

## COMPETITION

**Non-opposition** to a notified concentration (Case [M.7529](#) – **Mohawk Industries/International Flooring Systems**)

**Withdrawal** of notification of a concentration (Case [M.7573](#) – **DMK/DOC Kaas**)

**Non-opposition** to a notified concentration (Case [M.7688](#) – **Intel/Altera**)

**Non-opposition** to a notified concentration (Case [M.7832](#) – **Gunvor Group/Kuwait Petroleum Europoort**)

**Non-opposition** to a notified concentration (Case [M.7677](#) – **OBI/BauMax Certain Assets**)

**Non-opposition** to a notified concentration (Case [M.7810](#) – **Vista/Solera**)

Prior **notification** of a concentration (Case [M.7760](#) – **Triton/KKR/EM**)

**Commission** clears **acquisition** of UK consultancy firm **ERM** by **OMERS** and **AIMCo** ([M.7759](#))  
[Midday Express 09.12.2015](#)

**Commission** clears **acquisition** of **Top-Toy** by **EQT Services** ([M.7847](#))  
[Midday Express 09.12.2015](#)

**EU** accuses **Qualcomm** of **impeding rivals** - *European Commission says US tech group distorted competition in chipset market*  
[Financial Times 09.12.2015 p.18](#)

**Brussels** lays out **concerns** over **O2 merger** - *Probe into £10.5bn deal to include collusion, wholesale costs, handset sales and network ownership*  
[Financial Times 09.12.2015](#)

**CMA** invites **comments** on **serviced office space merger** remedy

**CMA** **consults** on **undertakings** in lieu offered in **Regus/ Avanta merger**

**EU mergers** and **takeovers** (Dec 9)  
[EU Briefing 08-09.12.2015 \(Reuters\)](#)

**Dow Chemical** and **DuPont** in **advanced talks** to **merge**  
[Wall Street Journal Europe 09.12.2015](#)

## TRADE &amp; CUSTOMS

**Agenda** for: **Trade Policy Committee** (*Services and Investment*) of **14.12.2015**

**Agenda** for: **Customs Union Working Party** of **14.12.2015**

**Adoption** of a Council **Regulation** amending **Regulation** (EU) No [1387/2013](#) **suspending the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties** on certain **agricultural, fishery and industrial products**

**Adoption** of a Council **Regulation** amending **Regulation** (EU) No [1388/2013](#) **opening and providing for the management of autonomous tariff quotas of the Union** for certain **agricultural and industrial products**

**Decision** No [2/2015](#) of the **Joint Committee on Agriculture** of **19.11.2015** on the **amendment of Appendices 1 and 2 to Annex 9 to the Agreement** between the **European Community** and the **Swiss Confederation** on **trade in agricultural products**

**United States** **files** **WTO dispute** against **China** over **taxes** on **aircraft** (See the consultation request [letter](#))  
[Financial Times 09.12.2015 p.2](#)

**9 Regional Steel Associations** present [unified position](#) on the **negative impact** of granting **Market Economy Status** to **China**

#### INTERNAL MARKET & GENERAL

[Agenda](#) for: **2567th meeting** of the **Coreper (Part.1)** of **09.12.2015**

#### INDUSTRY, COMPETITIVENESS, SMES

**Sectoral fitness check** for the **petroleum refining sector** ([SWD\(2015\) 284 final](#))

**EU referendum** is **biggest uncertainty** for **UK property market**  
[EU Briefing 08-09.12.2015](#) (Reuters)

**UEAPME** adheres to the [20+20 Barcelona Declaration](#) - December 2015

#### FINANCIAL SERVICES & TAXATION

**Manipulation of market benchmarks:** **Council** confirms [agreement](#) with **EP** on **tougher rules**

**EU-San Marino taxation agreement** [signed](#) in **joint effort** to improve **tax compliance** ([Statement/15/6275](#))

**Council** [conclusions](#) on **corporate taxation** – **base erosion** and **profit shifting**

**Council** [conclusions](#) on **business taxation** – **future of the code of conduct**

**Liechtenstein, Switzerland taxation** [agreements](#) approved by **EU**

**Commission Delegated Decision** (EU) [2015/2290](#) of **12.06.2015** on the **provisional equivalence** of the **solvency regimes** in force in **Australia, Bermuda, Brazil, Canada, Mexico** and the **United States** and **applicable to insurance and reinsurance undertakings** with **head offices** in those countries

[Personal transfers](#) in the **EU** - **Amounts sent abroad** by **EU residents** at **€29.3 billion** in **2014** - **Amounts received from abroad** at **€11.0 bn**

**EBA** seeks **input** on **strong customer authentication** and **secure communication** under [PSD2](#)

**EBA** [consults](#) on **separation of payment card schemes** and **processing entities** under **the IFR**

**EBA** launches [consultation](#) on **FINREP** using **IFRS 9**

**EBA** [benchmarks](#) **approaches** on **scenarios** in **recovery plans**

An **FTT Christmas miracle? Think again.**  
[Financial Times \(blog\) 09.12.2015](#)

**Ten EU Countries** agree on **some aspects of financial tax**  
[Wall Street Journal Europe 09.12.2015](#)

#### ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE

**UN Climate Conference: EU28** and **79 ACP countries** join forces for **ambitious global climate deal** ([IP/15/6273](#))

**MEPs** call for a [strong Paris deal](#) on **carbon markets, aviation and shipping**

#### HEALTH, FOOD & PRODUCTS SAFETY

**SCCS** - [Agenda](#) of the **12th Plenary meeting**, Luxembourg, **15.12.2015**

[Answer](#) given by **Mr Andriukaitis**: The **European meat industry** - [P-014156/2015](#)

[Minutes](#) - **24th plenary meeting** of the **High Level Group on Nutrition and Physical Activity** (28.10.2015)

[Final report](#) - Conference **'Which priorities for a European policy on multimorbidity?'** (Brussels, 27.10. 2015)

#### DIGITAL & INFORMATION SOCIETY

**Commission** proposes **modern digital contract rules** to simplify and promote **access to digital content** and **online sales** across the **EU** ([IP/15/6264](#), Q&A: [Memo/15/6265](#))

**Commission** takes **first steps** to **broaden access** to **online content** and **outlines** its **vision** to modernise **EU copyright rules** ([IP/15/6261](#), Q&A: [Memo/15/6262](#), the [Communication](#))

**E-commerce** in **EU enterprises** - Nearly **1 in 5 enterprises** sold **online** in **2014** - **Fewer than 1 in 10 enterprises** sold **online** to another **EU Member State** "[Joint Elements](#)" from **U.S.-EU Cyber Dialogue**, **7th December 2015**

EU faces **clash** over **media subscriptions**  
[Financial Times 09.12.2015 p.3](#)

**MEPs** close **deal** with **Council** on first ever **EU rules** on [cybersecurity](#)

## TRANSPORT & MOBILITY

**Reducing serious road traffic injuries** - a **big challenge** ahead  
[Road Safety Newsletter 21 – December 2015](#)

## JUSTICE & CITIZENS' RIGHTS

**International Anti-Corruption Day** – **Companies** say that **corruption** is a **barrier** to **economic growth** and **trust** in **institutions**  
[Midday Express 09.12.2015](#)

**Commission** discusses **registration** of **two new** [European Citizens'](#) **Initiatives**  
[Midday Express 09.12.2015](#)

EU **executive** set to back **Ukraine's visa-free access bid**  
[Wall Street Journal Europe 09.12.2015](#)

EU sees **broad agreement** on **fighting terrorist financing**  
[Wall Street Journal Europe 09.12.2015](#)

## EURO, ECB & ECONOMY

**Speech** by [Sabine Lautenschläger](#): **Single Supervisory Mechanism** - **Achievements** after **one year**

**Germany** warns on **eurozone bank plan** - *EU treaties must be amended first, Schäuble says*  
[Financial Times 09.12.2015 p.3](#)

The **challenges** of **central bank divergence**  
[Financial Times 09.12.2015 p.11](#)

## FUTURE OF EUROPE

An **illiberal streak** spreads **further** across **central Europe**  
[Financial Times 09.12.2015 p.11](#)

**Cameron** seeks to end **EU deal deadlock** - *PM admits plan to impose 4-year ban on EU citizens claiming British benefits has run into trouble*  
[Financial Times 09.12.2015](#)

**Brussels** examines **option** for **UK migration brake** - *Potential restrictions – with conditions – examined to forestall benefits ban*  
[Financial Times 09.12.2015](#)

**UK benefit curbs** a '**red line**' for **Poland** - *Warsaw attacks Cameron proposals to restrict welfare*  
[Financial Times 09.12.2015](#)

## FOREIGN AFFAIRS & ACCESSION

EU launches **innovative** new **mechanism** to help **human rights defenders**  
[IP/15/6278](#)

**Closing Ceremony** of the **European Year for Development** ([Memo/15/6274](#))

**Trilateral Meeting** **Afghanistan, United States** and the **EU** ([Joint Statement](#))

**Waging #Eurojihad: foreign fighters in ISIL**  
*EU ISS [Alert](#) - N°53 - 08 December 2015*