Highlights

Fighting for the Single Market
Joaquín ALMUNIA, Vice President of the European Commission responsible for Competition Policy
European Competition Forum
Brussels, 11 February 2014
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Commission orders Poland to recover incompatible state aid from Gdynia airport
The European Commission found that the public funding granted by the municipalities of Gdynia and Kosakowo to Gdynia airport gives the beneficiary an undue economic advantage over its competitors, in particular the Gdansk airport, in breach of EU state aid rules. These rules do not allow Member States to grant state aid in order to duplicate airport infrastructure where there is not enough demand, since this would distort competition between airports and waste taxpayers’ money. To re-establish the situation that existed on the market prior to the granting of the aid, Gdynia airport has to pay back this undue advantage amounting to EUR 21.8 million (around PLN 91.7 million). This will help alleviating the distortion of competition brought about by the state aid.
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Eurostat: December 2013 compared with November 2013. Industrial production down by 0.7% in euro area and in EU28
In December 2013 compared with November 2013, seasonally adjusted industrial production fell by 0.7% in both the euro area (EA17) and the EU28, according to estimates from Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union. In November industrial production rose by 1.6% and 1.3% respectively.
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EU Tax policy and Competition policy – A complementary approach to fair taxation
Algirdas Šemeta, Commissioner responsible for Taxation and Customs Union, Statistics, Audit and Anti-fraud
EU-Swiss relations
Switzerland is a very close neighbour of the EU – geographically, politically, economically and culturally. It is the EU's third largest economic partner (trade in goods and services taken together), after the US and China, ahead of Russia and Japan. In turn, the EU is by far the most important trading partner for Switzerland, accounting for 78% of its imports and 57% of its exports in goods in 2011. In commercial services and foreign direct investments, the EU's share is equally dominant. This is to the mutual benefit, and Switzerland has a policy of promoting itself as a stepping stone to the EU, thanks to the significant degree of integration it has with the EU internal market.

Press release

Poverty eradication and sustainable development after 2015
Janez Potočnik, European Commissioner for Environment
Brussels, 13 February 2014
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