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■ European Commission Work Programme

The EC adopted its 2022 Work Programme, which informs of new initiatives, the withdrawal of pending proposals and the review of existing legislation. Under the European Green Deal chapter, the Commission will present a regulatory framework for certification of carbon removals; a European framework for harmonised measurements of transport and logistics emissions; a proposal to review the CO2 emission standards for heavy-duty vehicles; a proposal to strengthen the right to repair products and a review of the European rules on fluorinated greenhouse gases. Regarding the Digital agenda, the Commission will deliver its proposal for a Single Market Emergency Instruments to prevent future disruptions; a European Chips Act; a European Cyber Resilience Act to establish common cybersecurity standards. The Commission will also come forward with proposals on instant payments. On competition rules, the revision of the

vertical block exemption regulation and vertical guidelines is expected for the second quarter of 2022, together with the revision of certain procedural aspects of EU merger control. While the revision of the horizontal block exemption regulation and of the horizontal guidelines and the revision of the notice on market definition are due for the fourth quarter of 2022.

The Commission will start discussions with the European Parliament and Council to establish a list of joint legislative priorities on which the two co-legislators agree to start.

[EC Work Programme](#)

■ EU-US Trade and Technology Council

The EC launched a consultation platform on the EU-US Trade and Technology Council (TTC). Interested parties can express their views and also receive updates on the progress of the different working groups. The TTC has

been launched last June and it serves as a forum for the EU and the US to coordinate approaches on economic and technology issues.

[TTC Futurium platform](#)

■ Cyber-security

The Council adopted conclusions inviting the European Institutions and Member States to further develop the EU cybersecurity crisis management framework, including the creation of a joint cyber unit.

[Council conclusions](#)

■ Economic Governance

The EC adopted a Communication on the review of its economic governance framework in the aftermath of the COVID-19 crisis. The Commission invites all interested parties to express their views by 31 December. More guidance on fiscal policy shall be released in the first quarter of next year.

[EC Communication – EC consultation page](#)

■ Aviation EU-Qatar Agreement

The EU and the State of Qatar signed a comprehensive air transport agreement, which contains provisions on open and fair competition.

[EC dedicated page](#)

■ Product Liability Directive

The EC launched a consultation on the rules on compensation for damage caused by defective products, with a special on the use of Artificial Intelligence in products and services. Contributions can be submitted until 10 January.

[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

■ Renewable Energy

The Council of European Energy Regulators published its 2nd Paper on Unsupported energy from Renewable Energy Sources (RES).

[CEER paper](#)

■ Insurance

The European Supervisory Authorities (ESAs) launched a call for evidence on the Packaged Retail and Insurance-based Investment Products Regulation. The contributions can be submitted until 16 December and will feed into the Commission's review of the key information document.

[ESAs call for evidence](#)

/ Decisions

EC Decision of 21 October – Synthos / Trinseo (Synthetic Rubber Business)

■ **Manufacture of basic chemicals, fertilisers and nitrogen compounds, plastics and synthetic rubber in primary forms**

The EC approved the acquisition of sole control of the synthetic rubber business of Trinseo S.A. by Synthos S.A.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 21 October – Silver Lake / BV / Clubessential Holdings

■ **Computer programming activities**

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of Clubessential Holdings LLC. By Silver Lake Group LLC. And Battery Management Corp. (“BV”).

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 20 October – Allianz Capital / Aimco / Dalmore / Generation / Porterbrook

■ **Manufacture of transport equipment n.e.c.; manufacture of railway locomotives and rollin stock; service incidental to land transportation; rental and leasing of other machinery**

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of Porterbrook Holdings I Limited by Allianz Infrastructure Luxembourg I Sarl, Alberta Investment Management Corporation (“AIMCo”) and Ulfstead Bidco Limited, jointly controlled by funds managed by Dalmore Capital Limited and Generation Capital Ltd.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 19 October – Kombiverkehr / Hupac / DX Intermodal JV

■ **Freight rail transport**

The EC approved the creation of DX Intermodal JV by Hupac SA and Kombiverkehr Deutsche Gesellschaft für kombinierten Güterverkehr GmbH & Co. KG (“Kombiverkehr”).

[Case information](#)

/ From the OJEU

■ **Non-opposition to concentrations**

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Galileo / M6 / JV – Case M.10338 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 426/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration HDT Automotive Solutions / Veritas – Case M.10379 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 423/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Eurofiber / Proximus / JV – Case M.10070 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 421/01 – Case information](#)

■ **Prior notification of concentrations**

Prior notification of the concentration EDF / GEIH / SCI OPG Avenue de France – Case M.10437 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 427/02 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Goldman Sachs / Eneos / NIPPO – Case M.10466 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 426/11 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Bain Capital / ITP Aero – Case M.10516 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 426/10 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration PSPIB / ADIC / Local – Case M.10500 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 426/09 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Swiss Life Holding / Gelsenwasser / Infrareal – Case M.10446 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 424/02 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration CVC / Stock Spirits Group – Case M.10459 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 421/06 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Telenet / Willemen Groep / Livit – Case M.10479 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 421/05 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration CPP Investments / BC Partners / Ceramtec – Case M.10478 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 421/04 – Case information](#)

/ Brussels intern

■ Energy Prices

An extraordinary meeting of the Energy Council will be held on 26 October to discuss again the rising energy prices.

[Presidency note](#)

■ Minimum Corporate Tax Directive

The European Commission shall present its proposal for the directive to implement the corporate minimum tax rate by the end of the year.

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