

COMPETITION

[Non-opposition](#) to a notified concentration (Case [M.7976](#) - **Deutsche Alternative Asset Management (Global) Limited/ Ermewa/Akiem**)

[Non-opposition](#) to a notified concentration (Case [M.7943](#) - **Dow/DCC**)

[Non-opposition](#) to a notified concentration (Case [M.7851](#) - **USS Nero / OPTrust / PGGM / Global Via**)

Prior [notification](#) of a concentration (Case [M.7992](#) - **Starwood Capital Group/Banco Sabadell/JV**)

Prior [notification](#) of a concentration (Case [M.7910](#) - **Kesko/Onninen**)

Commission approves **JV** between **Bekaert** and **OTPP** in **wire ropes** ([M.7904](#))
[Midday Express 25.04.2016](#)

Commission clears **acquisition** of **Kuoni** by **EQT** ([M.7968](#))
[Midday Express 25.04.2016](#)

Bulgaria: CPC conducts [inspections](#) at **Shell** and **Eko Bulgaria**
[EU Briefing 22-25.04.2016](#) (*novinite.com*)

CMA continues its **mission** to [remove unnecessary remedies](#)

CMA [agrees](#) to change **Rough gas commitments**

France - Groupe Aqualande joint takeover [conditionally approved](#)

Spain: CNMC [has carried](#) out **fresh dawn raids** at providers of **courier** and **business-parcel delivery services**

STATE AID

[Action brought](#) on **05.02.2016** — **Ryanair** and **Airport Marketing Services** vs. **Commission** (Case T-53/16)

Commission Decision (EU) [2016/644](#) of **16.01.2015** on the **State aid** No [SA 31855](#) (*11/C, ex N 503/10*) which **Cyprus** is **planning** to **grant** for the **restructuring** of the **Central Slaughterhouse** of **Kofinos**

Commission refers **Greece** to **Court** for **failure** to recover **incompatible aid** from **LARCO** and **United Textiles**
[Midday Express 25.04.2016](#)

France funding **Hinkley C** would be **illegal** under **EU competition rules** say **Greenpeace** and **Ecotricity** ([See the Statement](#))

[Answer](#) given by **Ms Vestager**: **Tax-related competition investigations** - [P-001887/2016](#)

[Appeal brought](#) on **26.02.2016** by **SNCF Mobilités** (SNCF) against the **judgment** of the **General Court** of **17.12.2015** in **Case T-242/12** **SNCF vs. Commission** (Case C-127/16 P)

TRADE & CUSTOMS

[Request](#) for a **preliminary ruling** from the **Hoge Raad der Nederlanden** of **03.02.2016** - **The Shirtmakers BV vs Staatssecretaris van Financiën** (Case C-59/16) **Re:** Article 32(1)(e)(i) of the Community Customs Code

[Agenda](#) for: **Trade Policy Committee** (*Full Members*) of **28.04.2016**

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council applying the arrangements for products originating in certain states which are part of the ACP Group of States provided for in agreements establishing, or leading to the establishment of, EPAs (recast) - [Outcome](#) of the EP's first reading (Strasbourg, 11 to 14 April 2016)

Low value bulking of imports requirements under the UCC

[UK Customs Information Paper 23 \(2016\)](#)

Customs Comprehensive Guarantee

[UK Customs Information Paper 24 \(2016\)](#)

[Answer](#) given by Ms Malmström: State of play of the EU-Mercosur association agreement negotiations - [E-001837/2016](#)

[Answer](#) given by Mr Hogan: EU-USA wine trade under TTIP - [E-001622/2016](#)

[Answer](#) given by Ms Malmström: Filing trade petitions - US vs EU model - [E-000093/2016](#)

Joint [report](#) of the first EU-Tunisia negotiation round

[High-Level Meeting: Excess Capacity and Structural Adjustment in the Steel Sector](#) (see also [Statement](#))

[Russian Federation](#) and [India](#) have ratified Trade Facilitation Agreement

Obama and Merkel unite over trade deal

[Financial Times 25.04.2016 p.1](#)

[Politico.eu – 25.04.2016](#)

FINANCIAL SERVICES & TAXATION

[Agenda](#) for: Working Party on Tax Questions - Indirect Taxation (VAT) of 29.04.2016

Capital Markets Union: Taking stock of the progress made so far ([IP/16/1562](#))

Europe split on corporate tax avoidance

[Financial Times 25.04.2016 p.2](#)

New tax rules for large European funds

[Financial Times \(fm\) 25.04.2016 p.2](#)

Germany objects to tax transparency proposals

[Financial Times 23-24.04.2016 p.8](#)

LuxLeaks whistleblower calm ahead of trial

[Financial Times 23-24.04.2016](#)

Tax schemes film saga creates villains and victims

[Financial Times 23-24.04.2016](#)

ENTREPRENEURSHIP, EMPLOYMENT, COMPETITIVENESS & SMES

[Agenda](#) for: Working Party on Competitiveness and Growth (Industry) of 28.04.2016

- [Council Conclusions](#) - Better Regulation to strengthen competitiveness

[Outcome of proceedings](#) - Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive [96/71/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16.12.1996 concerning the posting of workers in the framework of the provision of services

26 April: World Intellectual Property Day - Almost 90 000 [EU trade mark applications](#) received from Member States in 2015

AGRICULTURE & MARITIME AFFAIRS

El Niño - EU plans to step up funding in new approach to address global food crises ([IP/16/1513](#), [Memo/16/1514](#), [JRC Report](#))

Poland raises fences to block farmland sales

[Politico.eu – 25.04.2016](#)

ENERGY

Ahead of 30th anniversary of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster the EU steps up its contribution to nuclear safety ([IP/16/1542](#))

Miguel Arias Cañete in Bucharest

[Midday Express 25.04.2016](#)

Bosnia and Herzegovina takes steps to [comply](#) with Third Energy Package

ECRB publishes first [comprehensive energy market monitoring report](#) and assessment of transparency of gas TSOs

[Answer](#) given by Mr Arias Cañete: Serbia's inclusion in the emergency plan for EU gas supply security - [E-002 026/2016](#)

[Answer](#) given by Mr Arias Cañete: EU strategy for LNG - [E-001 779/2016](#)

ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE

[Speech](#) by Miguel Arias Cañete at the UN Signature Ceremony for the Paris Agreement

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) of 22.04.2016 withdrawing the approval of the active substance [Z,Z,Z,Z-7,13,16,19-docosatetraen-1-yl isobutyrate](#) (No 2016/636), [Z-13-hexadecen-11-yn-1-yl acetate](#) (No 2016/638)

Climate change sceptics must be heard
[Financial Times 25.04.2016 p.8](#)

HEALTH, FOOD & PRODUCT SAFETY

Protecting European consumers: toys and clothing top the list of dangerous products detected in 2015 ([IP/16/1507](#), Q&A: [Memo/16/1508](#), [Full Report](#) & [Factsheet](#))

SCHER - Final Opinion on Potential risks to human health and the environment from the use of [calcium cyanamide](#) as fertiliser

Germany - evaluate the application of re-enforced checks on imported products of animal origin
[Health & food audits and analysis – 22.04.2016](#)

DIGITAL & INFORMATION SOCIETY

Draft [Council conclusions](#) on the 'Digital Single Market Technologies and Public Services Modernisation' package'

EURO, ECB & ECONOMY

[Speech](#) by Jonathan Hill at the Joint ECB - European Commission conference

Thematic discussions on growth and jobs: National insolvency frameworks (See Eurogroup [statement](#) and Remarks by [Pierre Moscovici](#) by [J. Dijsselbloem](#))

[Remarks](#) by V.P. Dombrovskis at the second informal ECOFIN press conference

Results of the [Q2 2016 ECB Survey](#) of Professional Forecasters (SPF)

Other [Decisions](#) taken by the Governing Council of the ECB – April 2016

ECB has second thoughts on 'coco' bonds
[Financial Times 25.04.2016](#)

FUTURE OF EUROPE UK REFERENDUM

Obama warns on post-Brexit trade delays
[Financial Times 25.04.2016](#)

Obama's parting shot angers Brexiteers - Obama in blast against Brexit
[Financial Times 25.04.2016 p.4](#)
[Financial Times 23-24.04.2016](#)

Brexit would not damage military standing
[Financial Times 25.04.2016 p.9](#)

Brexit sludge would clog global economy
[Financial Times \(fm\) 25.04.2016 p.8](#)

Far right wins surprise victory in Austria
[Financial Times 25.04.2016 p.2](#)

FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEVELOPMENT & ACCESSION

[Agenda](#) for: Meeting of the Foreign Relations Counsellors of 25.04.2016

[Statement](#) by the spokesperson on the Geneva talks on Syria

[Remarks](#) by President Donald Tusk during his visit to Turkey

Merkel visits refugee camp in Turkey
[Financial Times 23-24.04.2016](#)

Ruling Progressives claim Serbia poll win -
[Financial Times 25.04.2016](#)