



## Highlights

### DG Competition

Mr. Herbert Ungerer, Deputy Director General for State Aid, has left DG Competition for retirement. The Competition Commissioner, Ms Neelie Kroes, has asked Philip Lowe, Director-General for DG Competition, to also act as Deputy Director General for State Aid with immediate effect until a new appointment on the post is made.

### State aid: Commission updates rules for state funding of public broadcasters

The European Commission has adopted a new Communication on state aid for the funding of public service broadcasters. The Communication provides a clear framework for the development of public broadcasting services and enhances legal certainty for investment by public and private media alike. The new Communication replaces the Commission's 2001 Broadcasting Communication (see [IP/01/1429](#)). The main changes include an increased focus on accountability and effective control at the national level, including a transparent evaluation of the overall impact of publicly-funded new media services.

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### Prolongation of Community guidelines on State aid for rescuing and restructuring firms in difficulty

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### Did government interventions help in the crisis?

Neelie Kroes European Commissioner for Competition

Address at International Banking Conference of British Bankers Association

London, 30 June 2009

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### Presentation of the Commission's State aid proposals: draft Guidelines for broadband networks

Philip Lowe, Director-General, DG Competition, European Commission

ECTA Conference on "Fibre investment for Europe's recovery"

Brussels, 25 June 2009

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### Commission temporarily approves recapitalisation and asset relief by Belgium for KBC Group

The European Commission has temporarily approved, under EC Treaty state aid rules, a package of measures that the Belgian authorities intend to grant to KBC Group N.V.

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First, the Commission authorised a recapitalisation amounting to €3.5 billion, which is in line with its Guidance Communications on state aid during the current financial crisis (see [IP/08/1495](#) and [IP/08/1901](#)). Second, the Commission has granted temporary clearance to the impaired asset relief, with final approval dependent on the result of an in-depth investigation. Whilst some of its provisions are in line with Commission guidance on the treatment of asset relief measures (see [IP/09/322](#)), other provisions (including valuation of the portfolio) require further in-depth analysis before a final decision can be taken. Both measures were approved for six months on condition that Belgium submits to the Commission an in-depth restructuring plan for KBC Group within 3 months.

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### **Commission temporarily authorises recapitalisation and asset relief for German bank LBBW**

The European Commission has granted temporary clearance to a recapitalisation and an asset relief measure provided to Landesbank Baden-Württemberg (LBBW) by the German State of Baden-Württemberg. The recapitalisation complies with the requirements set out in the Commission's communication on the recapitalisation of financial institutions (see [IP/08/1901](#)), because it foresees an adequate remuneration. However, the Commission has doubts whether the asset relief measure can be considered fully in line with the Commission's guidance on asset relief (see [IP/09/322](#)). Therefore, the Commission will undertake a further in-depth analysis of the complex valuation of the impaired assets before taking a final decision. Both measures have been approved for six months.

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

[Situation as of 29 June 2009](#)

## **New legislation**

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### **Communication from the Commission on the application of State aid rules to public service broadcasting as adopted by the Commission on 2 July 2009**

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*Note that only the versions published in the Official Journal of the European Union are authentic. This revised Communication will replace the 2001 Communication as of its publication in the Official Journal.*

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### **Prolongation of Community guidelines on State aid for rescuing and restructuring firms in difficulty**

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### **Commission notice on current State aid recovery interest rates and reference/discount rates for 27 Member States applicable as from 1 July 2009** (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 149 of 01.07.2009, p. 6

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## **Draft legislation and public consultations**

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Subject	Deadlines for comments	Further information
The aftermath of the expiry of Regulation (EC) No 1407/2002 on State aid to the coal industry	15.07.2009	<a href="#">DG Energy and Transport</a>

All public consultations: [DG Competition](#)  
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## Decisions to open formal investigation

### 1. Decisions taken by the Commission

Country	Title	Case number	Objective	Decision date
<b>DG Competition cases</b>				
Belgium	Asset relief and second recapitalisation for KBC <a href="#">Press release</a>	<a href="#">C 18/2009</a> (ex N 360/2009)	Remedy for a serious disturbance in the economy	01.07.2009
Germany	Recapitalisation and asset relief for LBBW <a href="#">Press release</a>	<a href="#">C 17/2009</a> (ex N 265/2009)	Remedy for a serious disturbance in the economy	30.06.2009
Denmark	Aid for the restructuring of TV 2/DANMARK A/S <a href="#">Press release</a>	<a href="#">C 19/2009</a> (ex N 64/2009)	Restructuring aid	02.07.2009

### 2. Decisions pending OJ publication

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### 3. Decisions published in the OJ from 02.06.2009 to 02.07.2009 – 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
<b>DG Competition cases</b>				
United Kingdom	<b>NEW</b> Restructuring aid to Northern Rock <i>Extend proceedings</i> OJ C 149 of 01.07.2009, p. 16 <a href="#">bg</a> <a href="#">es</a> <a href="#">cs</a> <a href="#">da</a> <a href="#">de</a> <a href="#">et</a> <a href="#">el</a> <a href="#">en</a> <a href="#">fr</a> <a href="#">it</a> <a href="#">lv</a> <a href="#">lt</a> <a href="#">hu</a> <a href="#">mt</a> <a href="#">nl</a> <a href="#">pl</a> <a href="#">pt</a> <a href="#">ro</a> <a href="#">sk</a> <a href="#">sl</a> <a href="#">fi</a> <a href="#">sv</a> <a href="#">Press release</a> <b>Deadline for comments*:</b> 03.08.2009	<a href="#">C 14/2008</a> (ex NN 1/2008)	Restructuring aid	07.05.2009
France	Centre d'exportation du livre français (CELF) <i>Extend proceedings</i> OJ C 142 of 23.06.2009, p. 6 <a href="#">bg</a> <a href="#">es</a> <a href="#">cs</a> <a href="#">da</a> <a href="#">de</a> <a href="#">et</a> <a href="#">el</a> <a href="#">en</a> <a href="#">fr</a> <a href="#">it</a> <a href="#">lv</a> <a href="#">lt</a> <a href="#">hu</a> <a href="#">mt</a> <a href="#">nl</a> <a href="#">pl</a> <a href="#">pt</a> <a href="#">ro</a> <a href="#">sk</a> <a href="#">sl</a> <a href="#">fi</a> <a href="#">sv</a> <b>Deadline for comments*:</b> 23.07.2009	<a href="#">C 39/1996</a> (ex NN 127/1992)	Culture aid	08.04.2009

Austria, Germany	BayernLB — Germany and Hypo Group Alpe Adria — Austria  OJ C 134 of 13.06.2009, p. 31 <a href="#">bg</a> <a href="#">es</a> <a href="#">cs</a> <a href="#">da</a> <a href="#">de</a> <a href="#">et</a> <a href="#">el</a> <a href="#">en</a> <a href="#">fr</a> <a href="#">it</a> <a href="#">lv</a> <a href="#">lt</a> <a href="#">hu</a> <a href="#">mt</a> <a href="#">nl</a> <a href="#">pl</a> <a href="#">pt</a> <a href="#">ro</a> <a href="#">sk</a> <a href="#">sl</a> <a href="#">fi</a> <a href="#">sv</a> <a href="#">Press release</a>  <b>Deadline for comments*:</b> 13.07.2009	<a href="#">C 16/2009</a> (ex N 254/2009)	Remedy for a serious disturbance in the economy	12.05.2009
Finland	Rescue aid to Järvi-Suomen Portti Osuuskunta  OJ C 134 of 13.06.2009, p. 16 <a href="#">bg</a> <a href="#">es</a> <a href="#">cs</a> <a href="#">da</a> <a href="#">de</a> <a href="#">et</a> <a href="#">el</a> <a href="#">en</a> <a href="#">fr</a> <a href="#">it</a> <a href="#">lv</a> <a href="#">lt</a> <a href="#">hu</a> <a href="#">mt</a> <a href="#">nl</a> <a href="#">pl</a> <a href="#">pt</a> <a href="#">ro</a> <a href="#">sk</a> <a href="#">sl</a> <a href="#">fi</a> <a href="#">sv</a> <b>Deadline for comments*:</b> 13.07.2009	<a href="#">C 12/2009</a> (ex N 19/2009)	Rescue aid	08.04.2009
Netherlands	Restructuring aid to Fortis Bank Nederland  OJ C 124 of 04.06.2009, p. 19 <a href="#">bg</a> <a href="#">es</a> <a href="#">cs</a> <a href="#">da</a> <a href="#">de</a> <a href="#">et</a> <a href="#">el</a> <a href="#">en</a> <a href="#">fr</a> <a href="#">it</a> <a href="#">lv</a> <a href="#">lt</a> <a href="#">hu</a> <a href="#">mt</a> <a href="#">nl</a> <a href="#">pl</a> <a href="#">pt</a> <a href="#">ro</a> <a href="#">sk</a> <a href="#">sl</a> <a href="#">fi</a> <a href="#">sv</a> <a href="#">Press release</a>  <b>Deadline for comments*:</b> 06.07.2009	<a href="#">C 11/2009</a> (ex NN 53b/2008)	Restructuring aid	08.04.2009

## Final Commission decisions

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### 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
<b>DG Competition cases</b>				
Austria	Prolongation of Austrian bank support scheme	<a href="#">N 352/2009</a>	Remedy for a serious disturbance in the economy	30.06.2009
Cyprus	Project Grant to encourage electricity generation from large commercial wind, solar, photovoltaic systems and the use of biomass	<a href="#">N 143/2009</a>	Environmental aid	02.07.2009
Germany	Rettungsdarlehen zugunsten der Quelle GmbH  <a href="#">Press release</a>	<a href="#">N 382/2009</a>	Rescue aid	30.06.2009
Germany	Transfer of natural protection areas to new owners and measures for bio diversity.	<a href="#">NN 8/2009</a>	Environmental aid	02.07.2009
Spain	Publishing aid for Basque literature	<a href="#">N 132/2009</a>	Culture aid	01.07.2009

Spain	Spanish programme for the toy sector - maintaining employment of aged workers	<a href="#">N 51/2009</a>	Employment aid	26.06.2009
France	Régime cadre temporaire d'interventions publiques en capital-investissement dans les PME	<a href="#">N 36/2009</a>	Other aid	30.06.2009
France	Crédit d'impôt pour les œuvres cinématographiques étrangères	<a href="#">N 106/2009</a>	Culture aid	02.07.2009
Hungary	Application of rules relating to aid in form of guarantees under the Temporary Framework for Method to calculate the aid element in guarantees and Method to calculate the aid element in agricultural guarantees	<a href="#">N 341/2009</a>	Remedy for a serious disturbance in the economy	01.07.2009
Ireland	Mid-Shannon Corridor Tourism Infrastructure Scheme	<a href="#">N 335/2009</a>		02.07.2009
Ireland	Recapitalisation of Anglo Irish <a href="#">Press release</a>	<a href="#">N 356/2009</a>	Remedy for a serious disturbance in the economy	26.06.2009
Latvia	Prolongation of Guarantee scheme for banks in Latvia	<a href="#">N 326/2009</a>	Remedy for a serious disturbance in the economy	30.06.2009
Poland	Aid for modernisation of heating distribution networks in Poland	<a href="#">N 54/2009</a>	Regional development aid	02.07.2009
Poland	Regional aid scheme for investments in energy, telecommunications infrastructure, R&D infrastructure and spa therapeutics	<a href="#">N 405/2008</a>	Regional development aid	30.06.2009
<b>DG Transport and Energy cases</b>				
United Kingdom	Mode Shift Revenue Support (MSRS) scheme <a href="#">Press release</a>	<a href="#">N 247/2009</a>	Environmental aid	02.07.2009
United Kingdom	Newquay Cornwall Airport Development <a href="#">Press release</a>	<a href="#">N 269/2009</a>	Regional development aid	02.07.2009
<b>DG Agriculture cases</b>				
Czech Republic	Aid Programme for Forestry Management in the Ústí Region in 2007 - 2009	<a href="#">N 325/2009</a>		02.07.2009

## **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
<b>DG Competition cases</b>				
Greece	Aid to ELVO	<a href="#">C 47/2005</a> (ex NN 86/2005)		24.03.2009

### 3. Decisions published in the OJ

#### 3.1. Decisions to close formal investigation

Country	Title/link to documents	Case number	Objective	Decision date
<b>DG Agriculture cases</b>				
Luxembourg	Lignes directrices concernant les aides liées aux tests aux animaux trouvés morts et aux déchets d'abattoir  <i>Rejection of proposals for appropriate measures</i>  OJ L 166 of 27.06.2009, p. 71 <a href="#">bg</a> <a href="#">es</a> <a href="#">cs</a> <a href="#">da</a> <a href="#">de</a> <a href="#">et</a> <a href="#">el</a> <a href="#">en</a> <a href="#">fr</a> <a href="#">it</a> <a href="#">lv</a> <a href="#">lt</a> <a href="#">hu</a> <a href="#">mt</a> <a href="#">nl</a> <a href="#">pl</a> <a href="#">pt</a> <a href="#">ro</a> <a href="#">sk</a> <a href="#">sl</a> <a href="#">fi</a> <a href="#">sv</a>	<a href="#">C 13/2004</a>		16.03.2004

#### 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
<b>DG Competition cases</b>				
Czech Republic	Czech Republic Framework – Subsidised interest rate under the Temporary Framework  OJ C 149 of 01.07.2009, p. 2 <a href="#">bg</a> <a href="#">es</a> <a href="#">cs</a> <a href="#">da</a> <a href="#">de</a> <a href="#">et</a> <a href="#">el</a> <a href="#">en</a> <a href="#">fr</a> <a href="#">it</a> <a href="#">lv</a> <a href="#">lt</a> <a href="#">hu</a> <a href="#">mt</a> <a href="#">nl</a> <a href="#">pl</a> <a href="#">pt</a> <a href="#">ro</a> <a href="#">sk</a> <a href="#">sl</a> <a href="#">fi</a> <a href="#">sv</a>  <a href="#">Press release</a>	<a href="#">N 237/2009</a>	Remedy for a serious disturbance in the economy	06.05.2009
Czech Republic	Limited amounts of compatible aid under the Temporary Framework ("Český přechodný rámec")  OJ C 148 of 30.06.2009, p. 2 <a href="#">bg</a> <a href="#">es</a> <a href="#">cs</a> <a href="#">da</a> <a href="#">de</a> <a href="#">et</a> <a href="#">el</a> <a href="#">en</a> <a href="#">fr</a> <a href="#">it</a> <a href="#">lv</a> <a href="#">lt</a> <a href="#">hu</a> <a href="#">mt</a> <a href="#">nl</a> <a href="#">pl</a> <a href="#">pt</a> <a href="#">ro</a> <a href="#">sk</a> <a href="#">sl</a> <a href="#">fi</a> <a href="#">sv</a>  <a href="#">Press release</a>	<a href="#">N 236/2009</a>	Remedy for a serious disturbance in the economy	07.05.2009
Germany	Capital injection into Commerzbank  OJ C 147 of 27.06.2009, p. 4 <a href="#">bg</a> <a href="#">es</a> <a href="#">cs</a> <a href="#">da</a> <a href="#">de</a> <a href="#">et</a> <a href="#">el</a> <a href="#">en</a> <a href="#">fr</a> <a href="#">it</a> <a href="#">lv</a> <a href="#">lt</a> <a href="#">hu</a> <a href="#">mt</a> <a href="#">nl</a> <a href="#">pl</a> <a href="#">pt</a> <a href="#">ro</a> <a href="#">sk</a> <a href="#">sl</a> <a href="#">fi</a> <a href="#">sv</a>  <a href="#">Press release</a>	<a href="#">N 244/2009</a>	Remedy for a serious disturbance in the economy	07.05.2009
Hungary	Support measure for the banking industry in Hungary  OJ C 147 of 27.06.2009, p. 2 <a href="#">bg</a> <a href="#">es</a> <a href="#">cs</a> <a href="#">da</a> <a href="#">de</a> <a href="#">et</a> <a href="#">el</a> <a href="#">en</a> <a href="#">fr</a> <a href="#">it</a> <a href="#">lv</a> <a href="#">lt</a> <a href="#">hu</a> <a href="#">mt</a> <a href="#">nl</a> <a href="#">pl</a> <a href="#">pt</a> <a href="#">ro</a> <a href="#">sk</a> <a href="#">sl</a> <a href="#">fi</a> <a href="#">sv</a>  <a href="#">Press release</a>	<a href="#">N 664/2008</a>	Remedy for a serious disturbance in the economy	12.02.2009

Italy	Aid scheme for the promotion of renewables, energy saving, cogeneration and district heating  OJ C 146 of 26.06.2009, p. 2 <a href="#">bg</a> <a href="#">es</a> <a href="#">cs</a> <a href="#">da</a> <a href="#">de</a> <a href="#">et</a> <a href="#">el</a> <a href="#">en</a> <a href="#">fr</a> <a href="#">it</a> <a href="#">lv</a> <a href="#">lt</a> <a href="#">hu</a> <a href="#">mt</a> <a href="#">nl</a> <a href="#">pl</a> <a href="#">pt</a> <a href="#">ro</a> <a href="#">sk</a> <a href="#">sl</a> <a href="#">fi</a> <a href="#">sv</a>	<a href="#">N 573/2008</a>	Environmental aid	01.04.2009
Latvia	Amendments to the Public support measures to JSC Parex Banka  OJ C 147 of 27.06.2009, p. 2 <a href="#">bg</a> <a href="#">es</a> <a href="#">cs</a> <a href="#">da</a> <a href="#">de</a> <a href="#">et</a> <a href="#">el</a> <a href="#">en</a> <a href="#">fr</a> <a href="#">it</a> <a href="#">lv</a> <a href="#">lt</a> <a href="#">hu</a> <a href="#">mt</a> <a href="#">nl</a> <a href="#">pl</a> <a href="#">pt</a> <a href="#">ro</a> <a href="#">sk</a> <a href="#">sl</a> <a href="#">fi</a> <a href="#">sv</a>	<a href="#">NN 3/2009</a>	Remedy for a serious disturbance in the economy	11.02.2009
Latvia	Public support measures to JSC Parex Banka  OJ C 147 of 27.06.2009, p. 1 <a href="#">bg</a> <a href="#">es</a> <a href="#">cs</a> <a href="#">da</a> <a href="#">de</a> <a href="#">et</a> <a href="#">el</a> <a href="#">en</a> <a href="#">fr</a> <a href="#">it</a> <a href="#">lv</a> <a href="#">lt</a> <a href="#">hu</a> <a href="#">mt</a> <a href="#">nl</a> <a href="#">pl</a> <a href="#">pt</a> <a href="#">ro</a> <a href="#">sk</a> <a href="#">sl</a> <a href="#">fi</a> <a href="#">sv</a>  <a href="#">Press release</a>	<a href="#">NN 68/2008</a>	Remedy for a serious disturbance in the economy	24.11.2008
Lithuania	Regulations for the provision of credit guarantees to credit institutions for credits taken by large enterprises  OJ C 148 of 30.06.2009, p. 3 <a href="#">bg</a> <a href="#">es</a> <a href="#">cs</a> <a href="#">da</a> <a href="#">de</a> <a href="#">et</a> <a href="#">el</a> <a href="#">en</a> <a href="#">fr</a> <a href="#">it</a> <a href="#">lv</a> <a href="#">lt</a> <a href="#">hu</a> <a href="#">mt</a> <a href="#">nl</a> <a href="#">pl</a> <a href="#">pt</a> <a href="#">ro</a> <a href="#">sk</a> <a href="#">sl</a> <a href="#">fi</a> <a href="#">sv</a>	<a href="#">N 272/2009</a>	Remedy for a serious disturbance in the economy	08.06.2009
Luxembourg	Régime temporaire d'aides au redressement économique  OJ C 149 of 01.07.2009, p. 2 <a href="#">bg</a> <a href="#">es</a> <a href="#">cs</a> <a href="#">da</a> <a href="#">de</a> <a href="#">et</a> <a href="#">el</a> <a href="#">en</a> <a href="#">fr</a> <a href="#">it</a> <a href="#">lv</a> <a href="#">lt</a> <a href="#">hu</a> <a href="#">mt</a> <a href="#">nl</a> <a href="#">pl</a> <a href="#">pt</a> <a href="#">ro</a> <a href="#">sk</a> <a href="#">sl</a> <a href="#">fi</a> <a href="#">sv</a>  <a href="#">Press release</a>	<a href="#">N 99/2009</a>		27.02.2009
Malta	Temporary aid scheme for granting limited amounts of compatible aid  OJ C 148 of 30.06.2009, p. 2 <a href="#">bg</a> <a href="#">es</a> <a href="#">cs</a> <a href="#">da</a> <a href="#">de</a> <a href="#">et</a> <a href="#">el</a> <a href="#">en</a> <a href="#">fr</a> <a href="#">it</a> <a href="#">lv</a> <a href="#">lt</a> <a href="#">hu</a> <a href="#">mt</a> <a href="#">nl</a> <a href="#">pl</a> <a href="#">pt</a> <a href="#">ro</a> <a href="#">sk</a> <a href="#">sl</a> <a href="#">fi</a> <a href="#">sv</a>  <a href="#">Press release</a>	<a href="#">N 118/2009</a>	Remedy for a serious disturbance in the economy	15.05.2009
Slovakia	Schéma pre dočasné poskytovanie malej pomoci v Slovenskej republike počas trvania finančnej a hospodárskej krízy  OJ C 146 of 26.06.2009, p. 3 <a href="#">bg</a> <a href="#">es</a> <a href="#">cs</a> <a href="#">da</a> <a href="#">de</a> <a href="#">et</a> <a href="#">el</a> <a href="#">en</a> <a href="#">fr</a> <a href="#">it</a> <a href="#">lv</a> <a href="#">lt</a> <a href="#">hu</a> <a href="#">mt</a> <a href="#">nl</a> <a href="#">pl</a> <a href="#">pt</a> <a href="#">ro</a> <a href="#">sk</a> <a href="#">sl</a> <a href="#">fi</a> <a href="#">sv</a>  <a href="#">Press release</a>	<a href="#">N 222/2009</a>	Remedy for a serious disturbance in the economy	29.04.2009
Slovakia	Aid to Bana Cary a.s. (lignite mining)  OJ C 147 of 27.06.2009, p. 6 <a href="#">bg</a> <a href="#">es</a> <a href="#">cs</a> <a href="#">da</a> <a href="#">de</a> <a href="#">et</a> <a href="#">el</a> <a href="#">en</a> <a href="#">fr</a> <a href="#">it</a> <a href="#">lv</a> <a href="#">lt</a> <a href="#">hu</a> <a href="#">mt</a> <a href="#">nl</a> <a href="#">pl</a> <a href="#">pt</a> <a href="#">ro</a> <a href="#">sk</a> <a href="#">sl</a> <a href="#">fi</a> <a href="#">sv</a>	<a href="#">N 500/2008</a>	Regional development aid	24.03.2009
Slovakia	Environmental aid to Dalkia Vrable a.s.  OJ C 148 of 30.06.2009, p. 1 <a href="#">bg</a> <a href="#">es</a> <a href="#">cs</a> <a href="#">da</a> <a href="#">de</a> <a href="#">et</a> <a href="#">el</a> <a href="#">en</a> <a href="#">fr</a> <a href="#">it</a> <a href="#">lv</a> <a href="#">lt</a> <a href="#">hu</a> <a href="#">mt</a> <a href="#">nl</a> <a href="#">pl</a> <a href="#">pt</a> <a href="#">ro</a> <a href="#">sk</a> <a href="#">sl</a> <a href="#">fi</a> <a href="#">sv</a>	<a href="#">N 384/2008</a>	Environmental aid	20.04.2009

Spain	Medidas de ayuda de importe limitado para facilitar el acceso a la financiación en el actual contexto de crisis económica y financiera  OJ C 146 of 26.06.2009, p. 4 <a href="#">bg</a> <a href="#">es</a> <a href="#">cs</a> <a href="#">da</a> <a href="#">de</a> <a href="#">et</a> <a href="#">el</a> <a href="#">en</a> <a href="#">fr</a> <a href="#">it</a> <a href="#">lv</a> <a href="#">lt</a> <a href="#">hu</a> <a href="#">mt</a> <a href="#">nl</a> <a href="#">pl</a> <a href="#">pt</a> <a href="#">ro</a> <a href="#">sk</a> <a href="#">sl</a> <a href="#">fi</a> <a href="#">sv</a>	<a href="#">N 307/2009</a>	Remedy for a serious disturbance in the economy	08.06.2009
Spain	Competitiveness plan of the automotive sector – Realisation of investments Aimed at the manufacture of more environmental friendly products  OJ C 146 of 26.06.2009, p. 2 <a href="#">bg</a> <a href="#">es</a> <a href="#">cs</a> <a href="#">da</a> <a href="#">de</a> <a href="#">et</a> <a href="#">el</a> <a href="#">en</a> <a href="#">fr</a> <a href="#">it</a> <a href="#">lv</a> <a href="#">lt</a> <a href="#">hu</a> <a href="#">mt</a> <a href="#">nl</a> <a href="#">pl</a> <a href="#">pt</a> <a href="#">ro</a> <a href="#">sk</a> <a href="#">sl</a> <a href="#">fi</a> <a href="#">sv</a>  <a href="#">Press release</a>	<a href="#">N 140/2009</a>	Remedy for a serious disturbance in the economy	30.03.2009
Spain	IDAE - State aid scheme for the financing of strategical projects for energy saving and energy efficiency  OJ C 146 of 26.06.2009, p. 1 <a href="#">bg</a> <a href="#">es</a> <a href="#">cs</a> <a href="#">da</a> <a href="#">de</a> <a href="#">et</a> <a href="#">el</a> <a href="#">en</a> <a href="#">fr</a> <a href="#">it</a> <a href="#">lv</a> <a href="#">lt</a> <a href="#">hu</a> <a href="#">mt</a> <a href="#">nl</a> <a href="#">pl</a> <a href="#">pt</a> <a href="#">ro</a> <a href="#">sk</a> <a href="#">sl</a> <a href="#">fi</a> <a href="#">sv</a>	<a href="#">N 348/2008</a>	Environmental aid	19.03.2009
Sweden	Training aid to Scania  OJ C 147 of 27.06.2009, p. 6 <a href="#">bg</a> <a href="#">es</a> <a href="#">cs</a> <a href="#">da</a> <a href="#">de</a> <a href="#">et</a> <a href="#">el</a> <a href="#">en</a> <a href="#">fr</a> <a href="#">it</a> <a href="#">lv</a> <a href="#">lt</a> <a href="#">hu</a> <a href="#">mt</a> <a href="#">nl</a> <a href="#">pl</a> <a href="#">pt</a> <a href="#">ro</a> <a href="#">sk</a> <a href="#">sl</a> <a href="#">fi</a> <a href="#">sv</a>  <a href="#">Press release</a>	<a href="#">N 98/2009</a>	Training aid	13.05.2009
United Kingdom	Assets Back Securities Scheme  OJ C 147 of 27.06.2009, p. 3 <a href="#">bg</a> <a href="#">es</a> <a href="#">cs</a> <a href="#">da</a> <a href="#">de</a> <a href="#">et</a> <a href="#">el</a> <a href="#">en</a> <a href="#">fr</a> <a href="#">it</a> <a href="#">lv</a> <a href="#">lt</a> <a href="#">hu</a> <a href="#">mt</a> <a href="#">nl</a> <a href="#">pl</a> <a href="#">pt</a> <a href="#">ro</a> <a href="#">sk</a> <a href="#">sl</a> <a href="#">fi</a> <a href="#">sv</a>  <a href="#">Press release</a>	<a href="#">N 232/2009</a>		21.04.2009
<b>DG Agriculture cases</b>				
Cyprus	Régime national modifiée de culture des pommes de terre  OJ C 148 of 30.06.2009, p. 4 <a href="#">bg</a> <a href="#">es</a> <a href="#">cs</a> <a href="#">da</a> <a href="#">de</a> <a href="#">et</a> <a href="#">el</a> <a href="#">en</a> <a href="#">fr</a> <a href="#">it</a> <a href="#">lv</a> <a href="#">lt</a> <a href="#">hu</a> <a href="#">mt</a> <a href="#">nl</a> <a href="#">pl</a> <a href="#">pt</a> <a href="#">ro</a> <a href="#">sk</a> <a href="#">sl</a> <a href="#">fi</a> <a href="#">sv</a>	<a href="#">N 34/2008</a>	Agri-environmental commitments	28.05.2009
Finland	Tax refund on certain energy products used in agriculture  OJ C 148 of 30.06.2009, p. 5 <a href="#">bg</a> <a href="#">es</a> <a href="#">cs</a> <a href="#">da</a> <a href="#">de</a> <a href="#">et</a> <a href="#">el</a> <a href="#">en</a> <a href="#">fr</a> <a href="#">it</a> <a href="#">lv</a> <a href="#">lt</a> <a href="#">hu</a> <a href="#">mt</a> <a href="#">nl</a> <a href="#">pl</a> <a href="#">pt</a> <a href="#">ro</a> <a href="#">sk</a> <a href="#">sl</a> <a href="#">fi</a> <a href="#">sv</a>	<a href="#">N 581/2008</a>	Sectoral development aid	28.05.2009
Poland	Restructuring aid to IłAWA SA  OJ C 148 of 30.06.2009, p. 4 <a href="#">bg</a> <a href="#">es</a> <a href="#">cs</a> <a href="#">da</a> <a href="#">de</a> <a href="#">et</a> <a href="#">el</a> <a href="#">en</a> <a href="#">fr</a> <a href="#">it</a> <a href="#">lv</a> <a href="#">lt</a> <a href="#">hu</a> <a href="#">mt</a> <a href="#">nl</a> <a href="#">pl</a> <a href="#">pt</a> <a href="#">ro</a> <a href="#">sk</a> <a href="#">sl</a> <a href="#">fi</a> <a href="#">sv</a>	<a href="#">N 519/2008</a>	Restructuring aid	28.05.2009
Spain	Aid for subsidised loans to promote the installation of hail protection nets (Cataluna)  OJ C 148 of 30.06.2009, p. 6 <a href="#">bg</a> <a href="#">es</a> <a href="#">cs</a> <a href="#">da</a> <a href="#">de</a> <a href="#">et</a> <a href="#">el</a> <a href="#">en</a> <a href="#">fr</a> <a href="#">it</a> <a href="#">lv</a> <a href="#">lt</a> <a href="#">hu</a> <a href="#">mt</a> <a href="#">nl</a> <a href="#">pl</a> <a href="#">pt</a> <a href="#">ro</a> <a href="#">sk</a> <a href="#">sl</a> <a href="#">fi</a> <a href="#">sv</a>	<a href="#">N 191/2009</a>	Agriculture aid	28.05.2009



Spain	Aid to the improvement of quality parameters of raw cow, sheep and goat milk by installation of machinery and equipment in farms  OJ C 148 of 30.06.2009, p. 6 <a href="#">bg</a> <a href="#">es</a> <a href="#">cs</a> <a href="#">da</a> <a href="#">de</a> <a href="#">et</a> <a href="#">el</a> <a href="#">en</a> <a href="#">fr</a> <a href="#">it</a> <a href="#">lv</a> <a href="#">lt</a> <a href="#">hu</a> <a href="#">mt</a> <a href="#">nl</a> <a href="#">pl</a> <a href="#">pt</a> <a href="#">ro</a> <a href="#">sk</a> <a href="#">sl</a> <a href="#">fi</a> <a href="#">sv</a>	<a href="#">N 133/2009</a>	Agriculture aid	28.05.2009
United Kingdom	Pigmeat Processors Hardship Assistance (Northern Ireland)  OJ C 147 of 27.06.2009, p. 5 <a href="#">bg</a> <a href="#">es</a> <a href="#">cs</a> <a href="#">da</a> <a href="#">de</a> <a href="#">et</a> <a href="#">el</a> <a href="#">en</a> <a href="#">fr</a> <a href="#">it</a> <a href="#">lv</a> <a href="#">lt</a> <a href="#">hu</a> <a href="#">mt</a> <a href="#">nl</a> <a href="#">pl</a> <a href="#">pt</a> <a href="#">ro</a> <a href="#">sk</a> <a href="#">sl</a> <a href="#">fi</a> <a href="#">sv</a>	<a href="#">N 147/2009</a>	Natural disasters or exceptional occurrences	08.04.2009

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Country	Title/link to documents*	Case number	Objective	Decision date
<b>Decisions taken by the Commission</b>				
<b>DG Competition cases</b>				
Latvia	Alleged aid within privatisation of Latvijas Valsts Mezi  <i>Information injunction</i>	<a href="#">NN 29/2009</a>		26.06.2009

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Cyprus	Πρόγραμμα Ελέγχου της σαλμονέλας στα σμήνη αναπαραγωγής (Programma Eleghoy tis salmonelas sta smini anaparagogis)  OJ C 148 of 30.06.2009, p. 14 <a href="#">bg</a> <a href="#">es</a> <a href="#">cs</a> <a href="#">da</a> <a href="#">de</a> <a href="#">et</a> <a href="#">el</a> <a href="#">en</a> <a href="#">fr</a> <a href="#">it</a> <a href="#">lv</a> <a href="#">lt</a> <a href="#">hu</a> <a href="#">mt</a> <a href="#">nl</a> <a href="#">pl</a> <a href="#">pt</a> <a href="#">ro</a> <a href="#">sk</a> <a href="#">sl</a> <a href="#">fi</a> <a href="#">sv</a>	<a href="#">XA 454/2008</a>	Agriculture aid
Cyprus	Πρόγραμμα επιτήρησης της γρίπης των πτηνών σε πτηνά της οργανωμένης πτηνοτροφίας και άγρια πτηνά. (Programma epitirisis tis gripis ton ptinon se ptina tis organomenis ptinotrofias kai agria ptina)  OJ C 148 of 30.06.2009, p. 13 <a href="#">bg</a> <a href="#">es</a> <a href="#">cs</a> <a href="#">da</a> <a href="#">de</a> <a href="#">et</a> <a href="#">el</a> <a href="#">en</a> <a href="#">fr</a> <a href="#">it</a> <a href="#">lv</a> <a href="#">lt</a> <a href="#">hu</a> <a href="#">mt</a> <a href="#">nl</a> <a href="#">pl</a> <a href="#">pt</a> <a href="#">ro</a> <a href="#">sk</a> <a href="#">sl</a> <a href="#">fi</a> <a href="#">sv</a>	<a href="#">XA 450/2008</a>	Agriculture aid
Germany	Erhöhung des Qualifikationsniveaus von beschäftigten und Unternehmen, berufliche Weiterbildung, Unterstützung der Anpassung; berufliche Weiterbildung von Wirtschaftsklustern  OJ C 149 of 01.07.2009, p. 9 <a href="#">bg</a> <a href="#">es</a> <a href="#">cs</a> <a href="#">da</a> <a href="#">de</a> <a href="#">et</a> <a href="#">el</a> <a href="#">en</a> <a href="#">fr</a> <a href="#">it</a> <a href="#">lv</a> <a href="#">lt</a> <a href="#">hu</a> <a href="#">mt</a> <a href="#">nl</a> <a href="#">pl</a> <a href="#">pt</a> <a href="#">ro</a> <a href="#">sk</a> <a href="#">sl</a> <a href="#">fi</a> <a href="#">sv</a>	<a href="#">X 127/2008</a>	General training aid

Germany	Förderung der regionalen Entwicklung - betriebliche Investitionen OJ C 149 of 01.07.2009, p. 8 <a href="#">bg</a> <a href="#">es</a> <a href="#">cs</a> <a href="#">da</a> <a href="#">de</a> <a href="#">et</a> <a href="#">el</a> <a href="#">en</a> <a href="#">fr</a> <a href="#">it</a> <a href="#">lv</a> <a href="#">lt</a> <a href="#">hu</a> <a href="#">mt</a> <a href="#">nl</a> <a href="#">pl</a> <a href="#">pt</a> <a href="#">ro</a> <a href="#">sk</a> <a href="#">sl</a> <a href="#">fi</a> <a href="#">sv</a>	<a href="#">X 27/2008</a>	SME investment and employment aid
Germany	Gründungs- und Wachstumsfinanzierung Hessen (GuW Hessen) OJ C 149 of 01.07.2009, p. 7 <a href="#">bg</a> <a href="#">es</a> <a href="#">cs</a> <a href="#">da</a> <a href="#">de</a> <a href="#">et</a> <a href="#">el</a> <a href="#">en</a> <a href="#">fr</a> <a href="#">it</a> <a href="#">lv</a> <a href="#">lt</a> <a href="#">hu</a> <a href="#">mt</a> <a href="#">nl</a> <a href="#">pl</a> <a href="#">pt</a> <a href="#">ro</a> <a href="#">sk</a> <a href="#">sl</a> <a href="#">fi</a> <a href="#">sv</a>	<a href="#">X 24/2008</a>	SME investment and employment aid
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Germany	Investitionsförderung im Hamburg-Rand-Raum OJ C 149 of 01.07.2009, p. 11 <a href="#">bg</a> <a href="#">es</a> <a href="#">cs</a> <a href="#">da</a> <a href="#">de</a> <a href="#">et</a> <a href="#">el</a> <a href="#">en</a> <a href="#">fr</a> <a href="#">it</a> <a href="#">lv</a> <a href="#">lt</a> <a href="#">hu</a> <a href="#">mt</a> <a href="#">nl</a> <a href="#">pl</a> <a href="#">pt</a> <a href="#">ro</a> <a href="#">sk</a> <a href="#">sl</a> <a href="#">fi</a> <a href="#">sv</a>	<a href="#">X 20/2008</a>	SME investment and employment aid
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Spain	Ayudas para la fusión de cooperativas OJ C 148 of 30.06.2009, p. 12 <a href="#">bg</a> <a href="#">es</a> <a href="#">cs</a> <a href="#">da</a> <a href="#">de</a> <a href="#">et</a> <a href="#">el</a> <a href="#">en</a> <a href="#">fr</a> <a href="#">it</a> <a href="#">lv</a> <a href="#">lt</a> <a href="#">hu</a> <a href="#">mt</a> <a href="#">nl</a> <a href="#">pl</a> <a href="#">pt</a> <a href="#">ro</a> <a href="#">sk</a> <a href="#">sl</a> <a href="#">fi</a> <a href="#">sv</a>	<a href="#">XA 441/2008</a>	Agriculture aid
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### 1. Court of Justice

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### 2. Court of First Instance

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<a href="#">T-273/06</a> <a href="#">T-297/06</a>	ISD Polska and Industrial Union of Donbass v Commission	Poland	Judgment	01.07.2009	<a href="#">C 20/2004</a> (ex NN 25/2004) - Huta Czestochowa

<a href="#">T-288/06</a>	Regionalny Fundusz Gospodarczy v Commission	Poland	Judgment	01.07.2009	<a href="#">C 20/2004</a> (ex NN 25/2004) - Huta Czestochowa
<a href="#">T-291/06</a>	Operator ARP v Commission	Poland	Judgment	01.07.2009	<a href="#">C 20/2004</a> (ex NN 25/04) - Huta Czestochowa
<a href="#">T-81/07</a> <a href="#">T-82/07</a> <a href="#">T-83/07</a>	KG Holding v Commission Kliq (en liquidation) v Commission Kliq Reïntegratie (en liquidation) v Commission	Netherlands	Judgment	01.07.2009	<a href="#">C 30/2005</a> (ex N 78/2004) - Restructuring aid to KLIQ NV

## 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
<b>Newly adopted decisions</b>				
Norway	EFTA Surveillance Authority Decision No 289/09/COL of 01 July 2009 on the prolongation of the support schemes to audiovisual productions, film related activities and film production companies <a href="#">Press release</a>	66730	Film support	01.07.2009
Norway	EFTA Surveillance Authority Decision No 290/09/COL of 1 July 2009 on the aid granted in the airline pilot education sector in Troms County <a href="#">Press release</a>	61084		01.07.2009
<b>Decisions published in the OJ</b>				
Norway	EFTA Surveillance Authority Decision No 27/09/COL of 29 January 2009 on the carbon capture and storage project at Kårstø OJ C 150 of 02.07.2009, p. 8 <a href="#">bg</a> <a href="#">es</a> <a href="#">cs</a> <a href="#">da</a> <a href="#">de</a> <a href="#">et</a> <a href="#">el</a> <a href="#">en</a> <a href="#">fr</a> <a href="#">it</a> <a href="#">lv</a> <a href="#">lt</a> <a href="#">hu</a> <a href="#">mt</a> <a href="#">nl</a> <a href="#">pl</a> <a href="#">pt</a> <a href="#">ro</a> <a href="#">sk</a> <a href="#">sl</a> <a href="#">fi</a> <a href="#">sv</a>	63992	Environmental aid	29.01.2009

### 2. EFTA Court

Court case*	Parties	Country	Type of act	Date	Related case
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E-6/2009 OJ C 150 of 02.07.2009, p. 13 <a href="#">bg</a> <a href="#">es</a> <a href="#">cs</a> <a href="#">da</a> <a href="#">de</a> <a href="#">et</a> <a href="#">el</a> <a href="#">en</a> <a href="#">fr</a> <a href="#">it</a> <a href="#">lv</a> <a href="#">lt</a> <a href="#">hu</a> <a href="#">mt</a> <a href="#">nl</a> <a href="#">pl</a> <a href="#">pt</a> <a href="#">ro</a> <a href="#">sk</a> <a href="#">sl</a> <a href="#">fi</a> <a href="#">sv</a>	Action brought against the EFTA Surveillance Authority by Magasin- og Uke-presseforeningen concerning state aid to newspapers	Norway	Action for failure to act	14.05.2009	Complaint – state aid to newspapers
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Country	Title/links to documents*	Case number	Objective
Norway	Value-driven service innovation OJ C 150 of 02.07.2009, p. 9 <a href="#">bg</a> <a href="#">es</a> <a href="#">cs</a> <a href="#">da</a> <a href="#">de</a> <a href="#">et</a> <a href="#">el</a> <a href="#">en</a> <a href="#">fr</a> <a href="#">it</a> <a href="#">lv</a> <a href="#">lt</a> <a href="#">hu</a> <a href="#">mt</a> <a href="#">nl</a> <a href="#">pl</a> <a href="#">pt</a> <a href="#">ro</a> <a href="#">sk</a> <a href="#">sl</a> <a href="#">fi</a> <a href="#">sv</a>	GBER 2/09 R&D	R&D aid
Norway	Reduced basic tax on heating oil OJ C 150 of 02.07.2009, p. 6 <a href="#">bg</a> <a href="#">es</a> <a href="#">cs</a> <a href="#">da</a> <a href="#">de</a> <a href="#">et</a> <a href="#">el</a> <a href="#">en</a> <a href="#">fr</a> <a href="#">it</a> <a href="#">lv</a> <a href="#">lt</a> <a href="#">hu</a> <a href="#">mt</a> <a href="#">nl</a> <a href="#">pl</a> <a href="#">pt</a> <a href="#">ro</a> <a href="#">sk</a> <a href="#">sl</a> <a href="#">fi</a> <a href="#">sv</a>	GBER 1/09 ENV	Environmental aid

### **4. Other EEA points of interest**

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## **Additional points of interest**

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### **Studies and reports**

#### **Early signs of improvement but euro-area economy is still in contraction mode**

The euro-area economy is still deep in recession territory but the EU's strong and coordinated policy response is providing tangible support to economic activity and sentiment indicators and financial markets have started to send some tentative signs of improvement, the Quarterly Report on the Euro Area shows. The QREA provides a preliminary assessment of the effectiveness of banking support measures implemented by Member States and discusses challenges ahead, particularly in terms of debt sustainability. A first focus section assesses the impact of the economic and financial crisis on potential growth. A second focus section discusses the economic and budgetary challenges posed by population ageing in times of crisis.

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#### **May 2009: Euro area unemployment up to 9.5%, EU27 up to 8.9%**

The euro area (EA16) seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate was 9.5% in May 2009, compared with 9.3% in April. It was 7.4% in May 2008. The EU27 unemployment rate was 8.9% in May 2009, compared with 8.7% in April. It was 6.8% in May 2008. For the euro area this is the highest rate since May 1999 and for the EU27 since June 2005.

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#### **Flash estimate - June 2009: Euro area inflation estimated at -0.1%**

Euro area annual inflation is expected to be -0.1% in June 2009 according to a flash estimate issued by Eurostat, the Statistical Office of the European Communities. It was 0.0% in May.

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#### **June 2009: Economic sentiment shows further improvement**

In June, the Economic Sentiment Indicator (ESI) for the EU and the euro area continued to improve for the third month in a row. However, in both areas, the level is still below the lows reached in the previous trough at the end of 1992. The ESI increased by 3.2 points in the EU and by 3.1 points in the euro area, to 71.1 and 73.3 respectively.

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#### **June 2009: Business Climate Indicator improves, but orders continue to deteriorate**

The Business Climate Indicator (BCI) for the euro area increased slightly in June. However, the level is still far below the previous historical lows of 1993. This suggests that year-on-year industrial production growth will still have been negative in May and will remain subdued in June.

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