

COMPETITION

[Non-opposition](#) to a notified concentration (Case COMP/[M.7129](#) - VREP/SUDKB/Duo Plast)

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Prior [notification](#) of a concentration (Case COMP/[M.7150](#) - Apollo/Ulster Bank /Arnotts)

Prior [notification](#) of a concentration (Case COMP/[M.7176](#) - CFAO/Carrefour/JV)

Commission clears **acquisition** of Greek power plant **Heron II** by **Qatar Petroleum**, **GEK TERNA** and **GDF SUEZ** ([M.7053](#))
[Midday Express 13.02.2014](#)

EU mergers and takeovers (Feb 12)
[EU Briefing 12-13.02.2014](#) (Reuters)

STATE AID

Commission approves **SGR Valencia's restructuring plan**
[Midday Express 13.02.2014](#)

Judgment of the Court of 13.02.2014 in Case [C-69/13](#), **Mediaset SpA Vs. Ministero dello Sviluppo economico**

Re : Request for a preliminary ruling – State aid – Subsidised purchase or renting of digital decoders – Commission decision declaring an aid scheme unlawful and incompatible with the internal market – Recovery – Quantification of the amount to be recovered – Role of the national court – Taking into consideration by the national court of the positions of the Commission in the enforcement of its decision – Principle of cooperation in good faith

Commission to clarify **state aid** to **airports** - **Worries** that **small airports** will face **ruin**

[European Voice 13.02.2014](#)

EU to rule on **German fuel surcharge exemptions** by **end**

[EU Briefing 12-13.02.2014](#) (Baltic Times)

EU state aid rules hit **green energy plans**

[Financial Times 13.02.2014](#)

TRADE & CUSTOMS

[Agenda](#) for: **Trade Policy Committee** (Deputy Members) on **13.02.2014**

Council Implementing **Regulation** (EU) No [135/2014](#) of **11.02.2014** repealing the **anti-dumping duty** on **imports of dicyandiamide** originating in the **P.R.** of **China** following an **expiry review** pursuant to **Article 11(2)** of **Regulation** (EC) No [1225/2009](#)

[Statement](#) by **President Barroso** following his **meeting** with **WTO Director-General Azevêdo**

European Trade Union: voters will **sanction** [secret trade giveaways](#) (See [Speech](#) by B. Ségol at the EP Inta Committee)

EU-US Trade: [European business](#) calls for **ambition** and **pace ahead** of **talks next week**

Lithuanian firms ready to enter **Chinese market**

[EU Briefing 12-13.02.2014](#) (Baltic Times)

INTERNAL MARKET & GENERAL

[Agenda](#) for **2485th meeting** of the **Coreper** (Part 2) of **13.02.2014**

Judgment of the Court of 13.02.2014 in Case [C-367/12](#), **Susanne Sokoll-Seebacher**, Third party: **Agnès Hemetsberger**

Re : Freedom of establishment – Public health – Article 49 TFEU – Pharmacies – Adequate supply of medicinal products to the public – Operating authorisation – Territorial distribution of pharmacies – Establishment of limits essentially based on a demographic criterion – Minimum distance between pharmacies

President Barroso to meet Dutch PM, Mark Rutte

[Midday Express 13.02.2014](#)

[Speech](#) by **Androulla Vassiliou**: "For **socially responsible higher education: the EU perspective**"

FINANCE & TAXATION

Judgment of the Court of 13.02.2014 in Case [C-18/13](#), **Maks Pen EOOD vs. Direktor na Direktsia 'Obzhalvane i danachno-osiguritelna**

Re : Taxation – Common system of value added tax – Directive 2006/112/EC – Deduction of input tax – Supplies made – Tax inspection – Supplier not having the necessary resources – Concept of tax evasion – Obligation to make a finding of tax evasion of the court's own motion – Requirement that the service actually be supplied – Requirement to keep accounts in sufficient detail – Legal proceedings – National court prohibited from classifying the tax evasion as a criminal offence and adversely affecting the applicant's situation

Watchdogs reach deal on OTC derivatives rules (See the [Statement](#) by the CFTC and the European Commission)

[Financial Times 13.02.2014 p.13](#)

[Wall Street Journal Europe 13.02.2014](#)

European banks call for [more manageable](#) Exchange of Information

Esma - 2014 Regulatory [Work Programme](#)

MEPs urged to accept reduced influence on bank rescues - Concessions needed to avoid serious delays

[European Voice 13.02.2014](#)

Big Four to ride ECB audit gravy train

[Financial Times 13.02.2014 p.15](#)

Top EU Regulator (M. Barnier) backs returning **national powers**

[Wall Street Journal Europe 13.02.2014](#)

INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT, RESEARCH

Safety of pressure equipment in the internal market - Coreper [endorsed](#) the Agreement

Tourism expected to **grow** again in **2014**, led by **strong domestic** and **European demand** ([IP/14/144](#))

The **European Commission** at **AAAS 2014** in **Chicago** ([Memo/14/112](#))

EIB extends [support](#) to **SMEs, midcaps** and **municipalities** in **Romania** through **BCR Leasing**

Restricting free movement of workers is not the right answer to Europe's employment problems (See [BusinessEurope Statement](#))

AGRICULTURE & FISHERIES

[Agenda](#) for - **Agriculture and Fisheries Council** meeting - **Brussels** on **17 February 2014**

ENERGY

[Statement](#) by Commissioner **Piebalgs** on **sustainable energy** in **Africa**

Tensions rise as **EU** suspends **energy talks** with **Switzerland**

[European Voice 13.01.2014](#)

HEALTH & CONSUMER PROTECTION

QaA: Commission launches [consultation](#) on **fragrance allergens** ([Memo/14/108](#))

Concept for a **European Register of Products Containing Nanomaterials** (See [UBA paper](#))

EFSA - Opinion on the [safety assessment](#) of the **process FPR** based on **Starlinger Recostar PET IV+technology** used to recycle **post-consumer PET** into **food contact materials**

EFSA - **Opinion** on the **safety assessment** of the [active substances](#), **sodium erythorbate, sodium carbonate, sodium bicarbonate, iron sulphate, activated carbon, cellulose, calcium hydroxide, calcium chloride and water, for use as active system in food contact materials**

EFSA - **Opinion** on the [safety assessment](#) of the **process LPR based on EREMA Advanced and Colortronic SSP ® technology used to recycle post-consumer PET into food contact materials**

EFSA - **Opinion** on the [safety assessment](#) of the **process "APPE Supercycle B" used to recycle PET for use in food contact materials**

BusinessEurope [views](#) on the **consumer protection cooperation** regulation consultation

TELECOMS & INFORMATION SOCIETY

[Communication](#) - **Internet Policy and Governance Europe's role in shaping the future of Internet Governance**

The **€63 billion app boom. Nearly 5 million jobs in European app sector by 2018**, says EU [Report](#) ([IP/14/145](#) & [Speech](#) by Neelie Kroes)

KPN leads way for **European mergers**
[Financial Times 13.02.2014 p.17](#)

TRANSPORT

[Proposal](#) for a **Council Decision** establishing the **position** to be adopted by the **Union** at the **53rd session** of the **OTIF Committee of Experts** on the **Transport of Dangerous Goods** as regards certain **amendments** to **Appendix C** to the **Convention concerning International Carriage by Rail (COTIF)** applicable from **1 January 2015**

JUSTICE & HOME AFFAIRS

Roma integration: national representatives discuss progress and pool ideas ([Memo/14/107](#))

[Speech](#) by Viviane Reding: **"Realising the rights of every child – moving forward with the EU"**

EURO & ECONOMY

[Interview](#) by Benoît Cœuré with Thomson Reuters

[Speech](#) by Mario Draghi: **Financial Integration and Banking Union**

[Monthly Bulletin](#) & Statistics [Pocket Book](#), February 2014

FUTURE OF EUROPE

Studies by Whitehall see benefits of EU
[Financial Times 13.02.2014](#)

German eurosceptics aim to capitalise on Swiss immigration vote
[Financial Times 13.02.2014 p.2](#)

Swiss lessons for the EU - The countries of the European Union ought to pay close attention to democracy Swiss-style
[European Voice 13.01.2014](#)

ACCESSION & EXT. RELATIONS

[Agenda](#) for : **Foreign Relations Counsellors - Sanctions formation on 28 February 2014**

[Statement](#) by Catherine Ashton and Štefan Füle on the **enactment of amendments to the legislation on non-governmental organisations in Azerbaijan**