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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

### ■ Data Governance Act

The EC proposed new rules on data governance which aims at facilitating data sharing across the Union and between sectors. In particular, the regulation will create the basis for a new system of data governance in line with the principles of consumer protection and the competition rules. Interested parties can also submit their feedback on the proposal until 22 January. This is only the first step, other measures, including the so-called Data Act, will be released in the coming months in order to reach the Commission’s goal of a single market for data, where data can be used safely and fairly for the common good.

[EC proposal for a Regulation on European data governance – EC consultation page](#)

### ■ Action Plan on Intellectual Property

The EC adopted a new Action Plan on Intellectual Property that sets out a series of steps to improve the protection of IP, to improve the enforcement of IP rights and to promote a global level playing field. The plan also seeks to ensure that the European IP framework is fit for the digital age. The Commission intends to work also on an improved copyright infrastructure and to increase transparency and predictability in the licensing of standard-essential patents.

[Action Plan on Intellectual Property – Evaluation report on supplementary protection certificates legislation – Evaluation report on the observatory on infringements of IP – Pilot study for essentiality assessments of SEPs](#)

## ■ **Pharmaceutical Strategy**

The EC adopted a Pharmaceutical Strategy with the aim to support competitiveness, innovation and sustainability of the European pharmaceutical industry. The strategy includes a series of legislative and non-legislative actions which will be launched over the coming years, including a proposal for the revision of pharmaceutical legislation in 2022.

[EC Communication Pharmaceutical Strategy for Europe](#)

## ■ **Taxation**

The EC published its inception impact assessment on the future revision of the Directive on Administrative Cooperation. Contributions to the document can be submitted until 21 December.

[EC consultation page](#)

## ■ ■ **Sustainable Finance**

The EC launched a consultation on the first two sets of criteria for determining which economic activities can be qualified as environmentally sustainable under the EU's taxonomy. Contributions can be submitted until

18 December. The Commission will then finalise its delegated act, which will be subject to scrutiny by the European Parliament and the Council. The legislation will apply from 1 January 2022.

[EC consultation page](#)

## ■ **Collective Redress**

The European Parliament adopted new rules to strengthen collective redress. In particular, the directive will make collective redress available across the Union, covering a broad range of areas included telecommunications, energy and financial services. The directive will enter into force 20 days after its publication in the EU Official Journal. Member States will have until January 2023 to transpose the new Directive into national law.

[Representative Actions Directive](#)

## ■ **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

## ■ **Report on Capital Markets Union**

The European Court of Auditors (ECA) released its special report on Capital Markets Union, which assesses whether the Commission achieved its objectives of increasing the diversity of sources of company financing and of fostering more integrated and deeper capital markets.

[ECA Report](#)

## ■ **REMIT**

The Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators published an updated version of the Guidance on the application of the Regulation on Wholesale Energy Market Integrity and Transparency (REMIT).

[ACER Guidance](#)

## / Decisions

### EC Decision of 26 November – Cephalon

#### ■ Manufacture of pharmaceutical preparations

The EC fined the pharmaceutical companies Teva and Cephalon for agreeing to delay the market entry of a cheaper generic medicine.

[Case information](#)

### EC Decision of 25 November – Trenitalia / Netinera Deutschland

#### ■ Passenger rail transport

The EC approved the acquisition of sole control over Netinera Deutschland GmbH by Trenitalia Spa.

[Case information](#)

### EC Decision of 24 November – HG / KKR / Citation

#### ■ Software publishing

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control over the Citation Group by HgCapital, LLP and KKR & Co. Inc.

[Case information](#)

### EC Decision of 24 November – H&F / Carlyle / Vantage

#### ■ Insurance; reinsurance; trusts, funds and similar financial entities

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control over Vantage, a newly created company constituting a joint venture by Hellman & Friedman and Carlyle.

[Case information](#)

### EC Decision of 24 November – BB Holding Investment / Duferdofin-Nucor

#### ■ Manufacture of basic iron and steel and of ferro-alloys; manufacture of basic metals

The EC approved the acquisition of Duferdofin-Nucor Srl by BB Holding Investment S.A.

[Case information](#)

### EC Decision of 24 November – Germany

#### ■ Coal-fired power plants

The EC approved the German competitive tender mechanism to compensate hard coal-fired power plants for phasing out earlier than foreseen.

[Case information SA.58181](#)

### EC Decision of 16 November – Fixkostenhilfe 2020

#### ■ Direct grant, guarantee, loan / repayable advances

The EC approved a German umbrella scheme to support the uncovered fixed costs of companies affected by the coronavirus outbreak.

[Case information](#)

## / From the OJEU

### ■ Non-opposition to concentrations

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Silver Lake Partners / Engie / Hall Des Lumieres JV – Case M.9976 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 408/03 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Connect Airways / Flybe – Case M.9287 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 408/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration CRH / XI(RMAT) – Case M.8626 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 408/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration MassMutual / MVC Capital – Case M.9991 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 403/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration INEOS / BP Chemicals Business – Case M.9883 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 402/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Kolhberg / Mubadala / Partners Group / Pioneer UK Midco 1 – Case M.9967 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 398/06 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Blackstone / KP1 – Case M.9790 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 398/05 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Telefonica / Prosegur / Prosegur Alarmas Espana – Case M.9559 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 398/03 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Columbia Threadneedle Investments / Brittany Ferries / Condor – Case M.9673 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 398/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration PreZero International / SUEZ Nordic – Case M.10000 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 398/01 – Case information](#)

#### ■ **Prior notification of concentrations**

Prior notification of the concentration Eurazeo / IK Investment Partners / Questel – Case M.10045 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 408/07 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration ENI / UFG (Assets) – Case M.10052 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 403/09 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration LGP / Centerbridge / Community Psychiatry – Case M.10014 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 403/08 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Deutsche Telekom / SK Telecom / JV – Case M.10046 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 403/07 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Allianz SE / TEF Infra / UGG – Case M.10051 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 403/06 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Neste / Bunge Loders Croklaan Oils – Case M.9972 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 402/07 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Allianz / GE / JV – Case M.9948 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 402/06 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration TOTAL / Orsted UK – Case M.9968 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 402/05 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Goldman Sachs Group / Insight Venture Management / InhabitIQ Parent – Case M.10032 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 398/17 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration SK Capital Partners / Venator Materials – Case M.9973 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 398/16 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Aon / Willis Towers Watson – Case M.9829 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 398/15 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration CPPIB / Sixth Street / Clara – Case M.10005 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 398/14 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Imabari Shipbuilding / JFE / IHI / Japan Marine United Corporation – Case M.9936 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 398/13 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Eurofiber Nederland / Vattenfall Wärme Berlin / Vattenfall Bitstream Infrastructure – Case M.9964 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 398/12 – Case information](#)

## / Brussels intern

### ■ Digital Services Act

The European Parliament Research Service released an analysis of some national, regional and local positions on the forthcoming Digital Services Act.

[Briefing](#)

### ■ Banking

On 1 December EU Ministers will have a video-conference to take stock of ongoing work on strengthening the banking union and will also discuss amendments to the Council directive on administrative cooperation in the field of taxation.

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