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Speeches by the Commissioner,
1 January 2005 – 30 April 2005

27 April: Towards a pro-active competition policy in favour of innovation — Neelie KROES — The Hague, The Netherlands (Conference: Promoting Innovation and Competitiveness — a transatlantic dialogue)


17 February: Regulating for Competition and Growth — Neelie KROES — Paris, France (OECD Global Forum on Competition)

7 February: Building a Competitive Europe — Competition Policy and the Relaunch of the Lisbon Strategy — Neelie KROES — Milan, Italy (Bocconi University)

3 February: Effective Competition Policy — a Key Tool for Delivering the Lisbon Strategy — Neelie KROES — Brussels, Belgium (Introductory statement at EMAC Open Meeting of Coordinators)

1 April: Competition Rules and the Media: Are they determinant or complementary? — Herbert UNGERER — Istanbul, Turkey (Radio and Television Supreme Council and Association of Television Broadcasters)

11 March: Closing address to the IBA conference — Anti-trust reform in Europe: a year in practice — Philip LOWE — Brussels, Belgium (International Bar Association / European Commission Conference)

23 February: Sport and Competition Law — Torben TOFT — London, United Kingdom (Broadcasting Competition Law)

15 February: Impact of European Competition Policy on Media — Herbert UNGERER — Madrid, Spain (IESE Business School & School of Communication of the University of Navarra)

Community Publications on Competition

New publications and publications coming up shortly

- EU competition policy and the consumer
- Report on competition policy 2004
- Competition policy newsletter, 2005, Number 3 — Autumn 2005

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**Antitrust**

IP/05/477 — 25/04/2005 — Antitrust: Commission prolongs and amends block exemption for liner shipping consortia

IP/05/361 — 23/03/2005 — Aviation insurers commit to reforms to promote competition and transparency

IP/05/343 — 21/03/2005 — Commission requests Sweden to end broadcasting services monopoly

IP/05/289 — 14/03/2005 — Competition: Commission consults on future of IATA passenger tariff conferences

IP/05/267 — 08/03/2005 — Competition: car prices converge in enlarged EU

IP/05/195 — 17/02/2005 — Competition: Commission secures improvements to gas supply contracts between OMV and Gazprom

IP/05/62 — 19/01/2005 — Competition: German Football League commitments to liberalise joint selling of Bundesliga media rights made legally binding by Commission decision

IP/05/61 — 19/01/2005 — Antitrust: Commission imposes € 216.91 million in fines on MCAA chemicals cartel

**State aid**

IP/05/465 — 21/04/2005 — Commission endorses € 1 million of aid for renovation of national heritage site of Hala Ludowa in Wroclaw, Poland

IP/05/458 — 20/04/2005 — Commission closes inquiries into French, Italian and Spanish public broadcasters following commitments to amend funding systems

IP/05/457 — 20/04/2005 — State aid: latest Scoreboard reveals shift in aid towards horizontal objectives but no overall decrease in levels

IP/05/455 — 20/04/2005 — Outermost regions: European Commission authorises social aid for air passengers

IP/05/454 — 20/04/2005 — Italy: Commission encourages transfer of goods from road to sea

IP/05/398 — 07/04/2005 — Commission endorses public funding for broadband communications in rural and remote areas of Spain

IP/05/396 — 07/04/2005 — Commission prohibits Italian shipbuilding guarantee scheme

IP/05/395 — 07/04/2005 — Commission to take Italy to court for failure to recover unlawful state aid

IP/05/345 — 21/03/2005 — Commission requests Portugal and Spain to fully implement Directive on financial transparency

IP/05/344 — 21/03/2005 — Commission opens in-depth inquiry into proposed subsidy for Bavarian ethylene pipeline

IP/05/316 — 16/03/2005 — Commission authorises Slovakia to grant € 350,000 aid to mining company Hornonitrianske Bane Prievidza a.s.

IP/05/312 — 16/03/2005 — European Commission authorises German aid programme promoting combined transport

IP/05/310 — 16/03/2005 — European Commission authorises Belgian aid programme promoting combined transport in the Walloon Region

IP/05/304 — 16/03/2005 — Commission outlaws Italian tax breaks for companies listed for the first time on EU stock exchanges

IP/05/303 — 16/03/2005 — Commission endorses € 18.5 million of aid to reduce mercury emissions in Italy

IP/05/302 — 16/03/2005 — Commission endorses innovation aid for French and Spanish shipbuilders

IP/05/301 — 16/03/2005 — Commission endorses € 3.8 million in environmental aid to ACEA Group in Italy, provided previous aid is recovered first

IP/05/250 — 03/03/2005 — Commission requests Germany, Ireland and The Netherlands to clarify role and financing of public service broadcasters

IP/05/245 — 02/03/2005 — Commission orders recovery of € 6.7 million of illegal aid to Chemische Werke Piesteritz

IP/05/244 — 02/03/2005 — Commission approves £ 10 million public funding for Ford training project in UK
Commission calls on France to put an end to certain tax exemptions for mutual and provident societies

The European Commission has decided to investigate the aid paid to Combus

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Commission approves acquisition by The Dow Chemical Company of parts of Dupont Dow Elastomers

Commission approves acquisition of WMC Resources by BHP Billiton

Commission approves acquisition of Slovenske Elektrarne by Enel

Commission approves acquisition of Sasol and Total abort proposed petroleum-based wax joint venture and withdraw notification

Commission approves acquisition of Radianz by BT

Commission opens in-depth investigation into Johnson & Johnson’s take-over of Guidant Corporation

Commission approves acquisition of Unipetrol by PKN Orlen

Commission approves creation of fish farming joint venture between Nutreco and Stolt-Nielsen

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Commission approves the acquisition of the German chemical company Bakelite AG by the Apollo group, subject to conditions

Commission approves acquisition of Motorpresse by Gruner+Jahr

Commission approves acquisition of Marionnaud Parfumeries by AS Watson

Commission approves acquisition of Scaldia and Papeteries de France by Stora Enso

Commission clears acquisition of Novar by Honeywell subject to conditions

Commission approves acquisition of MGM by Sony, Comcast and group of investors
IP/05/364 — 29/03/2005 — Commission approves joint acquisition of Aldeasa by Autogrill and Altadis

IP/05/360 — 23/03/2005 — Commission clears acquisition of part of Pagnan by Cargill

IP/05/357 — 22/03/2005 — Commission approves acquisition of Hungarian Exchanges and Central Clearinghouse and Depository

IP/05/341 — 18/03/2005 — Commission approves UTC/Kidde merger in the fire protection sector

IP/05/329 — 18/03/2005 — Commission approves acquisition of Teboil and Suomen Petrooli by Lukoil

IP/05/300 — 16/03/2005 — Commission approves acquisition of Veritas by Symantec

IP/05/295 — 15/03/2005 — Microsoft and Time Warner abandon acquisition of control in ContentGuard as Thomson purchases a one third stake

IP/05/294 — 15/03/2005 — Commission approves the EuroSystems transaction between BAE Systems and Finmeccanica in the defence sector

IP/05/293 — 14/03/2005 — Commission clears the acquisition of Aggregate Industries by Holcim

IP/05/280 — 11/03/2005 — Commission opens in-depth investigation into Blackstone’s takeover of Acetex

IP/05/275 — 10/03/2005 — Commission clears Sephora and El Corte Inglés cosmetic shops joint venture

IP/05/262 — 04/03/2005 — Commission clears acquisition of France Télécom Câble and NC Numéricable by Cinven

IP/05/254 — 04/03/2005 — Commission approves planned acquisition of Chips by Orkla, subject to conditions

IP/05/253 — 03/03/2005 — Commission clears the acquisition of lens producer Sola by Carl Zeiss and EQT

IP/05/249 — 03/03/2005 — Commission approves acquisition of Shell Gas by Repsol Butano

IP/05/194 — 17/02/2005 — Commission approves acquisition of Smurfit Munksjö by EQT

IP/05/177 — 15/02/2005 — Commission refers merger of two German cable network operators to Bundeskartellamt

IP/05/175 — 14/02/2005 — Commission opens in-depth investigation into Siemens’ take-over of VA Tech group

IP/05/128 — 02/02/2005 — Commission refers Blackstone acquisition of NHP in the UK care homes market to the UK competition authority

IP/05/88 — 25/01/2005 — Commission clears BT’s acquisition of Infonet

IP/05/86 — 24/01/2005 — Commission approves acquisition of Grey by WPP

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