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- General ■ Bank/Insurance/Tax ■ Enviroment ■ Media/Telecom ■ Competition/SA
- Healthcare ■ Aviation/Transport ■ Foreign Trade ■ Energy ■ Compliance ■ Food/Tobacco

/ Law

■ Foreign Direct Investments

The EC published its first annual report on the application of the EU Foreign Direct Investment Screening Regulation, together with the report on the control of dual-use items, which is the last report on export controls before the entry into force of the upgraded Export Controls Regulation. Around 80% of the FDI dossiers were approved without conditions, while 14% went to phase-2, requiring additional information.

[Report on the screening of FDI – Accompanying document to the FDI report – Report on the control of exports, brokering, technical assistance, transit and transfer of dual-use items](#)

■ Digital Markets Act

The Council adopted the general approach on the proposal for a Digital Markets Act (DMA), which aims to

achieve a more competitive digital market and a level playing field in the digital sector. Member States agreed on a text which contains some changes to the original Commission proposal, in particular, the general approach of the Council improves the criteria for the designation of gatekeepers. The general approach also provides the Presidency of the Council with a mandate to start negotiations with representatives of the European Parliament on a final text. First round of discussions is scheduled for the beginning of next year.

[Council general approach](#)

■ EU ETS State Aid Guidelines

The EC adopted a Communication supplementing the EU Emission Trading System State aid Guidelines (the ETS Guidelines), introducing two annexes on the new efficiency benchmarks and the CO2 factors.

[EC Communication](#)

■ IPCEI Communication

The EC adopted a revised Communication on State aid rules for Important Projects of Common European Interest, which will be applied from 1 January 2022. The new communication contains a series of targeted adjustments to align the rules to the European priorities.

[EC dedicated page](#)

■ Pan-European Guarantee Fund

The EC approved several modifications to the Pan-European Guarantee Fund to support companies affected by the coronavirus outbreak. The Fund provides guarantees on debt instruments and equity instruments. So far 22 Member States decided to participate.

[EC dedicated page](#)

■ Digital Services Act

The Council adopted its position on the proposal for a Digital Services Act (DSA), which overhauls the eCommerce Directive, defining responsibilities and accountability for providers of intermediary services. Discussions with the European Parliament on a final text will start at the beginning of next year.

[Council general approach – Corrigendum](#)

■ Capital Markets Union

The EC adopted a package of measures to boost European capital markets, with a special attention to the digital and green transitions. The package contains a series of legislative proposals to:

- review the European Long-Term Investment Funds (ELTIFs) Regulation;
- review the Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive (AIFMD);
- review the Markets in Financial Instruments Regulation (MiFIR);

- establish the European Single Access Point (ESAP) for public financial and sustainability-related information about EU companies and EU investment products.

The proposals will now be discussed by the European Parliament and the Council.

[EC dedicated page](#)

■ Digital Finance Package

The Council reached an agreement on two proposals of the Digital Finance Package: the Regulation on Markets in Crypto Assets (MiCA) and the Digital Operational Resilience Act (DORA). Inter-institutional negotiations between the Council and the European Parliament to adopt final texts will now start.

[Council dedicated page](#)

■ Mortgage Credit Directive

The EC launched a public consultation on the Mortgage Credit Directive. The review aims to assess whether the directive is adapted to new challenges, in particular digitalisation and sustainable finance. Contributions can be submitted until 28 February.

[EC consultation page](#)

■ Access to Capital

The EC launched a consultation on how to simplify the listing requirements, including post-listing, in order to make public capital markets more attractive for EU companies and facilitate access to capital for SMEs. Contributions can be submitted until 11 February.

[EC consultation page](#)

■ Chemicals – Labelling Requirements

The EC launched a consultation on the simplification and digitalisation of labelling of chemical products. Contributions can be submitted until 16 February. The results will feed into the Commission's work on the revision of the Classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures (CLP), and Detergents and Fertilising Products Regulations, planned for next year.

[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

■ Electricity Distribution Network

The Council of European Energy Regulators published a paper on Electricity Distribution Network Development Plans.

[CEER Paper](#)

■ Energy – Infrastructure Efficiency

The EU Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators published a new Position Paper inquiring the role of regulation in incentivising smart investments to improve the efficient use of electricity transmission assets.

[ACER Position Paper](#)

/ Decisions

EC Decision of 25 November – Aperam / ELG Haniel

■ Manufacture of basic iron and steel and of ferro-alloys; wholesale of waste and scrap

The EC approved the acquisition of ELG Haniel GmbH by Aperam S.A.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 24 November – Mondelez / Chipita Industrial and Commercial Company

■ Manufacture of cocoa, chocolate; manufacture of other food products n.e.c.

The EC approved the acquisition of sole control of Chipita Industrial and Commercial Company S.A. by Mondelez International Inc.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 24 November – Silver Lake / CVC / Sphinx / RAC JV

■ Insurance; maintenance and repair of motor vehicles; rental and leasing of motor vehicles

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of RAC Group Holdings Limited by Silver Lake Group L.L.C., CVC Capital Partners SICAV-FIS SAA and Sphinx Investment Pte Ltd.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 23 November – DP World / Syncreon

■ Cargo handling; freight transport by road; sea and coastal freight water transport; service activities incidental to water transportation

The EC approved the acquisition of sole control of Syncreon Newco B.V. by DP World Limited.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 23 November – CKA / CKI / UKPN

■ Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of UK Power Networks Holdings Limited (“UKPN”) by CK Asset Holdings Limited (“CKA”) and CK Infrastructure Holdings Limited (“CKI”).

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 19 November – Liberty Global / Infravia / Liberty Networks Germany

■ Wired telecommunications activities

The EC approved the creation of Liberty Networks Germany (“LNG”) by Liberty Global plc and InfraVia V Invest S.a.r.l.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 19 November – OTTP / Brookfield / OMERS / SGN

■ Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of Scotia Gas Networks (“SGN”) by OTTP, Brookfield and OMERS.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 19 November – DP World / Imperial Logistics

■ Cargo handling; freight transport by road; sea and coastal freight water transport

The EC approved the acquisition of sole control of Imperial Logistics Limited by DP World Limited.

[Case information](#)

/ From the OJEU

■ Non-opposition to concentrations

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Neste / Ravago / JV – Case M.10474 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 475/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration ABP / Slaney / Linden – Case M.10280 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 473/03 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Bain Capital / Hitachi Metals – Case M.10374 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 473/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Towerbrook / Bruneau Group – Case M.10430 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 472/05 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Brookfield / Modulaire – Case M.10393 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 472/04 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Forestal Arauco / OTPPB / Agricola Neufun JV – Case M.10424 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 472/03 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Bouygues / Destia – Case M.10501 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 472/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration NREP / Novo Holdings / Industriens Pensionsforsikring / JV – Case M.10468 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 472/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Swiss Life Holding / Gelsenwasser / Infrareal – Case M.10446 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 470/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration CVC / Carlyle / CFGI Eagle Parent – Case M.10482 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 470/01 – Case information](#)

■ Prior notification of concentrations

Prior notification of the concentration Meridiam / Allianz / Neuconnect – Case M.10387 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 476/09 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Orange / Publicis / Voila – Case M.10521 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 476/08 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Microsoft / Nuance – Case M.10290 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 476/07 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration SHV Energy / UGI International Holding / JV – Case M.10372 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 476/06 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Moët Hennessy / Campari / Class A Tannico Shareholders / Tannico – Case M.10436 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 475/06 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration EQT / H&F / Zooplus – Case M.10504 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 473/14 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Acciaieria Arvedi / Finarvedi / Acciai Speciali Terni / Thyssenkrupp Stainless / Thyssenkrupp Stainless Turkey Metal Sanayi Ve T – Case M.10513 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 473/13 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration United Group / Wind Hellas – Case M.10475 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 473/11 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Nordic Capital / Rothschild / TA Associates / RLDatix – Case M.10523 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 473/10 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Insight / Vector Capital / Iris Holdings JV – Case M.10527 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 472/12 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Adecco / AKKA – Case M.10465 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 472/11 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Baxter / Hill-Rom – Case M.10489 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 472/10 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Phillips 66 / Fortress Investment Group / Western Oil – Case M.10550 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 472/09 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Permira / Thoma Bravo / Motus – Case M.10517 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 472/08 – Case information](#)

/ Brussels intern

■ Artificial Intelligence

The Slovenian Presidency of the Council is expected to present a progress report on the proposal for a regulatory framework on AI on December 3, together with a partial compromise text.

■ Sustainable Finance

The European Commission might release on December 1st its delegated act on sustainable finance taxonomy.

■ Environmental and Energy State Aid Guidelines

The European Commission is expected to finalise the EU guidelines on state aid for climate, environmental protection and energy before the end of the year.

■ Machinery Products

The Slovenian Presidency of the Council released a progress report on the state of play of the proposal for a regulation on Machinery Products.

[Progress report](#)

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