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European Union News

Ireland Fights EU Apple Fine

After the European Commission ruled that Apple owed 13 billion euros in unpaid taxes to the Irish state, Dublin has decided to fight the measure. Accused of receiving illegal state aid, Apple has benefitted from preferential treatment in a country that relies on massive foreign investments for economic growth and job provision. The main argument of the Irish government is that such a ruling renders the country less appealing to its international business partners, a statement that has certainly been influenced by Apple's chief executive Tim Cook, who has made a thinly-veiled warning directed to Ireland in the event it does not file the appeal.

Source: <http://www.euronews.com/2016/09/02/dublin-to-fight-brussels-over-eu-ordered-apple-back-tax-payment>



Roaming Free across the EU

The much-awaited plan to see the European Commission put a stop to mobile roaming charges across the EU has yet to see the light of day, but draws nearer. In the original version, such charges were supposed to be completely abolished, much to the delight of European travellers. Nevertheless, a more recent draft of the bill, apparently favouring large mobile phone service providers, intended to stipulate a roaming-free period of 90 days per year, a limit that does not please the public opinion, albeit in theory, it would not seriously affect the average European, who travels far less on average across the Union. "In the light of the feedback that we have received, the President has instructed the services to withdraw the draft proposal and to work on a new one, on a better one", said EU Commission spokesman Alexander Winterstein on 9 September, paving the way for the roaming-free measure to be implemented. In a Union that could use the public's approval, this seems to work to its advantage.

Source: <http://www.euronews.com/2016/09/09/let-us-roam-brussels-pulls-back-on-latest-plan-for-regulating-mobile-fees>



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What's on the EU's Agenda

Become familiar with some of the most significant topics on the agenda of the European Union, explored from the standpoint of its most prominent news portal, Euractiv. Multimedia features are available, with the possibility to opt for English, French and German, or, in some cases, one of the 24 official languages of the EU.

EU, Turkey Improve Relations

Almost three months after the botched coup in Turkey and the harsh reactions on the part of EU officials to the crackdown of the Turkish authorities on the culprits, the first signs of improvement appear in the relations between the two actors. EU High Representative for the CFSP Federica Mogherini and Enlargement Commissioner Johannes Hahn made a visit to Ankara on 9 September, where they met Turkey's Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu and EU Minister Omer Celik. On the agenda there was condemnation of the coup from EU officials and the pledge to open new negotiations chapters, with the progress bar halting at 16 out of 35 for the time being, as well as the visa removal process, which remains an option. "Turkey is a European country, a European democracy. Europe's future is our future", said Celik at the end of the visit.

Source: <https://www.euractiv.com/section/enlargement/news/turkey-eu-agree-to-ease-tensions-after-failed-coup/>





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Czech President on Crimea: It Cannot Be Returned to Ukraine

Czech President Milos Zeman, known for his pro-Russian views and for opposing the sanctions imposed by the EU on Russia, issues a rather ill-timed opinion on the Crimea annexation file. According to Zeman, who answered a reader's inquiry on Parliament's website, stated, rather contradictorily, that "An annexation means breaching international agreements and it is doubtless that agreements guaranteeing Ukraine's territorial integrity were breached", albeit "On the other hand, I agree with you that Khrushchev made an unforgivable silly thing and world's politicians acknowledge today that Crimea cannot be given back to Ukraine". Zeman had already made headlines on the matter when he was the only EU leader to attend the 9th May 2015 celebrations in Moscow, marking the end of World War Two.

Source: <https://www.euractiv.com/section/europe-s-east/news/crimea-cannot-be-returned-to-ukraine-czech-president-says/>

Guy Verhofstadt Appointed EP's Brexit Negotiator

The head of the Liberal Group in the European Parliament will be in charge of upholding the institution's stance in the future Brexit negotiations. Considered to be an EU veteran, the former Belgian Prime Minister is known for his federalist views, which are likely to make him a tough case to crack in what is bound to be a difficult and possibly long legislative process. According to Verhofstadt, the EP will have a prominent role in the discussions and decide upon any future trade agreement with the UK, which is in keeping with the prerogatives gained through the Treaty of Lisbon. Among the significant attitudes Verhofstadt has been advocating, one cannot help but notice the spats with the UKIP and the view that Scotland is entitled to remain in the EU. Other top EU negotiators on the Brexit include Belgian Didier Seeuws and French Michel Barnier.

Source: <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-37307203>





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The Jean Monnet Module “Managing the EU: Taxation, Economics and Governance”, PwC Chair: Entrepreneurship and Family Business in partnership with Universitatea Babeș-Bolyai and the Faculty of Business, PwC Romania, TWB, PCA announces the organisation of the first edition of the Transylvania International Business and Economics Conference.

The first edition of this conference aims to bring together international researchers, academics, professionals and students activating in the fields of taxation, economics and European studies and to support knowledge exchange and dissemination of specific research and educational programmes.

The organisers strongly encourage contributions that focus on multidisciplinary and cross-sectorial approaches related to taxation, economics and European studies.

Furthermore, the conference welcomes contributions of young and senior researchers, and at the same time it encourages practitioners and specialists in various economics and finance fields to add a more practical-oriented approach to the conference sessions.

For more informations please visit: http://jmtec.ro/dslc_events/tibc/

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