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By Maria Elena Herrera Trelles

This year, Peru celebrates the Bicentennial of Independence, where they commemorate the 200th anniversary of the country's proclamation. This event will have as its central date July 28, 2021, and corresponds to various strategies, activities, and plans of national and international scope until 2024, the year in which Peru commemorates the 200th anniversary of the battles Junin and Ayacucho that consolidated the Independence of Peru.

In 2018, the Special Bicentennial Project was created as the entity in charge of executing, articulating, and following up on all required activities; with a high symbolic value, for the strengthening of national identity, historical memory, and the importance of new citizenship in the face of its third century of republican life.

This celebration focuses on reinforcing the following axes of the Bicentennial (Integrity, Equal Opportunities, Dialogue and Reconciliation, Sustainability, Integration and Competitiveness, Identity and Diversity) to build a country that all Peruvians are proud to love.

#<u>BicentenariodelPeru</u>also has a YouTube channel where you can enjoy a series of programs and learn more about our culture and traditions.

In this newsletter, you can find the story of Brussels Airport and its expansion in freight activities. You can take a peek into Peru's infrastructure big highway project in collaboration with France. And as trade opportunities arise, there is also a link to the official trade agreement review by the European Commission.

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Belgium

by Ministry of Foreign Affairs Belgium

Thanks to the significant extension work to its buildings that have just been completed, Brussels Airport is significantly expanding its offering of handling spaces for its freight activity for imports and exports.

More than a hundred companies in the logistics chain are present at Brucargo, which confirms its central role in logistics for air transport in Europe.

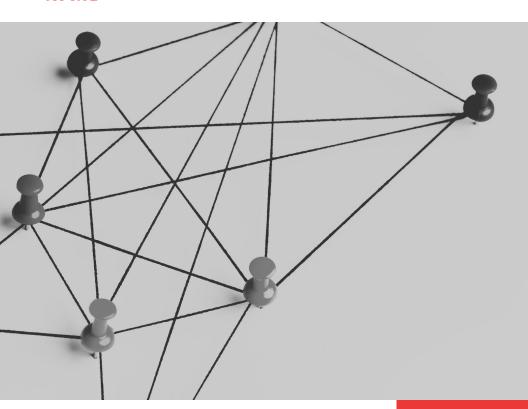
The new 50,000 m² warehouses are devoted mainly to refrigerated storage and constitute a significant asset for two major sectors of our economy, namely the pharmaceutical and biotechnological sectors, which continue to develop.

Brucargo will use these storage spaces for fresh and perishable goods.

"Thanks to Brucargo West, we have additional logistical resources for the safe transport of pharmaceutical products in general, and COVID-19 vaccines in particular."

Arnaud Feist, CEO of Brussels Airport





Peru

by CGR

The government of Peru has chosen to ally with France to build a \$3.1bn highway that will connect Lima with regions in the country's centre.

In August 2020, the Peruvian government reduced its potential partners' list to four finalists. The government chose between South Korea, Spain, France, and Japan. In February, interested parties presented their projects, and France was declared the winner.

The Nueva Carretera Central, or new central highway, will be a four-lane motorway with about 30km of tunnels and several bridges and causeways. It will begin in Huaycán, in Lima Province, and run northeast through about five major centres to Santa Rosa de Sacco, a distance of about 136km.

France is to provide the Peruvian government with technical assistance for the project.

Scanning the QR code takes you to the project visualisations.





Trade Agreement

by Anja Popovic Kevin Van Wallendael

Since 2013, the European Union (EU) has a Trade Agreement (FTA) with Colombia and Peru, which Ecuador joined in 2017.

The Agreement gradually opens up markets on both sides and increases the stability and predictability of the trade and investment environment.

It is also one of the first "new generation" trade agreements of the EU, characterised by its comprehensive scope that covers, in addition to the liberalisation of trade in goods and services, investment, public procurement, competition, intellectual property rights, as well as trade and sustainable development issues.

Scan the QR code to access the FTA report.

European Commission





