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EC to set **2 April** [phase I deadline](#) for **Sony, EMI Publishing** merger

Action brought on 22 December 2011 - FSL and Others Vs. European Commission ([Case T-655/11](#))

Re : Annul Articles 1 and 2 of Commission Decision in Case COMP/39.482 - Exotic Fruits – Bananas - reduce the fine

Austria - BWB publishes an [inquiry](#) on a **regional cement and concrete market**

Austria - Draft for **assessment** of the **amendment** to the **cartel and competition law** (22.02.2012)

NMa says [planned acquisition](#) of **Dutch mental health care provider Emergis** requires a **license**

Romania - The Competition Council [approved](#) the **takeover** of stores **SC AL COMSIB SA** by **SC PROFI ROM FOOD SRL**

STATE AID

Guidance Paper on **state aid-compliant financing, restructuring and privatisation** of **State-owned enterprises** (See Commission Staff [Working Paper](#))

TRADE & CUSTOMS

[Agenda](#) of the **twelfth meeting** of the **Customs Code Committee - Section Valuation** on **9 March 2012**

[Agenda](#) for the **Meeting** of the **Export Credits Group** on **7 March 2012**

European Commission publishes **study** on **global sourcing** in the **Pacific**, **27 February 2012** (See the [Statement](#) and [Study](#))

[Joint document](#) **Papua New Guinea-EU** on **rules of origin derogation**, of **24 February 2012**

[Meeting minutes](#) of the **Trade Committee Papua New Guinea European Commission, Interim Partnership Agreement** of **24 February 2012**

Stronger enforcement of trade rules is essential for free trade (See [BusinessEurope Statement](#))

Consultations stalling **Philippines-EU FTA** talks
[EU Briefing 27-28.02.2012](#) ([bilaterals.org](#))

RI, EU begin **negotiations** on **economic partnership**
[EU Briefing 27-28.02.2012](#) ([bilaterals.org](#))

WTO - Pascal Lamy notes “[significant decline](#)” in **anti-dumping investigations**

World Bank urges **reforms** in **China** to **transition** to **high-income society** (See the [Report](#))

[Financial Times 28.02.2012 p.5](#)

[Wall Street Journal Europe 28.02.2012 p.13](#)

INTERNAL MARKET & GENERAL

[Agenda](#) for: **2398th Meeting** of the **Coreper** (Part 1) on **29 February 2012**

FINANCIAL SERVICES & TAXATION

SEPA: Council adopts [regulation](#) on **credit transfers and direct debits**

Putting our houses in order: creating a more stable mortgage market (See the [EP Statement](#))

Financial scale of FTT charge will lead to shift of business away from funds in Europe (See *Efama Statement* & *FTT - Impact Analysis*)

Pending issues in the review of the European market abuse rules (See *ECMI Policy Briefs*)

Prudential threat – EU, US regulators must clarify capital rules for insurers
Financial Times 28.02.2012 p.10

INDUSTRY, ENTERPRISES, RESEARCH

Agenda for: European Research Area Committee (ERAC) - Strategic Forum for International S&T Cooperation (SFIC) for 9 March 2012

Stable business confidence hides worrying developments, survey finds (See *UEAPME Statement*)

AGRICULTURE & FISHERIES

Council improves the functioning of the milk market

ENERGY

Energy Labelling: Commission urges Cyprus, Romania and Italy to adopt consumer-friendly legislation (*IP/12/180*)

Energy efficiency: EP report ok for SME users, less for SME producers (See *UEAPME Statement*)

Germany faces state calls to adjust solar subsidy reduction plan
EU Briefing 27-28.02.2012 (bloomberg)

ENVIRONMENT

Retailers show commitment to resource efficiency (*IP/12/189*, *Summary report*, *Full report* and *Annex*)

High portion of REACH dossiers appear out of compliance (See the *Evaluation Progress Report 2011*, its *Summary* & *Press statement*)

EU Lawmakers to back moves on CO2 market

Wall Street Journal Europe 28.02.2012 p.7

Ecodesign Working Plan 2012-2014 - ANEC-BEUC comments

HEALTH & CONSUMER PROTECTION

Agenda for: Working Party on Foodstuffs of 14 March 2012

Commission communication in the framework of the implementation of Directive 2001/95/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on general product safety

Food safety: EU measures adopted after Japan's nuclear incident prolonged until the end of October 2012
Midday Express 28.02.2012

Nanosilver: progress in the sphere of analysis, gaps in toxicology and exposure (See *BfR Statement*)

TELECOMS & MEDIAS

Digital Agenda: €110bn jackpot on offer for completing e-Communications Single Market (*IP/12/193*)

TRANSPORT

EU helps to mobilise investments for transport on the Europe - Caucasus - Asia corridor (*IP/12/195* & *Memo/12/141*)

Road transport: the future of the internal market for road haulage (*Memo/12/139*)

EURO & ECONOMY

Business Climate Indicator increased marginally in February (*IP/12/192*)

February 2012: Economic sentiment increases in both the EU and the euro area (*IP/12/191*)

EU issues € 3 billion 20 year bond for Ireland (*Memo/12/138*)

[Speech](#) by **J.M. Barroso**: "Unity in difference, strength in convergence"

[Speech](#) by **Peter Praet**: Sound money, sound finances, a competitive economy - principles of a European culture of stability

Eligibility of Greek bonds used as collateral in Eurosystem monetary policy operations (See the ECB [Statement](#))

[Statement](#) by the **President** of the Eurogroup on **S&P** lowering **Greek ratings** to SD

Lending stays tight as ECB readies loans
[Wall Street Journal Europe 28.02.2012 p.1](#)

German lawmakers back Greek bailout
[Wall Street Journal Europe 28.02.2012 p.4](#)

Spain overshoots EU budget deficit target despite cuts
[Financial Times 28.02.2012 p.5](#)

Chancellor's intransigence is a question of time and tactics
[Financial Times 28.02.2012 p.2](#)

Let **Marshall plan** inform current **EU attitudes** to Greece
[Financial Times 28.02.2012 p.10](#)

FUTURE OF EUROPE

[Speech](#) by **J.M. Barroso**: "Towards Europe 2020: Building a foundation for future prosperity"

EXTERNAL RELATIONS

[Main Results](#) of the **3149th Foreign Affairs Council** meeting - Brussels, **27 February 2012** (See [Remarks](#) by H.R. Catherine Ashton)

Syria - EU adds **new sanctions**, amid push to **aid Homs** (See Council Regulation (EU) No [168/2012](#), Council Decision [2012/122/CFSP](#) & Council Decision [2012/123/CFSP](#))

Council Decision [2012/121/CFSP](#) of **27 February 2012** in support of activities to promote **EU-China-Africa dialogue** and **cooperation** on **conventional arms controls**

Council Implementing Decision [2012/124/CFSP](#) of **27 February 2012** implementing **Decision [2011/101/CFSP](#)** concerning **restrictive measures** against **Zimbabwe**

Council reinforces [restrictive measures](#) against the **Belorussian regime**

Serbia set to **step closer** to **EU membership** (See [Remarks](#) by H.R. Catherine Ashton)

[Financial Times 28.02.2012 p.6](#)
[Wall Street Journal Europe 28.02.2012](#)

[Speech](#) by **Štefan Füle**: « **EU-Ukraine relations** – the road ahead **Policy Dialogue** on **EU-Ukraine Relations** »

"**European Professional Football** against **Hunger**" – The **2012 Campaign** kicks off in **Brussels** ([IP/12/186](#) & [Memo/12/137](#))