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Highlights

Public consultations: Availability of short term export credit insurance for exports to Greece
Target group: Member States, export credit agencies, export credit insurers and other financial institutions involved in export financing, chambers of commerce, industry associations, exporters, and other interested parties
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All public consultations: DG Competition
DG Agriculture
DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries

Decisions to open formal investigation

1. Decisions taken by the Commission

- none -

2. Decisions pending OJ publication

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* 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.

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Partly decision does not constitute aid and partly decision to initiate the formal investigation procedure

OJ C 283 of 28.09.2013, p. 8 bg es cs da de et el en fr it lv hu mt nl pl pt ro sk sl fi sv

Press release

Deadline for comments*: 28.10.2013

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**Final Commission decisions**

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* 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".

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* 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.

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European Parliament

Connecting Europe Facility: committees approve infrastructure funding mechanism

Transport and Industry MEPs approved an agreement on the "Connecting Europe Facility" (CEF), the EU's new funding mechanism for infrastructure projects of common interest for trans-European transport, energy and telecoms networks, at a joint committee meeting on Monday. The CEF should have a budget of about € 29.3 billion for 2014-2020 (at 2011 prices). The agreement is still subject to approval by the full house of the Parliament.

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Court of Justice of the European Union

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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.
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4. State Aid New Legislation

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5. Other EEA points of interest

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Additional points of interest

Events

State Aid in the European Union: Latest Developments in Policy and Practice
EIPA
Maastricht, 21 - 22 October 2013
For further information, click here

State Aid Procedures and Enforcement: the SANI System
EIPA
Maastricht, 27-28 November 2013
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Studies and reports

Competition in the transport sector: Market entry barriers in railway and aviation?
European Parliament, workshop report: Liberalisation in the railway and aviation sector takes place at a different pace and the number of competitors to former state owned monopolists in particular in the railway sector is relatively low. The participants to this workshop discuss practical experiences and specific problems in both sectors.
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Eurostat regional yearbook 2013: A more detailed view of the EU through regional statistics

The Regional yearbook1 2013, published by Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union, presents regional statistics from a wide range of fields, giving a more detailed and diverse picture of the EU than national level data. It also enables an analysis, for example, of how the financial crisis has affected regions across the EU. It indicates, among other things, in which regions employment, population and GDP have decreased the most and in which there have been increases. It also shows how poverty has affected the population differently depending on whether they live in a densely or more thinly populated area.

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- none -

Council of the European Union

Common agriculture policy reform: the package is approved by the SCA

The main elements of the political agreement on the CAP reform package figure in the four compromise texts prepared by the Lithuanian Presidency

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Digital Taxation: An EU reflection in a global context

Algirdas Šemeta, Commissioner responsible for Taxation and Customs Union, Statistics, Audit and Anti-fraud Seminar on digital economy

Paris, 9 October 2013

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