



Highlights

Energía y competencia: Sentar las bases para el crecimiento en Europa

Joaquín Almunia, Vicepresidente de la Comisión Europea responsable de la política de competencia.

Jornada conmemorativa del 30 aniversario del Consejo de Seguridad Nuclear. Madrid, 28 de junio de 2010

[To read the full speech, click here](#)

The Court of Justice upheld Commission's position in case Technische Glaswerke Ilmenau (access to documents under Regulation (EC) 1049/2001)

Refusal of access to documents concerning a procedure for reviewing State aid may be justified by the general presumption that the disclosure of those documents would undermine the purpose of the investigation activities.

Such a presumption may arise from the fact that, apart from the State responsible for granting the aid, other interested parties do not have the right to consult those documents.

[Read more](#)

[For further information, click here](#)

Commission approves restructuring of Austrian bank BAWAG

The European Commission has authorised under EU State aid rules a €550 million capital injection provided by Austria in favour of the BAWAG bank and approved a new restructuring plan of the bank. The Commission found the restructuring package to be in line with its communication on the restructuring of banks during the crisis (see [IP/09/1180](#)), because it will allow the bank to become viable without continued state support, while limiting distortions of competition.

[Read more](#)

Commission approves Spanish restructuring aid for Caja Castilla-La Mancha

The European Commission has authorised, under EU state aid rules, Spanish aid for the restructuring of Caja Castilla-La Mancha. The Commission considers that the restructuring plan adequately addresses the problems that led to the bail-out of the bank in 2009 whilst avoiding undue distortions of competition.

[Read more](#)

Commission clears extension of bank support measures in The Netherlands, Slovenia, Greece and Poland

The European Commission has extended its authorisation under EU state aid rules until 31 December 2010 of the Dutch and Slovenian bank guarantee schemes and the Greek and Polish bank support measures. The extended schemes require the banks to pay higher premiums for the guarantees granted by the State.

[Continue on page 2](#)

In the issue:

- [New legislation >>](#)
- [Draft legislation and public consultations >>](#)
- [Simplified Procedure: notification summaries >>](#)
- [Decisions to open formal investigation >>](#)
- [Final Commission decisions >>](#)
- [Other types of decisions >>](#)
- [Block exemptions >>](#)
- [Court of Justice of the European Union >>](#)
- [European Economic Area >>](#)
- [Additional points of interest >>](#)

This is to encourage banks to finance themselves without state support and to limit distortions of competition. The vast majority of the bank support schemes put in place in 2008 and 2009 to ensure financial stability expire this month. In agreement with EU Finance Ministers, the extension of guarantee schemes is subject to higher fees paid to the government and, for banks that continue to rely heavily on those guarantees, to a viability review. The Commission has already extended under these conditions its authorisation of bank guarantee schemes in Sweden, Germany, Austria, Latvia, Ireland, Spain and Denmark. The extensions are for six months, until the end of 2010.

[Read more](#)

Commission authorises extension of bank support schemes in Ireland, Spain, Denmark and Hungary

The European Commission has extended, under EU state aid rules, until 31 December 2010, guarantee schemes for banks in Ireland, Spain and Denmark and a liquidity scheme in Hungary. The extended schemes feature higher premiums to be paid by the banks for the guarantees and liquidity granted by the State. This is to encourage banks to finance themselves without state support and to limit distortions of competition. The majority of the current anti-crisis schemes for the financial sector expire on 30 June 2010. In agreement with EU Finance ministers, the extension of schemes is subject to higher fees charged by governments and, for banks that continue to rely heavily on State aid for their financing, to a viability review. The Commission has already extended under these conditions bank guarantee schemes in Sweden, Germany, Austria and Latvia. The extensions are for six months, until the end of 2010.

[Read more](#)

State aid: Overview of national measures adopted as a response to the financial/economic crisis

[Situation as of 29 June 2010](#)

New legislation

Commission notice on current State aid recovery interest rates and reference/discount rates for 27 Member States applicable as from 1 July 2010 (*Published in accordance with Article 10 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 794/2004 of 21 April 2004 (OJ L 140, 30.4.2004, p. 1)*)

OJ C 166 of 25.06.2010, p. 6 [bg](#) [es](#) [cs](#) [da](#) [de](#) [et](#) [el](#) [en](#) [fr](#) [it](#) [lv](#) [lt](#) [hu](#) [mt](#) [nl](#) [pl](#) [pt](#) [ro](#) [sk](#) [sl](#) [fi](#) [sv](#)

Draft legislation and public consultations

Subject	Deadlines for comments	Further information
State aid rules on services of general economic interest	10.09.2010	bg cs da de el en es et fi fr hu it lt lv mt nl pl pt ro sk sl sv

All public consultations: [DG Competition](#)
[DG Agriculture](#)
[DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries](#)

Simplified Procedure: notification summaries

Invitation to comment on simplified procedure cases

The summaries of aid measures notified under the Notice on a Simplified Procedure for the treatment of certain types of State aid have been prepared by the Member States under their responsibility. The Commission can therefore not be held responsible for any incorrect or misleading information contained therein. Observations raising competition issues relating to the notified measure must reach the Commission no later than 10 working days following the date of the publication of a summary of notification. The submission shall include a non confidential version of the observations. [For more information, click here](#)

Country	Title	Case number	Publication date
United Kingdom	Amendment to EC approval N 590/2008 - Renewables Obligation (Scotland) en	N 259/2010	25.06.2010

Decisions to open formal investigation

1. Decisions taken by the Commission

- none -

2. Decisions pending OJ publication

[Click here to see the full list](#)

3. Decisions published in the OJ from 01.06.2010 to 01.07.2010 – Formal comments period running

* Where the last day of the public comments period falls on a public holiday in a Member State, the deadline for comments of parties residing in that Member State ends on the following working day.

Country	Title/link to documents	Case number	Objective	Decision date
DG Competition cases				
Poland	Restructuring aid to PZL-Hydral S.A. OJ C 158 of 18.06.2010, p. 9 bg es cs da de et el en fr it lv lt hu mt nl pl pt ro sk sl fi sv Press release Deadline for comments*: 19.07.2010	C 40/2008 (ex N 163/2008)	Restructuring aid	10.09.2008

Final Commission decisions

1. Decisions taken by the Commission

1.1. Decisions to close formal investigation

- none -

1.2. No objection decisions

Country	Title	Case number	Objective	Decision date
DG Competition cases				

Austria	Second restructuring aid for BAWAG Press release	N 261/2010	Remedy for a serious disturbance in the economy	30.06.2010
Austria	Third prolongation of the Austrian bank support scheme	N 241/2010	Remedy for a serious disturbance in the economy	25.06.2010
Denmark	Third prolongation of the Danish guarantee scheme on new debt	N 257/2010	Remedy for a serious disturbance in the economy	28.06.2010
Greece	Third prolongation of Greek bank support scheme	N 260/2010	Remedy for a serious disturbance in the economy	30.06.2010
Hungary	Prolongation of Hungarian liquidity scheme	N 225/2010	Remedy for a serious disturbance in the economy	28.06.2010
Ireland	Extension of the ELG scheme until December 2010- Ireland	N 254/2010	Remedy for a serious disturbance in the economy	28.06.2010
Italy	NGA for industrial districts of Lucca	N 626/2009	Sectoral development aid	28.06.2010
Netherlands	Third prolongation of Dutch Guarantee Scheme	N 238/2010	Remedy for a serious disturbance in the economy	29.06.2010
Poland	Second prolongation of Polish bank guarantee scheme	N 236/2010	Remedy for a serious disturbance in the economy	29.06.2010
Poland	Rescue aid to Niewiadów	N 126/2010	Rescue aid	25.06.2010
Slovenia	Third prolongation of Slovenian bank guarantee scheme	N 245/2010	Remedy for a serious disturbance in the economy	29.06.2010
Spain	Prolongation of the Spanish guarantee scheme H2 2010	N 263/2010	Remedy for a serious disturbance in the economy	28.06.2010
Spain	Rescue aid to Caja Castilla-La Mancha Press release	NN 61/2009	Remedy for a serious disturbance in the economy	29.06.2010
United Kingdom	Extension of Next Generation Broadband in North Yorkshire	N 559/2009	Sectoral development aid	28.06.2010

DG Agriculture cases				
Spain	Aide à la reconversion de certaines plantations d'agrumes avec des densités de 200 à 350 arbres par hectare	N 177/2010		29.06.2010

2. Public versions of decisions to close formal investigation*

* Since the OJ publication of no objection/no aid decisions follows very shortly their publication on the website, this section of the e-News focuses only on decisions to close formal investigations. For the latest texts of no objection/no aid decisions please look section 3 "Decisions published in the OJ".

- none -

3. Decisions published in the OJ

3.1. Decisions to close formal investigation

Country	Title/link to documents	Case number	Objective	Decision date
DG Competition cases				
Germany	Sovello AG (formerly EverQ) - SME bonus <i>negative decision with recovery</i> OJ L 167 of 01.07.2010, p. 21 bg es cs da de et el en fr it lv lt hu mt nl pl pt ro sk sl fi sv Press release	C 27/2008 (ex. N 426/2005)	Regional development aid	27.01.2010
Italy	Rescue aid to Ixfin <i>negative decision with recovery</i> OJ L 167 of 01.07.2010, p. 39 bg es cs da de et el en fr it lv lt hu mt nl pl pt ro sk sl fi sv	C 59/2007 (ex. NN 13/2006)	Rescue aid	28.10.2009
Romania	Training aid for Ford Craiova <i>conditional decision</i> OJ L 167 of 01.07.2010, p. 1 bg es cs da de et el en fr it lv lt hu mt nl pl pt ro sk sl fi sv Press release	C 39/2008 (ex. N 148/2008)	Training aid	02.12.2009

3.2. No objection decisions

* Decisions not to raise objections are frequently grouped together in one single document for publication in the Official Journal. Since the link can only be made to the top of the first page of the document, you may have to scroll down in the document to find a particular case.

Country	Title/link to documents*	Case number	Objective	Decision date
DG Competition cases				

Denmark	NOx tax reductions for large polluters and companies reducing pollution, and tax reductions for biogas and biomass OJ C 166 of 25.06.2010, p. 1 bg es cs da de et el en fr it lv lt hu mt nl pl pt ro sk sl fi sv Press release	N 327/2008	Environmental aid	28.10.2009
Greece	Amendment to the Greek bank support scheme OJ C 166 of 25.06.2010, p. 2 bg es cs da de et el en fr it lv lt hu mt nl pl pt ro sk sl fi sv	N 163/2010	Remedy for a serious disturbance in the economy	12.05.2010
United Kingdom	Feed In Tariffs to support the generation of renewable electricity from low carbon sources OJ C 166 of 25.06.2010, p. 2 bg es cs da de et el en fr it lv lt hu mt nl pl pt ro sk sl fi sv	N 94/2010	Environmental aid	14.04.2010

Other types of decisions

Country	Title/link to documents*	Case number	Objective	Decision date
Decisions taken by the Commission				
DG Agriculture cases				
Poland	Aid to the State Forest Holding for recultivation <i>Corrigendum</i>	N 635/2009	Forestry	29.06.2010

Block exemptions

[Block exemption Information sheets published in the OJ and/or in the State aid register between 24.06.2010 and 01.07.2010](#)

Court of Justice of the European Union

* In order to consult the available languages of documents uploaded in the Curia website, please click on the earth symbol on the left side toolbar.

1. Court of Justice

Court case*	Parties	Country	Type of act	Date	Related case
C-139/07 P	Commission v Technische Glaswerke Ilmenau <i>Access to documents under Regulation (EC) 1049/2001</i>	Germany	Judgment	29.06.2010	C 19/2000 , C 44/2001 Technische Glaswerke Ilmenau, GmbH

2. General Court

Court case*	Parties	Country	Type of act	Date	Related case
T-53/08	Italy v Commission	Italy	Judgment	01.07.2010	C 36a/2006 (ex NN 38/06) Preferential electricity tariff - Terni companies
T-62/08	ThyssenKrupp Acciai Speciali Terni v Commission	Italy	Judgment	01.07.2010	C 36a/2006 (ex NN 38/06) Preferential electricity tariff - Terni companies
T-63/08	Cementir Italia v Commission	Italy	Judgment	01.07.2010	C 36a/2006 (ex NN 38/06) Preferential electricity tariff - Terni companies
T-64/08	Nuova Terni Industrie Chimiche v Commission	Italy	Judgment	01.07.2010	C 36a/2006 (ex NN 38/06) Preferential electricity tariff - Terni companies
T-335/08	BNP Paribas and BNL v Commission	Italy	Judgment	01.07.2010	C 15/2007 (ex NN 20/07)
Joined cases T-573/08 T-568/08	M6 v Commission TF1 v Commission Read more	France	Judgment	01.07.2010	N 279/2008 France Télévisions

European Economic Area

Based on the Agreement on the European Economic Area (EEA), the EFTA States participating in the EEA have entrusted the EFTA Surveillance Authority and the EFTA Court with similar decision making powers to that of the Commission and the European Court of Justice, respectively, in the field of state aid for the EFTA States.

1. Decisions of the EFTA Surveillance Authority

Country	Title/link to documents*	Case number	Objective	Decision date
Decision to open formal investigation – formal comments period running				
* Where the last day of the public comments period falls on a public holiday in a Member State, the deadline for comments of parties residing in that Member State ends on the following working day.				
Norway	NEW Norsk Film group OJ C 174 of 01.07.2010, p. 3 bg es cs da de et el en fr it lv lt hu mt nl pl pt ro sk sl fi sv Press release Deadline for comments* : 02.08.2010	67377	Film industry	02.12.2009

Decisions published in the OJ				
Norway	The Norwegian Energy Fund OJ C 174 of 01.07.2010, p. 13 bg es cs da de et el en fr it lv lt hu mt nl pl pt ro sk sl fi sv	66126	Environmental aid	16.12.2009

2. EFTA Court

- none -

3. State Aid New Legislation

The EFTA Surveillance Authority's notice on current State aid recovery interest rates and reference/discount rates for three EFTA States applicable as from 1 January 2010 (Published in accordance with Article 10 of the Authority's Decision No 195/04/COL 14 July 2004 ([OJ L 139, 25.5.2006, p. 37](#) and in the EEA Supplement No 26/2006, 25.5.2006, p. 1))

OJ C 174 of 01.07.2010, p. 14 [bg](#) [es](#) [cs](#) [da](#) [de](#) [et](#) [el](#) [en](#) [fr](#) [it](#) [lv](#) [lt](#) [hu](#) [mt](#) [nl](#) [pl](#) [pt](#) [ro](#) [sk](#) [sl](#) [fi](#) [sv](#)

4. Other EEA points of interest

- none -

Additional points of interest

European Commission Statement on the Publication of the Final Report in the "Airbus" WTO case

In the final report in the "Airbus case" (DS 316: Measures affecting Trade in Large Civil Aircraft) the WTO panel has found that European support did not result in any job losses in the United States or lost profits to the US aircraft industry. The WTO panel has rejected the allegation that support for Airbus caused "material injury" to the US aircraft industry. It has found that EU support did not damage Boeing's pricing or profitability and did not lead to a loss of jobs at the company. The panel's findings on the economic effects of Airbus' funding on the US aircraft industry are limited.

[Read more](#)

EU adopts new measures to simplify management of funds to help regions tackle the crisis

The EU has on 24 June 2010 adopted new measures aimed at simplifying management rules for the structural and cohesion funds. The changes should help to facilitate access to the funds and accelerate flows of investment at a time when public budgets are under pressure. As part of the measures to counter the economic crisis, additional advance payments totalling €775 million will be paid out to some member countries to tackle immediate cash flow problems.

[Read more](#)

Events

Conference: Post-crisis - tackling illegal aid in the courts, London, United Kingdom, 13 July 2010

The conference is organised jointly by the Competition Section of the Law Society of England and Wales and the Society's EU Committee.

[Read more](#)

Invitations to tender

Study on the "Challenges of the digital era for film heritage institutions"

Deadline: 1 September 2010 at 16.00

[Read more](#)

Miscellanea

Digital Agenda: Commission launches consultation on net neutrality

A consultation on key questions arising from the issue of net neutrality has been launched by the European Commission today. It covers such issues as whether internet providers should be allowed to adopt certain traffic management practices, prioritising one kind of internet traffic over another, whether such traffic management practices may create problems and have unfair effects for users, whether the level of competition between different internet service providers and the transparency requirements of the new telecom framework may be sufficient to avoid potential problems by allowing consumers' choice and whether the EU needs to act further to ensure fairness in the internet market, or whether industry should take the lead. European Commission Vice-President for the Digital Agenda, Neelie Kroes, announced in April 2010 her intention to launch this consultation in order to take forward Europe's net neutrality debate (see SPEECH/10/153). The consultation will feed into a Commission report on net neutrality, which should be presented by the end of this year. All interested parties – service and content providers, consumers, businesses and researchers – are invited to respond to the consultation by 30 September 2010. An open and neutral internet underpins many of the targets set out in the Digital Agenda for Europe ([IP/10/581](#)).

[Read more](#)

Next publication date: Friday 09.07.2010

Previous issues

Subscription:

If you wish to subscribe to “State Aid Weekly e-News” and receive it every Friday in your Inbox for free, please [click here](#). To unsubscribe, please, use the same link.

Please, note that the information requested under “Change personal details” is not compulsory. In order to complete the subscription it is sufficient to fill in the data requested under “Add subscription”.

About e-News:

This e-News is issued every week to present the latest developments in the area of State aid. It features information on new legislative texts and proposals, decisions of the European Commission and the Courts of the European Union and other state aid-related documents and events. A great deal of additional information on State aid matters is available on the Internet. It can be accessed through the Europa server: http://ec.europa.eu/competition/index_en.html

Other documents related to the cases, can be found under the link to the State aid Register: http://ec.europa.eu/competition/state_aid/register/

Publisher:

European Commission

DG Competition

Unit H-3 – State aid network, Transparency and Fiscal aid

Chief Editor: Monique Negenman

Editing team: Piotr Papiieski, Helga van den Steen, Maria Auxiliadora Valpuesta Contreras, Marek Tóth, Donatas Mykolaitis, Natalia Budzynska, Ulrich Diez.

mailto: comp-state-aid-eneews@ec.europa.eu

Disclaimer:

Neither the European Commission nor any person acting on behalf of the Commission is responsible for the completeness, accuracy of the information and the use which might be made of the information provided in this document.

© European Union 2010.

Reproduction is authorised, provided the source is acknowledged, save where otherwise stated. Where prior permission must be obtained for the reproduction or use of textual and multimedia information, such permission shall cancel the above-mentioned general permission and shall clearly indicate any restrictions on use.