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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

### ■ New Competition Tool

The EC presented its inception impact assessment and invited stakeholders and interested parties to submit by 8 September their views on the need of a new competition tool that aims to address structural competition problems and on the characteristics that such a tool should have. The tool will impose structural remedies to competition imbalances but will not rule on infringements or establish fines. A legislative proposal is expected for the end of the year.

[EC consultation page](#)

### ■ Online Platforms Regulation

The EC launched a public consultation to collect information and input on a range of issues considered for the Digital Services Act; in particular on how to make a modern regulatory framework for digital

services and online platforms. The consultation is composed of two aspects: the first relates to the fundamentals of the e-commerce directive; the second addresses the issue of the level playing field in European digital markets, exploring the need for an ex-ante regulation of large online platforms acting as gatekeepers. Contributions can be submitted until 8 September and will inform the Commission's proposals for the Digital Services Act package, scheduled for the end of the year.

This exercise will be conducted in parallel with the consultation on a possible new competition tool, in order to ensure a coherent outcome.

[Digital Services act consultation page – Inception Impact Assessment on e-Commerce aspects – Inception Impact Assessment on ex-ante tools](#)

## ■ Taxation

The Council adopted conclusions on the future evolution of administrative cooperation to fight tax fraud and evasion, inviting the Commission to come forward with legislative proposal promptly.

[Council conclusions](#)

## ■ Excise Duty on Tobacco

The Council adopted conclusions concerning the structure and rates of excise duty applied to

manufactured tobacco, calling on the Commission to come forward with legislative proposal.

[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

## ■ Pharmaceutical Strategy

The EC published a roadmap for its Pharmaceutical Strategy which will be adopted before the end of the year. Interested parties can submit their comments on it until 7 July. The Commission's plan will address all levels of the value chain from research and development to authorization, at the same time supporting the European pharmaceutical industry.

[EC consultation page](#)

## ■ Energy and Cyber-security

The Council of European Energy Regulators published its Paper on Cyber-security in the Clean Energy Package. It tackles cyber-security for smart meters.

[CEER paper](#)

## ■ Payment Services Directive

The European Banking Authority published an opinion on obstacles to the provision of third party provider services under the regulatory technical standards on strong customer authentication and common and secure communication.

[EBA opinion](#)

## ■ Investment Firms

The European Banking Authority realized its roadmap for the implementation of the new regulatory framework for investment firms and launched a series of consultations on the first set of regulatory deliverables on prudential, reporting and disclosures and remuneration requirements. Contributions can be submitted until 31 August.

[EBA dedicated page](#)

## / Decisions

### **EC Decision of 04 June – Deutsche Asphalt / Kemna Bau Andrae / Heideasphalt**

#### **■ Manufacture of articles of concrete, cement and plaster**

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control over Heideasphalt GmbH & Co. KG by Deutsche Asphalt GmbH and KEMNA BAU Andrae GmbH & Co. KG.

[Case information](#)

### **EC Decision of 02 June – IRPC / JPP / MYTEX**

#### **■ Manufacture of plastics and plastics products**

The EC approved the acquisition of Mytex by IRPC Public Company Limited and Japan Polypropylene Corporation.

[Case information](#)

### **EC Decision of 29 May – Allianz / Omers Infrastructure / T&R JV**

#### **■ Retail sale of automotive fuel in specialised stores**

The EC approved the indirect acquisition of joint control over Autobahn Tank&Rast Gruppe GmbH & Co KG by Allianz SE and OMERS Administration Corporation.

[Case information](#)

## / From the OJEU

#### **■ Non-opposition to concentrations**

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Davidson Kempner Capital Management / Golden Tree Asset Management / Quorum Health Corporation – Case M.9845 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 185/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration AUNDE Group / Toyota Boshoku / TB Kawashima Automotive Textile (India) JV – Case M.9797 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 182/01 – Case information](#)

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

Prior notification of the concentration Lov Group / Banijay / ESG – Case M.9676 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 183/07 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Experian / Bertelsmann / Informa – Case M.9782 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 183/06 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Naturgy / Sonatrach / BlackRock / Medgaz – Case M.9851 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 183/05 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration EQT Fund Management / Schülke & Mayr – Case M.9850 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 183/04 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Providence / VOO / Brutele – Case M.9757 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 183/03 – Case information](#)

## / Brussels intern

### ■ Commission Own Resources

To finance the proposed recovery fund, the European Commission is working on a proposal for a new tax on multinationals operating on the single market.

According to rumours it would cover companies with global revenues of 750 million euro or more. All the details are still under discussions.

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