



## Corporate content on communication for outreach networks

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### To keep you in the big picture

#### Safe and sound on the road

Fresh off the Commission shelf and right onto your communication plate is the **Commission's proposal for a road safety package to improve safety for all road users, and help the EU achieve "Vision Zero"** – no deaths on EU roads by 2050. In addition, the proposal aims to modernise driving licence rules, including the introduction of a digital driving licence valid throughout the EU, and new provisions to facilitate the enforcement of traffic rules across borders. It would also allow young people to take their test at 17 years and start driving under supervision. However, they will not be allowed to drive alone across the EU before they turn 18, even if their Member State allows them to drive on their own within its own territory. Follow the [story](#).

#### Put up the pressure

The piece that follows comes to show that the Commission and the Council are equally determined when it comes to putting up the pressure on Russia. **The Council's adoption of the 10<sup>th</sup> package of sanctions against Russia** is in this respect coming at the right moment. In order to further increase the effectiveness of EU sanctions, the package contains new listings plus trade and financial sanctions, including further export bans worth more than €11 billion, depriving the Russian economy of critical tech and industrial goods. It also steps up enforcement and anti-circumvention measures, including a new reporting obligation on Russian Central Bank assets. Full details [here](#).

## We handpicked for you

### **Brexit, Irish protocol: When there is a will, there is a way**

Last week, **the Commission and the Government of the United Kingdom reached a political agreement in principle** on the Windsor Framework. This constitutes a comprehensive set of joint solutions aimed at addressing, in a definitive way, the practical challenges faced by citizens and businesses in Northern Ireland, thereby providing them with lasting certainty and predictability. The joint solutions cover, amongst other things, new arrangements on customs, agri-food, medicines, VAT and excise, as well as specific instruments designed to ensure that the voices of the people of Northern Ireland are better heard on specific issues particularly relevant to the communities there. Full details [here](#).

### **An ocean of actions**

On 2 March, at the [Our Ocean Conference](#) in Panama, the **EU confirmed its strong engagement in international ocean governance** by announcing 39 commitments for action in 2023, covering all six focus areas of the event. The EU has announced 39 new commitments for action in 2023. These cover all six focus areas of the conference: marine protected areas, marine pollution, climate change, sustainable fisheries, sustainable blue economies, and maritime security. These actions will be funded with €816.5 million – one of the biggest amounts ever announced by the EU since the start of the Our Ocean Conferences. Check out the [full list](#) of EU commitments.

## Learn about other EU networks and find synergies!

### **Today's network in highlight** → **EU Health Programme National Focal Points**

**Scope** → The National Focal Points (NFP) are the national experts for the [EU4Health Programme](#) in EU countries and participating countries (Norway, Iceland, Ukraine and Moldova\*). They are appointed by their national health ministries. The specific role of the NFPs is to promote the EU4Health programme opportunities at national level, advise and assist applicants on the processes, disseminate the results, inform on the impact generated by the Health Programme in their respective countries.

\* Moldova recently joined the EU4Health Programme, the nomination of the NFP is ongoing

**Target audience** → Legal entities (public and private) that would like to apply to different calls in the EU4Health programme.

**Find the EU4Health National Focal Point near you and give them a call** → [https://european-union.europa.eu/contact-eu/meet-us\\_en?networks=NFP](https://european-union.europa.eu/contact-eu/meet-us_en?networks=NFP)