

## COMPETITION

Prior notification of a concentration  
(Case COMP/M.5514 - **Crédit Agricole SA/Société Générale Asset Management**)

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Prior notification of a concentration  
(Case COMP/M.5597 - **Towers Perrin/Watson Wyatt**)

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(Case COMP/M.5558 - **Nutreco/Cargill**)

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(Case COMP/M.5645 - **CPI CEE/Gazit Midas /Atrium European Real Estate**)

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**Commission** clears proposed **acquisition** of **Schering-Plough** by **Merck** ([IP/09/1575](#))

**EdF** offers **commitments** to buy **majority stake** in **SPE**

[EU Briefing 22-23.10.2009](#) (*Dow Jones*)

**Sun deal dims** as **Brussels** focuses on **Oracle's ambitions**

[Financial Times 23.10.2009 p.21](#)

**Bundeskartellamt** - [List](#) of **notified merger projects**

The **Netherlands** - **NMa** warns: the **Competition Act** applies to **everyone**, including the **Dutch inland-shipping industry** (See the [Statement](#))

**UK** - **OFT** publishes [response](#) to **CAMRA super-complaint**

## STATE AID

**Information communicated** by **Member States** regarding **State aid granted** under **Commission Regulation** (EC) No [800/2008](#) **declaring** certain **categories of aid compatible** with the **common market in application** of **Articles 87** and **88** of the **Treaty** (General block exemption Regulation)

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**Commission Decision** of **21 October 2008** on **State aid measure** C 10/08 (ex NN 7/08) implemented by **Germany** for the **restructuring** of **IKB Deutsche Industriebank AG**

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**State aid - Commission** opens **in-depth investigation** into **aid package** for **German HSH Nordbank AG** ([IP/09/1577](#))

**Brussels** set to pass **Northern Rock** plan

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## TRADE AND CUSTOMS

[Draft Reply](#) to **EP Written Question** on « **EU trade relations with Pakistan** »

[Draft](#) - **Framework Agreement** on **Comprehensive Partnership** and **cooperation** between the **European Community** and its **Member States**, of the one part, and the **Republic of Indonesia**, of the other part

**Council Regulation** (EC) No **989/2009** of **19 October 2009** amending **Regulation** (EC) No [661/2008](#), imposing a **definitive anti-dumping duty** on **imports** of **ammonium nitrate** originating in **Russia**

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**Termination of the GSP+ investigation on El Salvador** (See the [Statement](#), the [Report](#), the [Decision](#) & the [Notice](#))

**Commission proposes label of origin pilot scheme**

*Agence Europe 23.10.2009 p.16*

**Medvedev confident of Russia's accession to WTO**

*Agence Europe 23.10.2009 p.16*

**India, Brazil to take EU to WTO in generics row**

*EU Briefing 22-23.10.2009 (Reuters)*

**EU-Egypt trade agreement: exports' liberalization**

*EU Briefing 22-23.10.2009 (freshplaza.com)*

**Syria's Assad wants to review EU pact before sealing deal**

*EU Briefing 22-23.10.2009 (Bilaterals.org)*

**WTO - Trade, Energy and Environment Conference: [Keynote address](#) by Pascal Lamy**

**WCO [Report](#) - Enhanced cooperation between Customs of Asia and Europe**

## INTERNAL MARKET AND GENERAL

**Top News from the European Commission from 26 October to 22 November 2009** ([Agenda/09/36](#))

**EU strengthens support for electronic cooperation among European public administrations** ([IP/09/1578](#))

**New civil society platform promotes multilingualism** ([IP/09/1574](#))

**European Commission plans to convene a public [hearing](#) on orphan works** (See the [Agenda](#))

*Midday Express 23.10.2009*

**Better Regulation - BusinessEurope will be satisfied when companies feel the 25% reduction of administrative burdens** (See the [Statement](#))

## FINANCE AND TAXATION

**Commission [Communication](#): «An EU Framework for Cross-Border Crisis Management in the Banking Sector »**

**ECB warns Brussels on hedge fund rules** (See the ECB [legal opinion](#))

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*Wall Street Journal Europe 23.10.2009 p.24*

*International Herald Tribune 22.10.2009 p.22*

## INDUSTRY AND ENTERPRISES

**Study on the Competitiveness of EU Eco-industry (DG Enterprise: [Part I](#) & [Part II](#))**

**Industrial new orders up by 2.0% in euro area - Up by 1.2% in EU27 - August 2009 - July 2009** ([Stat/09/151](#))

**[Speech](#) by Günter Verheugen: « European opportunities in space exploration »**

**Eurofer - EU steel market stuck in slow motion** ( See the [Statement](#) and the [Report](#))

## AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES

**Council [Conclusions](#): "Information provision and promotion measures for agricultural products"**

**Milk price crisis: Parliament gives go ahead to new measures** (See the EP [Statement](#))

## ENVIRONMENT

**European Commission launches search for European Green Capitals 2012 and 2013** ([IP/09/1576](#))

## CONSUMER PROTECTION

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## TELECOMS AND MEDIAS

**Telecoms package: Parliament and Council to open formal conciliation proceedings** (See the EP [Statement](#))

## JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS

**Council [Conclusions](#) on rights and support to persons who fall victim to crime in the EU**

**EU/US [agreements](#) on extradition and on mutual legal assistance**

**Financial [coalitions](#) against child pornography on the internet**

**Concern at delay in Schengen Information System II** (See the EP [Statement](#))

## €URO AND ECONOMY

**Harmonized indices of consumer prices - September 2009** - Issue number [43/2009](#)

**Governments' bank-support efforts will boost debt**  
[Wall Street Journal Europe 23.10.2009 p.19](#)

## FUTURE OF EUROPE

**Czech leader Klaus happy with EU treaty proposal**  
[EU Briefing 22-23.10.2009 \(Reuters\)](#)

**EU prepares to reject a Blair Presidency**  
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## ACCESSION AND EXT. RELATIONS

[Speech](#) by the EU High Representative **Javier Solana: "For Common Foreign and Security Policy »**

**Parliament wants power of scrutiny over EU diplomatic service** (See the EP [Statement](#))

**EU-US: MEPs want stronger cooperation for security, financial regulation and climate** (See the EP [Statement](#))

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**Ferrero-Waldner participates in the 10th EU-Azerbaijan Cooperation Council** (More [Information](#))

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**Ferrero-Waldner participates in the 10th EU-Georgia Cooperation Council** (More [Information](#))

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**Brussels to allow Serbia to move forward in joining the EU**

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**Turkey turns eastwards as Europe clings to the past**

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