**Competition**

**Antitrust:** Commission sends Statement of Objections to Brussels Airlines and TAP Portugal on code-sharing on Brussels-Lisbon route (IP-16-3563)

Commission approves acquisition of lasers supplier Rofin-Sinar by Coherent, subject to conditions (IP-16-3548 & M.8055)

Commission clears acquisition of Danmarks Skibskredit by Danish pension and investment funds (M.8187) 
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Gazprom and Brussels agree to settle long-running dispute
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Poland gas company eyes legal action against EU over Gazprom
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CMA approves Ladbrokes/Coral merger

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Switzerland: COMCO has maintained a settlement with Swatch (FR, DE, IT)

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EFTA Surveillance Authority Decision No 170/15/COL of 7 May 2015 on aid to public bus transport in the County of Aust-Agder (Norway) [2016/1890]

EFTA Surveillance Authority - State aid – Decision to raise no objections


Re: Appeals - State aid - Article 108 TFEU - Review of existing aid schemes - Netherlands aid scheme for social housing corporations - Regulation (EC) No 659/1999 -Article 19, paragraph 1 - Commission decision rendering the commitments given by a Member State binding - Scope of judicial review

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EU files WTO panel request against Chinese export restrictions on raw materials

Belgian talks fail to rescue Canada-EU trade pact - Leaders to reconvene on Thursday but Ceta deal unlikely in time to save Trudeau summit
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Italy: Cohesion Policy co-finances the purchase of 2 patrol ships for rescue operations at sea
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EU 2017 budget: Council can not accept EP amendments

EU’s long-term budget: MEPs vote for more headroom to cope with crises
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Re: Reference for a preliminary ruling - Unfair commercial practices - Directive 2005/29/EC - Articles 6 and 7 - Advertising relating to a satellite TV subscription - Subscription price including, in addition to the monthly subscription charge, a six-monthly charge for the card required for decoding emissions - Six-monthly charge omitted or presented in a less conspicuous manner than the monthly charge - Misleading action - Misleading omission - Transposition of a provision of a directive only in the preparatory work for the national transposing legislation and not in the wording of that legislation itself

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€1 billion mark reached as the EU steps up support for micro-entrepreneurs (IP-16-3550)
New EU-Canada initiative to encourage cooperation between top scientists
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If China can not beat Europe, it will acquire it - There is no problem in Chinese companies buying abroad but Beijing sets up big obstacles at home
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GlaxoSmithKline lays plans to secure post-Brexit supply chain - Weak pound helps third-quarter sales surge 23%
Financial Times 27.10.2016 p.17

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Speech by Pierre Moscovici at the press conference on the package of corporate tax reforms

ESMA issues Q&As on the implementation of Market Abuse Regulation

Brexit v the City: a fight with one winner
Financial Times 27.10.2016 p.22

Agriculture & Maritime affairs

Commission proposes fishing opportunities in the Atlantic and North Sea for 2017 (IP-16-3504, Q&A: Memo-16-3505)

Employment & Social Policy

More funds needed for youth and jobs in 2017 to honour EU’s pledges, say MEPs

Energy

Gas: use EU storage capacity efficiently and forge trade partnerships, urge MEPs (See the EP resolution)

Health, Food & Products Safety

Speech by Vytenis Andriukaitis at the Lithuanian Conference on Challenges in Addressing the Issue of Antimicrobial Resistance

Endocrine Disruptors - information from the Netherlands delegation

MEPs call for EU limit on industrial trans fats in food

Plant health: MEPs step up fight against influx of pests to the EU

EFSA - Pesticide residues in food: risk to consumers remains low

Opportunities to prevent new animal testing in the area of acute toxicity

New campaign urges food industry to stop marketing to kids (See Beuc Statement)

Digital & Information Society

Statement by V.P. Ansip and Commissioner Oettinger welcoming the adoption of the first EU-wide rules to make public sector websites and apps more accessible (See the EP Statement)

Transport & Mobility

Agenda for: Meeting of the Committee for road infrastructure safety management of 10.11.2016

Agenda for: Meeting of the Committee for Road Tunnels Safety of 10.11.2016
Transport Scoreboard 2016: the EU at work to strengthen the internal market (IP-16-3541 Q&A: Memo-16-3532)

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Residence permits for non-EU citizens - EU Member States issued a record number of 2.6 million first residence permits in 2015 - Main beneficiaries from Ukraine and the United States

Euro, ECB, Economy

Weight of economic activities - EU Industry accounts for just over 19% of total gross value added and 15% of employment - Declining weight over last 20 years

Speech by Peter Praet: The euro area economy, monetary policy and structural reforms

Report on financial structures details structural changes in the euro area financial sector


MEPs set out their stance on EU economic priorities for 2017

Italy demands another reprieve, and rightly so - Matteo Renzi is correct to allow the projected deficit to rise

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UK Brexit Minister meets chemical industry leaders

House of Lords EU Committee publishes 4th report of Session 2016-17: Brexit: parliamentary scrutiny

CETA and Russia dominate EP debate with Juncker and Tusk

Tragic legacy of Britain’s indecision over identity

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EU-CELAC relations: assessment of programmes and actions

EU-CELAC ministerial meeting: Santo Domingo Declaration

Statement by Christos Stylianides following the earthquake in Italy