

#### **EU-GCC Dialogue on Economic Diversification**

A project funded by the European Union

1st - 5th October

# DIGITAL news

# The latest news from EU **and** GCC

# Interviews and opinions

- Is Artificial Intelligence a promising global investment opportunity. <u>Link</u>
- UAE Bahrain trade returning to pre Covid levels H1 figures show. <u>Link</u>
- Best GCC workplaces for women set to be revealed. <u>Link</u>
- Bahrain UAE top Arab Nations for Human Capital. <u>Link Link 2</u>
- Biggest Arab economies return to growth in September. <u>Link</u>
- GCC economy set for 2022 rebound from Coronavirus low oil jolt. <u>Link</u>
- Six risks to watch in Middle East markets in Q4 Link
- GCC investor sentiment rebounds after Q2 coronavirus hit. Link
- Markaz: Most GCC markets positive despite mounting concerns on economic recovery. <u>Link</u>.
  - اقتصاد الفضاء يتضاعف 3 مرات في العقد المقبل. الرابط

# European Union

- Remarks by President Charles Michel after the Special European Council meeting on 2 October 2020. <u>Link</u>
- European Council conclusions, 1-2 October 2020. Link
- France rakes in 2.8bn euros from 5G sale. Link

### Bahrain

Bahrain stocks second best in GCC last month. <u>Link</u>

### Kuwait

- رغم العجز المالي الأعلى عالمياً.. وضع اقتصاد الكويت متين الرابط.
- Gulf opts for Renewable Energy despite Covid-19. Link







#### **EU-GCC Dialogue on Economic Diversification**

A project funded by the European Union

### Oman

- Oman banks on SMEs, tourism to revive economy. <u>Link</u>
- Oman-Kuwait economic ties on upswing. <u>Link</u>
- One-person firms brought under scope of Oman Income Tax Law. Link
- Investments in developmental projects total RO 816m in H1. <u>Link</u>
- New minimum wage policy bodes well for Omani job growth. <u>Link</u>
- Oman implements successful model of economic diversification: Hong Kong TDC. Link
- The growth trajectory of Omans Startup sector. <u>Link</u>
- Oman banks on SMEs, tourism to revive economy. <u>Link</u>

### Qatar

- Al Attiyah Foundation: Weekly energy market review. <u>Link</u>
- Qatar Chamber, Labour Ministry sign deal to boost cooperation in worker re-employment. Link
- How Qatari Quality Mark gives local companies a competitive advantage:
  QF Economist. Link
- Minister stresses need to enhance specialised jobs to attract Qataris. <u>Link</u>
- 4th Arab Digital Content Forum begins Monday. <u>Link</u>
- Qatar committed to protecting biodiversity. <u>Link</u>
- Investing in QATR a much easier option, say industry experts. <u>Link</u>
- G20 energy ministers strive for sustainable development: GECF. <u>Link</u>
- More competitive, diversified economy main target: Al Emadi. <u>Link</u>
- Nod for draft decision on panel for evaluation of contractors. <u>Link</u>
- Minister stresses strengthening environmental monitoring. <u>Link</u>
- Finance ministry outlines strategic plan for 2020-22 at Cabinet meeting.
  <u>Link</u>
- Qatar-Italy ties reviewed. <u>Link</u>





#### **EU-GCC Dialogue on Economic Diversification**

A project funded by the European Union

### Saudi Arabia

- Saudi industrial exports reach SR300 billion. <u>Link</u>
- Saudi Arabia brings in lower property tax to boost sector. Link
- Saudi-Bahrain trade returns to pre-pandemic levels, witnesses hike. <u>Link</u>
- Saudi non-oil private sector back to growth for first time since February. Link
- Saudi Arabia scraps VAT for property deals. <u>Link</u>
- Saudi non-oil private sector back to growth for first time since February. <u>Link</u>
- Saudi-Bahrain trade returns to pre-pandemic levels, witnesses hike. <u>Link</u>

## United Arab Emirates

- Dr Sultan Al Jaber reinforces UAE role in supporting joint GCC economic actions.
  Link
- Water Expo & Forum to focus on conservation. Link
- Swiss Pavilion to take part in pre-Expo event. <u>Link</u>
- SME Talks explores e-commerce future in the UAE. Link
- 50pc UAE residents feel positive about bank support. Link
- Dubais difc fintech hive to host new accelerator for redundant employees. Link
- How Dubai's expo is helping to fund employment opportunities for refugees. Link
- Expo 2020 Dubai ambitions unchecked despite Coronavirus crisis. <u>Link</u>
- How major events could sustain Dubai as destination of choice post coronavirus.
  Link
- Strong fundamentals make the UAE winner for start-ups. <u>Link</u>
- Arab Woman Awards UAE 2020 to focus on Coronavirus achievements. <u>Link</u>
- Oracle launches first of cloud regions in the uae in Dubai. Link









As always, we welcome your feedback on the topics and sectors that interest you most and you would like to see covered in future editions of the newsletter.

lbenhmida@eugcc.eu

info@eugcc.eu

