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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

■ ■ Online Platforms

The European Parliament published a study on online platforms, with a special focus on how to better regulate these digital markets. The document contains a series of recommendations such as the need to have tailored “codes of conduct” for online platforms; more stringent controls for mergers involving the biggest gatekeeper platforms; controls on data inferences.

[EP report – Annex](#)

■ ■ Cyber-security

The Council adopted its conclusions on the European Cybersecurity Strategy for the Digital Decade. EU Member States stressed the need to accelerate the uptake of key internet security standards and to support the development of strong encryption, The information in this newsletter does not replace advice in any particular case.

together with the establishment of a cyber intelligence working group and the development of an external cyber capacity building agenda.

[Council conclusions](#)

■ Environmental Liability

The EC adopted guidelines to clarify the scope of the term “environmental damage” in the Directive 2004/35/EC on environmental liability. They aim to provide legal clarity and harmonisation of its interpretation.

[EC Guidelines](#)

■ Taxation

The Council adopted new rules to improve administrative cooperation in the field of taxation and address the challenges posed by the digital platform

economy. The new rules will apply from 1 January 2023 and will cover digital platforms located both inside and outside the Union.

[Council Directive amending Directive 2011/16/EU on administrative cooperation in the field of taxation](#)

■ Retail Payments Market

The Council adopted its conclusions on the Retail Payments Strategy for the EU, presented by the European Commission last September. EU countries called on the Commission to work in order to develop an EU-wide payment solutions to limit the European dependency on major global players. Legislative proposals will be adopted if necessary.

[Council conclusions](#)

■ Trade

The EC launched a consultation on its proposal for a regulation containing instruments to deter and counteract coercive actions by third countries. Contributions can be submitted until 15 June.

[EC consultation 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

■ CEER Strategy

The Council of European Energy Regulators launched a public consultation on its new strategy for the period from 2022 to 2025. Contributions can be submitted until 30 April.

[CEER consultation page](#)

■ Clean Energy for All Europeans

The Council of European Energy Regulators released its report on billing issues in the Clean Energy for All Europeans Package.

[CEER Report](#)

/ Decisions

EC Decision of 24 March – BH Holding / TEDI

■ Retail sale in non-specialised stores with food, beverages or tobacco predominating

The EC approved the acquisition of TEDI GmbH & Co. KG by B.H. Holding GmbH, controlled by Benjamin Heinig.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 24 March – Proximus / Nexus Infrastructure / JV

■ Telecommunications

The EC approved the acquisition of a newly created joint venture by Proximus, NV/SA and Nexus Infrastructure S.a.r.l.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 23 March – EssilorLuxottica / GrandVision

■ Manufacture of optical instruments; retail sale and retail trade

The EC approved the proposed acquisition of GrandVision by EssilorLuxottica, subject to conditions.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 19 March – Investindustrial / Guala Closures

■ Manufacture of plastic packing goods and of other fabricated metal products n.e.c.

The EC approved the acquisition of Guala Closures Spa by Investindustrial S.A.

[Case information](#)

/ From the OJEU

■ Non-opposition to concentrations

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Tengelmann Warenhandelsgesellschaft / KiK Textilien und Non-Food – Case M.10179 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 103/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Linde / Hyosung / JVs – Case M.10192 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 103/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Platinum Equity Group / Ingram Micro – Case M.10121 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 102/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration TIAA / AP1 / AP2 / GPIF / Target – Case M.10156 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 102/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Arch / Kelso / Warburg / Watford – Case M.10099 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 99/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration The Goldman Sachs Group / Warburg Pincus / Good Host Spaces – Case M.10161 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 96/05 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration AustralianSuper / CPPIB / Transurban / Transurban Chesapeake – Case M.10183 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 96/04 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Latour Capital / Watling Street Capital Partners / Funecap Groupe – Case M.10166 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 96/03 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration PAI Partners / Euro Ethnic Foods – Case M.10088 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 96/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Linde / Sipchem / JV – Case M.10151 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 96/01 – Case information](#)

■ Prior notification of concentrations

Prior notification of the concentration Inter-Risco / Unavets / OneVet – Case M.10143 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 103/12 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration KION / Jungheinrich / HSP – Case M.10081 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 102/06 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Astorg / Nordic Capital / Novo / Bioclinica – Case M.10133 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 99/11 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Pierer Industrie / Palfinger / FSS / Jetfly – Case M.10185 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 99/10 – Case information](#)

/ Brussels intern

■ EU Emissions Trading System

The Energy and Climate Package that the European Commission will present in June is expected to expand the scope of the EU ETS to cover also building and road transport sectors.

■ Green Battery Proposal

Some Member States expressed concerns on the European Commission's proposal on sustainable battery, in particular on the economic and administrative burden that the new rules will impose on SMEs and on its implementation.

■ Artificial Intelligence

The European Commission is scheduled to present its proposal on Artificial Intelligence on 21 April. According to some rumours, the European executive is considering the need to limit the use of high-risk AI applications, such as live facial recognition in public spaces.

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