

EU Agenda

Week from 13 to 19 September

Monday 13 September

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

Ottawa (Canada)

Morning

- Meeting with EU Ambassadors
- Meeting with Peter Van Loan, Minister of International Trade of Canada
- 15:00 Address: "The new European parliament in a strengthened transatlantic relationship" - Carleton University

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON BUDGETS

15:00 - 18:30, Brussels, JAN 2Q2

- Draft amending budget OLAF - vote on report by László Surján (EPP, HU)
- Draft amending budget European Financial Stabilisation mechanism - vote on report by László Surján (EPP, HU)
- Transfer requests - vote on report by László Surján (EPP, HU) and Vladimír Manka (S&D, SK)

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AND MONETARY AFFAIRS

15:00 - 18:30, Brussels, JAN 4Q2

- Discussion with Didier Reynders, Belgian Finance minister and president of ECOFIN, on the Belgian presidency's priorities in the area of economic and monetary affairs (15:00 - 16:30)
- The work of Basel II and the reform of the capital requirements directive (CRD IV) (INI): vote on report by Othmar Karras (EPP, AT) (17:35)
- Amendment of Directive 2008/9/EC laying down detailed rules for the refund of value added tax (CNS): vote on report by Sharon Bowles (ALDE, UK)

COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS

15:00 - 18:30 Brussels, PHS 3C50

- European pensions systems: presentation of Green Paper "Towards adequate, sustainable and safe European pension systems" by the Commission and the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) (16.45-17.45)

COMMITTEE ON THE INTERNAL MARKET AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

15:00 - 18:30, Brussels, ASP 1G3

- New measures for 100% scanning of containers going into the US : discussion with Commissioner Algirdas Semeta, Commissioner for Taxation, Customs Union, Anti-Fraud and Audit (15.00-16.00)

COMMITTEE ON CIVIL LIBERTIES, JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS

15:00 - 18:30, Brussels, JAN 6Q2

- Recent developments and future priorities in the area of Home Affairs - discussion with Cecilia Malmström, European Commissioner for Home Affairs (15.00-16.30)
- EU-US Data Protection Agreement for law enforcement purposes - consideration of working document (16.30-17.15)
- Right of information in criminal proceedings - presentation by the Commission (17.15-18.00)

SUBCOMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

15:00 - 18:30, Brussels, ASP 3-E2

- Security challenges in the Sahel region
- Members of the committees on Foreign Affairs and on Development, and the Subcommittee on Security and Defense will discuss the security challenges in the Sahel region with Gilles de Kerchove, the EU's counter-terrorism coordinator and Cecilia Ruthström-Ruin, in charge of Terrorism Prevention at the United Nations Office for Drug and Crime (UNODC).

DELEGATIONS

DELEGATION FOR RELATIONS WITH THE MERCOSUR COUNTRIES

16:30 - 18:00, Brussels, 5 E-2

- EU-Mercosur Association Agreement: stage reached in the negotiations following the

29 June-2 July 2010 round in Buenos Aires. Discussion with: the Brazilian Ambassador to the European Union, H.E. Ricardo Neiva Tavares, on behalf of the Brazilian pro tempore Presidency of Mercosur. EU-Brazil Strategic Partnership: stage reached following the 14 July 2010 Summit in Brasilia. Discussion with: the Brazilian Ambassador to the European Union, H.E. Ricardo Neiva Tavares, on behalf of the Brazilian pro tempore Presidency of Mercosur.

OTHER EVENTS

ARCTIC REGION: MEPS AND MPS TO DISCUSS IMPACT OF ICE MELTING AND SEALS BAN

09:00 - 18:30, Brussels, PHS 1A002

The impact of ice melting and the issue of seals are likely to take centre stage when MEPs and MPs of the Arctic states discuss the management of living resources in the region, following the recent European Court ruling (19 August) on the ban of seals products.

MEPs and MPs from national parliaments of the Arctic states (Canada, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Russia, Sweden, U.S.A.) will meet in Brussels 13-15 September for the 9th Conference of Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region (CPAR).

Jerzy Buzek, President of the European Parliament will greet participants via a video message and the conference will be opened by Diana Wallis, Vice-President of the European Parliament, along with Pat the Cope Gallagher, Chair of Parliament's Delegation to the CPAR.

Among the guest speakers are Maria Damanaki, EU Commissioner for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, Lene Espersen, Chair of the Arctic Council, Danish Foreign Minister, Erik Lahnstein, State Secretary to the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Artur Chilingarov, Deputy Chairman of the State Duma, Special Presidential Representative for International Cooperation in the Arctic and Antarctic. Pat the Cope Gallagher (ALDE, IE) and

Artur Chilingarov, Deputy Chairman of the State Duma and explorer, are expected to hold a Press point Wednesday 13, around 12.30, outside the meeting room to present the concluding statement.

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COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

GENERAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL
Brussels

FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL
Brussels

MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS (-GENERAL) FOR FISHERY
12 to 14 September, Gent

COLLOQUIUM ON FISCAL FEDERALISM IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

Antwerp

At this colloquium the Flemish Department of Finance and Budget wishes to focus attention on the current area of tension between on the one hand, European primary law and the European trend towards fiscal coordination, and on the other hand, the efforts to achieve greater fiscal autonomy for the regions in the EU and the national legislation on which this fiscal federalism is based.

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QUALITY AND EFFICIENCY IN THE ASYLUM PROCESS

13 and 14 September, Brussels

The Belgian Presidency wishes to invite all of the Member States and the European Institutions as well as the High Commissioner for Refugees and civil society to take part in the conference. The meeting is primarily intended to inventory good practices that contribute to a more efficient asylum policy in the Member States, in compliance with defined quality standards.

MAKING THE EUROPEAN HIGHER EDUCATION AREA MORE TRANSPARENT

12 to 14 September, Namur

This meeting will allow directors general, the European Commission, stakeholder representatives and experts to exchange views on the implementation of multidimensional transparency tools.

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

TRAVEL AND VISITS

- Mr José Manuel Durão Barroso and Mr Stefan Füle receive the President of Ukraine, Viktor Yanukovich
- Mr José Manuel Durão Barroso receives the UN Special Envoy to Stop the Tuberculosis, Mr Jorge Sampaio
- Mr Siim Kallas visits the port of Antwerp (Belgium)
- Mrs Neelie Kroes visits Tallinn, Estonia: meetings with Prime Minister Andrus Ansip (press point); Mr Juhan Parts, Minister of Economic Affairs and Communication; Mr Jaak Aaviksoo, Minister of Defence; visit to Skype Technologies
- Mr Janez Potocnik delivers a keynote speech on 'Knowledge based bioeconomy towards 2020' at the Royal Flemish Academy of Belgium for Science and the Arts (Ghent)
- Mr Andris Piebalgs receives Mr Bernard Kouchner, French Foreign Minister
- Mr Michel Barnier receives Mr. David Lidington, UK Minister of State responsible for European issues
- Mr Algirdas Semeta receives Mr Li Yufu, Vice Chairman of the Central Commission for Discipline Inspection in China
- Mr John Dalli in Moscow (13-14/09): meets with Ms. Elena Skrynik, the Russian Minister of Agriculture; participates at the WHO First Ministerial Panel - Partnerships for Health in the WHO Region
- Mrs Maria Damanaki receives representatives of the coalition OCEAN 2012
- Mrs Maria Damanaki attends the opening ceremony of the 9th Conference of Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region (EP, Brussels)
- Mr Günther Oettinger in Germany: attends the Berliner Wirtschaftsgespräche (Berlin), delivers a speech at the "Energiesysteme der Zukunft" organised

by the German Ministry of Economy (Berlin); delivers a speech at the "Bonner Verbändeempfang of Axel Voss MEP" (Bonn)

■ Mr. László Andor participates in the ILO/IMF conference on "The challenges of growth, employment and social cohesion" (Oslo)

COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS

Conference

■ **The European Route of Industrial Heritage (ERIH)**

The conference preceding the opening of the exhibition "Treasures of ERIH" will be held at the Committee of Regions. The conference will present the history and the scope of activities connected with the European Route of Industrial Heritage. The exhibition will be held in the Jacques Delors -building, 5th floor Foyer from 13 to 23 September

Organiser: Regional Office of Silesia in Brussels

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Location: Committee of the Regions, Jacques Delors building, room JDE 51, 16.00-18.00

Conference, 13 and 14 September

■ **European Energy Service Day & 20 Years of FEDARENE**

"Think European – Act Regional" will be the motto of the 2 days conference. It is designed as combination of a high-level conference and award ceremony on energy services, several speeches of prominent speakers from European Institutions on the importance of increasing sustainable energy in Europe, the celebration of Fedarene 20th anniversary and a thematic workshop on the role of the Regions within the Covenant of Mayors

Organiser: FEDARENE

Location: 13.9. - Committee of the Regions, Jacques Delors building, room JDE 52, 9.30-18.00 and 14.9. - Committee of the Regions, Van Maerlant building, room VM 1, 14.00-17.00

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GENERAL COURT

09:30

Fifth Chamber

■ Judgment T-193/06: TF1 v Commission
State aid

Annulment of Commission Decision C(2006) 832 final of 23 March 2006 (State Aid NN 84/2004 and 95/2004 – France), declaring some of the support schemes for cinematographic and audiovisual production put in place in France to be compatible with the common market under Article 87(3)(c) and (d) of the EC Treaty

12:00

Sixth Chamber

■ Judgment T-279/04: Editions Jacob v Commission - Competition

Annulment of Commission Decision of 7 January 2004 declaring compatible with the common market and the functioning of the EEA agreement the concentration in connection with the acquisition of the exclusive control of the assets of Vivendi Universal Publishing by Lagardère, subject to compliance with the commitments given by Lagardère (Case No COMP7M.2978 – Lagardère/Natexis/VUP (OJ 2004 L 125, p. 54)

12:00

Sixth Chamber

■ Judgment T-452/04: Editions Jacob v Commission

Competition

The text is not available in English

12:00

Sixth Chamber

■ Judgment Joined cases T-415/05; T-416/05; T-423/05: Greece v Commission
Olympiakes Aerogrammes v Commission
Olympiaki Aeroporia Ypiresies v Commission

State aid

Annulment of Commission Decision C(2005) 2706 final of 14 September 2005 declaring aid granted by the Greek authorities to the airlines Olympic Airways and Olympic Airlines incompatible with the common market

12:00

Sixth Chamber

■ Judgment T-26/06: Trioplast Wittenheim v Commission - Competition

Partial annulment of Commission Decision C(2005) 4634 of 30 November 2005 relating to a procedure applying Article 81 of the EC Treaty (Case COMP/F/38.354 – Industrial sacks) with regard to a cartel relating to fixing of prices and sales quotas by geographical area, division of orders of large clients, organisation of concerted submissions to certain calls for tender and the implementation of mechanisms for the exchange of information on sales volumes in the industrial plastic sacks market, and, as a subsidiary claim, reduction of the fine imposed on the applicant

12:00

Sixth Chamber

■ Judgment T-40/06: Trioplast Industrier v Commission
Competition

Partial annulment of Commission Decision C(2005) 4634 of 30 November 2005 relating to a procedure applying Article 81 of the EC Treaty (Case COMP/F/38.354 – Industrial sacks) with regard to a cartel relating to fixing of prices and sales quotas by geographical area, division of orders of large clients, organisation of concerted submissions to certain calls for tender and the implementation of mechanisms for the exchange of information on sales volumes in the industrial plastic sacks market, and, as a subsidiary claim, reduction of the fine imposed on the applicant

12:00

Sixth Chamber

■ Judgment T-314/06: Whirlpool Europe v Council

Commercial policy

Annulment, in part, of Council Regulation (EC) No 1289/2006 of 25 August 2006 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty imposed on imports of certain side-by-side refrigerators originating in the Republic of Korea (OJ 2006 L 236, p. 11)

12:00

Sixth Chamber

■ Judgment T-131/07: Mohr & Sohn v Commission

Transport

Action for annulment of the decision of the Directorate-General for Energy and Transport of the Commission (2007) D/200972 of 28 February 2007 to not exempt the vessel ‘Niclas’ from the filed

of application of the ‘old-for-new’ rule, in accordance with Article 4(6) of Council Regulation (EC) No 718/99 of 29 March 1999 on a Community-fleet capacity policy to promote inland waterway transport (OJ 1999 L 90, p. 1)

12:00

Sixth Chamber

■ Judgment Joined cases T-156/07; T-232/07: Spain v Commission

Law governing the institutions

Annulment of notice of competition EPSO/AD/94/07 to constitute a reserve pool list for the recruitment of administrators (AD5) in the field of information, communication and the media (OJ 2007 C 45 A, p. 3) in so far as that notice was published only in English, French and German

12:00

Sixth Chamber

■ Judgment Joined cases T-166/07; T-285/07: Italy v Commission

Law governing the institutions

Application for the annulment of Notice of Open Competition EPSO/AD/94/07 for the drawing up of a reserve list for the recruitment of Administrators (AD5) in the field of information, communication and the media (OJ 2007 C 45 A, p.3) and Notice of Open Competition EPSO/AST/37/07 for the drawing up of a reserve list for the recruitment of Assistants (AST3) in the field of communication and information (OJ 2007 C 45 A, p. 15), in so far as those notices are published only in French, English and German

12:00

Sixth Chamber

■ Judgment T-366/07: Procter & Gamble v OHMI - Prestige Cosmetics (P&G PRESTIGE BEAUTE)

Intellectual property

Community trade mark – Action brought by the applicant for the word mark “P&G PRESTIGE BEAUTE” for, inter alia, goods in Class 3 against Decision R 681/2006-2 of the Second Board of Appeal of the Office for Harmonisation in the Internal Market (OHIM) of 19 July 2007, dismissing the appeal against the decision of the Opposition Division refusing in part registration of the said trade mark in the opposition proceedings brought by the proprietor of the national figurative marks “prestige” for goods in Class 3.

12:00

Sixth Chamber

■ Judgment T-72/08: Travel Service v OHMI - Eurowings Luftverkehrs (smartWings)

Intellectual property

Community trade mark – Action brought by the applicant for the figurative Community trade mark ‘smartWings’, in respect of goods and services in Classes 16, 21, 37, 39, 41 and 43, for annulment of Decision R 1515/2006-2 of the Second Board of Appeal of the Office for Harmonisation in the Internal Market (OHIM) of 21 November 2007 dismissing the appeal brought against the decision of the Opposition Division which refused in part the registration of that mark in the opposition proceedings filed by the proprietor of the national and international word marks ‘Euro Wings’, in respect of goods and services in Classes 16 and 41, and ‘EUROWINGS’, in respect of goods and services in Classes 39 and 42, and of the national word mark ‘WINGSCLASS’, in respect of goods and services in Classes 16, 39, 41 and 42

12:00

Sixth Chamber

■ Judgment T-97/08: KUKA Roboter v OHMI (Nuance de la couleur orange)

Intellectual property

Community trade mark – Annulment of the decision of the Fourth Board of Appeal of the Office for Harmonisation in the Internal Market (OHIM) of 14 December 2007 in Case R 1572/2007-4 dismissing the appeal against the examiner’s decision which refused to register a contourless shade of the colour orange for goods in Class 7

12:00

Sixth Chamber

■ Judgment T-135/08: Schniga v OCVV - Elaris and Brookfield New Zealand (Gala Schnitzer)

Intellectual property

Community plant variety right – Action for annulment of Decision A-003/2007 and A-004/2007 of the Board of Appeal of the Community Plant Variety Office (CPVO) of 21 November 2007 annulling the decision granting the applicant a Community plant variety right for the ‘Gala-Schnitzer’ variety of apples and rejecting the oppositions filed by SNC Elaris and Brookfield New Zealand Limited

12:00

Sixth Chamber

■ Judgment T-149/08: Abbott Laboratories v OHMI - aRigen (Sorvir)

Intellectual property

Community trade mark – Action for annulment brought by the holder of the Community word mark ‘NORVIR’ for goods in Class 5 against Decision R 809/2007-2 of the Second Board of Appeal of the Office for Harmonisation in the Internal Market (OHIM) of 6 February 2008 dismissing the action brought against the decision of the Opposition Division rejecting the opposition lodged by the applicant against the registration of the word mark ‘Sorvir’ for goods in Class 5

12:00

Sixth Chamber

■ Judgment T-292/08: Inditex v OHMI - Marín Díaz de Cerio (OFTEN)

Intellectual property

Community trade mark – Action for annulment brought by the applicant for word mark ‘OFTEN’ for goods and services in Classes 3, 9, 14, 16, 18, 25 and 35, against Decision R 484/2007-2 of the Second Board of Appeal of the Office for Harmonisation in the Internal Market (OHIM) of 24 April 2008, dismissing the appeal against the decision of the Opposition Division which refuses in part registration of that mark, in the opposition proceedings brought by the proprietor of the word and figurative marks ‘OLTEN’ and ‘OLTENWATCH’ for products in Class 14

12:00

Sixth Chamber

■ Judgment T-400/08: Enercon v OHMI - BP (ENERCON)

Intellectual property

Community trade mark – Action brought by the applicant for the word mark ‘ENERCON’ in respect of goods in Classes 1, 2 and 4 for annulment of Decision R 957/2006-4 of the Second Board of Appeal of the Office for Harmonisation in the Internal Market (OHIM) of 14 July 2008 dismissing the appeal brought against the Opposition Division’s decision which refused in part registration of that mark in the opposition filed by the proprietor of the Community word mark ‘ENERGOL’ for goods in Classes 1 and 4

Tuesday 14 September

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

THE PRESIDENT’S DIARY

Brussels

- 16:00 Opening of the Joint Parliamentary meeting between the Dutch Parliament and the Dutch MEPs via videoconference
- 18:00 Meeting with Cuban former political prisoners followed by media opportunity - President’s Office

OTHER EVENTS

ARCTIC REGION: MEPS AND MPS TO DISCUSS IMPACT OF ICE MELTING AND SEALS BAN

09:00 - 18:30, Brussels, PHS 1A002

More info on Monday 13 September

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE (PSC)

Brussels

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT CONCILIATION COMMITTEE

Brussels

EU COORDINATION IN THE SOCIAL FIELD IN THE CONTEXT OF EUROPE 2020

14 and 15 September, La Hulpe (Belgium)
How should the co-ordination of social policies be reinforced in a Europe of 27 member states? While the Union is launching a strategy for the next 10 years – EU 2020 – what are the processes already in place and what will their future be? To answer these questions, experts and national delegations will present avenues of improvement based on the successes of the past.

FOOD SAFETY: A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

Brussels

In addition to the 3 round tables on the same issue scheduled by the DG SANCO in 2010, the European professional associations in the heart of the system

(COPA-COGECA for livestock farmers, UECEBV for slaughterhouses and FVE for veterinarians) are organizing a seminar with the aim of establishing a state of play of the strong points and the weak points of the current system in order to determine the possible bases of a risk-based inspection. Ingrid Morvan : info@uecbv.eu - 32(0)22304603

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12 to 14 September, Gent

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12 to 14 September, Namur

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

TRAVEL AND VISITS

- Mr José Manuel Durão Barroso and Mr Stefan Füle receive the Turkish Cypriot Leader, Dervis Eroglu
- Mrs Catherine Ashton delivers a keynote speech at EUCLID Network Annual General meeting “Civil Society: an untapped resource for the European Union across the world” at EESC (Brussels)
- Mrs Catherine Ashton meets Heinz Fischer, President of Austria
- Mrs Viviane Reding receives Mrs Jeannette Bougrab, President of HALDE (Haute Autorité de Lutte contre les Discriminations et pour l’Egalité)
- Mrs Viviane Reding delivers opening speech at a policy dialogue on Citizen Consultations in light of the Lisbon Treaty organised by the European Policy Centre and the King Baudouin Foundation (Brussels)
- Mrs Viviane Reding receives Mr Daniel Vasella, Chairman of Novartis AG
- Mrs Viviane Reding delivers Keynote Speech “Die neue Gleichstellungsstrategie der EU-Kommission: Auf dem Weg zu effektiver Gleichberechtigung” at the Bavarian Representation (Brussels)
- Mr Joaquín Almunia and Mr László Andor receive Mr Michel Platini, UEFA President

- Mr Siim Kallas receives Mr Vlad Filat, Prime Minister of Moldavia
- Mrs Neelie Kroes in Vilnius, Lithuania: participation and speech to Fifth Annual Internet Governance Forum; meetings with President Dalia Grybauskaitė and Prime Minister Andrius Kubilius
- Mr Antonio Tajani delivers a speech at the European Cruise Council (Hotel de Ville, Bruxelles)
- Mr Antonio Tajani intervenes at the EUFED Forum, (Brussels)
- Mr Andris Piebalgs in Vienna: meets with Members of the Austrian Parliament, addresses the Africa-EU Partnership Conference, meets with Mr Michael Spindelegger, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Austria
- Mr Michel Barnier presides the signature of a memorandum of understanding on access to books for the visually impaired (Berl, Brussels)
- Ms Androulla Vassiliou receives the Independent Group of Experts on Sports
- Ms Androulla Vassiliou receives a symbolic torch at the Special Olympics Torch Run Ceremony at the European Parliament (Place du Luxembourg)
- Mr Algirdas Semeta participates in the conference “European Customs in a Changing World” organised by the American Chamber of Commerce to the EU (Brussels - Stanhope Hotel)
- Mr Karel De Gucht in Brazil: meets Mr Miguel Jorge, Trade Minister of Brazil and Mr Celso Amorim, Foreign Minister of Brazil (Brasilia)
- Mr John Dalli in Moscow (13-14/09): participates at the WHO Second Ministerial Panel and makes an address on key public health and health policy challenges in Europe: Moving forwards in the quest for better health in the WHO European Region
- Mrs. Máire Geoghegan-Quinn delivers keynote address to ‘The Knowledge Based BioEconomy 2020 Conference’ (Brussels)
- Mrs. Máire Geoghegan-Quinn receives Mr. Douglas Kell, Chief Executive, Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council, UK (BBSRC); Ms. Marion Guillou, Chairperson & CEO of French National Institute for Agricultural Research (L’Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique, INRA); and Mr. Aalt Dijikhuizen, President and Chief Executive Officer, Wageningen UR (Netherlands)

- Mrs. Máire Geoghegan-Quinn receives Mr. Tom Boland, Chief Executive Officer, Higher Education Authority (HEA) and Professor Frank Gannon, Director General, Science Foundation Ireland (SFI)
- Mrs. Máire Geoghegan-Quinn delivers speech to launch General Electric’s Barometer Poll on Innovation (Brussels)
- Mr Lewandowski in Rome: Meeting with Mr Franco Frattini, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Hearing with European and Budget Committees of the Chamber of Deputies and the Italian Senate, Meeting with Mr Giulio Tremonti, Minister for Economy and Finance
- Mrs Maria Damanaki opens the Scientific seminar on TACs and quotas (Centre Borschette, Brussels)
- Mrs Maria Damanaki receives representatives of the Federation of European Aquaculture Producers
- Mr Günther Oettinger attends the First High Level Meeting of the Africa-EU Energy Partnership (Vienna)
- Mr Günther Oettinger receives Mr Pavel Drobil Minister of Environment of the Czech Republic
- Mr Günther Oettinger delivers a speech at RWE’s Summer Reception (Brussels)
- Mrs Connie Hedegaard delivers speech at the EPP Conference “Fight against climate change - a wish list for Cancun” (Representation Office of Baden-Württemberg, Brussels)
- Mr Stefan Füle attends the International Security Conference (GLOBSEC) (Bratislava, Slovak Republic)
- Mr László Andor receives Mrs Levaux, President of the French National Federation of Household Employers (FEPEM) and Mrs Mazoyer, President of Cab FairValue
- Mr. László Andor receives Mrs Christine Haderthauer, Bavarian State Minister for Labour and Social Affairs, Family and Women
- Mrs Cecilia Malmström speaks at and participates in Ministerial Conference on Quality and Efficiency in the Asylum Process (Brussels)

COURT OF JUSTICE

09:30

Grand Chamber

- Judgment C-550/07 P: Akzo Nobel Chemicals and Akros Chemicals v

Commission and Others
Competition

Appeal against the judgment of the Court of First Instance (First Chamber, extended composition) of 17 September 2007 in Case T-253/03 Akzo Nobel Chemicals and Akros Chemicals v Commission, by which the Court dismissed an action seeking annulment of Decision C(2003) 1533 final of 8 May 2003 rejecting a request for legal professional privilege for certain documents seized in the course of an investigation ordered in accordance with Article 14(3) of Regulation No 17 (Case COMP/E-1/38.589)

Advocate General: Kokott

09:30

Grand Chamber

■ Opinion C-47/08: Commission v Belgium

Freedom of establishment

Failure of a Member State to fulfil its obligations – Infringement of Articles 43 EC and 45 EC – National legislation making access to the profession of notary and its practice subject to a nationality requirement – Restriction on freedom of establishment – Scope of the exception relating to activities connected with the exercise of official authority – Requirement of direct and specific participation in such exercise – Failure to transpose, in respect of the profession of notary, Council Directive 89/48/EEC of 21 December 1988 on a general system for the recognition of higher-education diplomas awarded on completion of professional education and training of at least three years' duration (OJ 1989 L 19, p. 16)

Advocate General: Cruz Villalón

09:30

Grand Chamber

■ Opinion C-50/08: Commission v France

Freedom of establishment

Failure of a Member State to fulfil its obligations – Infringement of Articles 43 EC and 45 EC – National legislation making access to the profession of notary and its practice subject to a nationality requirement – Restriction on the freedom of establishment – Scope of the exception relating to activities connected with the exercise of official authority – Requirement of direct and specific participation in such exercise

Advocate General: Cruz Villalón

09:30

Grand Chamber

■ Opinion C-51/08: Commission v Luxembourg

Freedom of establishment

Failure of a Member State to fulfil its obligations – Infringement of Articles 43 EC and 45 EC – National legislation making access to the profession of notary and its practice subject to a nationality requirement – Restriction on the freedom of establishment – Scope of the exception relating to activities connected with the exercise of official authority – Requirement of direct and specific participation in such exercise – Failure to transpose, in respect of the profession of notary, Council Directive 89/48/ of 21 December 1988 on a general system for the recognition of higher-education diplomas awarded on completion of professional education and training of at least three years' duration (OJ 1989 L 19, p. 16)

Advocate General: Cruz Villalón

09:30

Grand Chamber

■ Opinion C-52/08: Commission v Portugal

Freedom of establishment

Failure of a Member State to fulfil its obligation – Failure to adopt within the period prescribed, with regard to the profession of notary, the provisions necessary to comply with Directive 2005/36/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 September 2005 on the recognition of professional qualifications (OJ 2005 L 255, p. 22), which repealed Directive 89/49/EEC (OJ 1989 L 19, p. 16)

Advocate General: Cruz Villalón

09:30

Grand Chamber

■ Opinion C-53/08: Commission v Austria

Freedom of establishment

Failure of a Member State to fulfil obligations – Infringement of Articles 43 and 45 EC – Failure to transpose, as regards the profession of notary, Council Directive 89/48/EEC of 21 December 1988 on a general system for the recognition of higher-education diplomas awarded on completion of professional education and training of at least three years' duration (OJ 1989 L 19, p. 16) and Directive 2005/36/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council

of 7 September 2005 on the recognition of professional qualifications (OJ 2005 L 255, p. 22) – National legislation making the exercise of the profession of notary subject to the condition of nationality – Concept of 'activity connected with the exercise of official authority'

Advocate General: Cruz Villalón

09:30

Grand Chamber

■ Opinion C-54/08: Commission v Germany

Freedom of establishment

Failure of a Member State to fulfil obligations – Infringement of Articles 43 and 45 EC – Failure to transpose, as regards the profession of notary, Council Directive 89/48/EEC of 21 December 1988 on a general system for the recognition of higher-education diplomas awarded on completion of professional education and training of at least three years' duration (OJ 1989 L 19, p. 16) and Directive 2005/36/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 September 2005 on the recognition of professional qualifications (OJ 2005 L 255, p. 22) – National legislation making the exercise of the profession of notary subject to the condition of nationality – Concept of 'activity connected with the exercise of official authority'

Advocate General: Cruz Villalón

09:30

Grand Chamber

■ Opinion C-61/08: Commission v Greece

Freedom of establishment

Failure of a Member State to fulfil obligations – Breach of Articles 43 and 45 EC and Council Directive 89/48/EEC of 21 December 1988 on a general system for the recognition of higher-education diplomas awarded on completion of professional education and training of at least three years' duration (OJ 1989 L 19, p. 16) – National rules making the exercise of the profession of notary subject to a nationality condition

Advocate General: Cruz Villalón

09:30

Second Chamber

■ Opinion C-568/08: Combinatie Spijker Infrabouw v De Jonge Konstruktie and Others

Company law

Reference for a preliminary ruling

– Rechtbank Assen – Interpretation of Article 1(1) and (3) and Article 2(1) and (6) of Council Directive 89/665/EEC of 21 December 1989 on the coordination of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to the application of review procedures to the award of public supply and public works contracts (OJ 1989 L 395, p. 33), as amended by Directive 2007/66/EC – National legislation providing for parallel jurisdiction of civil courts and administrative courts which may result in conflicting decisions – Jurisdiction of the administrative courts limited to an appraisal of the tendering decision – Jurisdiction excluded in the case where a decision has been taken to award the contract to one of the tenderers – Award of damages

Advocate General: Cruz Villalón

09:30

Grand Chamber

■ Judgment C-48/09 P: *Lego Juris v Office for Harmonisation in the Internal Market Intellectual property*

Appeal against the judgment of the Court of First Instance (Eighth Chamber) of 12 November 2008 in Case T-270/06 *Lego Juris A/S v Office for Harmonisation in the Internal Market (Trade Marks and Designs) (OHIM)*, in which the Court of First Instance dismissed an action brought by the proprietor of the Community three-dimensional trade mark in the shape of a Lego brick for goods in Classes 9 and 28 for annulment of Decision R 856/2004-G of the Grand Board of Appeal of the Office for Harmonisation in the Internal Market (OHIM) of 10 July 2006 dismissing the appeal brought against the Cancellation Division's decision declaring that mark partially invalid in the context of the application for a declaration of invalidity brought by Mega Brands - Interpretation of Article 7(1)(e)(ii) of Regulation (EC) No 40/94

Advocate General: Mengozzi

09:30

First Chamber

■ Opinion C-90/09 P: *General Química and Others v Commission*

Competition
Appeal against the judgment of the Court of First Instance (Sixth Chamber) of 18 December 2008 in Case T-85/06 *General Química and Others v*

Commission, by which the Court of First Instance dismissed the application for the partial annulment of Commission Decision 2006/902/CE of 21 December 2005 relating to a proceeding under Article 81 of the Treaty establishing the European Community and Article 53 of the EEA Agreement against Flexsys NV, Bayer AG, Crompton Manufacturing Company Inc. (former Uniroyal Chemical Company Inc.), Crompton Europe Ltd, Chemtura Corporation (former Crompton Corporation), General Química SA, Repsol Química SA and Repsol YPF SA (Case No COMP/F/C.38.443 – Rubber chemicals) (OJ 2006 L 353, p. 50) and, in the lesser alternative, seeking a reduction of the fine imposed on the applicants
Advocate General: Mazák

09:30

Grand Chamber

■ Opinion C-96/09 P: *Anheuser-Busch v Budojovický Budvar*

Intellectual property
Appeal against the judgment of the Court of First Instance (First Chamber) of 16 December 2008 in Joined Cases T-225/06, T-255/06, T-257/06 and T-309/06 *Budojovický Budvar v OHIM and Anheuser-Busch*, by which the Court of First Instance annulled the decisions R 234/2005-2, R 241/2005-2, R 802/2004-2 and R 305/2005-2 of the Second Board of Appeal of the Office for Harmonisation in the Internal Market (OHMI) dismissing the actions brought against the decisions of the Opposition Division rejecting the opposition brought by Budojovický Budvar, národní podnik against the application for registration of the word mark 'BUD' for goods in Classes 32 and 33 – Infringement of Article 8(4)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 40/94
Advocate General: Cruz Villalón

09:30

First Chamber

■ Opinion Joined cases C-230/09; C-231/09: *Etling and Etling*

Aissen and Rohaan
Agriculture
Reference for a preliminary ruling
– Bundesfinanzhof – Interpretation of Article 5(k) of Council Regulation (EC) No 1788/2003 of 29 September 2003 establishing a levy in the milk and milk products sector (OJ 2003 L 270, p. 123)

– Reversion of the milk reference quantity in the course of the reference period following termination of an agricultural lease – Whether the quantity already delivered by the previous lessee during the reference period may be taken into account for the purpose of determining the reference quantity available to the lessor
Advocate General: Mazák

09:30

First Chamber

■ Opinion C-291/09: *Francesco Guarnieri & Cie*

Free movement of goods

Reference for a preliminary ruling

– *Rechtbank van Koophandel te Brussel* – Interpretation of Articles 28 EC, 29 EC and 30 EC – Whether security for costs and damages (*cautio judicatum solvi*) is an infringement of Community rules in relation to the free movement of goods
Advocate General: Sharpston

09:30

Grand Chamber

■ Hearing C-360/09: *Pfleiderer*

Competition
Reference for a preliminary ruling
– *Amtsgericht Bonn* – Interpretation of provisions of Community competition law, in particular Articles 11 and 12 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2003 of 16 December 2002 on the implementation of the rules on competition laid down in Articles 81 and 82 of the Treaty (OJ 2003 L 1, p. 1), and the second paragraph of Article 10 EC in conjunction with Article 3(1)(g) EC – Documents and information supplied to the Member States' competition authorities by applicants for leniency pursuant to a national leniency programme – Possible harmful effects of third-party access to such documents on the efficiency and proper functioning of the cooperation between the authorities constituting the European competition network

GENERAL COURT

09:30

First Chamber

■ Hearing T-70/09: *Netherlands v Commission*
Economic and social cohesion
Partial annulment of Commission

Decision C(2008) 8355 of 11 December 2008 on the reduction of the financial aid from the European Regional Development Fund initially granted within the framework of the single programming document for Community structural interventions in the Groningen-Drenthe region coming under objective 2 in the Netherlands – No 97.07.13.003, pursuant to Commission Decision C(1997) 1362 of 26 May 1997

CIVIL SERVICE TRIBUNAL

09:30

First Chamber

■ Hearing F-104/09: Canga Fano v

Council

Staff Regulations of Officials

Staff case – Annulment of the defendant's decision not to include the applicant on the list of officials promoted to Grade AD13 under the 2009 promotion procedure.

COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS

Conference

■ **Staying Competitive in a Changing World – Regional Innovation and Cohesion Policies in Present and Future**

The conference is scheduled for approximately two hours and will be organised in two parts. The first part will underline the vital link between innovation and regional policy from the supra-regional perspective of the OECD. In the second part, Prognos AG will present an analysis of the successful establishment and development of new competencies of different regional actors by the RCE programme Bremen.

Contact: mail: berling@bremen.be

Organised by the Representation to the European Union of the Free Hanseatic City of Bremen

Location: Committee of the Regions, Jacques Delors building, room JDE 51 and Atrium 5, 10:30-14:30

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

14 September, Brussels

■ **More urban, more cohesion: the added-value of the urban dimension of Cohesion policy**

Subject: The conference will showcase examples of actions and projects already supported by EU structural funds in three different sessions focusing on integrating people and place-based policies, on partnership working and on variable geography. It will involve the 'key players' of cohesion policy: representatives from Member States, from the European Parliament, from the European Commission, and from regional and local governments. Organisers: EURO CITIES with the EU Belgian Presidency, Brussels Capital Region, and the European Parliament Urban Intergroup
Contact: marie.ranty@eurocities.eu
Venue: European Parliament in Brussels
www.eurocities.eu

Wednesday 15 September

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

Brussels and Meise

■ 08:00 Meeting with European Commission President José Manuel Barroso - Berlaymont Building

■ 16:00 Meeting with Heinz Fischer, President of Austria - President's Office

■ 17:45 Meeting with Vlad Filat, Moldovan Prime Minister - President's Office

■ 19:30 EPP Summit Meeting - Castle of Bouchout, Meise

Public hearings

Economic governance in the Eurozone
15:00 - 18:30, Brussels, PHS 3C50

Public hearing on economic governance in the Eurozone, with the participation of Olli REHN, representatives of the IMF and ECB and Andre SAPIR (Breugel institute) among others.

OTHER EVENTS

ARCTIC REGION: MEPS AND MPS TO DISCUSS IMPACT OF ICE MELTING AND SEALS BAN

09:00 - 18:30, Brussels, PHS 1A002

More info on Monday 13 September

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

INFORMAL MEETING OF THE TRANSPORT MINISTERS

15 and 16 September, Antwerp

The meeting will focus on the full integration of waterborne transport into the EU transport and logistics chains

SUSTAIN@BRUSSELS: EUROPEAN SEMINAR ON SUSTAINABLE URBAN RENEWAL

Brussels

One-day colloquium, the morning of which will be dedicated to the best Brussels practices concerning sustainability, on the socio-economic level and regarding the built structure and public spaces, and on the environmental level. In the afternoon European experts will present projects under way in their countries.

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MEETING OF THE COREPER I

Brussels

MEETING OF THE COREPER II

Brussels

EU COORDINATION IN THE SOCIAL FIELD IN THE CONTEXT OF EUROPE 2020

14 and 15 September, La Hulpe (Belgium)

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

WEEKLY MEETING

Bruxelles

On the agenda:

- Youth on the Move: initiative to support young people's access to the job market
- Proposals on derivatives, Credit Default Swaps and short selling

TRAVEL AND VISITS

- Mr José Manuel Durão Barroso and Mr Stefan Füle receive the President of Austria, Heinz Fischer
- Mr José Manuel Durão Barroso receives the Prime Minister of Czech Republic, Petr Necas
- Mr José Manuel Durão Barroso attends the EPP Summit (Bouchout Castle Meise)
- Mrs Catherine Ashton attends the launch of the Transatlantic trends report (Brussels)
- Mr Joaquín Almunia participates in the “Foro Nueva Economía” and in the 3rd International Banking Conference (Madrid)
- Mrs Neelie Kroes in Denmark: delivers speech to Ambient Assisted Living 2010 Forum (Odense, press conference); delivers speech to Nordic Broadband Forum (Copenhagen).
- Mr Antonio Tajani will participate at the High level group on Space Policy (Europe-Africa) (Berlaymont)
- Mr Janez Potocnik delivers a keynote speech at the Conference ‘Europe: looking ahead on climate change’, organised by the Green Alliance (London)
- Mr Janez Potocnik attends the Cambridge Conservation Initiative Symposium (Cambridge)
- Ms Androulla Vassiliou receives Mr Markus Held, CEV Director (European Volunteer Center)
- Mr Karel De Gucht in Argentina: meets Mr Héctor Timerman, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Worship of Argentina and Ms Debora Giorgi, Minister of Industry of Argentina (Buenos Aires)
- Mr John Dalli participates at the Second FACE (Forum Against Cancer Europe) Workshop on Cross Border Health Care (European Parliament)
- Mrs. Máire Geoghegan-Quinn meets with Mr. Jean-Pierre Ezin, African Union Commissioner for Human Resources, Science & Technology (Brussels)
- Mrs Maria Damanaki receives Mrs Erato Kozakou-Markouli, Cypriot Minister for Transport
- Mr Günther Oettinger gives a speech at the “Urban” and “Climate change, biodiversity and sustainable development” Intergroups’ conference on “Supporting cities for sustainable solutions” (Brussels)
- Mr Günther Oettinger meets with representatives of the German Städtetag (Brussels)
- Mr Günther Oettinger gives a speech

- at the evening reception “Hessisches Weinfest” (Brussels)
- Mr Stefan Füle participates in the presentation event of the Annual Report on Intercultural Trends elaborated by the Anna Lindh Foundation (Brussels)
 - Mrs Cecilia Malmström receives Mr Vlad Filat, Prime-Minister of Moldavia

COURT OF JUSTICE

09:30

Third Chamber

- Hearing Joined cases C-436/08; C-437/08: Haribo Österreichische Salinen
Free movement of capital
Reference for a preliminary ruling – Unabhängiger Finanzsenat – Interpretation of Community law – National legislation granting an exemption system for national dividends, but applying that system to foreign dividends only above the threshold of a 25% holding – Administrative and legal practice providing, in response to Community law requirements, for the application of a set-off system to foreign dividends from a holding below the 25% threshold

09:30

Second Chamber

- Hearing C-391/09: Runevic-Vardyn and Wardyn
Citizenship of the Union
Reference for a preliminary ruling – Interpretation of the first paragraph of Article 12 EC, of Article 18(1) EC, and of Article 2(2)(b) of Council Directive 2000/43/EC of 29 June 2000 implementing the principle of equal treatment between persons irrespective of racial or ethnic origin (OJ 2000 L 180, p. 22) – National rules prescribing that the surnames and first names of persons of different nationality or citizenship must, in documents relating to civil status issued by the State concerned, be written using the letters of the official language of that State

09:30

Fourth Chamber

- Hearing C-464/09 P: Holland Malt v Commission
State aid
The text is not available in English

11:00

Fourth Chamber

- Hearing Joined cases C-372/09; C-373/09: Penarroja
Freedom to provide services
Reference for a preliminary ruling – Cour de Cassation (France) – Interpretation of Articles 43, 45, 49 and 50 EC and of Directive 2005/36/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 September 2005 on the recognition of professional qualifications (OJ 2005 L 255, p. 22) – Legislation reserving the right to be entered on the national list of expert witnesses and to be recognised as an expert by the Cour de cassation to persons having been registered for at least three years on the list of expert witnesses drawn up by a court of appeal of that Member State – Compatibility of those rules with the provisions of Community law on the freedom of establishment and the freedom to provide services

GENERAL COURT

09:30

Third Chamber

- Hearing T-286/08: Fidelio v OHMI (Hallux)
Intellectual property
The text is not available in English

09:30

Eighth Chamber

- Hearing T-380/09: Bianchin v OHMI - Grotto (GASOLINE)
Intellectual property
Community trade mark – Action brought by the proprietor of the Community word mark ‘GASLOLINE’ for goods in Class 9 against Decision R 1455/2008-2 of the Second Board of Appeal of the Office for Harmonisation in the Internal Market (OHIM) of 13 July 2009 dismissing the appeal against the decision of the Cancellation Division declaring that that mark was invalid in the context of an application for a declaration of invalidity by the proprietor of the national figurative marks ‘GAS keep it simple’ and the Community figurative mark ‘GAS’ for goods in, inter alia, Class 9.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE

100 YEARS OF ABSTRACT ART IN BELGIUM

Opening of the exhibition – paintings and sculptures – in the presence of Mario Sepi, EESC President

Rue Belliard 99 - 1040 Brussels

PLENARY SESSION

*15 and 16 September, Brussels
European Commission, Charlemagne Building*

2.30 p.m. Opening of the session

■ Statement by Mr Mario Sepi, EESC president: review of the 2008-2010 term of office

■ Statement by Mr Seppo Kallio, EESC vice-president, on the EESC's end-of-term budgetary situation

■ Statement by Ms Irimi Pari, EESC vice-president, taking stock of the EESCs communication policy for 2008-2010

■ Debate on the Roma issue

■ Opinions to be put straight to the vote:

• Better regulation (communication)
Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions – Third strategic review of Better Regulation in the European Union
COM(2009) 15 final

Commission Working Document
– Reducing Administrative Burdens in the European Union – Annex to the 3rd Strategic Review on Better Regulation
COM(2009) 16 final
Commission Working Document
– Third progress report on the strategy for simplifying the regulatory environment
COM(2009) 17 final

CESE 78/2010 fin
Rapporteur: Mr Claudio Cappellini (Gr. III-IT)

Co-rapporteur: Ms Milena Angelova (Gr. I-BG)

• After the crisis: a new financial system for the internal market (own-initiative opinion)
CESE 735/2010 fin

Rapporteur: Mr Edgardo Maria Iozia (Gr. II – IT), Co-rapporteur: Mr Umberto Burani (Gr. I – IT)

• Creativity and entrepreneurship: mechanisms for climbing out of the crisis (own-initiative opinion)

CESE 751/2010 fin; Rapporteur: Ms Madi Sharma (Gr. I – UK)

• Simplifying the implementation of the research framework programmes (communication)
Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions – Simplifying the implementation of the research framework programmes
COM(2010) 187 final / CESE 948/2010 fin. Rapporteur: Mr Gerd Wolf (Gr. III – DE)

• Provisions for engines placed on the market under the flexibility scheme
Proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 97/68/EC as regards the provisions for engines placed on the market under the flexibility scheme
COM(2010) 362 final – 2010/0195 COD / CESE 1111/2010 fin – 2010/0195 COD.
Rapporteur: Mr Antonello Pezzini (Gr. I – IT)

• The role of legal immigration in the context of demographic challenges (exploratory opinion requested by the Belgian presidency)
CESE 573/2010 fin. Rapporteur: Mr Luis Miguel Pariza Castaños (Gr. II – ES)

• Sexual abuse of children and child pornography
Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on Combating the sexual abuse, sexual exploitation of children and child pornography, repealing Framework Decision 2004/68/JHA
COM(2010) 94 final – 2010/0064 COD / CESE 836/2010 fin – 2010/0064 COD.
Rapporteur: Ms Madi Sharma (Gr. I – UK)

• The situation of the EU tropical tuna fleet and the challenges facing it (exploratory opinion requested by the Spanish presidency)

CESE 595/2010 fin. Rapporteur: Mr Gabriel Sarró Iparraguirre (Gr. III – ES)

• A better functioning food supply chain in Europe (communication)
Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions – A better functioning food supply chain in Europe
COM(2009) 591 final / CESE 706/2010 fin. Rapporteur: Mr Pedro Narro (Gr. III – ES). Co-rapporteur: Mr József Kapuvári (Gr. II – HU)

• Towards a 2012 World Summit for Sustainable Development (own-initiative opinion)
CESE 941/2010 fin. Rapporteur: Mr Frederic Adrian Osborn (Gr. III – UK)

• Forest Protection and Information in the EU: Preparing forests for climate change (Green Paper)
Green Paper on Forest protection and Information in the EU: Preparing forests for climate change
COM(2010) 66 final / CESE 936/2010 fin. Rapporteur: Mr Seppo Kallio (Gr. III – FI). Co-rapporteur: Mr Brendan Burns (Gr. I – UK)

• Levels of radioactive contamination of foodstuffs and of feedingstuffs (recast)
Proposal for a Council Regulation (EURATOM) laying down maximum permitted levels of radioactive contamination of foodstuffs and of feedingstuffs following a nuclear accident or any other case of radiological emergency (recast)
COM(2010) 184 final – 2010/0098 CNS. CESE 814/2010 fin – 2010/0098 CNS.
Rapporteur: Ms Pirkko Raunemaa (Gr. III – FI)

• Aid/German alcohol monopoly
Proposal for a Regulation (EU) No xxxx/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of xxxx amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 (Single CMO Regulation) as regards the aid granted in the framework of the German Alcohol Monopoly
COM(2010) 336 final – 2010/0183 COD / CESE 1110/2010 fin – 2010/0183 COD.
Rapporteur: Mr Adalbert Kienle (Gr. I – DE)

• Towards a European Road Safety Area: strategic guidelines for road safety up to 2020 (opinion requested by the European Parliament)

CESE 806/2010 fin. Rapporteur: Mr Virgilio Ranocchiaro (Gr. I – IT)

• Community financial assistance to projects in the field of energy
Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 663/2009 establishing a programme to aid economic recovery by granting Community financial assistance to projects in the field of energy
COM(2010) 283 final – 2010/0150 COD / CESE 1079/2010 fin – 2010/0150 COD.
Rapporteur: Mr Stéphane Buffet (Gr. I – FR)

■ **Opinions to be drawn up in accordance with the simplified procedure (category c):**

• Refund of value added tax (category C)
Proposal for a Council Directive amending Directive 2008/9/EC laying down detailed rules for the refund of value added tax, provided for in Directive 2006/112/EC, to taxable persons not established in the Member State of refund but established in another Member State
COM(2010) 381 final – 2010/0205 CNS / CESE 1132/2010 fin – 2010/0205 CNS

• Restrictions on fishing for flounder and turbot (category C)
Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2187/2005 as regards the prohibition of highgrading and restrictions on fishing for flounder and turbot in the Baltic Sea, the Belts and the Sound
COM(2010) 325 final – 2010/0175 COD / CESE 1100/2010 fin – 2010/0175 COD

• Marketing of material for propagation of the vine (recast) (category C)
Proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the marketing of material for the vegetative propagation of the vine (recast)
COM(2010) 359 final – 2010/0194 COD / CESE 1102/2010 fin – 2010/0194 COD

■ **Opinions to be debated:**

• Biodiversity beyond 2010

(communication)

Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on Options for an EU vision and target for biodiversity beyond 2010
COM(2010) 4 final / CESE 829/2010 fin.
Rapporteur: Mr Lutz Ribbe (Gr. III – DE)

• Key enabling technologies (communication)
Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on Preparing for our future: Developing a common strategy for key enabling technologies in the EU
COM(2009) 512 final. CESE 525/2010 fin.
Rapporteur: Mr Peter Morgan (Gr. I – UK)

• An EU response to a changing balance of global economic power (own-initiative opinion)
CESE 741/2010 fin. Rapporteur: Mr Brian Callanan (Gr. I - IE)

• What new services of general interest do we need to combat the crisis? (own-initiative opinion)
CESE 548/2010 fin. Rapporteur: Mr Raymond Hencks (Gr. II - LU)

6 p.m. Adjournment

6 p.m.
Charlemagne building, area near meeting room S3
Presentation of commemorative gifts to outgoing members, speech by the president, Mr Sepi, and reception

COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS

Conference

■ **Sustainable Urban Development in the Context of Climate Change**
The event will cover various aspects relating to the EU actions in the area of urban development and urban mobility.
Location: Committee of the Regions, Jacques Delors building, room JDE 53, 9.00-17.00

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

15 & 16 September, Brussels

■ **High-Level Conference on EU-Africa: Partnership for Development and Security**
Subject: The conference will bring together members of the national parliaments of European and African countries in order to discuss development and security issues with a number of high-level institutional speakers, including representatives of the European Union and African Union. The debates will focus on the state of play as regards the Africa-EU Strategic Partnership on development, as well as on Euro-African cooperation in the field of peace and security policy, including cooperation in crisis management.

Organisers: European Security and Defence Assembly/Assembly of the Western European Union

Contact: Kostas Panagiotopoulos, Political Section of the Assembly: kostas@assembly.weu.int

Venue: Belgian House of Representatives
<http://www.parlement-eu2010.be>
www.assembly-weu.eu

Thursday 16 September

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

Brussels

■ 09:30 Address at the European Council
■ 19:00 Meeting of Political Group Leaders with Herman Van Rompuy on the conclusions of the European Council - European Parliament

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

09:30 - 11:00, Brussels, PHS 3C50

• Public Hearing on “An EU Strategy for the Black Sea” (see programme in the “Public Hearings” section)

COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRY, RESEARCH AND ENERGY

15:00 - 18:30, Brussels, ASP 5G2

- Workshop on “EU Energy Efficiency Policy - best practices and options for EU Policy” (see separate programme in “Other event section”)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

AN EU STRATEGY FOR THE BLACK SEA

09:30 - 11:00, *Brussels, PHS 3 C50*

Foreign Affairs Committee chair Gabriele ALBERTINI, (EPP, IT) will introduce three experts - Dr. Ognyan MINCHEV, Institute for Regional and International Studies; Dr. Laure DELCOUR, Institut de Relations Internationales et Stratégiques, and Mark CUNNINGHAM, Black Sea Trust for Regional Cooperation, German Marshall Fund – who will brief MEPs on the challenges in the Black Sea Region. Traian UNGUREANU (EPP, RO), Parliament’s leading MEP on the region, will also take part.

OTHER EVENTS

ITRE WORKSHOP: EU ENERGY EFFICIENCY POLICY - BEST PRACTICES AND OPTIONS FOR EU POLICY

15:00 - 18:30, *Brussels, ASP 5G2*

Workshop is a part of study before adopting an own-initiative report on the revision of the EU Energy Efficiency Action Plan at the Itre Committee. It aims at presenting preliminary findings and giving opportunity for an exchange of views and discussion on the different policy aspects. The final publication including the study and briefing notes will be delivered end of October.

The workshop will be held in English and is open to any interested party. Interpretation in German and French will be available.

Registration is not obligatory for participants with an access badge to the EP buildings, however we would appreciate if you inform us of your intention to participate.

Please use the e-mail below.

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COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

EUROPEAN COUNCIL

Brussels

INFORMAL MEETING OF THE TRANSPORT MINISTERS

15 and 16 September, Antwerp

The meeting will focus on the full integration of waterborne transport into the EU transport and logistics chains

ENERGY CHALLENGES FACING EUROPEAN INDUSTRY

16 and 17 September, Spa (Belgium)

The conference will address the problem of the competitiveness of European industry in the face of new energy constraints. How can these constraints be turned to advantages? What expectations do socio-economic operators have? What is being proposed by the authorities, companies and experts?

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EUROPEAN COMMISSION

TRAVEL AND VISITS

■ Mrs Viviane Reding delivers Keynote Speech on Digital Confidence organised by The Lisbon Council (Brussels)

■ Mr Antonio Tajani delivers a speech at the High level conference “Space for the African Citizen” (Berlaymont)

■ Mr Janez Potocnik attends the Conference on Biodiversity (Bangor, North Wales)

■ Mr Andris Piebalgs attends the Ermenonville IV Conference “Tackling Global Issues Together: Climate Change and New Drivers of a European Policy for Global Development” (Bonne, Germany)

■ Mr Michel Barnier visits Denmark

■ Ms Androulla Vassiliou receives Ms Aviana Bulgarelli, Director of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop)

■ Ms Androulla Vassiliou receives Professor Jean Pierre Ezin, Commissioner for Human Resources, Science and

Technology of the African Union Commission

■ Mr John Dalli participates at the GMO Free Regions Conference 2010 (European Parliament)

■ Mr John Dalli in Paris: meets with Mr Bruno Le Maire, French Minister of Agriculture and Mr Hervé Novelli, French Secretary of State for Consumers

■ Mr Günther H. Oettinger receives CEOs of the Gas Industry

■ Mr Günther H. Oettinger attends an official lunch of the U4energy school competition (Brussels)

■ Mr Günther H. Oettinger receives journalists of Landespressekonzferenz Hessen

■ Mr Günther H. Oettinger receives Mr Petr Necas, Czech Prime Minister

■ Mrs Connie Hedegaard receives Mr. Michel Jarraud, Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization

■ Mr Stefan Füle receives Mr Kemal Kilicdaroglu, President of the Turkish Republican People’s Party

■ Mr Stefan Füle receives Mr Božidar Delic, Deputy Prime Minister of Serbia

■ Mr Stefan Füle receives representatives of the Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Network, the International Federation for Human Rights, Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International to discuss the human rights situation in Tunisia (Brussels)

■ Mr. László Andor meets with Mr Rudolf Hundstorfer, Austrian Minister of Social Affairs, Labour and Consumer Protection (Vienna)

■ Mrs Cecilia Malmström in London (16-17/09): meetings with Ms Theresa May, Home Secretary, Mr Damian Green, Minister for Immigration, Mr James Brokenshire, Home Office Minister for Europe, Mr David Liddington, Minister for Europe and with Ms Pauline Neville-Jones, Minister for Security; Speaks at CER Seminar on organised crime and counter-terrorism; Visit of UK PNR (Passenger Name Record) facility

COURT OF JUSTICE

09:30

Third Chamber

■ Opinion C-120/08: Bayerischer Brauerbund
Agriculture
Reference for a preliminary ruling

– Bundesgerichtshof – Interpretation of Article 13(1) (b) and Article 14(1) and (2) of Council Regulation (EC) No 510/2006 of 20 March 2006 on the protection of geographical indications and designations of origin for agricultural products and foodstuffs (OJ 2006 L 93, p. 12), and of Article 17 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2081/92 of 14 July 1992 on the protection of geographical indications and designations of origin for agricultural products and foodstuffs (OJ 1992 L 208, p. 1) – Validity of Council Regulation (EC) No 1347/2001 of 28 June 2001 supplementing the Annex to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1107/96 on the registration of geographical indications and designations of origin under the procedure laid down in Article 17 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2081/92 (OJ 2001 L 182, p. 3) – Conflict between a protected geographical indication, registered in accordance with the simplified procedure under Article 17 of Regulation (EC) No 2081/92 (here, ‘Bayerisches Bier’) and an international mark (here, mark including the word ‘Bavaria’) Advocate General : Mazák

09:30

Third Chamber

■ Opinion C-306/08: Commission v Spain Freedom of establishment Failure of a Member State to fulfil its obligations – Infringement of Articles 1, 6(6), 11, 12 and Title II of Chapter IV (Articles 24 to 29) of Council Directive 93/37/EEC of 14 June 1993 concerning the coordination of procedures for the award of public works contracts (OJ 1993 L 199, p. 54) and Articles 2, 6, 24, 30, 31(4)(a), 48(2) and 53 of Directive 2004/18/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 March 2004 on the coordination of procedures for the award of public works contracts, public supply contracts and public service contracts (OJ 2004 L 134, p. 114) – Development law of the Valencian Community – Non-conformity with Community law Advocate General : Jääskinen

09:30

Third Chamber

■ Hearing Joined cases C-71/09 P; C-73/09 P; C-76/09 P: Comitato “Venezia vuole vivere” v Commission Hotel Cipriani v Commission Italgas v Commission State aid

Appeal brought against the judgment in Joined Cases T-254/00, T-270/00 and T-277/00 Hotel Cipriani SpA and Others v Commission by which the Court of First Instance (Sixth Chamber, Extended Composition) dismissed the actions for annulment of Commission Decision 2000/394/EC of 25 November 1999 on aid to firms in Venice and Chioggia by way of relief from social security contributions under Laws Nos 30/1997 and 206/1995 (OJ 2000 L 150, p. 50)

09:30

First Chamber

■ Opinion C-142/09: Lahousse and Lavichy Approximation of laws Reference for a preliminary ruling – Rechtbank van Eerste Aanleg te Dendermonde (Belgium) – Interpretation of Articles 1(1), 12 and 15(2) of Directive 2002/24/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 March 2002 relating to the type-approval of two or three-wheel motor vehicles and repealing Council Directive 92/61/EEC (OJ 2002 L 124, p. 1) – Exception in respect of vehicles intended for use in competition, on roads or in off-road conditions – National legislation disregarding that exception Advocate General : Jääskinen

09:30

First Chamber

■ Opinion C-161/09: Kakavetsos-Fragkopoulos (anciennement K. Fragkopoulos kai SIA) Free movement of goods Reference for a preliminary ruling – Simvoulio tis Epikratis – Free movement of goods – Quantitative restrictions on exports – Measures having equivalent effect – National legislation distinguishing between regions producing dried grapes according to their quality – Prohibition on bringing drying grapes from Region B, where the drying grapes are of inferior quality, into Region A, where they are of superior quality, to be processed and marketed – Prohibition on bringing into Region A best drying grapes from a particular area of that same region to be processed and marketed – Compatibility with Arts 29 and 30 EC Advocate General : Mengozzi

09:30

Fourth Chamber

■ Hearing C-359/09: Ebert Freedom of establishment Reference for a preliminary ruling – Fovárosi Ítélotábla – Interpretation of Council Directive 89/48/EEC of 21 December 1988 on a general system for the recognition of higher-education diplomas awarded on completion of professional education and training of at least three years’ duration (OJ 1989 L 19, p. 16) and Directive 98/5/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 February 1998 to facilitate practice of the profession of lawyer on a permanent basis in a Member State other than that in which the qualification was obtained (OJ 1998 L 77, p. 36) – Legislation of a Member State reserving the possibility of practising law, using the professional lawyer’s title of that State, to lawyers who are registered with the Bar Association in that Member State

09:30

First Chamber

■ Hearing C-407/09: Commission v Greece Area of Freedom, Security and Justice Failure of a Member State to fulfil obligations – Article 228 EC – Non-compliance with the judgment of the Court of 18 July 2007 in Case C-26/07 – Failure to adopt all the measures necessary to comply with Council Directive 2004/80/EC of 29 April 2004 relating to compensation to crime victims (OJ 2004 L 261, p. 15) – Request that a penalty payment be set

14:30

Third Chamber

■ Hearing C-397/09: Scheuten Solar Technology Taxation The text is not available in English

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE

PLENARY SESSION

15 and 16 September, Brussels
9 a.m. Resumption

■ Opinions to be debated:

- Improving “participative public – private partnership” models in deploying “e-

services” for all in the EU 27 (own-initiative opinion)

CESE 508/2010 fin

Rapporteur: Mr Claudio Cappellini (Gr. III - IT)

- Economic recovery: state of play and practical initiatives (own-initiative opinion) CESE 831/2010 fin. Rapporteur: Mr Lars Nyberg (Gr. II - S E)

- The European Union strategy for the Danube region (exploratory opinion requested by the Commission) CESE 894/2010 fin. Rapporteur: Mr Miklós Barabás (Gr. III - HU). Co-rapporteur: Mr Mihai Manoliu (Gr. I - RO)

- The EU’s multilingualism policy (additional opinion) CESE 934/2010 fin Rapporteur: Ms An Le Nouail Marlière (Gr. II - FR)

- Green jobs (exploratory opinion requested by the Belgian presidency) CESE 874/2010 fin. Rapporteur: Mr Edgardo Maria Iozia (Gr. II - IT)

- Financing structures for SMEs in the context of the current financial situation (own-initiative opinion) CESE 214/2010 fin. Rapporteur: Ms Anna Maria Darmanin (Gr. II - MT)

- Interconnection of business registers (Green Paper) COM(2009) 614 final / CESE 296/2010 fin. Rapporteur: Ms Ana Bontea (Gr. I - RO)

- Collision damage claims management: How to ensure the consumer’s freedom of choice and security? (information report) CESE 395/2010 fin. Rapporteur: Mr Wautier Robyns de Schneidauer (Gr. I - BE)

- EU-Canada relations (own-initiative opinion) CESE 24/2010 fin. Rapporteur: Mr José Isaías Rodríguez García-Caro (Gr. I - ES)

1 p.m. Adjournment

2.30 p.m. Resumption

- Transatlantic relations and the international promotion of the European social model (own-initiative opinion) CESE 624/2010 fin. Rapporteur: Ms Laure Batut (Gr. II - FR)

- The situation of people with disabilities in the Euromed countries (own-initiative opinion) CESE 1345/2009 fin. Rapporteur: Mr Meelis Joost (Gr. III - EE)

- Decent work and sustainable development around the Mediterranean: the fresh water, sea water and sanitation sectors (information report) CESE 22/2010 fin. Rapporteur: Ms An Le Nouail Marlière (Gr. II - FR)

- The EU’s new energy policy: application, effectiveness and solidarity (own-initiative opinion) CESE 622/2010 fin. Rapporteur: Mr. Bernardo Hernández Bataller (Gr. III - ES)

- Any other business

- Date of the next plenary session

4 p.m. End of plenary session

COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS

Conference, 16 and 17 September

- Alliances to fight poverty: a European seminar on civil society and poverty This seminar has three goals. On the European level we want to strengthen the alliance to reduce poverty. We also want to compare and exchange best practices around local alliances. And third, we want to sharpen, to improve European social policy.

The seminar will focus on best practices This seminar is organised by ACW and MOC: the Flemish and Walloon Christian Workers Movement.

Contact person to register for the event: Betty Coppens: betty.coppens@acw.be. Location: Committee of the Regions, Jacques Delors building, room JDE 52 & JDE 53

Friday 17 September

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

THE PRESIDENT’S DIARY

Brussels and Budapest

- 10:00 Meeting with Yves Leterme, Prime Minister of Belgium - Lambertmont (Official Residence of the Belgian Prime Minister)
- 14:00 Participation in the EPP Group Summer University on the Crisis in Europe

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

EUROPE 2020 STRATEGY AND THE ROLE OF THE SOCIAL PARTNERS

Brussels

This initiative will help to advance the debate on the future of Europe and highlight the action that social partners and organized civil society need to take in order to be involved in defining, monitoring and evaluating the objectives of the Europe 2020 Strategy.

Seminar organised by The National Labour Council, the Central Economic Council and the European Economic and Social Committee

MEETING OF THE COREPER I

Brussels

POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE (PSC)

Brussels

COLLOQUIUM ON MOBILITY AND HEALTH

Brussels

Colloquium organised by the Federal Public Service Mobility and Transport On the occasion of the Belgian Presidency and European Mobility Week. All the partners, engineers, political decision makers, researchers, etc. coming from the fields of mobility, health, transport and town planning are invited to participate in this event.

ENERGY CHALLENGES FACING EUROPEAN INDUSTRY

16 and 17 September, Spa (Belgium)

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

TRAVEL AND VISITS

- Mr José Manuel Durão Barroso meets with the German Federal President, Christian Wulff (Berlin)
- Mrs Viviane Reding in Berlin; meets Ms Ilse Aigner, Federal Minister of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection; attends special session of the Legal Committee of the Bundestag; attends lecture “Grundrechtschutz in Europa” at the German Institute for Human Rights; meets Mrs Kristina Schröder, Federal Minister for the Family, the Elderly, Woman and Youth
- Mr Joaquín Almunia participates at the “Annual Competition Conference” organised by the International Bar Association (IBA) (Florence)
- Mrs Neelie Kroes attends European Roundtable on the Economic Benefits of Online Advertising for Consumers (Brussels)
- Mr Maroš Šefčovič delivers a speech on “The Commission programme and social players’ ownership of the Europe 2020 strategy” at a conference organised by ECOSOC (Palais d’Egmont)
- Mr Janez Potocnik receives Ms. Tanja Strniša, Slovenian State Secretary of Agriculture, Forestry and Food.
- Mr Andris Piebalgs participates at the Conference/ research workshop on the 2nd European Report on Development organised by the EUI (Florence, Italy)
- Mr Michel Barnier visits Estonia
- Web debate with Commissioner Androulla Vassiliou on “Youth on the Move” (Breydel building)
- Mrs Connie Hedegaard meets with Ms Lene Espersen, Danish Minister for Foreign Affairs (Copenhagen)
- Mr Stefan Füle on official visit to Belgrade, Serbia
- Mr. László Andor participates in the European Conference on “EUROPE: 20 Years in Transition”

GENERAL COURT

09:30

Third Chamber

- Hearing T-465/08: Czech Republic v Commission
- Social policy
The text is not available in English

Saturday 18 September

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

THE PRESIDENT’S DIARY

Warsaw (Poland)

- 19:00 - 20:30 - Participation in the opening the Special Olympics - European Summer Games

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

TRAVEL AND VISITS

- Ms Androulla Vassiliou attends the Opening Ceremony of the “Special Olympics 2010 European Summer Games” (18-19/09, Warsaw)
- Mr John Dalli participates in session on ‘Europe for Medicines’, Les Universités d’Eté de la Pharmaceutique, in Lourmarin

Sunday 19 September

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

INFORMAL MEETING OF THE EU AGRICULTURE MINISTERS

19 to 21 September, La Hulpe (Belgium)

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE

MOVE IT! - THE EESC’S URBAN MOBILITY DAYS

From 19 to 22 September, in Brussels, on Place Flagey and Place Sainte Croix, the European Economic and Social Committee, in conjunction with the Ixelles Commune and architect Luc Schuiten, is organising a major public event on urban mobility, as part of the Belgian presidency of the EU: exhibitions, animations and conferences

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