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## / Main Topics

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

## / Law

### ■ Digital Single Market

The EC published its guidance on the interaction of the Regulation on free flow of non-personal data with the General Data Protection Regulation. The guidance covers in particular the concepts of personal and non-personal data and their combination in mixed datasets; the principle of free movement of data and the prohibition of data localization requirements; data portability. It gives practical examples on how the new rules should be applied in cases of mixed datasets. The guidance also includes the self-regulatory requirements established in the two Regulations.

[Guidance on the Regulation on a framework for the free flow of non-personal data in the EU](#)

### ■ E-commerce WTO

The Council adopted a negotiating mandate to enable the European Commission to participate in plurilateral

negotiations on electronic commerce at the WTO. In particular, this decision will supplement the existing mandate for the Doha Development Agenda. Last January the EU and other 48 Countries decided to start negotiations on global rules on electronic commerce and on 26 April the EU presented its initial negotiating proposals.

[Council decision – Text of the negotiating directives on e-commerce – EU proposal on e-commerce](#)

### ■ Financial Services

The EC adopted new rules to support the digitalization of corporate reporting and the transparency of companies' financial reports, the so-called European Single Electronic Format (ESEF). From January 2020 all companies listed in the EU capital markets will need to finalize their annual financial reports using up-to-date digitalized business reporting systems. The regulation

has already been agreed by the European Parliament and the Council.

[EC delegated regulation on ESEF – Annexes](#)

#### ■ EU Ecolabel

The Council decided not to object to a Commission decision concerning the period of validity of the ecological criteria for the award of the EU Ecolabel to certain products and of the related assessment and verification requirements. This decision, which concerns televisions, growing media, soil improvers and mulch, can now enter into force unless the European Parliament objects.

[EC Decision on the period of validity of the ecological criteria for the award of the EU Ecolabel to certain products](#)

#### ■ EU Single Market

The Council adopted its conclusions on “A new level of ambitious for a competitive single market”. In particular, EU Ministers underlined the importance of removing the remaining unjustified barriers to cross-border trade in the services sector within the EU. In

the conclusions the Council calls for an integrated approach for a competitive single market and invites the European Commission to present an action plan for better implementation and enforcement of the European rules by March 2020.

[Council Conclusions](#)

#### ■ Industrial Policy Strategy

The Council adopted its conclusions for an industrial policy strategy. EU Ministers agreed on the need for a strong European industrial base and called for a comprehensive long-term strategy to be presented by the European Commission by the end of the year.

[Council conclusions](#)

#### ■ 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 in the Aviation Sector

The EC launched a targeted consultation on the evaluation of the 2014 Aviation Guidelines and the relevant rules under the General Block Exemption Regulation. Contributions can be submitted until 19 July.

[EC dedicated page](#)

#### ■ De Minimis Regulation Consultation

The EC launched a public consultation on the implementation of the De minimis Regulation in the framework of the Fitness Check on State aid rules. Contributions can be submitted until 19 July.

[EC dedicated page](#)

#### ■ National Electricity Network

The Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators published its Opinion on the National Electricity Network Development Plans and their consistency with the EU-wide electricity Ten-year Network Development Plan prepared by the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity (ENTSO-E).

[ACER Opinion](#)

#### ■ European Gas Transmission Network

The Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators published the 6<sup>th</sup> edition of the Annual Report on Contractual Congestion at Interconnection Points.

[ACER report](#)

## ■ EBA Report

The European Banking Authority published its Annual Report for 2018, which contains also the priorities for the coming year.

[EBA annual report](#)

## ■ Banking

The European Banking Authority published amendments to the Implementing Technical Standards on supervisory reporting for EU institutions and the corresponding Data Point Model (DPM) and XBRL taxonomy 2.9.

[EBA final report](#)

# / Decisions

## EC Decision of 24 May – Onex / AEG / JV

### ■ Combined facilities support activities; operation of arts facilities

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control over a newly created joint venture by Onex Corporation and Anschutz Entertainment Group Inc. (“AEG”).

[Case information](#)

# / From the OJEU

## ■ Prior notification of concentrations

Prior notification of the concentration EQT / Parques Reunidos – Case M.9392 has been published.

[Document 2019/C 185/13 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Primonial / Samsung SRA / Building Lumiere – Case M.9338 has been published.

[Document 2019/C 185/12 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration IBM / Red Hat – Case M.9205 has been published.

[Document 2019/C 185/11 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Clearlake Capital Group / Francisco Partners Management / Perforce Software Holdings – Case M.9388 has been published.

[Document 2019/C 185/10 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration PAI Partners / Areas Worldwide – Case M.9373 has been published.

[Document 2019/C 181/06 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Koito / Elbit / BWV / JV – Case M.9363 has been published.

[Document 2019/C 181/05 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration GlaxoSmithKline / Pfizer Consumer Healthcare Business – Case M.9274 has been published.

[Document 2019/C 181/04 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Danske Bank / DNB / Nordea Bank / SEB / Svenska Handelsbanken / Swedbank / KYC Utility – Case M.8934 has been published.

[Document 2019/C 181/03 – Case information](#)

## / Brussels intern

### ■ EU Commission

EU Heads of State and Government had a first meeting after the European elections. They agreed to work on a list of nominees for top EU jobs that will be discussed during next European Summit at the end of June.

### ■ Privacy and Electronic Communications

The Council released a progress report on the proposal for a Regulation concerning the respect for private life and the protection of personal data in electronic communications, which will repeal Directive 2002/58/EC. In the European Parliament, the lead committee adopted its report in October 2017 and it was confirmed by the plenary few days after. In the Council the examination of the text is still on-going. EU Ministers will discuss the proposal again on 7 June.

### [Progress report](#)

### ■ Digital Services Tax

The Council still aims at reaching an agreement by 2020 at the OECD level on a common system of a digital services tax on revenues resulting from the provision of certain digital services. In case negotiations at the international level take more time, the Council will consider the European approach.

### ■ Circular Plastics Alliance

EU Ministers were informed of the latest state of play of the Circular Plastics Alliance, which was launched last December by the European Commission in order to boost the European markets for recycled plastics.

### [Circular Plastics Alliance Information](#)

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