



# **ENFORCING EU COMPETITION LAW: PRINCIPLES AND ILLUSTRATIONS**

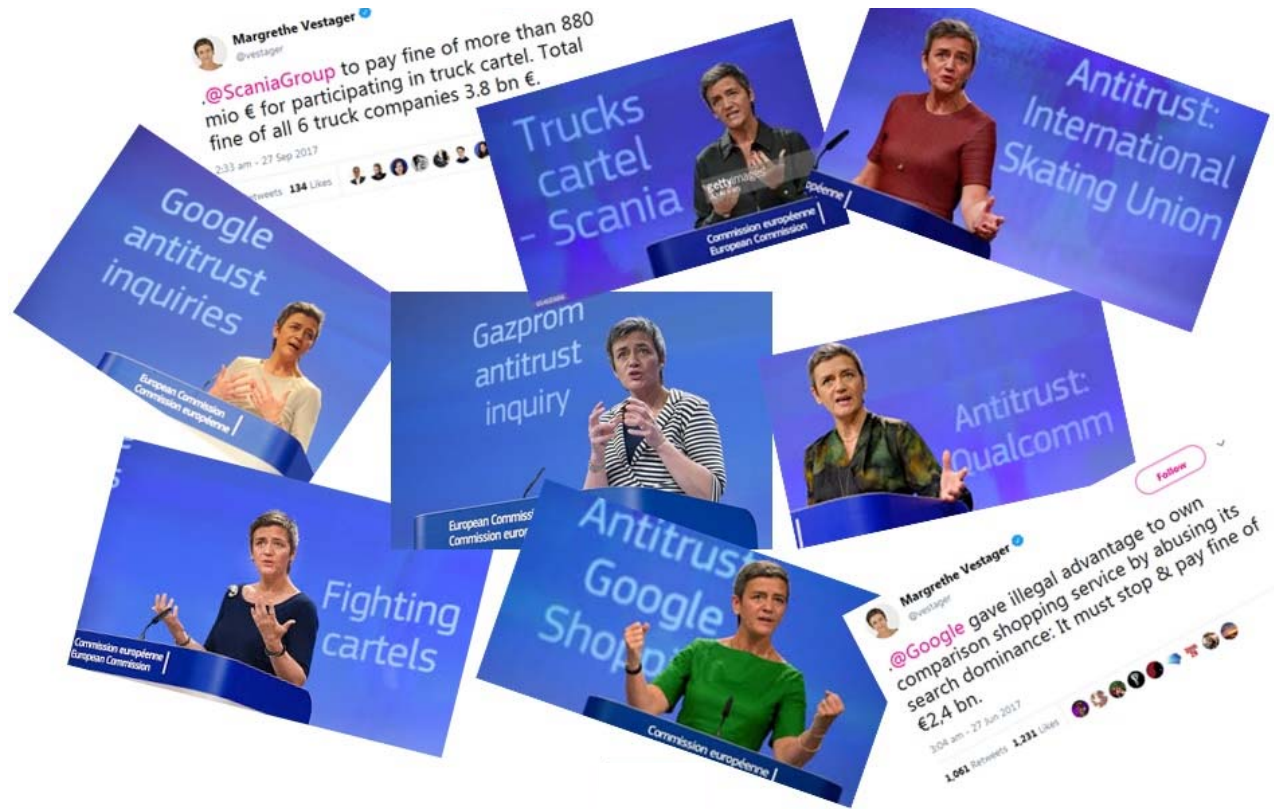
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# Principles

- ☐ Keeping markets open, fair and contestable
- ☐ Promoting consumer welfare
- ☐ Contributing to Commission's priorities
- ☐ Cooperating with EU countries
  - European Competition Network, State aid modernisation
- ☐ Committed to international cooperation

# 2017-2018 Highlights





# Antitrust decisions

- ☐ E-book MFNs
- ☐ Google Search
- ☐ Baltic rail
- ☐ International Skating Union
- ☐ Qualcomm exclusivity payments
- ☐ Gazprom

# Focus on digital markets



Google abuses dominance as search engine to give illegal advantage to "Google Shopping"



# Rebates after CJEU Intel ruling



# Fighting cartels

## 2017

Car battery recycling

Thermal systems

Airfreight re-adoption

Envelopes re-adoption

Lighting Systems

Trucks

Occupant Safety Systems

## 2018

Braking systems

Spark plugs

Maritime Car Carriers

Capacitors







## Policy initiatives

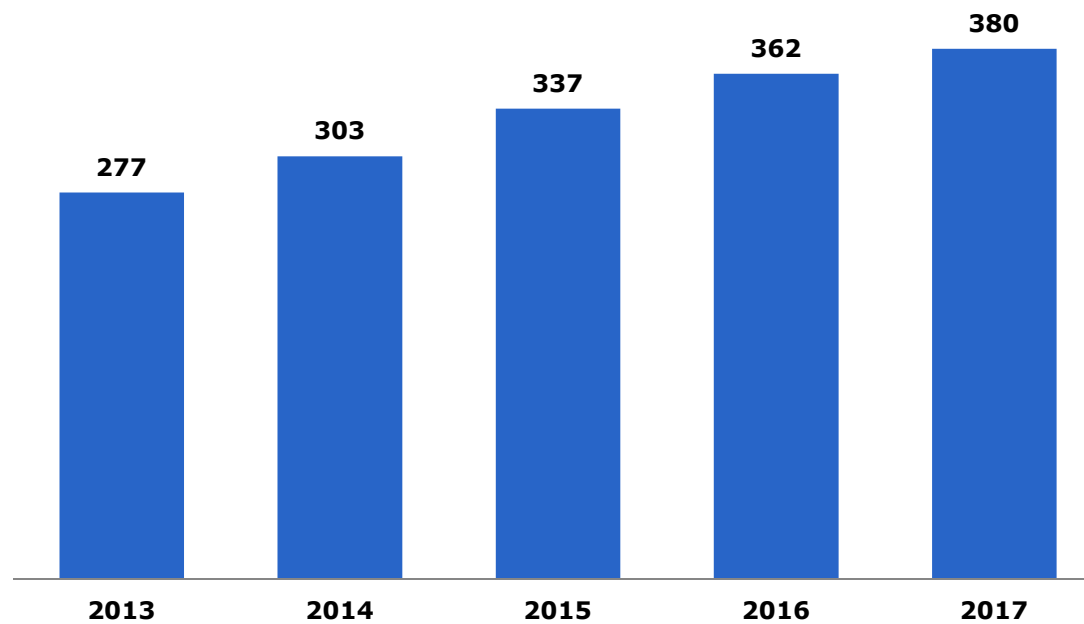
- ☐ Damages Directive follow-up
- ☐ ECN+ Commission proposal







# Merger review



# Bayer/Monsanto



# State aid control

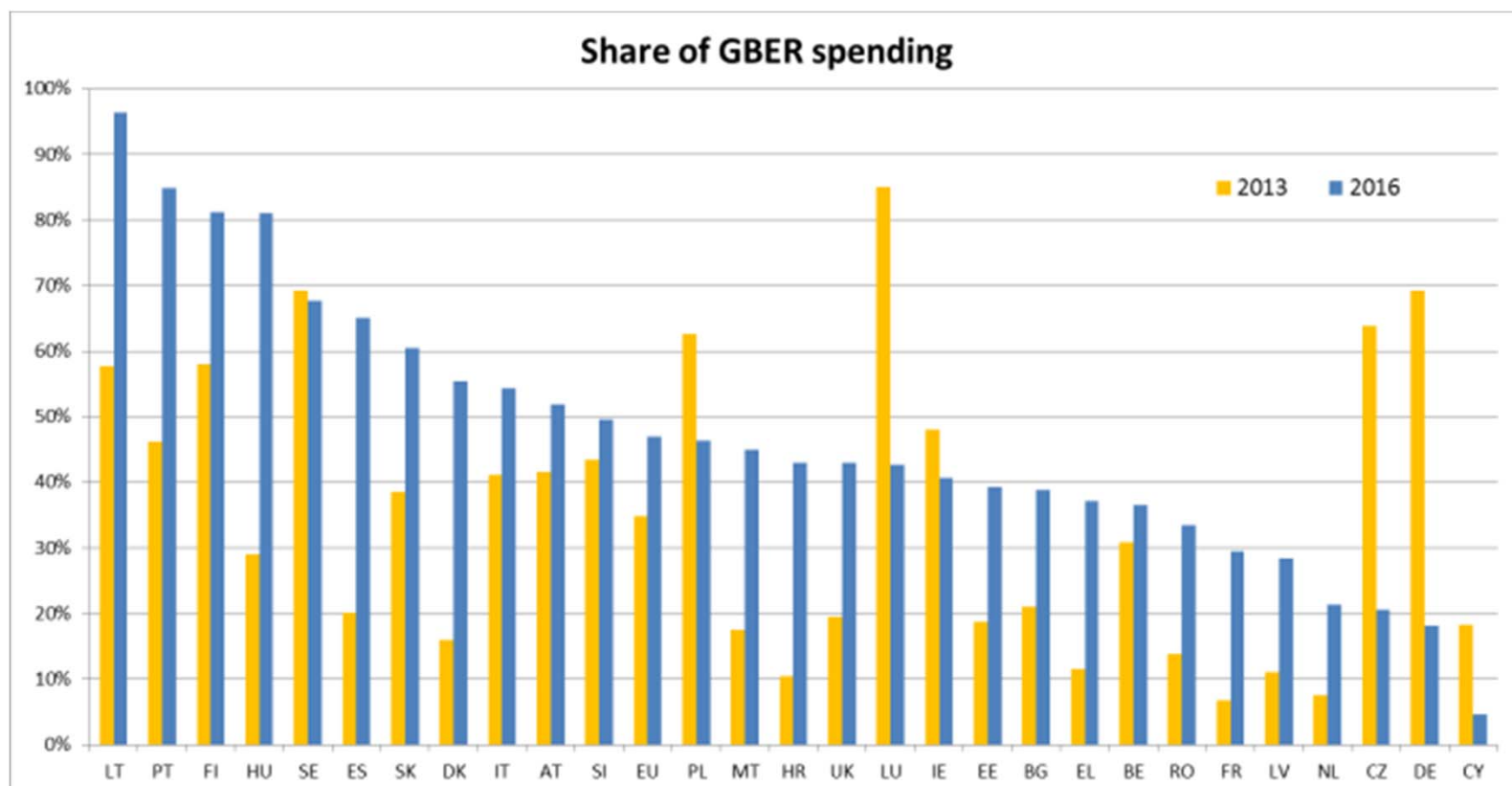
- ☐ Energy
- ☐ Transport
- ☐ Banking sector
- ☐ Corporate taxation
- ☐ GBER

# Focus: Corporate taxation



## Focus: GBER

Faster decisions. EU countries can implement block-exempted measures without delay





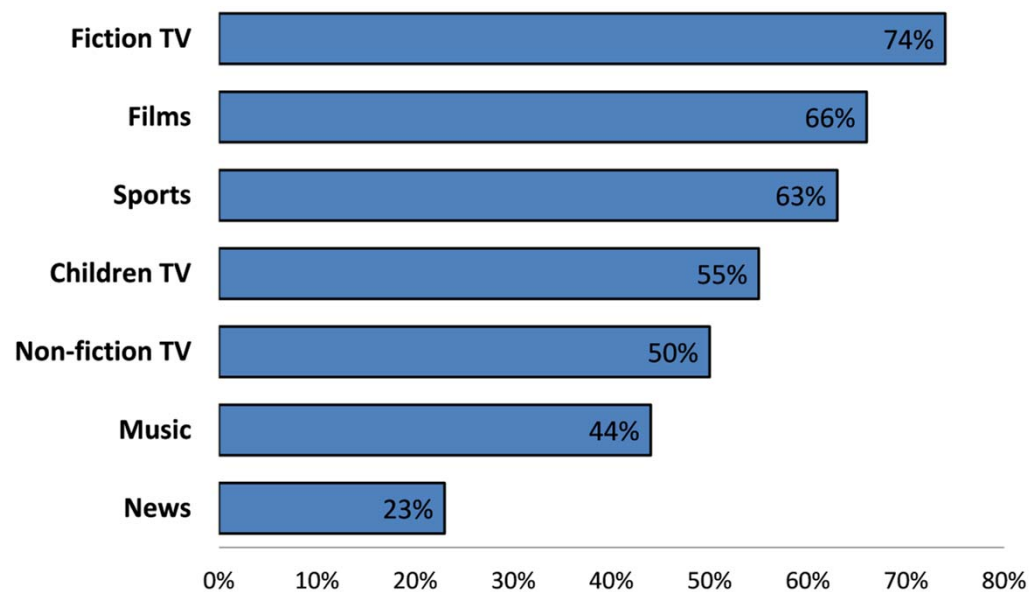
# Contributing to the Juncker Commission's priorities

- ☐ Digital Single Market
- ☐ Energy Union
- ☐ A Deeper and fairer single market



# Contribution to Digital Single Market

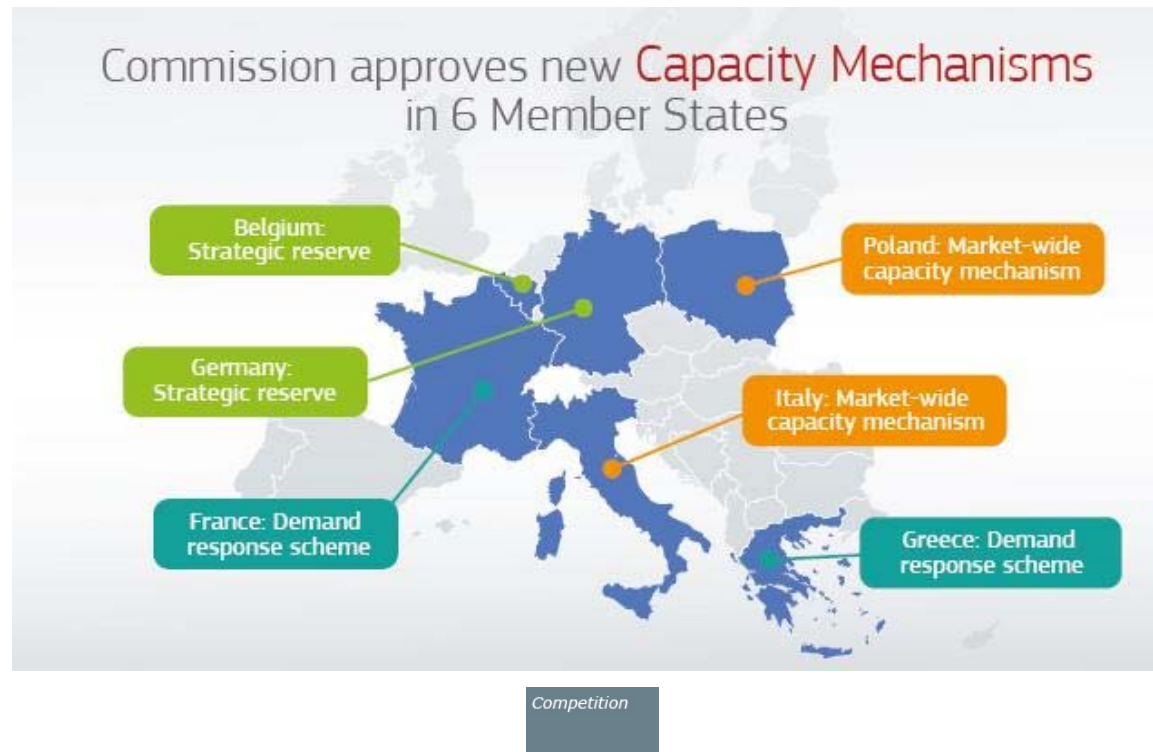
- ☐ E-commerce sector inquiry and cases
- ☐ State aid control of broadband aid schemes





# Energy Union: Capacity mechanisms

- ☐ Sector inquiry
- ☐ Follow-on cases



# Energy Union: Gazprom decision



# Contribution to single market

- ☐ AB InBev
- ☐ Card payments



# International

- ☐ Multilateral: ICN, OECD, UNCTAD
- ☐ Free Trade Agreements
- ☐ Cooperation agreements





# Full implications of a vibrant competition regime

- ☐ Economic
- ☐ Political
- ☐ Social
- ☐ Fairness



Qualcomm/NXP  
Deutsche Börse/LSE  
Lithuanian Railways  
Google  
Montepaschi  
Siemens/Gamesa  
BPVI  
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