

COMPETITION

Prior [notification](#) of a concentration (Case [M.7556](#) - **Eurazeo/Groupe Crédit Agricole/SCI Future Way/SCI New Way**)

Commission approves **acquisition** of **Joris Ide** by **Kingspan** ([IP/15/4611](#))

Commission clears **acquisition** of **healthcare company Allergan** by **Actavis** ([M.7480](#))
[Midday Express 17.03.2015](#)

EU deadline on GE's \$13 billion **Alstom** deal **extended** to **Aug. 6** ([M.7278](#))
[EU Briefing 16-17.03.2015](#) (Reuters)

Orange argues **case** for **3.4 bln-euro Jazztel deal** at EU hearing
[EU Briefing 16-17.03.2015](#) (Reuters)

Spain – CNMC [has fined](#) **Repsol** **€8.75 million** for **failure** to remove **competition-restrictive practices**

STATE AID

Opinion of Advocate General Pedro Cruz-Villalon of 17.03.2015 in Case [C-39/14](#), **Bodenverwertungs- und -verwaltungs GmbH (BVVG) Thomas Erbs Ursula Erbs Vs. Landkreis Jerichower Land**
Re: Request for a preliminary ruling - state aid - Article 107(1) TFEU - privatisation-

Judgment of the General Court of 17.03.2015 in Case [T-89/09](#), **Pollmeier Massivholz GmbH & Co. KG, Vs. European Commission, Land Hessen**
Re: Annulment - State aid N 512/2007 - Article 88(2)&(3)EC - support measures for the construction of a new sawmill

TRADE & CUSTOMS

Judgment of the General Court of 17.03.2015 in Case [T-466/12](#), **RFA International, LP, Vs. European Commission**

Re: Dumping - Imports of ferro-silicon originating in Russia - Refusal of applications for a refund of anti-dumping duties paid - Calculation of the export price - Single economic entity - Calculation of the dumping margin - Application of a methodology different from that used in the original investigation - Change in circumstances - Article 2(9) and Article 11(9) of Regulation (EC) No 1225/2009

[Agenda](#) for the **21st meeting** of the **Committee** on the **export and return** of **cultural goods** on **25 March 2015**

[Answer](#) given by Ms **Thyssen: Trade carried out** by EU SMEs with the US - [E-009372/2014](#)

[Answer](#) given by Mr **Moscovici: Veneto seizure** of **highly toxic toys** imported from **China** - [E-011214/2014](#)

UK HMR&C: [Customs Information Paper](#) (CIP) explains the **removal** of the **option** to submit **customs declarations** in a **paper format**

WTO - [Items proposed](#) for **consideration** at the **next meeting** of the **Dispute Settlement Body** on **25.03.2015**

EU to raise **minimum import price** for **Chinese solar modules**
[EU Briefing 16-17.03.2015](#) (pv-magazine.com)

Billions worth of EU imports linked to **illegal deforestation**
[The Parliament Magazine 17.03.2015](#)

China's steel exports spark **protests**
[Wall Street Journal Europe 15.03.2015](#)

INTERNAL MARKET & GENERAL

[Agenda](#) of the **2534th meeting** of the **Coreper** (Part.1) on **18.03.2015**

[Indicative programme](#) of the **General Affairs Council** meeting of **17.03.2015** (*List of [A Items](#)*)

INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT, RESEARCH

[Employment](#) up by **0.1%** in **euro area** and by **0.2%** in **EU28** // **+0.9%** and **+1.0%** respectively compared with the **4th quarter** of **2013**

[Agenda](#) for meeting of **25.03.2015** of the **Technical Progress Committee** of **Directive [67/548/EEC](#)**

Internal market MEPs give **green light** [life-saving emergency call system](#) for cars

Europe's **SMEs** are **stagnating** rather than **growing** (*See [UEAPME Statement](#)*)

EU new **car registrations** rise in **February** (*See [Acea Statement](#)*)
[Wall Street Journal Europe 15.03.2015](#)

FINANCIAL SERVICES & TAXATION

[Speech](#) by Mr **Jonathan Hill**: **How to restart growth**

Commissioner Hill to visit **Frankfurt** on **16 and 17 March**
[Midday Express 17.03.2015](#)

EBA [updates](#) its [risk dashboard](#) for **EU banking sector**

Europeans defy **US** to join **China-led bank**
[Financial Times 17.03.2015](#)

AGRICULTURE & MARITIME AFFAIRS

In **high-level meeting** with **Latvian Presidency**, **Copa** and **Cogeca** called for [additional measures](#) to offset **severe impact** of **milk superlevy bill** on **EU dairy producers**

ENERGY & CLIMATE CHANGE

[Speech](#) by Mr **Arias Cañete**: **A "Renewable" Energy Union**

EU energy chief voices **concern** over **Russia's Turkish pipeline plan**
[EU Briefing 16-17.03.2015](#) (*Reuters*)

Energy Union: EU-Turkey [High Level Energy Dialogue](#) officially **launched** by **V.P. Maros Šefčovič**

[Answer](#) given by Mr **Arias Cañete**: **Energy reform** in **Spain** and **consumer information** - [E-008671/2014](#)

[Answer](#) given by Mr **Arias Cañete**: **Energy security** and **reliability** - [E-010689/2014](#)

[Answer](#) given by Mr **Hahn**: **Role of Turkey** in **cancellation** of **South Stream project** - [E-011030/2014](#)

[Answer](#) given by Mr **Arias Cañete**: **The internal energy market** and **renewable energy: how does Europe** intend to **promote flexibility?** - [E-011279/2014](#)

[Answer](#) given by Mr **Arias Cañete**: **OPEC** and **security of energy supply** - [E-010164/2014](#)

[Answer](#) given by Mr **Arias Cañete**: **Renewable energy sector** in **Spain** - [E-011104/2014](#)

Reasons to change the **zero-rated criteria** for **biomass** in the **EU ETS** (*See [T&E Statement](#) – 16.03.2015*)

Up to 7% of **carbon emissions** in the **ETS escape** through **loophole** (*See [EEB Statement](#)*)

New report exposes **lack of implementation** of **energy efficiency legislation** (*See [EEB Statement](#) and [Report](#)*)

HEALTH & CONSUMER/FOOD SAFETY

[Agenda](#) - **Inter-committee coordination group** (ICCG) of **24 March 2015**

EFSA - Opinion on the **modification** of the **existing MRLs** for [bromuconazole](#) in **wheat** and **rye**

Keep laundry detergent capsules away from **Children** (See [Beuc Statement](#))

DIGITAL & INFORMATION SOCIETY

[Answer](#) given by **Mr Oettinger**: **Free internet access** - [E-010805/2014](#)

[Answer](#) given by **Mr Oettinger**: **5G Deployment** within the EU - [E-001493/2015](#)

TRANSPORT

Letter to EU ministers urging **ambition** in **transforming rail** into a **customer-friendly sector** (See [T&E Letter](#) – 13.03.2015)

JUSTICE & CITIZENS' RIGHTS

Judgment of the General Court of 17.03.2015 in Case [C-533/13](#), **Auto- ja Kuljetusalan Työntekijäliitto AKT ry Vs. Öljytuote ry, Shell Aviation Finland Oy**

Re: Reference for a preliminary ruling - Social policy - Directive 2008/104/EC - Temporary agency work - Article 4(1) - Prohibitions or restrictions on the use of temporary agency work - Justification - Grounds of general interest - Obligation to review - Scope

Commissioner Vera Jourová speaking at the [European Platform](#) for **Roma inclusion**
[Midday Express 17.03.2015](#)

Commissioner Avramopoulos visits **Europol in The Hague**
[Midday Express 17.03.2015](#)

EURO & ECONOMY

Annual inflation up to **-0.3%** in the **euro area** - Up to **-0.2%** in the EU

[Speech](#) by **Sabine Lautenschläger**: How can **prudential regulation** foster growth?

[Speech](#) by **Mario Draghi** at **SZ Finance Day 2015**

Irish tradition: a fast-growing economy
[Financial Times 17.03.2015](#)

German stocks big winners from **ECB bond-buying**

[Financial Times 17.03.2015 p.1](#)

Belgium questions **Greek tactics** over **debt**

[Financial Times 17.03.2015 p.4](#)

Japan's big lesson for the **eurozone**

[Financial Times 17.03.2015 p.9](#)

[Wall Street Journal Europe 15.03.2015](#)

France falls short on **budget deficit**

[Financial Times 17.03.2015 p.8](#)

FUTURE OF EUROPE

Poland's Zmiana party urges **Putin embrace**

[Financial Times 17.03.2015 p.4](#)

FOREIGN AFFAIRS & ACCESSION

H.R./ V.P. Mogherini to host **Ceremony** on the **occasion** of the **launching** of the **Association Agreement(s) Negotiations** with the **Principality of Andorra**, the **Principality of Monaco** and the **Republic of San Marino** on **18 March**

[Midday Express 17.03.2015](#)

EU-Armenia: Shaping a positive agenda for **future co-operation**

[Midday Express 17.03.2015](#)

Outcome of the **Foreign Affairs Council** meeting of **16 March 2015**

- conclusions on [Ebola](#), on [Mali](#), on [Libya](#), on [Bosnia & Herzegovina](#), on the Gulf of Guinea [action plan](#) 2015-2020

- [conclusions](#) on the EU regional strategy for Syria and Iraq as well as the ISIL/Da'esh threat

[Declaration](#) by the **H.R.** on **behalf** of the **EU on Crimea**

Joint [press release](#) following the **endorsement** of the **updated Association Agenda** by the **EU-Ukraine Association Council**

Joint [press release](#) following the **first Association Council** meeting between the **EU** and the **Republic of Moldova**

EU split over extended Russia sanctions
[Financial Times 17.03.2015 p.4](#)