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Citizens' Dialogue: Vice-President Ansip “goes digital” in Sofia

The first building blocks of the EU’s Digital Single Market Strategy could be laid in Bulgaria. [Vice-President Andrus Ansip](#), responsible for the [Digital Single Market](#), will be in Sofia on 20 and 21 April to participate in a [Citizens' Dialogue](#) together with [Gergana Passi](#), Bulgaria’s Digital Champion. Ahead of his visit, Vice-President **Ansip** said: *"The Digital Single Market is all about making the EU's single market freedoms "go digital", and boosting growth and jobs on our continent. People must be able to freely go across borders online just as they do offline. This is an important opportunity for Bulgaria which has a vibrant IT sector, with a number of success stories and a huge potential for creating jobs and growth."* A press release is available [here](#).

Ninth round of TTIP negotiations

From 20-24 April the ninth round of the [Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership \(TTIP\)](#) negotiations between the EU and the US will take place in New York. During the 9th round, the US will host a stakeholder forum during which EU and US negotiators will exchange views with interested stakeholders. The forum will take place on Thursday, April 23, 2015 from 11:00 – 16:30 and is open to the press. EU chief negotiator Ignacio Garcia Bercero and US chief negotiator Dan Mullaney will hold the closing press conference on Friday, April 24, 2015 in New York.

EUROSTAT: Annual inflation up to -0.1% in the euro area - Up to -0.1% in the EU

Euro area annual inflation was -0.1% in March 2015, up from -0.3% in February. In March 2014 the rate was 0.5%. European Union annual inflation was also

-0.1% in March 2015, up from -0.3% in February. A year earlier the rate was 0.6%. These figures come from Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union. A press release is available [here](#).

EUROSTAT: EU28 current account surplus €20.4 bn - €14.3 bn surplus for trade in services

The EU28 seasonally adjusted external current account recorded a surplus of €20.4 billion in February 2015, compared with a surplus of €19.5 bn in January 2015 and a surplus of €7.5 bn in February 2014, according to estimates from Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union. A press release is available [here](#).

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