

COMPETITION

[Non-opposition](#) to a notified concentration (Case [M.7888](#) - APAX/B&G/Mannai/GFI Informatique)

[Non-opposition](#) to a notified concentration (Case [M.7845](#) - HCL Technologies Sweden/Volvo IT)

Prior [notification](#) of a concentration (Case [M.7886](#) - PostFinance/SIX Group / SIX Paynet)

Prior [notification](#) of a concentration (Case [M.7939](#) - HDI Assicurazioni/CBA Vita/ Sella Life)

Commission clears acquisition of Ruhr Oel by BP ([M.7885](#))
[Midday Express 02.02.2016](#)

UK must **not** go down to three in mobile - EU should take a tough line on proposed merger of Three with O2
[Financial Times 02.02.2016 p.8](#)

Bundeskartellamt - List of [Notified Merger Projects](#) (02.02.2016)

CMA accepts undertakings [in lieu offered](#) by Regus

CMA extends [Phase 1 review](#) of acquisition by Arriva Rail North of the Northern rail passenger franchise

CMA revokes [decision](#) on acquisition by Netto of 3 Co-operative Group grocery stores

Hungary - MasterCard [abused](#) its dominant position

Romania - [Main fines](#) applied by the Competition Council (29.01.2016)

Romania - The Competition Council's [Activity](#) - 2015 (28.01.2016)

STATE AID

Europe turns against Google - The tech giant's tax dealings have stirred a new public outcry across the continent
[Politico.eu 01-02.02.2016](#)

TRADE & CUSTOMS

[Corrigendum](#) to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) [2016/12](#) of 06.01.2016 terminating the partial interim review of the anti-dumping and countervailing measures applicable to imports of crystalline silicon photovoltaic modules and key components (i.e. cells) originating in or consigned from the P.R. of China

Council Decision (EU) [2016/134](#) of 16.11.2015 on the position to be adopted on behalf of the EU within the Stabilisation and Association Council established by the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Bosnia and Herzegovina, of the other part, as regards the replacement of Protocol 2 to that Agreement, concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation, by a new protocol which, as regards the rules of origin, refers to the Regional Convention on [pan-Euro-Mediterranean preferential rules](#) of origin

Action brought on 20.11.2015 - Shanxi Taigang Stainless Steel Vs. Commission (Case [T-675/15](#))

Re: Regulation (EU) 2015/1429 ; anti-dumping duty; imports; stainless steel cold-rolled flat products

Action brought on 27.10.2015 – Yieh United Steel Vs. Commission (Case [T-607/15](#))

Re: annulment of Regulation (EU) 2015/1429; anti-dumping duty; imports, stainless steel cold-rolled flat products

[Information note](#) on **China MES** – « **Change in the methodology for anti-dumping investigations** concerning **China** » (See also the [EPI Report](#) - Sept.2015)

Trade Sustainability Impact Assessment on the **Environmental Goods Agreement** - [Draft Final Report](#)

[Agenda](#) for: **Trade Policy Committee** (Deputy Members) on **05.02.2016**

MEPs want '[WTO-proof plan](#)' to protect EU firms against **dumped Chinese imports**

Trade for all? - What is [EU trade policy](#) doing for your seafood?

INTERNAL MARKET & GENERAL

[Agenda](#) for: **2572nd meeting** of the **Coreper** (Part.1) of **03.02.2016**

FINANCIAL SERVICES & TAXATION

Directive (EU) [2016/97](#) of the **European Parliament** and of the **Council** of **20.01.2016** on **insurance distribution** (recast)

Commission **Recommendation** (EU) [2016/136](#) of **28.01.2016** on the **implementation of measures** against **tax treaty abuse**

Action brought on 03.12.2015 - Republic of Austria Vs. Federal Republic of Germany (Case [C-648/15](#))

Re: Double Taxation Convention; taxes on income and capital

ESMA updates on **supervisory work** on [closet index tracking](#)

ESMA issues [technical standards](#) on **settlement discipline** under **CSDR**

Call for evidence: EU regulatory framework for financial services (See the responses by [AFME](#), [EFAMA](#) & [EBF](#))

INDUSTRY, COMPETITIVENESS, SMES

Commission seeks [views](#) on [research partnership](#) in the **Mediterranean** [Midday Express 02.02.2016](#)

Dec.2015 compared with **Nov.2015** - [Industrial producer prices](#) down by **0.8%** in both **euro area** and **EU28**

EU automakers' political muscle may sway **pollution-test vote** [EU Briefing 01-02.02.2016](#) (Bloomberg)

AGRICULTURE & MARITIME AFFAIRS

New EU Commission report on how to **improve the functioning** of the **EU food chain** confirms **big changes** must be made to the **Supply Chain Initiative**, **Copa** and **Cogeca** [warn](#)

ENERGY

Saipem files **€759m claim** against **Gazprom** - *Request for arbitration over cancellation of South Stream project* [Financial Times 02.02.2016 p.17](#)

Norway says **Arctic Gas expansion** depends on EU's **climate plan** [EU Briefing 01-02.02.2016](#) (Bloomberg)

ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE

EU to [ratify](#) international [Minamata Convention](#) protecting **citizens** from **mercury pollution** [Midday Express 02.02.2016](#)

DIGITAL & INFORMATION SOCIETY

Commission to boost **mobile internet services** with **high-quality radio frequencies** ([IP/16/207](#) & [Memo/16/206](#))

DATA PROTECTION

Commissioner **Jourová's** [remarks](#) on the **state of play** of the **Safe Harbour negotiations** before the **EP Libe Committee**

Tech groups face data transfer scrutiny - EU looks at methods devised after ECJ struck down 'safe harbour'

[Financial Times 02.02.2016 p.4](#)

JUSTICE & CITIZENS' RIGHTS

According to Advocate General Szpunar, a foreign national who was not stopped when illegally crossing an external border of the Schengen Area can not be imprisoned solely on the basis of his illegal entry into the territory of a Member State (See Opinion in Case [C-47/15](#))

Regulation (EU) [2016/93](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20.01.2016 repealing certain acts from the Schengen acquis

Regulation (EU) [2016/94](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20.01.2016 repealing certain acts from the Schengen acquis in the field of police cooperation and judicial cooperation in criminal matters

Regulation (EU) [2016/95](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20.01.2016 repealing certain acts in the field of police cooperation and judicial cooperation in criminal matters

Commission will discuss Schengen Evaluation Report on Greece and a proposal for recommendations to address deficiencies in external border management ([IP/16/211](#))

College to discuss Action Plan to strengthen the fight against terrorist financing ([IP/16/202](#), Q&A : [Memo/16/209](#) and [factsheet](#))

EU to probe €500 notes' terror links - High number of bills in circulation raises suspicions
[Financial Times 02.02.2016 p.2](#)

Koenders: Governments and newcomers must uphold fundamental values; stress test for our values

EURO, ECB & ECONOMY

[Speech](#) by Benoît Cœuré: Time for a new Lamfalussy moment

[Speech](#) by Mario Draghi: EP plenary debate on the ECB [Annual Report](#) for 2014

Draghi puts case for another easing - ECB president says weak inflation justifies more action (See the EP [Statement](#))

[Financial Times 02.02.2016 p.2](#)

[Wall Street Journal Europe 02.02.2016](#)

Dec. 2015 - Euro area [unemployment rate](#) at 10.4% - EU28 at 9.0%

FUTURE OF EUROPE

Tories' uneasy truce on Europe about to be tested - Eurosceptics ready to denounce result of renegotiation

[Financial Times 02.02.2016](#)

Brexit battle starts over 'new settlement' - Plans expected on Tuesday designed to keep UK in EU

[Financial Times 02.02.2016](#)

Brexit is no way out of Europe in crisis - Britain must contribute to stability on the European continent

[Financial Times 02.02.2016 p.9](#)