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This edition:

- The latest Standard Eurobarometer shows optimism is on the rise in the EU. A majority of Europeans (56%) are optimistic about the future of the EU. Trust in the EU continues to be on the rise and stands at 42% (up from 36% in autumn 2016 and 32% in autumn 2015).
http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-2127_en.htm
- To mark the tenth anniversary of the start of the financial crisis the European Commission has issued a statement about the work the EU has done to counter its impact and strengthen the EU economy. However work remains to be done in completing Europe's Economic and monetary Union.
http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-2401_en.htm
- On 13 September 2017 European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker will deliver his State of the Union Speech 2017 at the European Parliament in Strasbourg. The speech will be followed by a plenary debate and that will be the start of the discussion of the Commission work programme for the following year.
http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_AGENDA-17-2321_en.htm
- France and Germany to target Airbnb's tax regime. Economy Minister Bruno Le Maire told the French Parliament on 9 August that both countries will submit a proposal on the taxation of online platforms at the next meeting of the European Council on 15 September. This is the latest in a string of attempts by the EU and national governments to force operators in the sharing economy to pay their fair share of taxes and social contributions.
<http://www.euractiv.com/section/economy-jobs/news/france-says-to-target-airbnb-unacceptable-tax-regime/>

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