

COMPETITION

Commission clears acquisition of joint control over CRT by SNCF and COMSA-EMTE (case number [M.6960](#))

[Midday Express 17.09.2013](#)

Commission approves joint-venture between the United Petrochemical Company and Grupo Petromex (case number [M.6950](#))

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Agenda for Working Party on Competition on 24 September 2013

Germany - [List](#) of Notified Merger Projects

Germany - [Case summary](#): Fine proceedings against manufacturers of drugstore products

Germany - [Case summary](#): Fine proceedings against companies in the flour milling industry

Deutsche Bahn seen as Trailblazer for EU antitrust compensation

[EU Briefing 16-17.09.2013](#) (*businessweek*)

EU mergers and takeovers (Sept 17)

[EU Briefing 16-17.09.2013](#) (*Reuters*)

Poland - Changes in [merger control](#) - workshops at UOKiK

Slovakia - The AMO SR approved the [concentration](#) of undertaking JUDr. Daniel Křetínský over the enterprise of undertaking AVE CEE Holding GmbH

Thwarted merger raises question of transatlantic power balance

[Financial Times 17.09.2013](#)

STATE AID

[Information communicated](#) by Member States regarding State aid granted under Commission Regulation (EC) No [1857/2006](#) of 15 December 2006 on the application of Articles [87](#) and [88](#) of the Treaty to State aid to SMEs active in the production of agricultural products and amending Regulation (EC) No [70/2001](#)

[Information communicated](#) by Member States regarding State aid granted under Commission Regulation (EC) No [800/2008](#) of 6 August 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)

[Summary information](#) communicated by Member States regarding State aid granted under Commission Regulation (EC) No [736/2008](#) of 22 July 2008 on the application of Articles [87](#) and [88](#) of the Treaty to State aid to SMEs active in the production, processing and marketing of fisheries products

State aid - France - State aid SA.27543 2013/C - Property rights in respect of telecommunications infrastructures – [Invitation](#) to submit comments pursuant to Article [108\(2\)](#) of the TFEU

TRADE & CUSTOMS

Agenda for Trade Policy Committee (*Full Members*) of 20 September 2013

[Notice](#) to importers – Imports of sugar from the Western Balkans into the EU

WTO - [Items proposed](#) for **consideration** at the **next meeting** of **Dispute Settlement Body** of **25 September 2013**

[July 2013](#) Euro area international trade in goods surplus €18.2 bn - €10.4 bn surplus for EU28

EU's **Everything But Arms** initiative is impoverishing **Cambodian farmers**
[EU Briefing 16-17.09.2013](#) ([bilaterals.org](#))

John Manley presses **Harper** government on **Canada-EU free trade** talks
[EU Briefing 16-17.09.2013](#) ([bilaterals.org](#))

EPAs: Kenya close to signing **trade pacts** with EU
[EU Briefing 16-17.09.2013](#) ([TrademarkEA](#))

INTERNAL MARKET & GENERAL

[Agenda](#) for the **2466th meeting** of the **Coreper** (Part 1) on **18 September 2013**

Optional European Sales Law: Commission proposal backed by EP committee ([Memo/13/792](#))

More information on your **rights** in the **Single Market** and better **problem-solving**
[Midday Express 17.09.2013](#)

INDUSTRY, ENTERPRISES, RESEARCH

Industrial Policy Communication from the **Commission** on "**Towards a more competitive and efficient defence and security sector**" - [Note](#) from the **Presidency**

Commission communication in the **framework** of the **implementation** of the **Directive 2000/9/EC** of the **European Parliament** and of the **Council** of **20 March 2000** relating to **cableway installations** designed to carry **persons**

Employment: Commission proposes **€840,000** from **Globalisation Fund** to help **redundant** building materials workers in **Spain** ([IP/13/835](#) & [Com 2013-0635](#))

European car sales fall again in **August** (See [Acea Statement](#))
[Financial Times 17.09.2013](#)

AGRICULTURE & FISHERIES

EU funds for **diversifying** the **rural economy** are **delivering** only **limited value** for **money**, say [EU Auditors](#)

Copa-Cogeca urges **EU Commission** to take clear **steps towards** introducing **EU legislation** to combat [unfair and abusive practices](#) in **food chain**, in **wake** of launch of **voluntary initiative**

ENERGY

IAEA and Commission to **strengthen cooperation** in **nuclear safety** (See the [Memorandum](#) of Understanding)
[Midday Express 17.09.2013](#)

Russia says has **agreed deal** with EU on **OPAL gas pipeline**
[EU Briefing 16-17.09.2013](#) ([Reuters](#))

EU **Targets 2014** for **Unified Energy Market**
[EU Briefing 16-17.09.2013](#) ([bloomberg](#))

HEALTH & CONSUMER PROTECTION

SCCS - [Minutes](#) of **Working Group Meeting** on **Hair Dyes** of **26 August 2013**

Scientific Report - **EFSA** [APDESK questionnaire](#) on **stakeholder needs**

EFSA - **Modification** of the **existing MRLs** for [fenpropimorph](#) in **various commodities**

Civil society urges **decision-makers** to step up **action** to tackle **health inequalities**
[EPHA Joint press release 17.09.2013](#)

TRANSPORT

[Speech](#) by **Siim Kallas** - **Making the best and fairest use** of **Europe's roads**

Strengthening air passengers' **rights** while providing **legal clarity** to **airlines** (see the [EP Statement](#))

JUSTICE & HOME AFFAIRS

European Commission takes **decisive action** against **legal highs** ([IP/13/837](#) & [FaQ: Memo/13/790](#) and [Speech 13/717](#))

EURO & ECONOMY

ECB extends the **swap facility** with the **Bank of England**

[ECB Press release 16/09/2013](#)

[Speech](#) by **Mario Draghi** at the **conference "Europe and the Euro – A Family Affair"**

[Speech](#) by **László Andor**: "A new model for a **sustainable monetary union**"

EIB and the **Kyrgyz Republic** [sign Framework Agreement](#)

Barnier vows to **MEPs** to press **ahead** with **banking union** (See the [EP Statement](#))

Anti-euro party drums up **Berlin support**

[Financial Times 17.09.2013 p.4](#)

Third time lucky? The **latest** Greek **rescue**

[Financial Times 17.09.2013 p.7](#)

Ignore the doomsayers: Europe is being fixed

[Financial Times 17.09.2013 p.9](#)

FUTURE OF EUROPE

EU threat upsets **Catalan secessionists**

[Wall Street Journal Europe 17.09.2013](#)

ACCESSION & EXT. RELATIONS

[Political Dialogue](#) and **Cooperation Agreement** between the **European Community** and its **Member States**, of the **one part**, and the **Republics of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama**, of the **other part**

Regional [report](#) on Central Asia

[Statement](#) by **EU H.R. Catherine Ashton** on the **publication** of the **report** by the **UN investigation mission on chemical weapons in Syria**

[Statement](#) by **President Barroso** following his meeting with **Edi Rama**, Prime Minister of **Albania**