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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

### ■ Covid-19 and Mobile Data

The EC adopted a Recommendation with measures to develop a common European approach for the use of mobile applications and mobile data in response to the coronavirus crisis. In the coming weeks the Commission will also provide guidance on data protection and privacy implications. Member States and the Commission shall develop a toolbox by 15 April. Member States shall then report on the actions taken by 31 May.

[EC recommendation on apps for contact tracing](#)

### ■ Covid-19 and State Aid

The EC adopted an amended Temporary Framework for State aid measures to support the economy in the current Covid-19 outbreak. It will be in place until the end of December and it foresees:

- more support for coronavirus related research and development;
- more support for the construction and upgrading of testing facilities;
- more support for the production of products relevant to tackle the outbreak;
- targeted support in the form of deferral of tax payments and/or suspensions of employers' social security contributions;
- targeted support in the form of wage subsidies for employees.

[Temporary Framework](#)

### ■ Antitrust

The EC issued a Temporary Framework to provide guidance to companies cooperating in response to the current coronavirus crisis. In addition to that, the Commission presented Guidelines to optimise supply and availability of medicines during the outbreak.

## [Temporary Framework – Guidelines](#)

### ■ VAT

The EC temporarily waived customs duties and VAT on the import of medical devices and protective equipment from third countries in order to help in the fight against coronavirus.

[EC Decision on relief from import duties and VAT exemption – Guidance on customs issues](#)

### ■ Steel Producers

The EC imposed provisional anti-dumping duties on hot-rolled stainless steel coils and sheets from China, Indonesia and Taiwan.

[EC Implementing Regulation 2020/508](#)

### ■ International Trade

The Council agreed its position on amending a regulation concerning the application and enforcement of international trade rules by the EU. The Council can now start negotiations with the European Parliament as soon as the latter has agreed its stance.

[EC proposal for a Regulation amending Regulation 654/2014 concerning the exercise of the Union's rights for the application and enforcement of international trade rules](#)

### ■ Medical Devices Regulation

The EC presented its proposal to postpone by one year, until 26 May 2021, the date of application of the Medical Devices Regulation. The proposal now needs to be adopted by both the European Parliament and the Council through an accelerated co-decision procedure.

[EC proposal for a Regulation amending Regulation 2017/745 on medical devices](#)

### ■ 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

### ■ Sustainable Finance

The EC launched a consultation on its Renewed Sustainable Finance Strategy, an integral part of the European Green Deal. Contributions can be submitted until 15 July.

[EC dedicated page](#)

### ■ Digital Finance

The EC launched a consultation on how to further enable innovative digital financial services while

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considering possible competition issues with Big Tech companies. Contributions can be submitted until 26 June. The consultation will feed into the Commission's new Digital Finance Strategy which will be presented later this year.

[EC dedicated page](#)

### ■ Retail Payments

The EC launched a consultation to collect feedback for the forthcoming Retail Payments Strategy, that will be

adopted later this year. Contributions can be submitted until 26 June.

[EC dedicated page](#)

### ■ Banking

The European Banking Authority published guidelines on treatment of public and private moratoria in light of Covid-19 measures.

[EBA dedicated page](#)

### ■ Basel III

The European Banking Authority published two Reports on the impact of implementing the final Basel III reforms and monitor the current implementation of liquidity measures in the EU.

[EBA dedicated page](#)

### ■ Clean Energy Package

The Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators published a Decision defining the system operation regions as part of the implementation of the Regulation on the internal market for electricity.

[ACER Decision – Annexes](#)

### ■ REMIT

The Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators published the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the guidance on REMIT application.

[ACER guidance](#)

### ■ Gas Markets

The Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators published its report on enabling short-term gas markets after interim balancing measures with a view to end interim measures in the EU balancing zones.

[ACER dedicated page](#)

## / Decisions

### EC Decision of 07 April – Salini Impregilo / Astaldi

#### ■ Construction of buildings

The EC approved the acquisition of sole control by Salini Impregilo S.p.a. over Astaldi S.p.a.

[Case information](#)

### EC Decision of 03 April – United Group / Bulgarian Telecommunications Company

#### ■ Telecommunications

The EC approved the acquisition of sole control of the whole of Viva Telecom Bulgaria OOD and its subsidiary, the Bulgarian Telecommunications Company EAD (“BTC”) by United Group B.V.

[Case information](#)

## / From the OJEU

### ■ Non-opposition to concentrations

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Lagardere Travel Retail / BTA / JV – Case M.9747 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 116/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Generali / Klesia – Case M.9662 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 113/03 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration MAIF 2 / PSP / AirTrunk – Case M.9755 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 113/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration AustralianSuper / Peel Group / DWS / Peel Ports – Case M.9765 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 113/01 – Case information](#)

### ■ Prior notification of concentrations

Prior notification of the concentration EQT / OMERS / DGF / INEXIO – Case M.9783 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 116/10 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Bidvest Group / PHS Group – Case M.9763 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 116/09 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Franklin Resources Inc. / Legg Mason Inc. – Case M.9811 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 116/08 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Sun Life Financial / InfraRed Partners – Case M.9770 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 116/07 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration ArcelorMittal Neel Tailored Blanks / TT Steel Service India / JV – Case M.9696 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 113/06 – Case information](#)

## / Brussels intern

### ■ Digital Policies

The European Commission is expected to issue a document in June to boost the digital transformation in several sectors such as health, transport, education and manufacturing.

### ■ Covid-19 Recovery Plan

The European Commission shall present its updated multi-annual financial framework proposal by the end

of the month. According to the Commission, the European Recovery Plan will be the central element of the new framework.

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