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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

■ European Green Deal

The EC adopted a series of energy policy proposals for the implementation of the European Green Deal with the aim to achieve climate neutrality by 2050 and emission reduction for 2030.

The 2020 State of the Energy Union Report looks at the different dimensions of the Energy Union such as renewables, energy efficiency and security, the internal energy market, competitiveness and innovation. Together with the report, the Commission released individual assessments of the 27 National Energy and Climate Plans (NECPs), which analyse the pathway and ambition of each Member State.

[State of the Energy Union Report – Annex – Individual Assessments – Analysis of Energy Subsidies – Energy Competitiveness Report – Progress Report on Energy Efficiency – Progress Report on Renewables – Internal Energy Market – Energy Prices and Costs Report](#)

The Commission also released its strategy for a European Renovation Wave, with the aim to boost renovation rate of buildings focusing in particular on decarbonisation of heating and cooling, tackling energy poverty and renovation of public and worst-performing buildings.

[EC Communication Renovation Wave – Annex](#)

Last but not least, the Commission adopted a strategy to reduce methane emissions in Europe and internationally. The strategy contains legislative and non-legislative actions in the energy, agriculture and waste sectors. In the coming months, the Commission will also review the Effort Sharing Regulation and will consider extending the scope of the Industrial Emissions Directive to cover methane emitting sectors not yet included.

[EU Methane Strategy](#)

■ Chemicals Strategy

The EC adopted its Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability which sets out concrete actions to make chemicals safe and sustainable. In particular it proposes to ban the most toxic substances by default, authorising them only on a case-by-case basis.

[Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability – Annex – EC dedicated page](#)

■ New Competition Tool

The EC released a summary of the contributions received to its public consultation on the New Competition Tool, which ended last September. In the dedicated page, the Commission also published the summary of the contributions of the National Competition Authorities and some experts' reports.

[Summary – EC dedicated page](#)

■ State Aid Temporary Framework

The EC decided to prolong all sections of the State Aid Temporary Framework for six months until 30 June 2021 and the section to enable recapitalisation support for three months until 30 September 2021. In addition to that, the Commission extended the scope

of the framework adopted last March by enabling Member States to contribute to the fixed costs of companies that are not covered by their revenues and to adapt the conditions for recapitalisation measures. By 30 June 2021, the Commission will assess the need to further prolong or adapt the Framework.

[4th Amendment to the Temporary Framework for State Aid – EC dedicated page](#)

■ Motor Vehicle Block Exemption Regulation

The EC launched a public consultation on the Motor Vehicle Block Exemption Regulation with the purpose to assess whether and to what extent the objectives are fulfilled. The evaluation will continue until next Spring, then the Commission will decide on the future exemption regime that will apply after May 2023. Contributions can be submitted until 25 January.

[EC dedicated page](#)

■ 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 Cloud

25 EU Member States released a joint declaration on building the next generation of cloud in Europe. They agreed to focus on combining private, national and

European investments in order to support the development of a competitive European cloud supply industry.

[EC dedicated page](#)

/ Decisions

EC Decision of 15 October – Mylan / Aspen’s EU Thrombosis Business

■ Manufacture of basic pharmaceutical products and preparations

The EC approved the acquisition of sole control of Aspen’s EU Thrombosis business by Mylan N.V.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 13 October – Advent / Aareal / Aareon

■ Computer programming, consultancy and related activities

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of Aareon AG by Aareal Bank AG and Advent International Cooperation.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 13 October – ECP Controlco / First Sentier Investors / Terra-Gen Power Holdings II

■ Electric power generation, transmission and distribution

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of Terra-Gen Power Holdings II, LLC (“TG”) by ECP ControlCo, LLC (“ECP”) and First Sentier Investors Infrastructure GP LLC.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 09 October – QuattroR / HGM / Burgo

■ Manufacture of paper and paper products

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control over Burgo Group Spa by QuattroR SGR Spa and Holding Gruppo Marchi Spa.

[Case information](#)

/ From the OJEU

■ Non-opposition to concentrations

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Advent / Aareal / Aareon – Case M.9959 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 344/08 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration HGK / Imperial Shipping Group – Case M.9853 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 344/07 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Caisse des Depots et Consignations / Reden H2 / Berroute – Case M.9106 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 344/06 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration OTPP / MDP / Fleet Complete – Case M.9235 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 344/05 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration LetterOne / DIA – Case M.9303 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 344/04 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration KDDI / Mitsubishi Securities / Kabu.com – Case M.9301 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 344/03 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration HCL Technologies / Certain IBM Assets – Case M.9282 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 344/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration H&F / Blackstone / Scout24 – Case M.9333 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 344/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Lindsay Goldberg Group / Bilcare Research Swiss Holding I and II – Case M.9500 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 343/09 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Primonial / Samsung SRA / Building Lumiere – Case M.9338 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 343/08 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration AXA / NN Group / JV – Case M.9354 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 343/07 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified Genstar / Oak Hill Capital / Mercer ADV – Case M.9577 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 343/06 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Elliott / Insight / WorkForce – Case M.9442 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 343/05 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration ADNO / OCI / JV – Case M.9435 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 343/04 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Advent / Cobham – Case M.9541 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 343/03 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration EUROVIA Industrie / ASA-Bau / JV – Case M.9622 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 343/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration PSP / Aviva / 20 Station Road – Case M.9955 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 340/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Mylan / Upjohn – Case M.9517 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 338/01 – Case information](#)

■ Prior notification of concentrations

Prior notification of the concentration Alcentra / Brait / New Look Retail Holdings – Case M.9994 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 343/16 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Unilabs / Medbase / JV – Case M.9861 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 342/06 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Sumitomo / AAR / JV – Case M.9954 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 342/05 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Brookfield / Simon / JCPenney – Case M.9979 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 340/08 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration MVM / iCR – Case M.9927 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 340/07 – Case information](#)

/ Brussels intern

■ Artificial Intelligence

Fourteen EU Member States (Denmark, France, Finland, Estonia, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Ireland, Latvia, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Spain and Sweden) jointly signed a position

paper on the need “to shape a truly European approach on Artificial Intelligence” and to avoid fragmentation from diverse national regulatory regimes. In particular they call on the Commission to adopt a soft law approach consisting of self-

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regulation, voluntary labelling scheme and other voluntary practices while avoiding barriers. New measures are expected for early 2021.

■ Climate

EU leaders postponed any decision on a more stringent emission reduction target for 2030 at their next summit in December.

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