



## EUROPEAN COMMISSION

### **Statement by Commissioner Margrethe Vestager and Director-General Johannes Laitenberger on the passing away of Frans Andriessen – Commissioner for Competition, 1981-1985**

We are very sad to learn of the passing away of Frans Andriessen, Dutch Commissioner for Parliamentary Relations and Competition between 1981 and 1985. Frans Andriessen subsequently held the positions of Commissioner for Agriculture and Fisheries (1985-1989) and External Relations and Trade (1989-1993). He was also First Vice-President of the European Commission between 1985 and 1993.

The most recent contact DG Competition had with Frans Andriessen was last year, when he and his family graciously accepted an invitation to share memories of his time as Commissioner for Competition to celebrate the 60th anniversary of DG Competition with us. The [text](#) is a testimony to his determination and to his commitment for a stronger European Union. From it, a figure of European leader emerges that can serve as inspiration for us all. We extend our heartfelt condolences to his family and friends.

Margrethe Vestager and Johannes Laitenberger

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