



Highlights

European Union Competition policy – a building block for growth and renewal

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Draft legislation and public consultations

Subject	Deadlines for comments	Further information
Consultation on the Review of the EU state aid rules for research, development and innovation (R&D&I)	24.02.2012	DG Competition
Consultation on the revision of the European Union rules on regional state aid	26.04.2012	DG Competition

All public consultations: [DG Competition](#)
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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 02.01.2012 to 02.02.2012 – 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				
Italy	<p>NEW Sovvenzione di esercizio alla società TOREMAR per lo svolgimento dei servizi di trasporto marittimo di continuità territoriale.</p> <p>OJ C 28 of 01.02.2012, p. 18 bg es cs da de et el en fr it lv lt hu mt nl pl pt ro sk sl fi sv</p> <p>Press release</p> <p>Deadline for comments*: 01.03.2012</p>	SA.32016	Services of general economic interest	05.10.2011
Italy	<p>NEW Sovvenzione di esercizio alla società Saremar per lo svolgimento dei servizi di trasporto marittimo di continuità territoriale</p> <p>OJ C 28 of 01.02.2012, p. 18 bg es cs da de et el en fr it lv lt hu mt nl pl pt ro sk sl fi sv</p> <p>Press release</p> <p>Deadline for comments*: 01.03.2012</p>	SA.32015	Services of general economic interest	05.10.2011
Italy	<p>NEW Sovvenzione di esercizio alla società CAREMAR S.p.A. per lo svolgimento dei servizi di trasporto marittimo di continuità territoriale.</p> <p>OJ C 28 of 01.02.2012, p. 18 bg es cs da de et el en fr it lv lt hu mt nl pl pt ro sk sl fi sv</p> <p>Press release</p> <p>Deadline for comments*: 01.03.2012</p>	SA.32014	Services of general economic interest	05.10.2011
Germany	<p>Linamar Powertrain GmbH</p> <p>OJ C 20 of 25.01.2012, p. 10 bg es cs da de et el en fr it lv lt hu mt nl pl pt ro sk sl fi sv</p> <p>Press release</p> <p>Deadline for comments*: 27.02.2012</p>	SA.33152	Regional development aid	09.11.2011
Bulgaria	<p>Restructuring aid to BDZ</p> <p>OJ C 10 of 12.01.2012, p. 9 bg es cs da de et el en fr it lv lt hu mt nl pl pt ro sk sl fi sv</p> <p>Press release</p> <p>Deadline for comments*: 13.02.2012</p>	SA.31250	Restructuring firms in difficulty	09.11.2011

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				
France	Extension du régime d'aide FCE aux programmes d'investissement d'avenir «PFMI» et «FSN innovation»	SA.33615	Innovation aid	31.01.2012
DG Agriculture cases				
Italy	Installation de systèmes agroforestiers sur des terres agricoles (mesure 222 des programmes de développement rural)	SA.33175	Environmental aid Forestry	02.02.2012
Spain	Aides à l'amélioration du bien-être des animaux dans les exploitations de vaches laitières au Pays Basque	SA.33753	Animal welfare commitments	02.02.2012

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				
Italy	Restructuring aid for Legler <i>Part negative decision with recovery/ part withdrawal of notification (after formal investigation procedure)</i> OJ L 27 of 31.01.2012, p. 12 bg es cs da de et el en fr it lv lt hu mt nl pl pt ro sk sl sv	SA.23011 (C 39/2007, ex N 188/2007)	Restructuring aid	23.03.2011

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				
Austria	New Austrian methodology to calculate the aid element of guarantees in the tourism sector in 2012 and 2013 OJ C 29 of 02.02.2012, p. 4 bg es cs da de et el en fr it lv lt hu mt nl pl pt ro sk sl fi sv	SA.32642	SME aid	01.12.2011
Austria	Monitoring of BAWAG OJ C 29 of 02.02.2012, p. 3 bg es cs da de et el en fr it lv lt hu mt nl pl pt ro sk sl fi sv	SA.31189		19.12.2011
Austria	Further support measures in favour of Der Bäcker Legat GmbH OJ C 22 of 27.01.2012, p. 2 bg es cs da de et el en fr it lv lt hu mt nl pl pt ro sk sl fi sv	SA.30941	SME aid	08.03.2011
Belgium	Staatssteun ten gunste van producenten van audiovisuele werken. OJ C 23 of 28.01.2012, p. 3 bg es cs da de et el en fr it lv lt hu mt nl pl pt ro sk sl fi sv	SA.33098	Culture aid	08.12.2011
Czech Republic	Green Knowledge Centre/ Open-air museum, Town of Bystřice nad Pernštejnem OJ C 23 of 28.01.2012, p. 7 bg es cs da de et el en fr it lv lt hu mt nl pl pt ro sk sl fi sv	SA.33433	Heritage conservation	22.12.2011
Denmark	Prolongation of the Danish export credit financing scheme OJ C 23 of 02.02.2012, p. 4 bg es cs da de et el en fr it lv lt hu mt nl pl pt ro sk sl fi sv	SA.33844	Promotion of export and internationalisation	11.01.2012
Denmark	Extended compensation scheme and prolonged state guarantee OJ C 22 of 27.01.2012, p. 5 bg es cs da de et el en fr it lv lt hu mt nl pl pt ro sk sl fi sv	SA.33757	Remedy for a serious disturbance in the economy	09.12.2011

Finland	The scheme on general guidelines on investment aid to vessels for the purpose of improving environmental protection OJ C 22 of 27.01.2012, p. 4 bg es cs da de et el en fr it lv lt hu mt nl pl pt ro sk sl fi sv	SA.32118	Environmental aid	07.12.2011
Germany	Breitband Thüringen OJ C 29 of 02.02.2012, p. 5 bg es cs da de et el en fr it lv lt hu mt nl pl pt ro sk sl fi sv	SA.33364	Regional development aid	08.12.2011
Greece	Prolongation of the Greek temporary scheme for loan guarantees OJ C 29 of 02.02.2012, p. 6 bg es cs da de et el en fr it lv lt hu mt nl pl pt ro sk sl fi sv	SA.34044	Remedy for a serious disturbance in the economy	20.12.2011
Ireland	Extension of the ELG scheme until June 2012 OJ C 23 of 28.01.2012, p. 8 bg es cs da de et el en fr it lv lt hu mt nl pl pt ro sk sl fi sv	SA.33740	Remedy for a serious disturbance in the economy	08.12.2011
Ireland	Refund of Social Security Contributions of Seafarers OJ C 23 of 28.01.2012, p. 8 bg es cs da de et el en fr it lv lt hu mt nl pl pt ro sk sl fi sv	SA.33606	Sectoral development aid	16.12.2011
Italy	Rescue aid to FADALTI OJ C 23 of 02.02.2012, p. 3 bg es cs da de et el en fr it lv lt hu mt nl pl pt ro sk sl fi sv	SA.33238	Rescuing firms in difficulty	08.08.2011
Italy	POR FESR 2007-2013 RAFVG _ attività 3.1.a “Interventi materiali nell’ambito delle infrastrutture di trasporto” - Polo intermodale annesso all’aeroporto di Ronchi dei legionari OJ C 22 of 27.01.2012, p. 3 bg es cs da de et el en fr it lv lt hu mt nl pl pt ro sk sl fi sv	SA.31492	Sectoral development aid	24.05.2011
Latvia	Limited amounts of compatible aid in the form of guarantees during the financial and economic crisis - Amendment to N 506/2009 OJ C 23 of 02.02.2012, p. 1 bg es cs da de et el en fr it lv lt hu mt nl pl pt ro sk sl fi sv	SA.32051	Remedy for a serious disturbance in the economy	23.05.2011

