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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

### ■ Brexit

The EC released its recommendation to the Council to open negotiations with the UK. EU Member States will have to adopt the draft directives, formally authorising the Commission to start the talks. According to the EU chief negotiator, Michel Barnier, the European institutions intend to negotiate a highly ambitious trade deal with zero tariffs and quotas on all goods. The agreement on the future relationship will have to be concluded before December, when the transition period will expire. However, this period can be extended once for one to two years, but the decision must be taken by the EU-UK Joint Committee before 1 July.

[Recommendation – Withdrawal agreement](#)

### ■ Review Fiscal Rules

The EC launched the review of the economic surveillance framework, in order to ensure sustainable government finances and economic growth, enable closer coordination of economic policies and promote convergence among Member States. As part of this exercise, the Commission also invited interested parties to give their feedback. The review should be completed by the end of the year.

[EC Communication – Report on the application of the economic governance framework – Review of the suitability of Directive 2011/85/EU – Consultation platform](#)

### ■ End-of-life Vehicles

The EC published its report on the implementation of Directive 2000/53/EC on end-of-life vehicles for the period 2014-2017.

[EC Report](#)

### ■ 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

### ■ EU Bank Resilience

The European Banking Authority launched the 2020 EU-wide stress test.

[EBA dedicated page](#)

### ■ Money Laundering

The European Banking Authority published a public consultation on revised money laundering and

terrorist financing risk factors Guidelines. Contributions can be submitted until 5 May.

[EBA dedicated page](#)

## / Decisions

### EC Investigation – EssilorLuxottica / GrandVision

#### ■ Manufacture and processing of glass

The EC opened an in-depth investigation on the proposed acquisition of GrandVision by EssilorLuxottica.

[Case information](#)

### EC Decision of 04 February – Mahindra & Mahindra / Ford Motor Company / Ardour

#### ■ Manufacture of motor vehicles

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control over Ardour Automotive Private Limited by Mahindra and Mahindra Limited (“M&M”) and Ford Motor Company (“FMC”).

[Case information](#)

### EC Decision of 04 February – Exemption from and reduction of aviation tax for departures of residents on islands

#### ■ Air transport

The EC approved the budget increases for two existing German aid schemes supporting the reduction and exemption of the air travel tax applicable to flights to and from small island in Germany.

[Case information](#)

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## / From the OJEU

### ■ Non-opposition to concentrations

Non-opposition to the notified concentration STEAG / OYAK / SET – Case M.9477 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 37/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration BCP / CD&R Fund X / BrandSafway – Case M.9640 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 37/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Central Group / SIGNA Prime / Mathis JV – Case M.9612 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 35/01 – Case information](#)

### ■ Prior notification of concentrations

Prior notification of the concentration Elliot / Apollo / EP Energy – Case M.9751 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 42/03 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Fairfax Financial Holdings Limited / OMERS Administration Corporation / Riverstone Barbados Limited – Case M.9719 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 40/07 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Viacom / beIN / Miramax – Case M.9714 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 40/06 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Aperam Alloys Imphy / Tekna Plasma Europe / ImphyTek Powders – Case M.9707 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 38/03 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Saudi Aramco / SABIC – Case M.9410 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 35/07 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Itochu / AMCI / POSCO / JVLP / NCR – Case M.9726 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 35/06 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration AccorInvest / Accor / Hotel Portfolio – Case M.9727 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 35/05 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Showa Denko K.K. / Hitachi Chemical Company – Case M.9723 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 35/04 – Case information](#)

## / Brussels intern

### ■ ■ Competition and Digital Sector

The Ministers of Economy of Germany, France, Italy and Poland in a joint letter to the European Commission called on the European executive to adopt a work plan with practical proposals in the coming weeks in order to update the rules on competition and make them more efficient and effective. In particular they suggest to put in place a framework for the definition and regulation of digital platforms and to review the guidelines of merger control.

The European Commission is already working on measures to strengthen and adapt competition rules to the evolving digital world. In the coming days it shall present some working documents; while it will take a bit longer for the launch of a sector inquiry in the field. A specific schedule of the review is not clear yet, however this is a work in progress with different initiatives throughout the year and a comprehensive Digital Services Act expected for the end of 2020.

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