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EmergencyLessons campaign: EU and UNICEF highlight the importance of education for children in emergencies

The [#EmergencyLessons campaign](#) enters its second phase today with the launch of a new video to show what school means for children affected by crises – the protection and stability found in the routine of attending classes, the friends made, the hope for the future, the teachers who support children through trauma. This is the case of Malak and Raparine, displaced by the war in Iraq and Syria – whose [video is launched today](#). These children have been able to continue with their schooling thanks to the EU and UNICEF's support, and show how school helps them to cope in these difficult times. The videos encourage viewers to get involved in the campaign and upload their own favourite [school photos](#) (May) and tag their best friends (June) on social media using #EmergencyLessons. The campaign will run until the end of the year, releasing a new video every month with a new campaign ask. A number of celebrities have already engaged including [Tom Hiddleston](#) (British Actor), Donncha O'Callaghan (Irish Rugby Player), Bostjan Nachbar (Slovenian Basketball Player), Samantha Cristoforetti (Italian Astronaut) and Mark Ruffalo and Robert Downey Junior (American Actors). *"I'm pleased that the #EmergencyLessons campaign is proving to be a great success in raising awareness of the importance of education in emergencies. In the first month, the campaign has reached more than 50 million people on Twitter alone"*, said Christos **Stylianides**, EU Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management. In 2016 the EU is providing €52 million aimed specifically at educational projects for children in emergency situations, to support over 2,300,000 children in 42 countries around the world. Learn more about the [EU's support for education in emergencies](#).

State aid: Commission approves German investment aid to paper manufacturer Hamburger Rieger and opens investigation into German aid to polymer producer REHAU [Updated: 13/06/2016 at 12:14]

The European Commission has assessed public support for two investment projects in Germany under new provisions of the Guidelines on Regional State Aid for 2014-2020. It found €33 million investment aid to Hamburger Rieger GmbH, a German paper and plasterboard manufacturer, to be in line with EU state aid rules, because it furthers regional development without unduly distorting competition in the Single Market. In a separate decision, the Commission has opened an in-depth investigation to assess whether €4 million aid to REHAU AG+Co, a polymer business based in Switzerland active amongst other things as automotive supplier, was in line with the Guidelines. EU Commissioner in charge of competition policy Margrethe **Vestager** said: *"It's important that public investments foster economic growth in disadvantaged regions in Europe. We have carefully assessed the project. The investment aid to Hamburger Rieger will further develop the region without distorting competition and will help bringing truly innovative production processes to market. At the same time we have opened an in-depth investigation to assess whether the aid to*

REHAU AG+CO will bring genuinely innovative production processes to market." These decisions apply for the first time provisions under the Guidelines requiring for certain projects that the production processes supported are genuinely innovative. They provide guidance to Member States on how the Commission assesses such projects under these rules, which ensure that support to large companies is granted for projects that bring genuine innovation. A full press release is available online in [here](#).

Eurostat: Acquisition of citizenship in the EU - EU Member States granted citizenship to almost 900 000 persons in 2014 - Moroccans continue to be the main recipients

In 2014, around 890 000 persons acquired citizenship of a Member State of the **European Union (EU)**, down from 981 000 in 2013. Since 2009, more than 5 million persons in total were granted a citizenship of an EU Member State. Of the total number of persons obtaining the citizenship of one of the EU Member States in 2014, 89% were non-EU citizens. Full text available on EUROSTAT [here](#)

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Upcoming Events.

15 June: [10th edition of the European Development Days European](#) The tenth edition of the European Development Days will take place in Brussels on 15-16 June. The background: The European Development Days is Europe's leading forum on international cooperation and development

16 June: [The Commission adopts its monthly infringements package](#) The European Commission will adopt its monthly infringements package. These decisions seek to enforce EU law across Europe so that citizens and businesses can benefit fully from the internal market.



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