CLICK HERE](#)

Key words: market in the Union, European Union

BREAKING THE SHACKLES: ZOMBIE FIRMS, WEAK BANKS AND DEPRESSED RESTRUCTURING IN EUROPE



SUMMARY: This paper explores the connection between "zombie" firms (firms that would typically exit in a competitive market) and bank health and the consequences for aggregate productivity in 11 European countries. Controlling for cyclical effects, the results show that zombie firms are more likely to be connected to weak banks, suggesting that the zombie firm problem in Europe may at least partly stem from bank forbearance.

Publication date: 17-04-2019

Author: Banco Central Europeo

Link: [CLICK HERE](#)

Key words: Bank, banking policy, company growth, economic growth, financial institution, labor productivity.

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INTERESTING MAGAZINES

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POLICY CONTRIBUTION
ISSUE N°6: HOW TO
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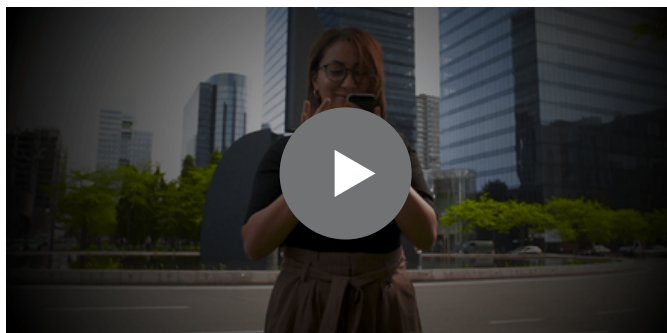
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New rules on Trade Defence Instruments: shaped by your views

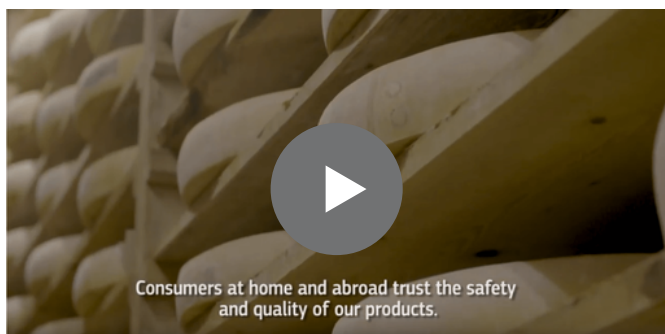
Before updating the rules to protect EU producers against unfair competition, the European Commission consulted hundreds of producers, importers, associations and authorities in dialogues, a public conference and online surveys.

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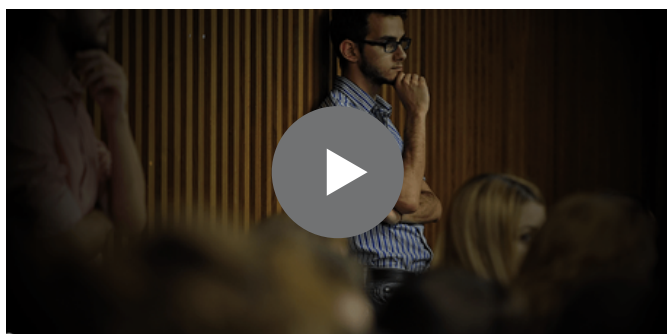
Cheaper international calls for European consumers

Europeans will now benefit from cheaper international mobile phone calls, while faster 5G networks begin to be rolled out next year.



Unfair Trade Practices (UTP)

An effective #FoodSupplyChain is fair We are working to ban unfair commercial practices (UTP) to ensure a fairer treatment for our food producers



Youth employment in the EU: MEPs seek innovative initiatives

Launched in 2013, the Youth Employment Initiative provides financial assistance to regions where there are high levels of youth unemployment. MEPs want Member States to do their part and promote the necessary reforms in order to achieve sustainable and long-term youth employment.

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EU Customs Union – 50 years young

In 2018, the European Union celebrated the 50th anniversary of the EU Customs Union.



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