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**Dia Mundial da SIDA 2010: Comissão Europeia apela ao reforço da prevenção e da despistagem e contribui com 1,3 milhões de euros para o investimento na luta contra a SIDA à escala mundial**

Para comemorar o Dia Mundial da SIDA, o Comissário europeu para a Saúde, John Dalli, proferirá, no Parlamento Europeu, o discurso principal de um seminário sobre a despistagem do VIH. O diagnóstico precoce é vital para o tratamento precoce e para o aumento da esperança de vida, uma vez que se estima que um terço das pessoas infectadas com o VIH na Europa desconhecem o seu estado. Para combater a SIDA à escala mundial, o Comissário europeu para o Desenvolvimento, Andris Piebalgs, anunciou recentemente um aumento de 10 % nas contribuições para o Fundo Mundial de luta contra o VIH/SIDA, a tuberculose e o paludismo (GFATM), para o qual a UE é já o maior contribuinte, fornecendo 52 % dos recursos. Este aumento permitirá à Comissão contribuir com cerca de 1,3 mil milhões de euros no período 2002-2013.

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**Antitrust: Commission probes allegations of antitrust violations by Google**

The European Commission has decided to open an antitrust investigation into allegations that Google Inc. has abused a dominant position in online search, in violation of European Union rules (Article 102 TFEU). The opening of formal proceedings follows complaints by search service providers about unfavourable treatment of their services in Google's unpaid and sponsored search results coupled with an alleged preferential placement of Google's own services. This initiation of proceedings does not imply that the Commission has proof of any infringements. It only signifies that the Commission will conduct an in-depth investigation of the case as a matter of priority.

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**EU public consultation on external action funding after 2013**

The European Commission launched a public consultation on all aspects of EU external funding. The aim is to gather ideas and opinions on the future of the instruments at the disposal of the European Union to fulfil its worldwide responsibilities. The European Union is an active player in the world, with interests and values to promote and responsibilities to match towards third countries. With the new institutional framework established by the Lisbon Treaty, there are raising expectations on EU's capacities to respond to challenges worldwide. These challenges range from investing in the long-term

security and prosperity of partner countries as a contributory factor towards stability and global economic development or providing support to cope with humanitarian disasters to global issues such as climate change, energy security, food security and financial stability. - In this context, the EU needs to be equipped to address the diverse situations of partner countries around the world, to respond to emerging political priorities and new crisis situations, and to ensure the performance and quality of its financial support to third countries. The consultation concerns the implementation of external policies through different instruments. Responses from interested citizens and stakeholders will be requested on a range of issues such as the added value of EU financial intervention in several areas, the options for new cooperation and delivery mechanisms with partner countries or the efficiency, impact and visibility of EU external assistance. This online public consultation on external action funding after 2013 is open to all interested stakeholders. The link to the consultation: <http://ec.europa.eu/development/how/consultation/index.cfm>

### **Commission launches pilot "blue belt" project to make shipping within Europe more attractive**

The European Commission has today launched a pilot project designed to reduce administrative burdens in shipping. Short sea shipping is an environmentally friendly way of transporting freight within the European Union, but complex procedures hamper its full development. These could be overcome by creating a "blue belt" for maritime transport in which ships could operate freely within the internal market, with a minimum of administrative burden, by using the latest technology to monitor maritime transport. Substantial work on the one-year pilot project will be carried out by the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA). The project should help in assessing which services the European vessel traffic monitoring system – known as SafeSeaNet – can offer customs authorities to support their mission, while reducing the administrative burden on short sea shipping. SafeSeaNet will make it easier for authorities to distinguish between ships engaged exclusively in internal EU-trade and other ships, offering ships engaged exclusively in intra-EU trade a regime comparable to road haulage.

The SafeSeaNet system monitors vessel movements and permits the exchange of vessel data between Member States. See also: [http://ec.europa.eu/transport/maritime/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/transport/maritime/index_en.htm)

European Maritime Safety Agency: <http://www.emsa.europa.eu/>  
For further information on EU customs policy: [http://ec.europa.eu/taxation\\_customs/customs/policy\\_issues/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/customs/policy_issues/index_en.htm)

**Euro area inflation estimated at 1.9%**  
Euro area annual inflation is expected to be 1.9% in November 2010 according to a flash estimate issued by Eurostat. It was also 1.9% in October. Euro area inflation is measured by the Monetary Union Index of Consumer Prices (MUICP). To compute the MUICP flash estimates, Eurostat uses early price information relating to the reference month from Member States for which data are available as well as early information about energy prices. The flash estimation procedure for the MUICP combines historical information with partial

information on price developments in the most recent months to give a total index for the euro area. No detailed breakdown is available. Experience has shown the procedure to be reliable (21 times exactly anticipating the inflation rate and 3 times differing by 0.1 over the last two years). Further information can be found in [Eurostat News Release 113/2001](#) of 5 November 2001.

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**[Euro area unemployment rate at 10.1%](#)**

The euro area (EA16) seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate was 10.1% in October 2010, compared with 10.0% in September. It was 9.9% in October 2009. The EU27 unemployment rate was 9.6% in October 2010, unchanged compared with September. It was 9.4% in October 2009. Eurostat estimates that 23.151 million men and women in the EU27, of whom 15.947 million were in the euro area, were unemployed in October 2010. Compared with September, the number of persons unemployed increased by 84 000 in the EU27 and by 80 000 in the euro area. Compared with October 2009, unemployment rose by 0.590 million in the EU27 and by 0.402 million in the euro area. These figures are published by Eurostat.

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