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Commission fines marine hose producers €131 million for market sharing and price fixing cartel ([IP/09/137](#))

Commission action against cartels ([Memo/09/32](#))

Antitrust: Commission welcomes CFI President's dismissal of Intel's request for interim measures ([Memo/09/29](#), see Case [T-457/08 R](#))

EU mergers and takeovers (Jan 27)
[EU Briefing 27-28.01.2009](#) (Reuters)

Ryanair ends effort to buy Aer Lingus
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The Commission investigates Portuguese aid for the collection, transportation, treatment and destruction of slaughterhouse waste ([IP/09/148](#))

Commission authorises restructuring aid for French poultry export firm Tilly-Sabco ([IP/09/147](#))

Differentiation in airport charges: France abolishes existing State aid ([IP/09/145](#))

Commission approves restructuring aid for PKS Wadowice S. A. ([IP/09/144](#))

Commission approves Czech State aid to promote the interoperability of railway transport ([IP/09/143](#))

Commission endorses €68 million loan guarantee to rescue Italian domestic appliances producer Antonio Merloni ([IP/09/139](#))

British automakers to get £2.3 billion in aid
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WTO - Trade & Development - DDG Singh: WTO provides flexibilities for developing-country farmers - 26 and 27 January 2009 (See the [Statement](#))

WTO issues [panel report](#) on US-China dispute over intellectual property rights

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[Outcome](#) of the Meeting of the Committee on International Trade of the European Parliament, Brussels, 19-20 January 2009

[Agenda](#) of the Working Party on Customs Union (Customs Legislation and Policy) on 3 February 2009

WCO - [Recommendation](#) concerning Actions against Cross-Border Environmental Offences

WTO - Bail-outs could hit rival banks overseas
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Amendment to the Rules of Procedure of the Court of Justice, of the Court of First Instance and of the European Union Civil Service Tribunal
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The **Commission** proposes **€ 5 billion** new investment in **energy** and **Internet broadband infrastructure** in 2009-2010, in support of the EU recovery plan ([IP/09/142](#))

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Speech by **Joaquín Almunia**: “**Financial Markets and Economic Recovery: a Critical Juncture**” ([Speech/09/24](#))

McCreevy defends **record** on **banking regulation**
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Commission asks **Italy's telecoms regulator AGCOM** to **wait** for **verified cost data** before approving **price increases** for **access** to **Telecom Italia's network** ([IP/09/136](#))

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EU's Reding criticises **Spain** on **Internet**
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EU warns on **Facebook privacy**
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Wen tour of **Europe** looks at **China's role** in **fighting crisis**
[Financial Times 28.01.2009](#)

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German court handed **new complaint** on **EU treaty**
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