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To keep you in the big picture

It's all about partnership

In 2023, Japan assumed the **G7 Presidency**, with [Hiroshima hosting the meetings](#) of world leaders from 19 until 21 May. On this occasion, we are bringing you a taste of two captivating involvements by the Commission President. To get a sense of the President's vision on peace in Ukraine, tune in [here](#). And for the latest on the President's vision about a resilient and sustainable planet, follow the [quotes](#).

When ambition meets modernity

Last week, the Commission put forward proposals for the most ambitious and comprehensive reform of the EU Customs Union since its establishment in 1968. The proposed reform includes: a **new partnership between customs and business** based on transparency and responsibility, and supported by data-driven artificial intelligence that massively simplifies or even removes altogether the need for customs declarations; an **updated surveillance and risk assessment model, managed by a new EU Authority**, which helps Member States to focus their control efforts where it matters most, and to better enforce compliance with EU standards; and a **more modern framework for e-commerce** that cuts down on the huge levels of fraud in the sector while introducing more transparency and peace of mind for consumers. Learn [more](#).

We handpicked for you

A lesson of solidarity

Severe weather conditions in Italy caused floods and landslides in the past days, affecting particularly the northern-central region of Emilia Romagna. Following a request for assistance from Italy, the EU has mobilised offers of pumping equipment from Austria, Bulgaria, Germany, France, Poland, Romania, Slovenia and Slovakia via the **EU Civil Protection Mechanism to help the Italian authorities deal with heavy floods**. The EU's Emergency Response Coordination Centre has been in constant contact with the Italian authorities, who are currently assessing the offers, and the EU stands ready to provide further help if needed. The EU's Copernicus service has also provided emergency satellite mapping of the affected areas. Get the [full](#) story.

Next stop: Budapest

22 May was a date to remember in Budapest. On this very day, the **renovated M3 or 'blue' metro line in Budapest**, was inaugurated and opened to passengers. The renovation of this line - whose 17,4 km make it the longest in the city – and of 20 metro stations started in November 2017 and benefitted from **€453 million Cohesion Policy funding** from the 2014-2020 programming period, out of a total budget of €591 million. This project is one of the biggest EU investments in Hungary and in the whole EU. Over 500,000 daily passengers will commute daily in a more comfortable and pleasant environment. See [more](#).