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Commissioner V?ra Jourová presents the 2014 results of the European Rapid Alert System for Dangerous Products

The 2014 figures show that nearly 2,500 dangerous products ranging from toys to motor vehicles were either stopped before they entered the EU or removed from the market. The website of the Rapid Alert System attracted nearly 2 million visits in 2014, and new search tools allow consumers and businesses to better inform themselves about the detection of dangerous products and product recalls. You'll find more information in the press release and the Q&A.

The press conference with Commissioner Jourová can be watched live on EBS. (for more information: Christian Wigand – Tel: +32 229 62 253; Melanie Voin – Tel: +32 229 58 659)

OTHER NEWS

The Commission and the European Investment Bank facilitate access to credit for farmers

The European Commission and the European Investment Bank (EIB) have today presented a model financial instrument aimed at increasing access to credit in rural areas on the basis of an Understanding of Cooperation in Agriculture and Rural Development signed in July 2014. Commissioner Hogan invited Member States to set up financial instruments in their rural development programmes in order to benefit from the opportunities provided. A press release is available online. A technical briefing on the topic will take place today at 15h00 CET. (for more information: Daniel Rosario – Tel: +32 229 56 185; Clémence Robin – Tel: +32 229 52 509)

Speech by Commissioner Moedas on "British science thrives in the EU and we thrive because of you"
Carlos Moedas, Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation, gives a lecture on "Science Without Borders" at the Royal Society of ... short of the 3% of GDP research and development target, in particular when it comes to private investment, he will add:

"We have to try something new. In this new mandate, the European Commission wants to make more high-risk, high-value investments in research and innovation, not less".

He will also explain that, contrarily to some concerns expressed, fundamental science can attract private investment and loans. Commissioner Moedas will further comment on the contribution of EU membership to the global standing of British universities and to their value to the British economy:

"The majority of the UK's top 20 research partners are other EU countries. You ranked first for number of applicants to ... willingness, and ability, to compete for funding based on merit. So, my ambitions for your place in Europe are immense."

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