



Highlights

State aid: Commission approves restructuring plan of Bank of Ireland

The European Commission has approved under EU state aid rules the restructuring plan of Bank of Ireland which was rendered necessary by the Irish State €3.5 billion recapitalisation of the bank in 2009 and other state aid assistance. The Commission is satisfied that the plan is in line with its communication on the restructuring of banks during the crisis. In particular, the restructuring plan foresees that BOI will pay a significant proportion of the restructuring costs, thereby limiting the distortions of competition. The plan furthermore ensures a sustainable future for the bank without continued state support.

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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](#)
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Decisions to open formal investigation

1. Decisions taken by the Commission

- none -

2. Decisions pending OJ publication

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3. Decisions published in the OJ from 15.06.2010 to 15.07.2010 – 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				
Bulgaria	NEW Deferral and rescheduling of liabilities of Ruse Industry OJ C 187 of 10.07.2010, p. 7 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* : 10.08.2010	C 12/2010 (ex N 389/2009)	Restructuring aid	14.04.2010
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
DG Agriculture cases				
Belgium	NEW Aide à l'enlèvement et à la destruction des animaux trouvés morts OJ C 191 of 15.07.2010, p. 12 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* : 16.08.2010	C 1/2010 (ex NN 56/2007)		13.01.2010

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				

Belgium	Financial start-up contribution for important programmes which improve the promotion and the development of Antwerp Airport	N 114/2010	Sectoral development	15.07.2010
Germany	Film funding in Hamburg and Schleswig-Holstein	N 612/2009	Culture aid	13.07.2010
Germany	Rahmenregelung der Bundesregierung zur Bereitstellung von Leerrohren durch die öffentliche Hand zur Herstellung einer flächendeckenden Breitbandversorgung („Bundesrahmenregelung Leerrohre“)	N 53/2010	Execution of an important project of common Europe	12.07.2010
Ireland	Restructuring of Bank of Ireland Press release	N 546/2009	Remedy for a serious disturbance in the economy	15.07.2010
Netherlands	Introduction of a Risk equalisation system in the Dutch Health Insurance	N 214/2010		09.07.2010
Poland	Polish Temporary Framework measure - limited amounts of aid	N 22/2010	Remedy for a serious disturbance in the economy	14.07.2010
Poland	Polish Temporary Framework measure - limited amounts of aid in the framework of Regional Operational Programmes	N 50/2010	Remedy for a serious disturbance in the economy	14.07.2010
Poland	Ograniczona kwota pomocy zgodna ze wspólnym rynkiem udzielana w ramach Programu Operacyjnego Kapitał Ludzki	N 86/2010	Remedy for a serious disturbance in the economy	14..07.2010
DG Agriculture cases				
Italy	Aides dans le domaine des forêts	N 133/2010		09.07.2010
Italy	Dispositions régionales en matière de réglementation et de promotion de l'apiculture (Friuli-Venezia-Giulia	N 9/2010		09.07.2010

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".

Country	Title	Case number	Objective	Decision date
DG Competition cases				
Hungary	Alleged aid to MOL <i>Negative decision with recovery</i>	C 1/2009 (ex NN 69/2008)		13.01.2009

Greece	Soutien financier en faveur des transporteurs aériens suite aux préjudices subis du 11 au 14 septembre 2001 <i>Part positive decision / Part negative decision with recovery</i>	C 39/2003 (ex NN 119/2002)	Sectoral development aid	26.04.2006
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3. Decisions published in the OJ

3.1. Decisions to close formal investigation

Country	Title/link to documents	Case number	Objective	Decision date
DG Agriculture cases				
Germany	Financing of "Hessische Staatsweingüter" (Hessen) <i>partially positive decision, partially negative decision with recovery</i> OJ L 180 of 15.07.2010, p. 30 bg es cs da de et el en fr it lv lt hu mt nl pl pt ro sk sl fi sv	C 57/2006 (ex NN 56/2006, ex N 451/2006)	Rescue aid	20.05.2008

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				
Finland	Prolongation of Finnish recapitalisation scheme OJ C 185 of 09.07.2010, 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	N 110/2010	Remedy for a serious disturbance in the economy	14.04.2010
Germany	Further recapitalisation of Hypo Real Estate OJ C 190 of 14.07.2010, p. 7 bg es cs da de et el en fr it lv lt hu mt nl pl pt ro sk sl fi sv	N 161/2010	Remedy for a serious disturbance in the economy	19.05.2010
Hungary	First-last mile infrastructures, intermodality OJ C 191 of 15.07.2010, p. 1 bg es cs da de et el en fr it lv lt hu mt nl pl pt ro sk sl fi sv	N 199/2010	Regional development aid	10.06.2010
Ireland	Prolongation of the Eligible Liabilities Guarantee Scheme – Ireland OJ C 191 of 15.07.2010, p. 2 bg es cs da de et el en fr it lv lt hu mt nl pl pt ro sk sl fi sv Press release	N 198/2010	Remedy for a serious disturbance in the economy	31.05.2010

Italy	Modification of previously approved restructuring aid to Fiem OJ C 185 of 09.07.2010, p. 1 bg es cs da de et el en fr it lv lt hu mt nl pl pt ro sk sl fi sv	N 604/2009	Restructuring aid	15.12.2009
Latvia	Third prolongation of Latvian bank support scheme OJ C 185 of 09.07.2010, p. 3 bg es cs da de et el en fr it lv lt hu mt nl pl pt ro sk sl fi sv	N 223/2010	Remedy for a serious disturbance in the economy	24.06.2010
Poland	Rescue aid to FLT - Krasnik S.A OJ C 185 of 09.07.2010, 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 104/2010	Rescue aid	02.06.2010
Poland	Rescue aid to Zakłady Chemiczne "POLICE" S.A. OJ C 185 of 09.07.2010, 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 693/2009	Rescue aid	26.05.2010
Spain	Prolongation of the Spanish guarantee scheme H2 2010 OJ C 190 of 14.07.2010, p. 8 bg es cs da de et el en fr it lv lt hu mt nl pl pt ro sk sl fi sv	N 263/2010	Remedy for a serious disturbance in the economy	28.06.2010
DG Agriculture cases				
Cyprus	Plan for the control and fight of scrapie in sheep and goats OJ C 190 of 14.07.2010, p. 9 bg es cs da de et el en fr it lv lt hu mt nl pl pt ro sk sl fi sv	NN 14/2010 (ex N 703/2009)	Animal diseases	28.05.2010
Estonia	Forestry component of measure 1.8. of the Estonian Rural Development Programme 2007-2013 'Investment support for agriculture and forestry related infrastructure' OJ C 190 of 14.07.2010, p. 11 bg es cs da de et el en fr it lv lt hu mt nl pl pt ro sk sl fi sv	N 82/2010	Forestry	17.05.2010
Germany	Aid for promotion of livestock breeding OJ C 190 of 14.07.2010, p. 10 bg es cs da de et el en fr it lv lt hu mt nl pl pt ro sk sl fi sv	N 40/2010	Agri-environmental commitments	10.06.2010
Italy	Mesure 227, axe 2, du plan de développement Rural - Province autonome de Trento OJ C 190 of 14.07.2010, p. 11 bg es cs da de et el en fr it lv lt hu mt nl pl pt ro sk sl fi sv	N 147/2010	Forestry	17.05.2010
Luxembourg	Amélioration de la valeur écologique des forêts OJ C 190 of 14.07.2010, p. 9 bg es cs da de et el en fr it lv lt hu mt nl pl pt ro sk sl fi sv	N 5/2008	Forestry	28.04.2010

Other types of decisions

Country	Title/link to documents*	Case number	Objective	Decision date
Decisions taken by the Commission				
DG Competition cases				
Slovakia	Volkswagen Slovakia <i>Corrigendum</i>	N 674/2008	Regional development aid	13.07.2010

Block exemptions

[Block exemption Information sheets published in the OJ and/or in the State aid register between 08.07.2010 and 15.07.2010](#)

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

- none -

2. General Court

Court case*	Parties	Country	Type of act	Date	Related case
T-177/10R	Alcoa Trasformazioni v Commission	Italy	Order	09.07.2010	C 36b/2006 (ex NN 38/2006) - Preferential electricity tariff - Alcoa

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				
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Norway	EFTA Surveillance Authority Decision No. 538/09/COL of 16 December 2009 to initiate the procedure provided for in Article 1(2) in Part I of Protocol 3 to the Surveillance and Court Agreement with regard to the notification of sale of land in the municipality of Asker OJ C 184 of 08.07.2010, p. 20 bg es cs da de et el en fr it lv lt hu mt nl pl pt ro sk sl fi sv Deadline for comments*: 09.08.2010	67392 (Dec. No 538/09/COL)	Sale of land	16.12.2009
Norway	EFTA Surveillance Authority Decision No. 537/09/COL of 16 December 2009 to initiate the procedure provided for in Article 1(2) in Part I of Protocol 3 to the Surveillance and Court Agreement with regard to the financing of the fitness centre at the Kippermoen Leisure Centre OJ C 184 of 08.07.2010, p. 5 bg es cs da de et el en fr it lv lt hu mt nl pl pt ro sk sl fi sv Deadline for comments*: 09.08.2010	67385 (Dec. No 537/09/COL)		16.12.2009
Norway	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 (Dec. No 491/09/COL)	Film industry	02.12.2009
Newly adopted decisions				
Norway	Aid scheme for railway sidings and freight terminals Press release	68188 (Dec. No 267/10/COL)	Transport aid	01.07.2010
Norway	Formal investigation procedure with additional payments to Hurtigruten Press release	65806 (Dec No 325/10/COL)	Maritime transport	14.07.2010
Norway	Transactions at the municipality of Halden	59391 (Dec. No 323/10/COL)	No aid	14.07.2010
Norway	Section 4-23-6(4) of the Norwegian Customs Regulation	57847 (Dec. No 326/10/COL)	No aid	14.07.2010
Public versions of decisions made available				
Norway	AS Oslo Sporveier and AS Sporveisbussene	60510 (Dec. No 254/10/COL)	Transport aid	21.06.2010

2. EFTA Court

Court case*	Parties	Country	Type of act	Date	Related case
E-4/10 OJ C 191 of 15.07.2010, p. 11 bg es cs da de et el en fr it lv lt hu mt nl pl pt ro sk sl fi sv	Principality of Liechtenstein against the EFTA Surveillance Authority	Liechtenstein	Action	21.05.2010	Dec. No 97/10/COL of 24.4.2010 - Taxation of captive insurance companies

3. State Aid New Legislation

- none -

4. Other EEA points of interest

- none -

Additional points of interest

British Airways, American Airlines and Iberia transatlantic alliance

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Policy Press conference – Berlaymont press room

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Studies and reports

June 2010: Euro area annual inflation down to 1.4%, EU down to 1.9%

Euro area annual inflation was 1.4% in June 2010, down from 1.6% in May. A year earlier the rate was -0.1%. Monthly inflation was 0.0% in June 2010. EU annual inflation was 1.9% in June 2010, down from 2.0% in May. A year earlier the rate was 0.6%. Monthly inflation was 0.0% in June 2010.

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Commission takes first step toward determining cap on emission allowances for 2013

The European Commission adopted a decision which determines for the first time a ceiling or 'cap' on the number of emission allowances that will be available under the EU Emissions Trading System (EU ETS) in 2013, the first year of the 2013-2020 trading period. This has been done in line with the provisions of the revised Emissions Trading Directive, which applies to the 2013-2020 trading period. The cap for the year 2013 has been determined at 1.927 billion (the precise figure is 1,926,876,368). It has been calculated on the basis of a formula which applies a 1.74% annual reduction in allowances below the average yearly total allocated through Member States' national allocation plans in the 2008-2012 trading period.

[Midday Express 9 July 2010](#)

[Emissions trading: Questions and Answers concerning the Commission Decision on the EU ETS cap for 2013 Including Aviation into the EU Emissions Trading System: The Commission approves a tool to facilitate compliance for small emitters](#)

[Emissions trading: Member States back unanimously Commission proposed rules for auctioning of allowances](#)

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