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[State aid: Commission orders Hungary to recover incompatible state aid from national air carrier Malév](#)

The European Commission found that financing granted to Hungarian flag carrier Malév between 2007 and 2010 in the context of its privatisation and renationalisation constitutes illegal state aid, as Malév would not have been able to obtain similar financing from the market on the terms conceded by the Hungarian authorities. Hungary now needs to recover the unlawful aid from the beneficiary.

Commission clears acquisition of joint control of car2go Europe by Europcar and car2go

On 22 December 2011, the European Commission has granted clearance under the EU Merger Regulation to the acquisition by Europcar Group S.A and car2go GmbH of joint control of a new joint venture company, car2go Europe GmbH ("car2go Europe"), registered in Germany, to offer short term car rental services in a number of cities in the EEA. Europcar registered in France is active worldwide on markets for car rental services. car2go, is a German subsidiary of Daimler AG, which produces automobiles and commercial vehicles and provides financial services. It was founded to carry out a pilot project on the short-term car rental market in Ulm, Germany and in one US city. The operation was examined under the simplified merger review procedure.

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