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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

■ Privacy

The European Data Protection Board published updated guidelines on consent under the General Data Protection Regulation

[EDPB guidelines](#)

■ State Aid

The EC adopted a second amendment which extends the scope of the Temporary Framework to recapitalisation and subordinated debt measures to further support the economy in the context of the coronavirus outbreak. The amended framework will be in place until the end of December.

[Amended Temporary Framework](#)

■ General Block Exemption Regulation

The EC invited interested parties to submit comments on the targeted revision of the GBER. The updated proposal addresses the key concerns raised last year at the first consultation round and aims to exempt from prior Commission scrutiny aid granted through national funds for projects supported under certain EU centrally managed programs. Contributions can be submitted until 6 July. The Commission shall adopt the revised text together with the next Multiannual Financial Framework.

[EC dedicated page – Explanatory note](#)

■ Covid-19 and Tracing Apps

EU Member States, with the support of the European Commission, adopted interoperability guidelines for approved contact tracing mobile applications in the EU. The guidelines will be complemented by

interoperability specifications for cross-border transmission chains between approved apps.

[Interoperability guidelines](#)

■ Cyber Security

The Council adopted a decision extending until 18 May 2021 the restrictive measures framework against cyber-attacks that threaten the EU or its Member States.

[Cyber-security Act](#)

■ Covid-19 and Transport

As part of its package on tourism and transport in 2020 and beyond the EC published a common framework to support the gradual re-establishment of transport while ensuring the safety of passengers and personnel and a recommendation to make travel vouchers attractive.

[Guidelines on restoration of transport services – Recommendation on vouchers](#)

■ Taxation

The EC decided to postpone the entry into force of the VAT e-commerce package by 6 months (as of 1 July 2021 instead of 1 January 2021) and to propose deferring certain deadlines for filing and exchanging information under the Directive on Administrative Cooperation.

[EC dedicated page](#)

■ 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

■ European Green Deal

The EC opened a public consultation to collect input on its new climate change adaptation strategy, that shall be released in early 2021. Contributions can be submitted until 20 August.

[EC dedicated page](#)

■ Banking

The European Banking Authority released its action plan for 2020-2021 to enhance the future framework of prudential and anti-money laundering requirements covering trading schemes (Cum-Ex / Cum-Cum).

[EBA Action plan](#)

/ Decisions

EC Decision of 13 May – OUTOTEC / Metso (Mineral Business)

■ Manufacture of machinery for mining, quarrying and construction

The EC approved the acquisition of the minerals business of Metso Oyi by Outotec Oyi.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 12 May – Eni Rewind / CDP Equity / Circularity JV

■ Treatment and disposal of non-hazardous waste; wholesale of solid, liquid and gaseous fuels

The EC approved the creation of a joint venture, the CircularIT Spa, by Eni Rewind Spa and CDP Equity Spa.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 11 May – Macquarie / Fresco International

■ Production and distribution of electricity

The EC approved the acquisition of Fresco International Sarl by Macquarie European Infrastructure Fund 4 LP (“MEIF 4”).

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 12 May – Operating aid to Saarbrücken airport

■ Air transport

The EC approved the German aid to Saarbrücken airport.

[Case information](#)

/ From the OJEU

■ Non-opposition to concentrations

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Helvetia / CASER – Case M.9772 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 167/04 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Renault / Ferrovia / Car Sharing Mobility Services – Case M.9794 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 167/03 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Bidvest Group / PSH Group – Case M.9763 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 167/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Bridgepoint / Groupe Financiere CEP – Case M.9822 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 164/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Bain Capital Investors / Neuberger Berman / Engineering Ingegneria Informatica – Case M.9774 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 164/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Sun Life Financial / InfraRed Partners – Case M.9770 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 163/01 – Case information](#)

■ Prior notification of concentrations

Prior notification of the concentration Atresmedia / Telefonica / JV – Case M.9743 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 167/10 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration FCA / PSA – Case M.9730 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 167/09 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration IRPC / JPP / Mytex – Case M.9834 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 163/07 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Allianz / OMERS Infrastructure / T&R JV – Case M.9801 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 160/06 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Davidson Kempner Capital Management / GoldenTree Asset Management / Quorum Health Corporation – Case M.9845 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 160/05 – Case information](#)

/ Brussels intern

■ Covid-19 and Recovery

The European Commission is working on its recovery package which will consist of the new Multiannual Financial Framework and a Recovery Instrument. With regard to the latter one, the instrument will focus on three aspects: public investment and reforms; private and strategic investments; and research & health. The Recovery Instrument will be available to all Member States, but a fast-track will be granted to those that have been most affected.

■ Digital Platforms

The European Commission is currently looking for experts for its five-month study of the gatekeeping power of digital platforms.

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