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THANK YOU

A big thank you to all those who worked the 4 days and 4 nights on what turned out to be a marathon European summit last week, indeed the longest running summit on record.

Those involved were the many Council colleagues who put in long hours and who, in many cases, worked overnight 12 hour shifts, as well as a host of colleagues from other European institutions including staff from the Commission's Secretariat General and, of course, Commission interpreters. In total, around 1000 EU staff were involved in the summit during the time it lasted. A word of thanks should also go to the police and security staff who worked hard to ensure the safety of everyone.

The summit was challenging, not least because the negotiations were complex and covered a number of wide-ranging and thorny issues, such as the Recovery Fund and the EU budget. Historic agreement was reached on these issues.

The summit is, of course, also the fruit of the hard work of everyone in the Council over the previous weeks and months. The professionalism, dedication and stamina of you all helped ensure that this was a successful and ground-breaking summit.

Thank you.



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