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Rohingya crisis: EU strengthens humanitarian support with €10 million

The European Commission is releasing a further €10 million in humanitarian aid to address the Rohingya crisis in Bangladesh and Myanmar. This comes on top of the €33 million funding already announced earlier this year and aims to ensure life-saving assistance to refugees, displaced people and host communities across Myanmar's Northern Rakhine State and the border district of Cox's Bazar in Bangladesh. *"The EU's support has helped save countless lives over the last two years since the crisis began, but cannot stop now as hundreds of thousands of Rohingya rely on humanitarian aid to survive. Today's additional funding is another clear sign that the EU remains committed to stand by the side of the Rohingya for as long as it takes. [...]"*, said Commissioner for Crisis Management Janez **Lenarčič**. The additional funding will focus on providing quality health care and help address the undernutrition for the one million Rohingya refugees living in Bangladesh, as well as providing food nutrition and protection for all displaced people living in Myanmar's Rakhine state. A [press release](#) and dedicated factsheets on the EU support to [Bangladesh](#) and [Myanmar](#) are available online. (For more information: BalazsUjvari – Tel.: +32 229 54578; Daniel Puglisi – Tel.: +32 229 69140)

Agriculture : la Commission approuve de nouvelles indications géographiques en provenance d'Espagne, d'Irlande, de Grèce et d'Italie

La Commission a approuvé aujourd'hui les demandes d'inscription de cinq nouvelles dénominations au registre des indications géographiques protégées (IGP). Parmi celles-ci se trouve le « [Pan Galego](#) » / « [Pan Gallego](#) », un pain espagnol croustillant avec une mie moelleuse, produit en Galice. Venant d'Irlande, le « [Sneem Black Pudding](#) » est un boudin noir traditionnel produit dans le village de Sneem situé dans le Comté de Kerry. Deux produits grecs ont aussi été ajoutés, à savoir l'huile d'olive « [Kritsa](#) » produite uniquement à partir d'olives de la variété Koroneiki, ainsi que « [Κρασοτύρι Κω](#) » ([Krasotiri Ko](#)) / « [Τυρί της Πόσσιας](#) » ([Tiri tis Possias](#)), un fromage à pâte molle fabriqué à partir de lait caillé produit à partir de lait de chèvre ou de brebis pasteurisé ou cru, puis affiné pendant un mois. Enfin, l'« [Olio di Puglia](#) » italienne, une huile d'olive au bouquet fruité prononcé provenant de la région des Pouilles a également été ajoutée au registre. Ces nouvelles dénominations seront ajoutées à la liste des 1 460 produits déjà protégés. De plus amples informations sont disponibles en ligne sur les [produits de qualité](#) et la [base de données DOOR](#) des produits protégés. (Pour plus d'informations: Balazs Ujvari - Tél: +32 229 545 78; Clémence Robin - Tél: +32 229 52 509)

Mergers: Commission clears acquisition of certain Senvion assets by Siemens Gamesa Renewable Energy

The European Commission has approved, under the EU Merger Regulation, the acquisition of sole control over certain assets belonging to Senvion GmbH of Germany by Siemens Gamesa Renewable Energy, S.A. ("SGRE") of Spain. The Senvion assets comprise a large part of Senvion's onshore windfarm servicing business in the European Economic Area, all of Senvion's intellectual property (IP) and Senvion's wind turbine blades manufacturing facilities in Vagos and Oliveira de Frades (Portugal). Senvion's manufacturing business of wind turbines is not part of the transaction. Both Senvion and SGRE are wind turbine manufacturers of onshore and offshore wind turbines and offer related services, such as maintenance. Senvion is currently subject to insolvency proceedings in Germany. The activities of SGRE and of the acquired Senvion assets mainly overlap in the provision of onshore wind turbine servicing. In addition, while no offshore service contract is transferred to SGRE as part of the transaction, the IP that SGRE will acquire could potentially have given the company an advantage in winning service contracts for Senvion's offshore turbines. During the procedure, to address this possible issue, SGRE offered commitments relating to offshore services. The Commission concluded that the proposed acquisition would raise no competition concerns because: (i) with respect to onshore services, SGRE will have a moderate market position post-transaction and a number of competitors able to offer comparable services will remain in the market, and (ii) with respect to offshore services, the advantage SGRE may gain for servicing Senvion's turbines does not prevent owners of offshore

Senvion turbines from servicing the Senvion turbines themselves or by some third parties that are already servicing Senvion's offshore wind turbines following Senvion's insolvency. For these reasons, the Commission concluded that the commitments relating to offshore services offered by SGRE are not necessary and ultimately cleared the transaction unconditionally. The operation was examined under the normal merger review procedure. More information will be available on the Commission's [competition](#) website, in the [public case register](#) under the case number [M.9582](#). (For more information: Stefan de Keersmaecker – Tel.: +32 2 298 46 80; Giulia Astuti – Tel.: +32 2 295 53 44)

Mergers: Commission clears acquisition of PFW by Hutchinson

The European Commission has approved, under the EU Merger Regulation, the acquisition of PFW Aerospace GmbH ("PFW") of Germany by Hutchinson Holding GmbH ("Hutchinson") of Germany, a subsidiary of TOTAL S.A. of France. PFW is active in the worldwide supply of tubes and ducts for the aerospace industry, as well as in the supply of aero-structure components worldwide. Hutchinson is active in the worldwide supply of premium elastomer products, including sealing solutions, vibration, acoustic and thermal insulation and fluid transfer systems for the aerospace industry. The companies' activities overlap in the supply of tubes and ducts for low-pressure conveyance systems. The Commission concluded that the proposed acquisition would raise no competition concerns because, in particular, of the companies' overall limited combined market position in the markets affected by the transaction and of the presence of a number of competing suppliers active worldwide across all relevant product areas. The transaction was examined under the normal merger review procedure. More information is available on the Commission's [competition](#) website, in the public [case register](#) under the case number [M.9584](#). (For more information: Stefan de Keersmaecker – Tel.: +32 2 298 46 80; Giulia Astuti – Tel.: +32 2 295 53 44)

Mergers: Commission clears the acquisition of Cision by Platinum Equity

The European Commission has approved, under the EU Merger Regulation, the acquisition of sole control over Cision Ltd by Platinum Equity LLC, both of the U.S. Cision is a supplier of public relations workflow software, media distribution, media intelligence and related products and services to public relations and marketing communications professionals, at global level. Platinum is specialised in the merger, acquisition and operation of companies that provide services and solutions to customers in a broad range of businesses, including information technology, telecommunications, logistics, metal services, manufacturing and distribution, at global level. The Commission concluded that the proposed acquisition would raise no competition concerns, because of the limited impact it would have on the market. The transaction was examined under the simplified merger review procedure. More information is available on the Commission's [competition](#) website, in the public [case register](#) under the case number [M.9645](#). (For more information: Stefan de Keersmaecker – Tel.: +32 2 298 46 80; Giulia Astuti – Tel.: +32 2 295 53 44)

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