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- PROMOTION -

1. JUST PUBLISHED in January

NOW available, announced in Bulletin 11/2008



◆ Economic Forecast — Autumn 2008 European Economy — Report No 6/2008

Available only in English
2008 – 174 pp. – 21 x 29.7 cm
ISBN 978-92-79-08388-4
Cat. No: KC-AR-08-006-EN-C
Price (excluding VAT): € 50

Author service: European Commission, Directorate-General for Economic and Financial Affairs

Target groups: Market researchers, consumer associations, entrepreneurs, experts in financial politics, decision-makers, students

Autumn economic forecast 2008-2010: GDP growth comes close to a stand-still in the EU and euro area

The Commission's autumn forecasts show that the EU economies are strongly affected by the financial crisis, which is aggravating housing-market correction in several economies at a time when external demand is fading rapidly. While the important measures taken to stabilise financial markets have begun to restore confidence, the situation remains precarious and the risks to the forecasts significant. As a result, employment is set to increase only marginally in 2009-2010, after the 6 million new jobs created in 2007-2008, and unemployment is expected to rise by about 1 pp. over the forecast period after being at its lowest for more than a decade



◆ Report on Competition Policy 2007 including Commission staff working document

Available in English (EN) and German (DE)
French (FR) will follow mid-February
2008 – 158 pp. – 16.2 x 22.9 cm
ISBN 978-92-79-09388-3
Cat. No: KD-AD-08-001-EN-C
Price (excluding VAT): € 25

Author service: European Commission, DG Competition

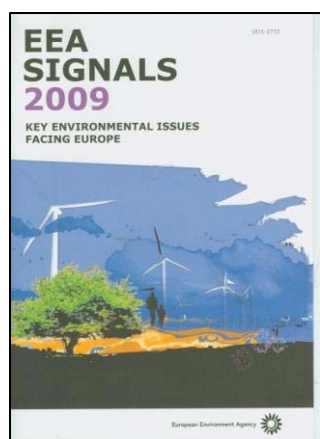
Target groups: Decision-makers, entrepreneurs, students, consumer organisations

The report on Competition Policy provides detailed information on the most important policy and legislative initiatives.

The 2007 report describes:

- how the instruments of competition policy (antitrust, merger and State aid rules) were further developed and applied in general;
- how a mix of these and other instruments was used in selected priority economic sectors such as energy, financial services, telecommunications and IT;
- cooperation with national competition authorities and courts within the European Union, and with international organisations and external countries;
- cooperation with other EU institutions in the field of competition.

This volume contains the report adopted by the Commission on 16 June 2008 and a more detailed Commission staff working document.



♦ EEA SIGNALS 2009 Key environmental issues facing Europe

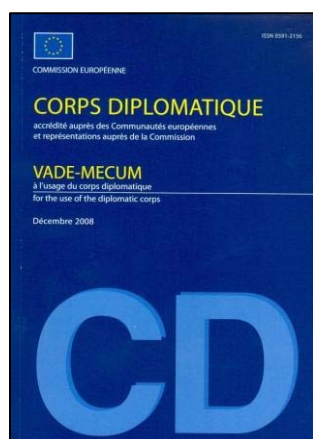
Available in the 23 official languages of the EU as well as in Icelandic (IS), Norwegian (NO) and Turkish (TR)
2008 – 38 pp. – 21 x 29.7 cm
ISBN 978-92-9167-381-0
Cat. No: TH-AP-08-001-EN-C
Price (excluding VAT): € 10

Author service: European Environment Agency (EEA)

Target groups: Students, scientists, policy-makers, farmers, small & medium-sized businesses

Signals is published at the start of each year and provides snapshot stories on issues of interest both to the environmental policy debate and the wider public for the upcoming year.

The eight stories addressed are not exhaustive but have been selected on the basis of their relevance to the current environmental policy debate in Europe. They address priority issues of climate change, nature of biodiversity, the use of natural resources and health.



♦ CORPS DIPLOMATIQUE accrédité auprès des Communautés européennes et représentations auprès de la Commission VADE-MECUM à l'usage du corps diplomatique/for the use of the diplomatic corps Décembre 2008

Available only in French (FR)
2009 – 301 pp – 14.8 x 21 cm
ISBN: 978-92-79-07971-9

N° cat.: KA-AG-09-001-FR-C

Price (excluding VAT): € 25

Author service: European Commission, Secretariat-General

Target groups: Diplomats, EU citizens, international organisations

This publication comprises a list of the Heads of Missions of non-Community countries based in Brussels and the date of taking up their posts; the missions accredited to the European Commission and their staff; the representatives of international organisations accredited to the European Commission and their staff; national holidays in non-Community countries and the protocol for the use of the European Commission's diplomatic corps.

2. Forthcoming publications

Please note: the information below is not always complete, but this is what is available at this moment

◆ General Report on the Activities of the European Union 2008

Annual

Will be available in 22 official languages of the European Union beginning of March

2008 – ??? pp. – 16.2 x 22.9 cm

ISBN 978-92-79-10131-1

Cat. No: KA-AD-09-001-EN-C

Price (excluding VAT): € 25

Author service: European Commission, Secretariat-General

Target groups: Decision-makers, economists, government departments, students

Looking back at the year in Europe...

Overview of the main legislative activities and key achievements which marked the European Union's activities over the last twelve months.

The four key topics at the heart of the Report are the four *strategic objectives* set by the Commission in its work programme when it took office: "*prosperity*", "*solidarity*", "*security*" and "*strengthening the Union's role as a global player*".

◆ Fact sheets on the European Union 2009 Edition

Will be available in German (DE), English (EN), Spanish (ES), French (FR), Italian (IT) and Polish (PL) end of March

2008 – ??? pp. – 22 x 27 cm

ISBN 978-92-823-2469-1

Cat. No: BA-AA-08-001-EN-C

Price (excluding VAT): € 40

A multilingual CD-ROM in 21 official languages of the EU will be available **free of charge**:
2009

ISBN 978-92-823-2474-5

Cat. No: BA-AA-08-001-1X-Z

Author service: European Parliament

Target groups: The facts sheets are of use to many professionals and students whose work relates to European affairs

The European Union at a glance

The aim of these fact sheets is to provide those new to the subject with an overview of the process of European integration and the **European Parliament's role in this development**.

New fact sheets on topical issues and the developments of the last few years have recently appeared online, for example: the institutional reforms undertaken in preparation for the accession of Bulgaria and Romania; the new financial perspective; gender equality; asylum, and immigration policy; management of external borders; judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters; sports policy; the Lisbon strategy; the European neighbourhood policy (ENP); the South Caucasus (Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia) and central Asia.

With access to **around 160 fact sheets**, readers will find that this is one of the best sources of information about the Union's institutions and policies.

The content of these fact sheets covers **six main areas**: how the EU works, citizens' Europe, the internal market, common policies, economic and monetary union and the EU's external relations.

These publications will be available in EU Bookshop soon:

<http://bookshop.europa.eu>

Access to European Union law is via EUR-Lex: <http://eur-lex.europa.eu>

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