

COMPETITION

Prior [notification](#) of a concentration
(Case COMP/M.6045 - JCI/CRH)

The **Commission rules** against the **Ordre national des pharmaciens** for **restrictions on competition** in the **French clinical analysis market** ([IP/10/1683](#))

Commission makes Visa Europe's commitments to cut **interbank fees** for **debit cards legally binding** ([IP/10/1684](#))

France warns on retail competition (See the [Statement](#) and the [Opinion](#))
[Financial Times 08.12.2010 p.2](#)

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*)

Commission approves extension of the **Hungarian mortgage support** scheme for **households affected by financial downturn**
[Midday Express 08.12.2010](#)

TRADE & CUSTOMS

[Notice](#) of the **expiry** of certain **anti-dumping measures** (PTFE - P.R. of China - Anti-dumping - 09.12.2010)

EU-India Summit on 10 December 2010 in **Brussels** ([IP/10/1686](#))

EU27 trade in goods with India **relatively balanced** in the **first nine months of 2010** ([Stat 186/2010](#))

Customs: EU/Chinese workshop to combat **illicit drug manufacture** through **better controls** (For more [information](#))
[Midday Express 08.12.2010](#)

India: Negotiations on free trade with EU likely to **conclude** by **March**
[EU Briefing 07-08.12.2010](#) ([Bilaterals.org](#))

EU backs **Russia's WTO bid**
[Financial Times 08.12.2010 p.2](#)
[Wall Street Journal Europe 08.12.2010 p.6](#)
[International Herald Tribune 08.12.2010](#)

Trade Invaders - how big business is **driving** the **EU-India free trade** talks
[EU Briefing 07-08.12.2010](#) ([Bilaterals.org](#))

Armenia to [accede](#) to the **WTO Government Procurement Agreement**

EU/Anti-dumping: China still **number one target of investigations**
[Agence Europe 08.12.2010 p.17](#)

EU/WTO: EU asks for Pakistan preferences derogation
[Agence Europe 08.12.2010 p.17](#)

INTERNAL MARKET & GENERAL

[Agenda](#) - **3057th Competitiveness Council meeting** - Brussels, **10 December 2010**

Council Conclusions on «**Social Services of General Interest: at the heart of the European social model**»

The Court explains the rules of jurisdiction in EU law that are applicable to consumer contracts, in relation to services offered on the internet ([CJE/10/118](#))

Commission welcomes findings of international student survey (PISA) – European results improve ([IP/10/1680](#))

Education Ministers back Commission strategy for vocational training ([IP/10/1673](#) – See *BusinessEurope Statement*)
Agence Europe 08.12.2010 p.16

FINANCIAL & TAXATION

Strengthening sanctions for violations of EU financial services rules: the way forward ([IP/10/1678](#), FaQ: [Memo/10/660](#) & [Communication](#))

Financial services: improving European rules for a more robust framework for all financial actors and instruments ([IP/10/1677](#) - MiFID) (FaQ: [Memo/10/659](#))

INDUSTRY, ENTERPRISES, RESEARCH

Women Entrepreneurs encouraged to take the plunge ([IP/10/1675](#))

EIB finances Danish regional SME lending ([BEI/10/225](#))

Consumer rights directive must not harm small entrepreneurs, SMEs warn Council (See the UEAPME [Statement](#))

A new version of the OECD [eChemPortal](#) is now online

AGRICULTURE & FISHERIES

Promotion of EU agricultural products outside the EU ([IP/10/1682](#))

ENERGY

Wholesale energy markets: Commission proposes rules to prevent market abuse ([IP/10/1676](#), [Memo/10/655](#) & the [Proposal](#))
Agence Europe 08.12.2010 p.14

Coalition for Energy Savings calls for action on energy efficiency (See the EEB [Statement](#))

Energy: Europe must find path to solidarity and cohesion again
Agence Europe 08.12.2010 p.3

ENVIRONMENT

Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) - (recast) - [Progress report](#)

[Statement](#) by European Commissioner for Climate Action at the opening of the High-level Segment of COP-16/CMP-6 in Cancún

EU/UN/Climate: No way are we coming back empty-handed, warns Connie Hedegaard
Agence Europe 08.12.2010 p.13

HEALTH & CONSUMER PROTECTION

Council [Decision](#) of 2 December 2010 on submitting 4-methylmethcathinone (mephedrone) to control measures

TELECOMS & MEDIAS

Commission Regulation (EU) No [1088/2010](#) of 23 November 2010 amending Regulation (EC) No [976/2009](#) as regards download services and transformation services

Commission Regulation (EU) No [1089/2010](#) of 23 November 2010 implementing Directive [2007/2/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards interoperability of spatial data sets and services

Digital Agenda: Commission launches consultation on review of EU mobile phone roaming rules ([IP/10/1679](#))

[Speech](#) by Neelie Kroes: « Towards a Single Market for mobile roaming – (Embargo 19h00 CET) »

JUSTICE & HOME AFFAIRS

EU, US to start talks on protecting personal data ([Memo/10/661](#))

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EURO & ECONOMY

Euro-zone's response to debt crisis piecemeal, IMF Chief says

Financial Times 08.12.2010 p.1

Wall Street Journal Europe 08.12.2010 p.1

Greece urged to tax the rich

Financial Times 08.12.2010 p.2

Bail-out opens up bloc's north-south divide - In Europe, no action to expand bailout aid

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International Herald Tribune 08.12.2010

Is there the will to save the eurozone?

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Ireland should leave the euro

Financial Times 08.12.2010

ACCESSION & EXT. RELATIONS

[Statement](#) by EU H.R. Catherine Ashton on behalf of E3+3 after the talks with Iran

EU-[Georgia](#) cooperation council 11th meeting, Brussels, 7 December 2010

EU-[Azerbaijan](#) cooperation council 11th meeting, Brussels, 7 December 2010

EU-[Armenia](#) cooperation council 11th meeting, Brussels, 7 December 2010

EU-Russia : Brussels Summit confirms improvement relations - 7 December 2010 (See [Remarks](#) by President Van Rompuy)

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EU-Russia: Partnership for Modernisation - 1st Progress [Report](#) and [workplan](#)

[Comments](#) by President Van Rompuy and President Barroso ahead of the EU-India Summit

The **Commission** reviews EU's humanitarian [aid strategy](#), and **acts to improve it** ([IP/10/1681](#) & [Memo/10/663](#))

[Agenda](#) - 3055th Foreign Affairs (Defence) Council meeting - Brussels, 9 December 2010 (See the [Backgroun note](#))