

Dossiers coming up for discussion in the European Commission September 2010

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The news:

Algirdas Šemeta, Commissioner for Taxation, Customs Union and Anti-Fraud, will visit China from 1-6 September, to strengthen customs cooperation between the EU and China and the fight against fraud. During his visit, he will open an international customs conference at the Shanghai World Expo 2010 on Building Bridges to Facilitate Trade while Protecting Citizens. Around 140 participants will discuss the best ways to enhance customs cooperation, facilitate trade and protect both EU and Chinese citizens from counterfeit goods. The Commissioner and Chinese Minister Sheng Guangzu from the General Administration of Customs of China will address issues such as trade facilitation, protecting intellectual property rights and tackling counterfeit cigarettes. On 2 September, the Commissioner will visit the port of Shanghai and meet business representatives, customs officers and intellectual property right owners, who have a strong interest in seeing good EU-Chinese cooperation in the field of customs. On 3 September, he will open the 5th EU-China Joint Customs Cooperation Committee in Shanghai and make a speech at the National college of China Customs.

The background:

The international Customs conference takes place on 1-2 September 2010 at the [Shanghai Expo](#). The draft programme is available on http://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/customs/policy_issues/conference_events/shangai/index_en.htm.

The event:

Footage of the Commissioner at the Expo, as well as his visit to the port of Shanghai will be available on EBS.

Wednesday 15 September 2010: Youth on the Move: initiative to support young people's access to the job market through better education, training and mobility

The news:

The 'Youth on the Move' initiative will promote the mobility and employment prospects of young people. It will define what needs to be done at EU level to unleash the potential of young people to achieve smart, inclusive and sustainable growth in the EU.

Among other things, it will encourage actions to tackle the high level of early school leaving, promote apprenticeship-type vocational training, get more people into higher education and back a more user-friendly system for benchmarking universities. A dedicated Youth on the Move website will provide a one-stop-shop for access to information on EU mobility and learning opportunities and the Commission will propose a Youth on the Move card to promote study or training abroad.

In terms of employment, a new EU job mobility scheme – 'Your first EURES job' – will be created to encourage young people to work abroad and the European Microfinance Facility will support potential young entrepreneurs. The Commission will also encourage Member States to take concrete action to boost youth employment, in particular through Youth Guarantees to ensure young people are in a job or further education within four months of leaving school.

The background:

The Commission's Youth on the Move proposal is a flagship initiative in the Europe 2020 strategy for smart, inclusive and sustainable growth.

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