

COMPETITION

Non-opposition to a notified concentration (Case COMP/[M.6110](#) - **Aegon/ Unnim /Caixasabadell Vida**)

Non-opposition to a notified concentration (Case COMP/[M.6125](#) - **Reale/Unnim/CSG**)

Invitation to **public hearing on collective redress - 5 April 2011**

EU **mergers and takeovers** (March 15)
[EU Briefing 14-15.03.2011](#) (*reuters*)

Buyers of public services could reap **greater benefits from competition** - [OFT](#)

STATE AID

Authorisation for **State aid** pursuant to **Articles 107** and **108** of the TFEU - **Cases** where the **Commission** raises **no objections**

Information communicated by **Member States** regarding **State aid** granted under Commission **Regulation** (EC) No [736/2008](#) on the **application** of **Articles 87** and **88** of the **Treaty** to **State aid** to **small and medium-sized enterprises active** in the **production, processing and marketing** of **fisheries products**

TRADE & CUSTOMS

Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No **248/2011** of **9 March 2011** imposing a **definitive anti-dumping duty** and **collecting definitively the provisional duty** imposed on **imports** of certain **continuous filament glass fibre products** originating in the **People's Republic of China**

EU, **Malaysia** aim to wrap up **FTA talks** by **June 2012**

[EU Briefing 14-15.03.2011](#) (*businessweek.com*)

WTO - **Norway** joins **Canada** to fight **EU seal ban**

[EU Briefing 14-15.03.2011](#) (*montrealgazette*)

WTO: **Trade value up** by **about 17%** in the **fourth quarter of 2010**

INTERNAL MARKET & GENERAL

Agenda for: **2356th Meeting** of the **Coreper** (Part 1) on **16 March 2011**

Huge illegal cigarette factory in **Poland** **raided** ([OLAF/11/3](#))

Ombudsman: Cases opened **now online** ([EO/11/5](#))

FINANCIAL & TAXATION

EU urged to **go ahead** with **tougher bank rules**

[Financial Times 15.03.2011](#)

Common, consolidated and irrelevant – **A single tax base** is **one way** to avoid **tackling the real barriers** to **European business**

[Wall Street Journal Europe 15.03.2011 p.13](#)

INDUSTRY, ENTERPRISES, RESEARCH

Facilitating **SME's access** to **stock markets**

[Midday Express 15.03.2011](#)

Business confidence improves but **worrying differences** emerge, **survey** finds (See UEAPME [Statement](#))

AGRICULTURE & FISHERIES

[Background note](#) - **3077th Agriculture and Fisheries Council meeting** - Brussels, **17 March 2011**

[Speech](#) by **Maria Damanaki**: « The **Future Economics of the Sea**

ENERGY

[Opinion](#) of the Advocate General Jaaskinen of 15.03.2011 in Case C-264/09, **European Commission Vs. Republic of Slovakia**

Re: Failure of a Member State to fulfil obligations - Internal market in electricity - Directive 2003/54/EC - Priority Access – Non-discriminatory access to transmission and distribution systems - Investment contract concluded prior to accession to the European Union - Energy Charter Treaty - Bilateral Investment Protection Agreement -Article 307 EC - Fair and equitable treatment – Expropriation

Gazprom and the rule of EU Law
[Wall Street Journal Europe 15.03.2011 p.14](#)

OFT [launches](#) **off-grid energy study**

ENVIRONMENT

3075th Environment Council meeting
[press release](#) - Brussels, **14 March 2011**
- [rules](#) on recycling of electronic devices
- [Follow-up](#) to the Cancún Conference
- [Review](#) of the Community Strategy concerning Mercury

Almada wins European Mobility Week Award 2010 ([IP/11/318](#))

HEALTH & CONSUMER PROTECTION

GMOs : Commission organises a **debate on risk assessment and management** ([IP/11/317](#))

[Agenda](#) of the **Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health** (SCFCAH) of **16 March 2011**

[EFSA](#) - **Scientific Opinion** on the **safety of hemp** (Cannabis genus) for **use as animal feed**

[EFSA](#) - **Scientific Opinion** on **safety and efficacy of Cycostat® 66G** (robenidine hydrochloride) for **rabbits for breeding and fattening**

[EFSA](#) - **Conclusion** on the **peer review** of the **pesticide risk assessment** of the active substance **flufenoxuron**

TRANSPORT

EU and US conclude [cooperation agreement](#) on **civil aviation safety**

€URO & ECONOMY

Council reaches [agreement](#) on **measures to strengthen economic governance**
[Wall Street Journal Europe 15.03.2011](#)

[Parliaments](#) **central to economic governance success**

German support lines up behind rescue overhaul
[Financial Times 15.03.2011 p.5](#)
[Wall Street Journal Europe 15.03.2011 p.4](#)

Deal frustrates ECB ambitions on bond buying
[Financial Times 15.03.2011 p.5](#)

1st estimate for the **4th quarter of 2010 Euro area and EU27 employment up by 0.1% - +0.3% in both zones compared with the 4th quarter of 2009** ([Stat/11/40](#))

ACCESSION & EXT. RELATIONS

[Remarks](#) by H.R., **Catherine Ashton**, after the **meeting with Secretary General of Arab League, Amr Moussa**

[Statement](#) by **Catherine Ashton** and **Andris Piebalgs** on **presidential elections in Niger**