

**8th Eastern Partnership Panel on Trade and Trade Related
Regulatory Cooperation linked to DCFTAs**
(Brussels, 15 June 2011)

The 8th meeting of the Eastern Partnership *Panel on Trade and Trade Related Regulatory Cooperation linked to DCFTAs* was held in Brussels on 15 June 2011. The meeting focussed on the Competition Policy and aimed to present to Eastern partners an overview of the *acquis communautaire* in this important trade-related field.

Over 40 participants including representatives from the six Eastern partners, EU Member States and EU institutions took part in the meeting. Representatives of the European Commission's Directorate General for Competition delivered a number of presentations on various aspects of the EU Competition Policy such as:

- "EU competition legislation - Antitrust, cartels and mergers";
- "Introduction to EU State aid control";
- "EC experience on effective enforcement of competition rules in times of economic crisis" and
- "State aid and public undertakings".

In addition, a representative of the State Commission for the Protection of Economic Competition of the Republic of Armenia presented the country's experience in modernising competition legislation.

A lively *tour de table* was held at the end of the meeting, where participants from the six Eastern Partnership countries had the opportunity to present the domestic situation in the field of competition legislation and state aid.