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The first Competition Day took place in Lisbon in 2000 as an initiative of former Competition Commissioner Mario Monti, to bring competition policy closer to consumers. Seven years later, Portugal has hosted the 15th edition of this event, which brings decision makers and practitioners to discuss topical issues shaping today’s competition policy. This year the topics discussed were:

- The reform of State aid control
- Administrative decisions and restitution for breach of the competition rules
- Merger control in regulated markets
- Monopoly practices and the abuse of a dominant position
- Competition policy and industrial policy in a globalised world

Mr. Abel Mateus President of the Autoridade da Concorrência (Portuguese Competition Authority), opened the conference by listing the competition policy challenges today. He echoed the proposals of national competition authorities on European Competition Network, such as the revision of the “two third rule”, the possibility of vying freely for a company in a take-over bid, and the application of a competition impact assessment to decision-making. He also described the work on the approach for article 82 cases as one of the most important initiatives of the Commission.

Competition Commissioner Mrs. Neelie Kroes emphasised the commitment required to get the best out of free but fair markets and pass these benefits to citizens. After outlining the features of the new approach to State aid control, she underlined the dangers of subsidy races at a global level and stressed the need for an active EU trade policy that includes international discipline on subsidies to complement internal competition policy.

During her intervention, Meglena Kuneva, European Commissioner for consumer protection, pointed out that “healthy markets are the most direct and efficient way to benefit consumers”.

All speakers agreed on the importance of private individuals being able to assert their rights. Mrs Kroes emphasized the need for an effective system allowing all victims of competition abuses exercise their right to compensation. She announced the adoption of a White Paper in early 2008 to make it easier for private damages cases to come successfully to court.

More information on the conference is available on http://www.autoridadedaconcorrencia.pt

The next Joint European Competition and Consumer Day will take place in Ljubljana (Slovenia) on 22 May 2008 under the Slovenia Presidency of the Council.

Information is available on the Slovene Competition Protection Office web page: http://www.uvk.gov.si/en/
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New documentation

European Commission Directorate-General Competition

This section contains details of recent speeches or articles on competition policy given by Community officials. Copies of these are available from Competition DG’s home page on the World Wide Web at http://ec.europa.eu/competition/speeches

Speeches by the Commissioner, 1 May 2007 — 31 August 2007

4 July: Press conference on Telefónica decision — introductory remarks — Neelie KROES — Brussels (European Commission)

30 June: What competition has done for Europe’s citizens in the wake of globalisation — Neelie KROES — Paris, France (Nouvelle République — Colloque "Libéralisme vs protectionisme: pour une Europe ouverte mais pas offerte")

28 June: How best to complete the Single European Market for energy? — Neelie KROES — Brussels (International Federation of Industrial Energy Consumers)

27 June: Introductory remarks at press conference on Ryanair/Aer Lingus decision — Neelie KROES — Brussels (European Commission)

26 June: Competition Policy: Achievements in 2006; Work Programme in 2007; Priorities for 2008 — Neelie KROES — Brussels (European Parliament Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee)

5 June: European Competition Policy in a changing world and globalised economy: fundamentals, new objectives and challenges ahead — Neelie KROES — Brussels (GCLC/College of Europe Conference on “50 years of EC Competition Law”)

30 May: The International Competition Network — Achievements and Goals — Neelie KROES — Moscow (International Competition Network (ICN) Annual Conference)

21 May: Two years into the SAAP — State of Play and prospects — Neelie KROES — Brussels (European State Aid Law Institute Conference)

15 May: Broadband rollout and competition policy — what role for public funding? — Neelie KROES — Brussels (‘Bridging the Broadband Gap’ Conference)

11 May: European competition policy facing a renaissance of protectionism — which strategy for the future? — Neelie KROES — St. Gallen, Austria (St Gallen International Competition Law Forum)

Speeches and articles, Directorate-General Competition staff, 1 May 2007 — 31 August 2007

29 June: State aid reform — current directions — Lowri EVANS — Brussels (Law Society Conference)

21 June: A new European Energy policy — the importance of a functioning internal energy market — Herbert UNGERER — Monaco (WBR)

31 May: Introduction to cartels working group plenary session — Philip LOWE — Moscow (ICN Annual conference)

21 May: Concluding remarks — 5th experts’ forum on new developments in European State — Lowri EVANS — Brussels (European State aid Law Institute (EStALI))

18 May: Consolidation in the World Steel Industry — a government policy point of view: EU competition policy aspects — Herbert UNGERER — Istanbul, Turkey (OECD)

16 May: Recent Developments in the European Gas Sector — a Competition Perspective — Herbert UNGERER — Oslo, Norway (Norwegian Petroleum Society)

Community Publications on Competition

New publications

- Report on competition policy 2006 — available in electronic version

The report adopted by the Commission (25 pages) is available in 20 languages: Czech, Danish, Dutch, English, Estonian, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Italian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Hungarian, Maltese, Polish, Portuguese, Slovak, Slovene, Spanish and Swedish.

The Commission Staff working document (105 pages) is available in English, French and German.
• **Report on competition policy 2005 — now available in print version**

The report adopted by the Commission is available in 20 languages and is distributed free of charge.

The supplement to the report contains detailed information on the application of competition rules in the European Union and Member States, including statistics. Available in English only. Price: 25 EUR.

All publications can be ordered or downloaded from the EU bookshop: http://bookshop.europa.eu/

Publications for sale are also available the sales agents of the Office for Official Publications of the European Communities. Requests for free publications can also be addressed to the representations of the European Commission in the Member states, to the delegations of the European Commission in other countries, or to the Europe Direct network.

Links to your nearest contact point for free and priced publications can be found at: http://publications.europa.eu/howto/index_en.htm

Further information about our publications as well as PDF versions of them can be found on the DG Competition web site: http://ec.europa.eu/competition/publications/index.html

**Upcoming publications**

- *Competition policy newsletter, 2008, Number 1*

- *Provisions on international relations in EU competition policy*
Press releases
1 May 2007 — 31 August 2007

All texts are available from the Commission’s press release database RAPID at: http://europa.eu/rapid/Enter the reference (e.g. IP/06/14) in the ‘reference’ input box on the ‘search’ screen to retrieve the text of a press release. Note: Languages available vary for different press releases.

General

IP/07/971 — 29/06/2007 — Competition: 2006 Annual Report on Competition Policy, a contribution to a European economic policy for growth and jobs

Antitrust


IP/07/1213 — 06/08/2007 — Commission to appeal to Court of Justice against judgment of Court of First Instance in Case T-351/03 Schneider Electric v Commission

MEMO/07/321 — 06/08/2007 — La Commission européenne décide de former un pourvoi devant la Cour de justice contre l’arrêt du Tribunal de première instance dans l’affaire T-351/03, Schneider Electric/Commission

MEMO/07/319 — 02/08/2007 — Competition: Commission confirms sending statement of objections to companies in sodium chlorate sector

MEMO/07/316 — 30/07/2007 — Antitrust: Commission opens formal proceedings against E.ON and Gaz de France concerning suspected market-sharing

MEMO/07/315 — 27/07/2007 — Competition: Commission confirms sending of a Statement of Objections regarding an alleged cartel for the sale of bananas

MEMO/07/314 — 27/07/2007 — Competition: Commission confirms sending of Statement of Objections to Intel

MEMO/07/313 — 26/07/2007 — Antitrust: Commission initiates formal proceedings against Electrabel and EDF for suspected foreclosure of the Belgian and French electricity markets

IP/07/1137 — 19/07/2007 — Competition: Commission ends Court proceedings against Hungary after amendment of Media Act

IP/07/1114 — 18/07/2007 — Competition: Commission formally requests Italy to comply with EU rules on electronic communications

IP/07/1113 — 18/07/2007 — Antitrust: Commission closes proceedings against past roaming tariffs in the UK and Germany

IP/07/1074 — 11/07/2007 — Commission and Algeria reach agreement on territorial restrictions and alternative clauses in gas supply contracts

IP/07/1011 — 04/07/2007 — Antitrust: Commission fines Telefónica over €151 million for over five years of unfair prices in the Spanish broadband market

MEMO/07/276 — 04/07/2007 — Antitrust: Commission carries out inspections in the sector of hardware for windows and doors

MEMO/07/274 — 04/07/2007 — Antitrust: Commission decision against Telefónica — frequently asked questions (see also IP/07/1011)

IP/07/973 — 29/06/2007 — Competition: Commission ends block exemption for IATA passenger tariff conferences for routes between the EU and non-EU countries

IP/07/961 — 28/06/2007 — Competition: Commission welcomes simplification of access to Luxembourg telecommunication markets

IP/07/958 — 28/06/2007 — Competition: Commission requests Malta to adjust import monopoly for petroleum products

IP/07/956 — 28/06/2007 — Antitrust: Commission closes infringement procedure after Czech Republic brings Competition Act into line


IP/07/829 — 14/06/2007 — Antitrust: Commission market tests commitments from CISAC and 18 EEA collecting societies concerning reciprocal representation contracts
MEMO/07/232 — 07/06/2007 — Competition: Commission welcomes Court of Justice judgment in zinc phosphate case

CES/07/53 — 05/06/2007 — Neelie Kroes attends EESC INT section meeting: A consumer-friendly competition policy

MEMO/07/225 — 05/06/2007 — Memo on the Energy Council

MEMO/07/215 — 01/06/2007 — Antitrust: European Commission confirms issuing a Statement of Objections against alleged participants in a cartel in the paraffin waxes industry

MEMO/07/205 — 24/05/2007 — Antitrust: Commission welcomes Court of First Instance judgments in German recycling cases

MEMO/07/187 — 11/05/2007 — Antitrust: Commission initiates proceedings against the ENI Group concerning suspected foreclosure of Italian gas supply markets

MEMO/07/186 — 11/05/2007 — Antitrust: Commission initiates proceedings against RWE Group concerning suspected foreclosure of German gas supply markets

IP/07/641 — 10/05/2007 — Freedom of establishment and freedom to provide services: the Commission calls on France to end special rights to distribute savings books (“livret A” and “livret bleu”)

MEMO/07/182 — 10/05/2007 — Competition: Commission welcomes Court of Justice judgment in specialty graphite cartel case

MEMO/07/178 — 08/05/2007 — Anti-trust: European Commission confirms issuing a Statement of Objections against alleged participants in a cartel for chloroprene rubber

MEMO/07/163 — 03/05/2007 — Antitrust: Commission has carried out inspections in the marine hose sector

Merger control

IP/07/1267 — 30/08/2007 — Mergers: Commission clears proposed joint control of Magna by Russian Machines and the Stronach Trust

IP/07/1266 — 30/08/2007 — Mergers: Commission clears the proposed creation of “Vivergo Fuels” jointly controlled by BP and ABF

IP/07/1249 — 24/08/2007 — Mergers: Commission approves acquisition of Borealis Norway by INEOS

IP/07/1248 — 23/08/2007 — Mergers: Commission approves proposed acquisition of certain assets of Tate & Lyle by Syral

IP/07/1241 — 21/08/2007 — Mergers: Commission clears proposed acquisition of US provider of electronic travel distribution services Worldspan by Travelport (US)

IP/07/1240 — 21/08/2007 — Mergers: Commission approves proposed acquisition of sole control of BHS by Cinven

IP/07/1239 — 20/08/2007 — Mergers: Commission clears acquisition of Telenor Satellite Services by Apax Partners

IP/07/1238 — 20/08/2007 — Mergers: Commission approves proposed acquisition of Orange Netherlands by T-Mobile

IP/07/1231 — 13/08/2007 — Mergers: Commission authorises proposed joint venture between STMicroelectronics and Intel

IP/07/1229 — 10/08/2007 — Mergers: Commission approves proposed acquisition of Lanxess by the INEOS Group

IP/07/1222 — 08/08/2007 — Mergers: Commission clears proposed acquisition of SSM Coal by Oxbow

IP/07/1221 — 07/08/2007 — Mergers: Commission approves proposed acquisition of Hanson by HeidelbergCement

IP/07/1219 — 07/08/2007 — Mergers: Commission clears proposed acquisition of joint control of Infocare and Powermill by Segulah and Capman

IP/07/1216 — 06/08/2007 — Mergers: Commission approves proposed acquisition of ABN AMRO by Barclays

IP/07/1214 — 06/08/2007 — Mergers: Commission approves proposed acquisition of Viesgo, Endesa Europa and certain minor Endesa activities in Spain by E.ON

IP/07/1209 — 06/08/2007 — Mergers: Commission clears proposed acquisition of Eco by Luvata, subject to conditions

IP/07/1208 — 03/08/2007 — Mergers: Commission opens in-depth investigation into AEE’s take-over of Lentjes GmbH

IP/07/1206 — 03/08/2007 — Mergers: Commission clears proposed acquisition of GE Plastics by Sabic
IP/07/1201 — 31/07/2007 — Mergers: Commission approves proposed acquisition of Bayern-Chemie by MBDA

IP/07/1182 — 26/07/2007 — Mergers: Commission approves proposed acquisition of Invex by Superior Essex

IP/07/1169 — 24/07/2007 — Mergers: Commission approves proposed acquisition of Solétanche by Vinci Construction

IP/07/1168 — 24/07/2007 — Mergers: Commission clears proposed acquisition of Esso Hungary, Czech Republic and Slovakia by Eni

IP/07/1148 — 20/07/2007 — Mergers: Commission clears proposed acquisition of Thule by Nordic Capital

IP/07/1120 — 18/07/2007 — Mergers: Commission authorises acquisition of Télé 2 France by SFR subject to conditions

IP/07/1119 — 18/07/2007 — Mergers: Commission welcomes Italy's move to clarify authorisation procedures in toll motorway sector

IP/07/1105 — 17/07/2007 — Mergers: Commission approves acquisition of EGL by Apollo Group

CJE/07/48 — 11/07/2007 — Schneider must be partially compensated for loss sustained as a result of the illegal prohibition of its merger with Legrand

IP/07/1059 — 10/07/2007 — Mergers: Commission opens in-depth investigation into proposed acquisition of BSG Group’s wireless business by Syniverse

IP/07/1043 — 10/07/2007 — Mergers: Commission adopts consolidated guidance concerning jurisdiction in merger control

IP/07/1038 — 09/07/2007 — Mergers: Commission approves proposed acquisition of Magyar HIPermarket by Louis Delhaize

IP/07/1023 — 05/07/2007 — Mergers: Commission approves planned acquisition of Endesa by Enel and Acciona

IP/07/1022 — 05/07/2007 — Mergers: Commission approves creation of a joint venture between ACCOR and Pierre et Vacances

IP/07/984 — 29/06/2007 — Mergers: Commission approves proposed acquisition of Novartis’ Medical Nutrition business by Nestlé, subject to conditions

IP/07/942 — 27/06/2007 — Mergers: Commission approves acquisition of Vallourec Précision Étirage and Zeithain plant by Salzgitter

IP/07/893 — 27/06/2007 — Mergers: Commission prohibits Ryanair’s proposed takeover of Aer Lingus

MEMO/07/258 — 27/06/2007 — Mergers: Commission’s prohibition of Ryanair’s proposed acquisition of Aer Lingus — frequently asked questions

IP/07/887 — 26/06/2007 — Mergers: Commission approves proposed acquisition of Ineos CV’s Specialty PVC Business by Vinnolit

IP/07/883 — 26/06/2007 — Mergers: Commission approves proposed acquisition of Initial ESG by UTC

IP/07/857 — 20/06/2007 — Mergers: Commission approves proposed acquisition of Wolff by Dow Chemical

IP/07/842 — 15/06/2007 — Mergers: Commission opens in-depth investigation into proposed takeover of Constantia’s particle board division by the Kronospan Group

IP/07/839 — 14/06/2007 — Mergers: HgCapital abandons proposed acquisition of Denton and withdraws notification

IP/07/787 — 08/06/2007 — Mergers: Commission approves proposed acquisition of Matador by Continental

IP/07/759 — 04/06/2007 — Mergers: Commission approves proposed acquisition of First Choice by TUI, subject to conditions

IP/07/730 — 30/05/2007 — Mergers: Commission opens in-depth investigation into proposed take-over of Denton by HgCapital

IP/07/715 — 29/05/2007 — Mergers: Commission approves proposed acquisition of Bandag by Bridgestone

IP/07/695 — 22/05/2007 — Mergers: Commission approves Universal’s proposed takeover of BMG’s music publishing business, subject to commitments

IP/07/683 — 16/05/2007 — Mergers: Commission approves proposed acquisition of Camaïeu group by Cinven
IP/07/645 — 10/05/2007 — Mergers: Commission approves notified takeover of FIAMM’s automotive battery business by VB Autobatterie, subject to remedies

IP/07/639 — 08/05/2007 — Mergers: Commission approves proposed acquisition of Novelis by Hindalco

IP/07/614 — 04/05/2007 — Mergers: Commission approves proposed acquisition of MyTravel Group by KarstadtQuelle

IP/07/607 — 03/05/2007 — Mergers: Commission opens in-depth inquiry into Travelport’s proposed acquisition of Worldspan

IP/07/606 — 03/05/2007 — Mergers: Commission approves proposed merger between Statoil and Hydro

State aid control

IP/07/1205 — 02/08/2007 — Commission approves extension of French aid programme for promoting greener transport

IP/07/1145 — 20/07/2007 — State aid: Commission welcomes capacity reductions at Szczecin and Gdynia shipyards in Poland, but requires more information on Gdansk shipyard

IP/07/1138 — 19/07/2007 — State aid: Commission refers Spain to Court of Justice for failure to recover illegal aid

IP/07/1136 — 19/07/2007 — State aid: Commission endorses €120 million aid for German R&D project THESEUS

IP/07/1135 — 19/07/2007 — State aid: Commission endorses €32 million aid to Kia Motors Slovakia to expand car manufacturing plant

IP/07/1134 — 19/07/2007 — State aid: Commission opens in-depth investigation into Hungarian export-credit guarantee scheme

IP/07/1133 — 19/07/2007 — State aid: Commission opens infringement procedure against Italy over recovery of incompatible employment aid

IP/07/1117 — 18/07/2007 — The Commission approves an aid scheme for inland waterway transport in Belgium

IP/07/1116 — 18/07/2007 — Commission launches formal investigation into annual compensation payments, investment and training grants to Irish Bus and Dublin Bus

IP/07/1112 — 18/07/2007 — State aid: Commission endorses €9 billion capital contributions for German public banks WestLB and NORD/LB

IP/07/1111 — 18/07/2007 — State aid: Commission requires Greece to recover illegal tax exemptions


IP/07/1109 — 18/07/2007 — State aid: Commission endorses €262 million aid to AMD for large investment project in Dresden, Germany

IP/07/1108 — 18/07/2007 — State aid: Commission endorses €1.8 billion in aid for French overseas departments (DOMs)

IP/07/1086 — 12/07/2007 — State aid: Commission endorses €12 million aid to Slovenian wood manufacturers subject to implementation of restructuring plans


IP/07/1083 — 12/07/2007 — State aid: Commission endorses two new Dutch film funds


IP/07/1070 — 11/07/2007 — State aid: Commission approves public funding of €2 million for high-speed network in France

IP/07/1068 — 11/07/2007 — State aid: Commission endorses proposed €150 million aid for chemical production plant in Alentejo, Portugal

IP/07/1067 — 11/07/2007 — State aid: Commission approves €99 million investment aid to Artesa (Artenius) for setting up a new plant in Portugal

IP/07/1058 — 10/07/2007 — State aid: Commission authorises €12.25 million of research and development aid for the SOITEC group

IP/07/1057 — 10/07/2007 — State aid: Commission opens in-depth enquiry into €12.5 million training aid to Vauxhall Motors

IP/07/1054 — 10/07/2007 — Commission authorises the creation of a marketing fund for Norrköping airport in Sweden
IP/07/1053 — 10/07/2007 — Commission opens investigation into suspected State aid at Tampere Pirkkala airport in Finland

IP/07/1052 — 10/07/2007 — Commission launches formal investigation into potential State aid involving Lübeck airport

IP/07/1051 — 10/07/2007 — Commission launches formal investigation into potential State aid involving Dortmund airport

IP/07/1050 — 10/07/2007 — Commission launches formal investigation into potential State aid to Flughafen Schönefeld GmbH and air carriers operating from Berlin Schönefeld airport

IP/07/1048 — 10/07/2007 — Aid scheme for Sardinian shipping companies incompatible with the common market, says the Commission

IP/07/1047 — 10/07/2007 — Maritime transport: Commission initiates investigation into aid proposed by Denmark

IP/07/1046 — 10/07/2007 — Commission cleared Greek State financial participation in the construction of Thessaloniki submerged tunnel

MEMO/07/285 — 10/07/2007 — Questions on State aid for Airports and start-up aid to airlines

IP/07/960 — 28/06/2007 — State aid: Commission endorses subsidies for digital equipment in Italy

IP/07/959 — 28/06/2007 — State aid: Commission approves regional aid map 2007-2013 for The Netherlands

IP/07/957 — 28/06/2007 — State aid: Commission closes infringement procedures against Austria and Spain following complete implementation of Financial Transparency Directive

IP/07/955 — 28/06/2007 — State aid: latest Scoreboard analyses harm done by illegal aid


IP/07/952 — 27/06/2007 — State aid: Commission requests information from Spain on recovery of incompatible aid granted to Basque companies

IP/07/898 — 27/06/2007 — State aid: Commission conditionally authorises €900 million state guarantee for BAWAG-PSK

IP/07/897 — 27/06/2007 — State aid: Commission opens in-depth inquiry into €9 million public support to Spanish china producer Pickman

IP/07/896 — 27/06/2007 — State aid: Commission approves €2 million investment aid to modernise German shipyard Peene-Werft

IP/07/895 — 27/06/2007 — State aid: Commission opens formal investigation into €7.7 million training aid for DHL in Leipzig-Halle

IP/07/894 — 27/06/2007 — State aid: Commission endorses €106 million aid for two separate investment projects in the pulp and paper sector in Figueira da Foz Portugal

IP/07/892 — 27/06/2007 — State aid: Commission approves €50 million of aid for rum in French overseas departments (DOMs)

IP/07/891 — 27/06/2007 — State aid: Commission endorses tax reductions for the free zone of Madeira for the period 2007-2013

IP/07/824 — 13/06/2007 — Commission approves Belgian aid for employment of seafarers in maritime transport and dredging

IP/07/823 — 13/06/2007 — Commission approves social aid for European seafarers on Estonian ships

IP/07/822 — 13/06/2007 — Commission approves start-up aid to promote Antwerp Airport

IP/07/820 — 13/06/2007 — State aid: Commission maintains current rules for film and TV production

IP/07/815 — 13/06/2007 — State aid: Commission opens investigation into regulated electricity tariffs in France

IP/07/737 — 31/05/2007 — State aid: Commission opens formal investigation into Italy’s tax incentive to recognise hidden gains of privatised banks

IP/07/727 — 30/05/2007 — Commission approves Dutch aid for inland waterway transport

IP/07/726 — 30/05/2007 — Lienz District: the Commission opens formal investigation procedure regarding funding for bus transport in Lienz

IP/07/724 — 30/05/2007 — State aid: Commission considers Welsh public sector network scheme does not constitute state aid
IP/07/722 — 30/05/2007 — State aid: Commission considers Prague municipal wireless network project does not constitute state aid

IP/07/686 — 21/05/2007 — Commission reports on the application of State aid rules to the Coal Industry in the EU

IP/07/667 — 15/05/2007 — Emissions trading: Commission adopts decision on Italy’s national allocation plan for 2008-2012

IP/07/661 — 11/05/2007 — State aid: Commission opens in-depth investigation into restructuring aid to Italian chemical companies NGP and Simpe

IP/07/659 — 11/05/2007 — State aid: Commission endorses €111 million aid to Hyundai Motor Manufacturing Czech for a new car manufacturing plant in the Czech Republic

IP/07/655 — 10/05/2007 — Commission gives green light for State aid to protect Lake Maggiore area in Piedmont Region

IP/07/654 — 10/05/2007 — Commission authorises Czech State aid to support purchase of new railway rolling stock

IP/07/653 — 10/05/2007 — Commission authorises Belgium to support intermodal transport by Flemish inland waterways

IP/07/652 — 10/05/2007 — State aid: Commission endorses loan to Spanish lollipop producer Chupa Chups, but vetoes subsidies

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