

## ANTITRUST & COMPETITION

OFT - [Completed acquisition](#) by Midcounties Co-operative Limited of Harry Tuffin Investments Limited

OFT - [Anticipated acquisition](#) by Barclays Bank plc of certain assets of ING Direct N.V., including its UK retail savings and residential mortgage businesses

## STATE AID

[Authorisation](#) for State aid pursuant to Articles [107](#) and [108](#) of the TFEU - Cases where the Commission raises no objections

Commission [temporarily approves](#) rescue recapitalisation of Portuguese bank Banif

State Aid - Weekly E-News - No. [02/13](#), 18.01.2013

## TRADE & CUSTOMS

EP [Question](#) for [written answer](#) to the Commission - Subject: Conditions of the FTA with Japan

EP [Question](#) for [written answer](#) to the Commission - Subject: IPR provisions in the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA)

Regulation (EU) No [19/2013](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 January 2013 implementing the bilateral safeguard clause and the stabilisation mechanism for bananas of the Trade Agreement between the EU and its Member States, of the one part, and Colombia and Peru, of the other part

Regulation (EU) No [20/2013](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 January 2013 implementing the bilateral safeguard clause and the stabilisation mechanism for bananas of the Agreement establishing an Association between the EU and its Member States, on the one hand, and Central America on the other

[COPA-COGECA](#) calls on EU Commission to release without delay anti-dumping measures against imports of canned mandarins coming in from China

Zim to sell to EU

[EU Breifing 18-21.01.2013](#) (Bilaterals.org)

Canada closing in on free-trade pact with EU

[EU Breifing 18-21.01.2013](#) (Bilaterals.org)

WTO accession puts Russia in a better position to address its domestic challenges ([Speech](#) by P. Lamy)

Pariah in the World Economy: How should countries respond to Argentina's return to economic nationalism?

[ECIPE Policy Brief No. 01/2013](#)

## INTERNAL MARKET & GENERAL

[Speech](#) by L. Andor: "The role of pension funds in active ageing and solidarity between generation - (Under Embargo until 18H00)

EU chiefs aim for February budget deal

[Financial Times 21.01.2013 p.9](#)

## FINANCE & TAXATION

The [VAT rates applicable](#) in the EU Member States as at 14 January 2013 are available from DG Taxud website ESMA calls for [improvements](#) in disclosures related to goodwill impairment

## AGRICULTURE & FISHERIES

[Speech](#) by Maria Damanaki: « The Arctic: an EU Perspective »

## ENERGY

Commissioner Oettinger [welcomes](#) ratification of TANAP gas pipeline agreement

## ENVIRONMENT

Commission [welcomes](#) new global agreement to tackle mercury

## HEALTH & CONSUMER PROTECTION

[Agenda](#) of the SCFCAH - Controls and Import Conditions of 06 February 2013

## JUSTICE & HOME AFFAIRS

[Agenda](#) for: Working Group on Information Exchange and Data Protection (DAPIX) of 31 January 2013

[Speech](#) by Neelie Kroes: "Freedom of expression as the foundation of democracy" (Under Embargo until 18H00)

## EURO & ECONOMY

Continued decline in 2012 in the number of monetary financial institutions in the euro area and in the EU

[ECB Press Release 21.01.2013](#)

Eurogroup considers Dutch candidate  
[Wall Street Journal Europe 21.01.2013 p.6](#)

## FUTURE OF EUROPE

**Cameron** leading **Britain** into minefield on EU

[EU Briefing 18-21.01.2013](#) (Reuters)

An uneven entente

[Financial Times 21.01.2013 p.6](#)

**50 years** on, the **union** at Europe's heart is **frayed**

[Financial Times 21.01.2013 p.9](#)

## EXT. RELATIONS & ACCESSION

**6th EU-Brazil Summit**. An Ever-Closer Relationship (See also the [Factsheet](#))

Catherine Ashton travels to Latin America ([IP/13/29](#), see [Factsheet](#) on EU-CELAC Summit)

[Statement](#) by President Barroso following his meeting with Mr. Milo Djukanovic, Prime Minister of Montenegro

Commission and UNESCO to call for joint action on literacy - EU leading action to boost literacy in developing countries ([Memo/13/20](#))

[Midday Express 21.01.2013](#)