



## 2016 FREE MARKET ROAD SHOW: "A Time for Change in Europe"

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It is now a bit more than a year since the Juncker-Commission started its work, and a lot has been done since to move the European single market forward. At the same time, it cannot be ignored, that Europe is confronted today with numerous serious political challenges at its borders, which put its economic activity at risk. In this regard, I am glad that the **Free Market Road Show 2016** reminds us of the pacifying impact of Free Market.

Free market means enhancing economic governance, strengthening fiscal stability and supporting structural reforms for improved competitiveness, inclusive growth and social development, which are keys to boost a country's economy. Working on improving free market economy is the best remedy to stimulate economic growth, give young people in and outside Europe the perspective of employment and thus contribute to stability which is our core goal in the European neighbourhood. Moreover, free market has an impact which goes beyond purely economic considerations. It is closely linked to the necessity of improvements in the domain of good political governance and democracy as well as in the fight of corruption and transparency.

The Free Market Roadshow, moving through 45 capitals in Europe, the Caucasus and Middle East offers a relevant forum to spread and discuss the numerous advantages and possible improvements linked to the European Internal Market.



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