

# COMPETITION

Match the words with the definitions and then put them in the gapped text

**to scale back, , aspired to, breaking up monopolies, draft version, full employment, forced to, a level playing field, natural instinct, commitment**

making companies that have complete control of an area of business lose it, so that other companies can have their share

made to do something against their will

the way someone normally reacts or behaves, without having to learn it or think about it

a document that is not yet final

to make (something) smaller or less significant

pledge, undertaking

a situation where all parties have equal rights and opportunities

had a strong desire or hope to do or have something

when all people who can work have job

The European Union's competition authorities have been among the most aggressive in the world at ..... . Airlines, telephone companies and energy companies are just a few of the industries that have been ..... allow their customers to choose to buy their services from someone else. And once competitors appear, the prices paid by customers tend to fall.

But that liberalisation often put the European Union into conflict with national governments, such as France and Germany, whose ..... was to protect industries that employed thousands of people.

Now the national governments are re-writing the EU's governing treaty and the ..... being considered by the EU's leaders in Brussels appears ..... the ..... to ..... Where the EU's previous treaties ..... an 'open market economy with free competition', the new version describes a 'social market economy aiming at full employment'.

Alex Ritson, BBC

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