

## Daily News 21 / 10 / 2019

### **Libye: deux millions d'euros d'aide humanitaire supplémentaires pour couvrir les besoins essentiels**

Alors que de nombreuses personnes continuent de souffrir de la situation en Libye, la Commission européenne a annoncé aujourd'hui des aides humanitaires supplémentaires de l'ordre de deux millions d'euros afin de venir en aide aux plus nécessiteux. Ces aides permettront de couvrir les services de soins de santé d'urgence, la nourriture, le soutien aux moyens de subsistance et les services de protection. « L'UE est résolue à aider les plus vulnérables en Libye, victimes de conflits depuis plusieurs années. Ce financement supplémentaire aidera nos partenaires humanitaires à continuer de fournir une aide dans les zones difficiles d'accès. Il est essentiel que les parties en conflit respectent le droit humanitaire international et autorisent les travailleurs humanitaires à avoir pleinement accès à ceux qui sont dans le besoin et ainsi à sauver des vies, » a déclaré Christos **Stylianides**, commissaire en charge de l'aide humanitaire et de la gestion des crises. L'aide humanitaire de l'UE vise à permettre l'accès aux soins de santé de base pour les victimes de conflits, y compris les interventions chirurgicales d'urgence en contexte de guerre, la réhabilitation physique, la fourniture de médicaments essentiels ainsi qu'un soutien psychosocial. Cette assistance aide à rétablir les services de soins de santé de base dans les zones touchées par un conflit, ainsi qu'à permettre d'assurer l'éducation des enfants. Les fonds de l'UE feront l'objet d'une surveillance étroite et seront acheminés par l'intermédiaire d'organisations non gouvernementales internationales et du Comité international de la Croix-Rouge. Un communiqué de presse est disponible [en ligne](#). (Pour plus d'informations: Carlos Martin Ruiz De Gordejuela – Tél.: +32 229 65322; Daniel Puglisi – Tél.: +32 229 69140)

### **TRADE: The EU and Norway agree on an interim appeal system in wake of the World Trade Organization Appellate Body blockage**

The EU and Norway today notified to the World Trade Organization (WTO) their [interim appeal arbitration arrangement](#). In this way, the EU and Norway secure an effective and binding dispute settlement for any potential trade disputes that might oppose them under the WTO law, in case the existing WTO Appellate Body stops being operational. The EU's foremost priority remains to ensure an effective functioning of the existing WTO Appellate Body. The interim arrangement has however become necessary as a contingency measure given the long-standing blockage in the appointments of the Appellate Body members. The EU and other WTO countries have made formal proposals and are now discussing ways to resolve the situation. In the meantime, an interim solution that mirrors the existing WTO appeal process can be put in place between interested WTO members. Today's agreement with Norway is the EU's second interim appeal arrangement, the first being the one [agreed between the EU and Canada](#) on 25 July 2019. (For more information: Daniel Rosario – Tel. +32 229 56185; Kinga Malinowska – Tel.: +32 229 51383)

## **Promotion des produits agro-alimentaires européens : la Commission présente les projets sélectionnés**

La Commission européenne et l'agence pour les consommateurs, la santé, l'agriculture et l'alimentation de l'UE ([CHAFEA](#)) ont approuvé 81 campagnes de promotion de produits agroalimentaires de l'UE qui se dérouleront dans et hors de l'UE au cours des trois prochaines années. Les campagnes sélectionnées bénéficieront d'un financement européen de 200 millions d'euros. Phil **Hogan**, commissaire à l'agriculture, a déclaré: « *Les produits agroalimentaires européens sont réputés dans le monde entier pour leur qualité et leur authenticité. J'en ai été moi-même témoin lors de visites dans plusieurs pays du monde, tels que la Chine, le Japon, l'Indonésie, le Mexique ou la Colombie, accompagnés de producteurs agroalimentaires de l'UE. La Commission européenne soutient leurs efforts en les aidant à relayer leur message et maintenir leur bonne réputation au niveau mondial.* » Les programmes de promotion visent à aider les producteurs à communiquer sur la qualité de leurs produits, et à ouvrir de nouveaux marchés. Ils se concentrent sur un certain nombre de priorités telles que la mise en valeur de la qualité des aliments européens avec des indications géographiques ou des méthodes de production biologiques. Sur les 81 campagnes sélectionnées, 55 ciblent des pays situés hors de l'UE, tels que le Brésil, le Canada, la Chine, le Mexique et l'Inde. Les campagnes sélectionnées couvriront un large éventail de produits tels que les produits laitiers, les olives et les fruits et légumes. Plus d'informations sont disponibles [en ligne](#). (Pour plus d'informations: Daniel Rosario – Tél: +32 2 29 56185; Clémence Robin – Tél: +32 229 52 509)

## **State aid: Commission approves €64 million support for a waste-to-energy highly efficient cogeneration plant in Poland**

The European Commission has approved, under EU State aid rules, Polish plans to support the construction of a highly efficient municipal waste treatment facility located in Gdańsk. The beneficiary of the aid is Port Czystej Energii Sp. z o.o. ("PCE"), a municipally owned company. The project will be organised in the form of a public-private partnership between PCE and private partners selected by the beneficiary through a competitive procedure. The Commission assessed the measure under EU State aid rules, in particular the Commission's 2014 [Guidelines on State aid for environmental protection and energy](#). The Commission found that the aid will contribute to the EU's energy and environmental objectives without unduly distorting competition in the Single Market. In particular, cogeneration increases energy efficiency by recycling the heat from power generation for other uses (in this case, the public district heating), to the overall benefit of the environment. The new installation will also help reduce municipal waste disposal in landfills by incinerating approximately 160.000 tons of waste that is currently landfilled. It will contribute to reducing the use of fossil fuels and, hence, to reducing the level of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. More information will be available on the Commission [competition](#) website in the [public case register](#)

under the case number SA.55100. *(For more information: Lucía Caudet – Tel. +32 229 56182; Giulia Astuti – Tel.: +32 229 55344)*

### **Mergers: Commission clears the acquisition of KCOM by MEIF 6 Fibre**

The European Commission has approved, under the EU Merger Regulation, the acquisition of sole control of the whole of KCOM Group plc by MEIF 6 Fibre Ltd., both of the UK. KCOM is a provider of IT and communications solutions to consumers and businesses in the UK, primarily in the Hull and East Yorkshire area of North-East England. MEIF 6 Fibre is an investment fund controlled by the Macquarie Group Limited of Australia. Macquarie is a diversified financial group active worldwide in a wide range of sectors, including as an investor in telecommunications infrastructure since the early 2000s. The Commission has concluded that the proposed acquisition would raise no competition concerns given the limited horizontal and vertical overlaps between the companies. In addition, the Commission excluded any competition concerns arising from conglomerate relationships between the companies. The transaction was examined under the normal merger review procedure. More information is available on the Commission's [competition](#) website, in the public [case register](#) under the case number [M.9433](#). *(For more information: Lucía Caudet – Tel. +32 229 56182; Maria Tsoni – Tel.: +32 229 90526)*

### **Mergers: Commission clears joint acquisition of 1822604 Alberta, Northumbrian Water Group, Northumbrian Services, West Gas Networks, Western Gas Networks, UK Rails. and Dutch Enviro Energy Holdings by CK Asset Holdings and CK Hutchison Holdings**

The European Commission has approved, under the EU Merger Regulation, the acquisition of joint control over 1822604 Alberta Ltd (“Alberta”) of Canada, Northumbrian Water Group Limited, Northumbrian Services Limited, West Gas Networks Limited, Western Gas Networks Limited, UK Rails S.à r.l., all of the UK, and Dutch Enviro Energy Holdings B.V. of the Netherlands, by CK Asset Holdings Limited (“CKA”) and CK Hutchison Holdings Limited (“CKHH”), both of Hong Kong. Alberta is active in off-airport car parking in Canada. Northumbrian Water Group and Northumbrian Services are active in water supply, sewerage and wastewater services in England and Wales. West Gas Networks and Western Gas Networks are active in the gas distribution network in Wales and the South West of England. UK Rails is the owner of Eversholt Rail Group, a company owning rolling stock in the UK. Dutch Enviro Energy Holdings B.V. is active in the supply of energy from waste in the Netherlands. Prior to the transaction, all these companies were solely controlled by CKHH, which is active in ports and related services, retail, infrastructure, energy and telecommunications. CKA is active in property development and investment, hotel and serviced suite operation, property and project management, investment in infrastructure and utility asset operation and aircraft leasing. The Commission concluded that the proposed transaction would raise no competition concern given the absence of horizontal overlaps and vertical links between the activities of the companies. The transaction was examined under the simplified merger review procedure. More information is available on the Commission's [competition](#) website, in the public [case register](#) under the case number [M.9566](#). *(For more information: Lucía Caudet – Tel. +32 229 56182; Maria Tsoni – Tel.: +32 229 90526)*

## **Mergers: Commission clears acquisition of Autocommerce, Avto Triglav and AC-Mobil by Emil Frey**

The European Commission has approved, under the EU Merger Regulation, the acquisition of Autocommerce d.o.o, Avto Triglav d.o.o and AC-Mobil d.o.o, all of Slovenia, by the Emil Frey Group of Switzerland. Autocommerce, Avto Triglav and AC-Mobil are active in the motor vehicles distribution market in Slovenia. Avto Triglav is also active in the same market in Croatia. The Emil Frey Group is active in the import and distribution of motor vehicles of different brands in the European Economic Area, including distribution of original equipment spare parts and repair and maintenance services. The Commission concluded that the proposed acquisition would raise no competition concerns given the companies' moderate combined market positions resulting from the proposed transaction and the presence of a number of strong competitors in Slovenia and Croatia. The transaction was examined under the normal merger review procedure. More information is available on the Commission's [competition](#) website, in the public [case register](#) under the case number [M.9462](#). (For more information: Lucía Caudet – Tel. +32 229 56182; Maria Tsoni – Tel.: +32 229 90526)

## **Mergers: Commission clears acquisition of Merlin by KIRKBI, Blackstone and CPPIB**

The European Commission has approved, under the EU Merger Regulation, the acquisition of joint control over Merlin Entertainments plc of the UK by KIRKBI Invest A/S of Denmark, the Blackstone Group Inc. of the US and Canada Pension Plan Investment Board ("CPPIB") of Canada. Merlin owns and operates theme and amusement parks and visitor attractions in several EU Member States, including Legoland parks. KIRKBI is a holding and investment company that owns the Lego Group. Blackstone is an asset manager. CPPIB is active in investment management. The Commission concluded that the proposed acquisition would raise no competition concerns, given the limited horizontal overlaps and vertical relationships between the activities of the companies. The transaction was examined under the simplified merger review procedure. More information is available on the Commission's [competition](#) website, in the public [case register](#) under the case number [M.9473](#). (For more information: Lucía Caudet – Tel. +32 229 56182; Maria Tsoni – Tel.: +32 229 90526)

## **Mergers: Commission clears acquisition of PEMA by I Squared**

The European Commission has approved, under the EU Merger Regulation, the acquisition of PEMA GmbH and its subsidiaries ("PEMA") of Germany by I Squared Capital Advisors, LLC ("I Squared") of the US, through its controlled TIP Group entities ("TIP") of Germany. PEMA is active in the operating leasing of heavy trucks and trailers, including integrated services. I Squared is an independent global infrastructure investment manager focusing on energy, utilities, telecom and transport in the Americas, Europe and Asia. Through TIP, I Squared is active in the operating leasing of heavy trailers

in Europe and Canada. The Commission concluded that the proposed acquisition would raise no competition concerns, given the companies' moderate combined market positions and the presence of a number of credible competitors in the European Economic Area and in the Member States most concerned, namely Czechia, Denmark, Germany and Sweden. The transaction was examined under the normal merger review procedure. More information is available on the Commission's [competition](#) website, in the public [case register](#) under the case number [M.9501](#). (For more information: Lucía Caudet – Tel. +32 229 56182; Maria Tsoni – Tel.: +32 229 90526)

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## [Libya: €2 million in humanitarian assistance to cover basic needs](#)

As many continue to suffer from the ongoing conflict in Libya, the European Commission has announced today €2 million in additional humanitarian aid to help those most in need. The assistance will cover emergency health care services, food, livelihood support and protection services.

*“The EU is committed to supporting the most vulnerable in Libya who have now suffered years of conflict. This additional funding will help our humanitarian partners to continue to deliver aid in hard-to-reach areas. It is crucial that parties to the conflict respect International Humanitarian Law, and allow humanitarian workers full access to help those in need and save lives,”* said Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management, Christos **Stylianides**.

EU humanitarian aid supports access to essential healthcare for victims of the conflict, including emergency war surgery, physical rehabilitation, provision of essential medicines as well as prosthesis and psychosocial support. This assistance helps to restore primary healthcare services in conflict-affected areas, as well as providing education for children.

The EU funding will be closely monitored and channelled through international non-governmental organizations and the International Committee of the Red Cross.

### **Background**

Since 2014, the European Union has allocated more than €46 million in humanitarian aid to respond to the most pressing needs in Libya. EU humanitarian funding amounted to €9 million in 2018 and €8 million in 2019. Humanitarian aid is part of the EU's broader support for Libya to address the

ongoing crisis in the country. The EU has also allocated around € 367.7 million under the North of Africa window of the EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa and bilateral assistance for protection and assistance of migrants, refugees and internally displaced people.

Through its partners, the EU also provides protection services, emergency food and other supplies to support conflict affected populations. We also provide education in emergencies to crisis-affected children. The EU provides aid to all vulnerable people, including forcibly displaced and vulnerable host populations, migrants, refugees and asylum seekers, regardless of their status and solely based on needs. The EU is providing assistance across all geographic areas in Libya, including in the Southern and Eastern part of the country.

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## [EUIPO announces the third edition of the DesignEuropa Awards](#)

October 21, 2019 [About the EUIPO](#)

EUIPO announces the third edition of the DesignEuropa Awards



The DesignEuropa Awards, which celebrate excellence in design and design management, are now open for applications and nominations.

Organised by the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO), the DesignEuropa Awards honour outstanding design brought to the marketplace with the protection of the Registered Community Design (RCD).

**The nomination and application period for the DesignEuropa Awards runs from**

today, 21 October 2019, until 20 April 2020.

The DesignEuropa Awards categories are:

- **The Industry Award:** for RCDs owned by companies which have more than 50 employees and over EUR 10 million in turnover/balance sheet total
- **The Small and Emerging Companies Award:** for RCDs owned by companies which either fewer than 50 employees and less than EUR 10 million in turnover/balance sheet total **or** were established after January 1 2016, regardless of their size.
- **The Lifetime Achievement Award:** for individual designers with a significant body of aesthetic work, created over the course of a career, which has also had a demonstrable impact on the marketplace. Nominees in this category must currently use or have used the RCD system during their professional careers.

The Awards Ceremony will be held in Eindhoven, The Netherlands, on 20 October 2020 in collaboration with the [Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Policy](#) and the [Benelux Office for Intellectual Property](#).

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## [Liechtenstein joins TMview](#)

October 21, 2019 [European Trade Mark and Design Network](#)

Liechtenstein joins TMview

The logo for TMview, featuring the letters 'TM' in a large, bold, blue serif font, followed by 'view' in a smaller, grey, sans-serif font.

As of 21 October 2019, the Bureau of Intellectual Property within the Office of Economic Affairs of the Principality of Liechtenstein (AVW) has made its trade mark data available to the TMview search tool.

With AVW on board of TMview, the tool now contains data from 71 participating offices.

With the addition of more than 7,500 trade marks from AVW, TMview provides information and access to almost 55.1 million trade marks in total.

Since the introduction of TMview on 13 April 2010, the tool has served more than 62.5 million searches from 169 different countries, with Spain, China and Germany among the most frequent users.

The integration of AVW is a concrete result of the [International Cooperation](#) programme managed by EUIPO in collaboration with its international partners.

You can find out more at [www.euipn.org](http://www.euipn.org) and [www.tmview.org](http://www.tmview.org)

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## [Join EU-OSHA in marking the European Week for Safety and Health at Work 2019](#)

Millions of workers across Europe frequently come into contact with dangerous substances in the workplace, and the use of such substances is increasing. This exposure can have negative effects on workers' health and their ability to work in the long term, so prevention is extremely important. Hundreds of events and activities organised to mark the European Week for Safety and Health at Work aim to raise awareness of this issue and encourage the exchange of best practice to ensure effective risk prevention.

Christa Sedlatschek, EU-OSHA's Executive Director, believes that it is essential that all European companies have access to the knowledge and resources they need to improve their risk management and highlights the pivotal role that the Healthy Workplaces Campaign has played in ensuring this: 'According to a [Eurobarometer study](#), which surveyed almost 28,000 people in 28 countries, 65 % are worried about being exposed to hazardous chemicals. This is where EU-OSHA's dangerous substances e-tool can help. Free to use, it provides employers with the advice and support they need to effectively manage dangerous substances in the workplace.'

The interactive [e-tool](#) – specifically created for micro and small enterprises (MSEs) – helps businesses to do risk assessments on their use of dangerous substances and provides them with tailored advice on good practice and how to apply effective measures in the workplace. An impressive 26,000 visits have been recorded since the launch of the tool in May 2018, and it is tailored now to Iceland, Norway and Portugal. Country versions for other



countries will follow later.

EU-OSHA works closely with its extensive network of partners to promote the European Week for Safety and Health at Work and ensure its success. The Agency thanks its national focal points, official campaign partners and media partners in particular for their support, which is key to the success of the European Week.

The national focal points have organised a wide variety of events throughout the week. National campaign closing events to review the highlights of the campaign, exchange good practice and reflect on lessons learned are held in [Austria](#), [Lithuania](#), [Italy](#) and [Slovakia](#).

In Spain, a [conference in Barcelona](#) focuses on minimising exposure to carcinogens, while a [workshop in Madrid](#) highlights the importance of a strong risk prevention culture in managing hazardous substances. And a [conference in Finland](#) discusses the safe handling of chemical agents in the workplace and offers practical advice to participants.

What's more, campaign partners, media partners and committed supporters hold many smaller events across Europe all with the same aim – to reduce the risks from dangerous substances in Europe's workplaces.

### **Get involved!**

Anyone – from employees and employers to OSH experts and stakeholders – can participate in the European Week for Safety and Health at Work. To help promote safer and healthier workplaces, you can:

- download and distribute the free [campaign resources](#);
- organise an event or activity in your area;
- follow us on social media with #EUhealthyworkplaces and share promotional posts and materials;
- take part in events and competitions.

### **Links:**