

 TODAY'S
News

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Click on [blue](#) link to view full Press**Outcome of EU-Ukraine summit**

The 17th EU-Ukraine Summit took place yesterday. The EU was represented by the President of the European Commission Jean-Claude **Juncker** and the President of the European Council Donald **Tusk**, Ukraine by President Petro **Poroshenko**. The summit discussed the implementation of the Association Agreement and political and economic reforms in Ukraine including EU financial and other assistance; the crisis in Eastern Ukraine and the application of the Minsk agreements, including the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission; regional issues; and the preparations for the upcoming Eastern Partnership summit in Riga. After the Summit, President Juncker also announced that the EU will step up its contribution with €70 million to ensure the complete return to a safe environment at the Chernobyl site. A press release on support for Chernobyl is available [here](#). There is also a [fact sheet](#) on EU support for Ukraine, the speech by President **Juncker** on "[Reforming for Ukraine's future](#)" (28/04) and [President Juncker's remarks at the press conference after the Summit](#) (27/04).

European Agenda on Security

Today the European Commission will set out a European Agenda on Security for the period 2015-2020 to support Member States' cooperation in tackling security threats and step up our common efforts in the fight against terrorism, organised crime and cybercrime. The Agenda will set out the concrete tools and measures which will be used in this joint work to ensure security and tackle these three most pressing threats more effectively. First Vice-President Frans **Timmermans** and Commissioner Dimitris **Avramopoulos** will present the Agenda at a press conference at the European Parliament in Strasbourg at around 16.30. The press conference will also be streamed live on [EbS](#).

International Conference on Support for Ukraine: EU announces €110 million benefitting SMEs and entrepreneurship in Ukraine

As part of the EU's €11 billion package supporting Ukraine, the European Commission has adopted a Special Measure for Private Sector Development and Approximation worth €70 million. This measure is a response to the urgent need to support the recovery and economic development in Ukraine. It will notably help SMEs across the regions of Ukraine, boosting jobs and growth. It will be complemented by a €40 million loan guarantee facility which will also ease access to finance for Ukrainian businesses. European

Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations Commissioner, Johannes **Hahn**, said: *"The development of small and medium enterprises (SME) has a crucial role to play in creating growth and job opportunities. By supporting an enabling environment to invest, by providing business development services at regional level and by addressing some of the obstacles to SME development such as access to finance, the EU is contributing to economic recovery, in particular in the regions most affected by the need to integrate internally displaced persons"*. A press release is available [here](#).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice-President in charge of Energy Union Šefčovič in Ukraine

Vice-President Maroš **Šefčovič** is in Kyiv today to speak at the energy panel of the "International Support for Ukraine"-conference. He will meet Minister of Energy Volodymyr Demchyshyn, Minister of Foreign Affairs Paylo Klimkin as well as the Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk; the [press conference](#) of the Vice-President Šefčovič and PM Yatsenyuk will be at 11.00 CET. Vice-President **Šefčovič** is visiting Kyiv as part of the conference organised by the Ukrainian Government with a view to present the achievements already made in reforms and the outline the plans ahead. Vice-President **Šefčovič** will discuss the reform of Ukraine's energy sector as well as the opportunities stemming from Ukraine's membership in the Energy Community and by the signing of Association Agreement/DCFTA.

Commissioner Hahn in Tunisia on 29-30 April

On 29-30 April Commissioner for European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations Johannes **Hahn** will visit Tunisia, a priority partner for the EU. The purpose of the visit is to show support for Tunisia's reform process, hold consultations on the Review of the European Neighbourhood Policy and sign co-operation agreements with the country. During his visit Commissioner will meet President Béji Caïd Essebsi, Head of Government Habib Essid, and civil society representatives. In Tunisia Commissioner **Hahn** will also be a keynote speaker at a Conference entitled 'Tunisia transformation – Cooperating with the neighbours: Europe, North Africa'.

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Find out [here](#) what will be discussed next week in the European Commission, European Council and the European Parliament.

