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## / Main Topics

- General    ■ Bank/Insurance/Tax    ■ Environment    ■ Media/Telecom    ■ Competition/SA
- Healthcare    ■ Aviation/Transport    ■ Foreign Trade    ■ Energy    ■ Compliance    ■ Food/Tobacco

## / Law

### ■ Online Platforms

The European Parliament approved the new regulation on platform-to-business trading practices. The text still has to be formally adopted by the Council. Once approved, the Regulation will enter into force 12 months after its publication in the Official Journal of the EU.

[EP resolution on the proposal for a regulation on promoting fairness and transparency for business users of online intermediation services](#)

### ■ New Copyright Rules

The Council formally adopted the new rules on copyright, which will amend Directives 96/9/EC and 2001/29/EC. Following the publication of the directive in the EU Official Journal, Member States will have 24 months to transpose the new rules into their national law.

[Directive on copyright and related rights in the Digital Single Market](#)

### ■ Digital Content Sales Contracts

The Council formally adopted the directive on contracts for the supply of digital content and services (Digital Content Directive) and the directive on contracts the sales of goods (Sales of Goods Directive). The directives will enter into force 20 days after their publication in the EU Official Journal. Member States will then have two years to transpose the new rules into their national law.

[Directive on the supply of digital content and digital services – Directive on contracts for the sale of goods](#)

### ■ CO2 Emission Standards for Cars

The Council adopted a regulation on new emission standards for new cars and vans in the period after 2020. This is the final step in the procedure. The new

legislation will enter into force 20 days after publication.

[Regulation setting CO2 emission performance standards for new passenger cars and for new light commercial vehicles](#)

#### ■ Gas Directive

The Council formally adopted an amendment to the gas directive, which aims at ensuring that the European rules on the internal gas market apply also to gas transmission lines between a Member State and a third country. The new directive will enter into force 20 days after its publication in the Official Journal of the EU. Member States will then have 9 months to transpose the new rules into national law.

[Directive on common rules for the internal market in natural gas](#)

#### ■ Energy Union

The EC adopted the 4<sup>th</sup> report on the State of the Energy Union, which shows the policies implemented in the last five years.

[EC Report – Annex to the Report – Report on the Implementation of the Strategic Action Plan on Batteries – Renewable Energy Progress Report](#)

#### ■ EU-China Energy Cooperation

At the 21<sup>st</sup> EU-China Summit held in Brussels at the beginning of April, the two parties signed a Joint

Statement on the Implementation of the Cooperation on Energy.

[Joint Statement](#)

#### ■ EU-China Competition Policy Dialogue

At the 21<sup>st</sup> EU-China Summit held in Brussels few days ago, the two parties signed a new Memorandum of Understanding on the dialogue in the area of state aid control and fair competition review system. In addition to that, they also agreed on the terms of reference of the EU-China Competition Policy Dialogue.

[Memorandum of Understanding – Terms of Reference](#)

#### ■ EMIR Japan

The EC adopted the European Market Infrastructure Regulation Equivalence Decision for derivatives transactions in Japan.

[EC Implementing Decision](#)

#### ■ RAPEX Weekly Report

The EC published its weekly report for all dangerous consumer products, with the exception of food, pharmaceutical and medical devices.

[Weekly Overview Report](#)

## / Politics/General

#### ■ State Aid – Railways Guidelines

The EC launched a public consultation on railways guidelines and short-term export credit insurance, to check if these rules are fit for purpose. Contributions can be submitted until 10 July.

[EC dedicated page](#)

#### ■ EU-US Trade Talks

The Council adopted the negotiating directives for trade talks with the US. In particular, the directives cover two agreements: one on conformity assessment

and the other on eliminating tariffs on industrial products.

#### ■ Code of Practice against Disinformation

The EC published the latest reports by Facebook, Google and Twitter on the progress made in March to fight disinformation.

[EC dedicated page](#)

#### ■ Banking

The European Banking Authority published its final draft Regulatory Technical Standards (RTS) on the

conditions to allow institutions to calculate capital requirements of the securitized exposures (Kirb) in accordance with the purchased receivables approach laid down in the amended Capital Requirements Regulation.

[EBA Final Draft Regulatory Technical Standards](#)

### ■ EIOPA Supervisory Report

The European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority published its Supervisory Activities Report for the year 2018.

[2018 Report on Supervisory Activities](#)

### ■ Single Capacity Booking Platform for Gas

The Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators launched a consultation on single capacity booking platform for gas between Germany and Poland. Contributions can be submitted until 30 April.

[ACER dedicated page](#)

### ■ Capacity Calculation Regions

The Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators adopted a Decision on the proposal of all EU Transmission System operators for the amendment to the determination of capacity calculation regions.

[ACER decision](#)

## / Decisions

### EC Decision of 25 April – CACF / BBPM / Agos Ducato / Profamily

#### ■ Financial service activities

The EC approved the acquisition of ProFamily S.p.a. by Agos Ducato S.p.a. controlled by Credit Agricole Consumer Finance S.A. (“CACF”) and Banco BPM S.p.a. (“BBPM”).

[Case information](#)

### EC Decision of 24 April – OEP / WP Group

#### ■ Manufacture of general-purpose machinery; manufacture of other parts for motor vehicles

The EC approved the acquisition of Powertrain Services UK Ltd and its subsidiaries and certain affiliates carrying on the Walterscheid Powertrain business (the “WP Group”) by OEP Capital Advisors L.P. (“OEP”).

[Case information](#)

### EC Decision of 23 April – Berry / RPC

#### ■ Manufacture of plastics products and packing goods

The EC approved the acquisition of sole control by Berry Global Group Inc. of RPC Group Plc.

[Case information](#)

### EC Decision of 17 April – Daimler / Geely / Ride-Hailing JV

#### ■ Support activities for transportation

The EC approved the acquisition of control over a newly created joint venture by Daimler AG and Geely Technology Group Co. Ltd.

[Case information](#)

### EC Decision of 17 April – Seven Energy / Huaneng-Yudean / Intergen

#### ■ Production of electricity

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control over the whole of InterGen N.V. by Seven Energy and Huaneng.

[Case information](#)

### EC Decision of 17 April – Liberty House Group / ArcelorMittal Divestment Businesses

#### ■ Manufacture of basic metals and of fabricated metal products

The EC approved Liberty House Group purchase of several ArcelorMittal steel plants.

[Case information](#)

## / From the OJEU

### ■ Non-opposition to concentrations

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Vista Equity Partners / TA Associates / Apteau – Case M.9322 has been published.

[Document 2019/C 146/03 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration ENGIE / CDPQ / TAG – Case M.9306 has been published.

[Document 2019/C 146/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Ansaldo / REPH / JV – Case M.9308 has been published.

[Document 2019/C 146/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Daimler / BMW / Car Sharing JV – Case M.8744 has been published.

[Document 2019/C 142/02 – Case information](#)

### ■ Prior notification of concentrations

Prior notification of the concentration MRG / PMV / SFPI-FPIM / Euroports – Case M.9321 has been published.

[Document 2019/C 146/09 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration First State Investment International / Iren Mercato / OLT Offshore LNG Toscana – Case M.9341 has been published.

[Document 2019/C 146/08 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Tyson Foods / European and Thai businesses of BRF – Case M.9300 has been published.

[Document 2019/C 146/07 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration H&F / Blackstone / Scout24 – Case M.9333 has been published.

[Document 2019/C 144/02 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Tenaris / Severstal / JV – Case M.9304 has been published.

[Document 2019/C 142/07 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration OMERS Infrastructure / Morgan Stanley / VTG – Case M.9348 has been published.

[Document 2019/C 142/06 – Case information](#)

## / Brussels intern

### ■ Connected Vehicles

Discussions on the Commission Delegated Regulation on the deployment and operational use of cooperative intelligent transport systems are still going-on at the European Parliament. Two are the options on the table: 5G or WiFi networks for connected vehicles. The Commission's proposal is in favor of the second one,

but EU lawmakers do not fully agree with that position.

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