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The Netherlands Presidency

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General Statement regarding Presidency

The Netherlands wants its EU Presidency to be meaningful and well organized, and tackle issues that are important to the Netherlands and to Europe. For example, we will work towards:

1. a Europe that stimulates innovation and growth, A Europe that creates jobs;
2. a Europe that respects member states' space and concentrates on tackling common problems, such as refugee flows, jihadism and climate change;
3. a Europe that more closely involves citizens in the choices it makes.

We are also realistic. Even when you hold the EU Presidency; there are limits to what you can achieve in six months. But we will do our best to ensure that European cooperation makes practical progress.



Strategic Agenda

- ✓ A UNION OF JOBS, GROWTH AND COMPETITIVENESS
- ✓ A UNION THAT EMPOWERS AND PROTECTS ALL ITS CITIZENS
- ✓ TOWARDS AN ENERGY UNION WITH A FORWARD-LOOKING CLIMATE POLICY
- ✓ A UNION OF FREEDOM, SECURITY AND JUSTICE
- ✓ THE UNION AS A STRONG GLOBAL ACTOR



Focus in the economic realm

- ✓ INTERNAL MARKET
- ✓ ENERGY
- ✓ BETTER REGULATION



Legislative proposals regarding consumer policy

Direct consequence of the Digital Single Market initiative

- ✓ Simple and effective cross-border contract rules
- ✓ Review of the Consumer Protection Cooperation Regulation



Activities during the presidency

- ✓ The consumer and competition day, April 18th