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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

### ■ Brexit

The Council decided to authorize the opening of the negotiations for the future partnership with the UK, adopting the negotiating directives which are based on the draft recommendation presented by the European Commission on 3 February. The directives define the scope and terms of the negotiations and cover all areas including trade, law enforcement, foreign policy. The first round of talks will start the week of 2 March and there would be around ten negotiations running simultaneously. The UK aims at reaching a deal by June.

[Council decision authorizing the opening of negotiations – Negotiating directives](#)

### ■ Better Regulation

The Council adopted its conclusions on better regulation to ensure competitiveness and sustainable growth. In particular the Council underlined the importance of rigorous assessments and its commitment to the “think small first” principle.

[Council conclusions](#)

### ■ Winter Package

The EC published its country reports where it analyzed Member States’ key socio-economic challenges. The Commission will discuss the reports with the European Parliament and the Council. In addition to that, national governments will also be involved in the analysis of the reports. In April EU Member States shall present their National Reform Programs and Stability or Convergence Programs.

In the coming months the Commission will present its proposals for a new set of Country-Specific Recommendations.

[EC dedicated page](#)

#### ■ Labelling of tyres

The Council adopted new rules on the labelling of tyres with respect to parameters such as fuel efficiency, noise and wet grip. The regulation needs to be adopted by the European Parliament before being published in the Official Journal of the EU.

[Position of the Council on the Regulation on the labelling of tyres](#)

#### ■ 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

#### ■ REMIT

The Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators published its REMIT Quarterly.

[ACER dedicated page](#)

#### ■ Electrical Grids

The Council of European Energy Regulators published its second overview of power losses in electrical grids.

[CEER report](#)

## / Decisions

### EC Decision of 27 February – Saudi Aramco / SABIC

#### ■ Manufacture of gas and refined petroleum products

The EC approved the acquisition of sole control over Saudi Basic Industries Corporation (“SABIC”) by the Saudi Arabian Oil Company (“Saudi Aramco”).

[Case information](#)

### EC Decision of 27 February – Assa Abloy / Agta Record

#### ■ Manufacture of general-purpose machinery

The EC approved the acquisition of Agta Record by Assa Abloy, subject to conditions.

[Case information](#)

### EC Decision of 25 February – FFHL / Omers / Riverstone

#### ■ Non-life insurance

The EC approved the acquisition by Fairfax Financial Holdings Limited and Omers Administration Corporation of Riverstone Barbados Limited.

### [Case information](#)

#### **EC Decision of 25 February – Elliott / Apollo / EP Energy**

##### **■ Support activities for petroleum and natural gas**

The EC approved the acquisition by Apollo Management L.P. and Elliot Investment Management L.P. of EP Energy Corporation.

### [Case information](#)

#### **EC Decision of 25 February – Acerinox / VDM**

##### **■ Manufacture of basic iron and steel**

The EC approved the acquisition of VDM by Acerinox.

### [Case information](#)

#### **EC Decision of 21 February – Viacom / BeIN / Miramax**

##### **■ Television programming and broadcasting activities**

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control over MMX Media Finance LLC by Viacom International Inc. and beIN Corporation.

### [Case information](#)

## **/ From the OJEU**

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

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Gardner Denver / Ingersoll Industrials – Case M.9503 has been published.

#### [Document 2020/C 65/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Aperam Alloys Imphy / Tekna Plasma Europe / ImphyTek Powders – Case M.9707 has been published.

#### [Document 2020/C 64/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Itochu / AMCI / Posco / JVLP / NCR – Case M.9726 has been published.

#### [Document 2020/C 62/04 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration AccorInvest / Accor / Hotel Portfolio – Case M.9727 has been published.

#### [Document 2020/C 62/03 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Cobepa / Gerflor – Case M.9718 has been published.

#### [Document 2020/C 62/02 – Case information](#)

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

Prior notification of the concentration APG / IRCP / Merkur – Case M.9721 has been published.

#### [Document 2020/C 65/05 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Sunsuper / Macquarie / PGGM / MAGL – Case M.9745 has been published.

#### [Document 2020/C 64/12 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Toyota Financial Services Corporation / Mitsui & Co / Kinto Brasil – Case M.9758 has been published.

#### [Document 2020/C 64/11 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Peab AB / YIT Oyi's paving and mineral aggregates business – Case M.9316 has been published.

#### [Document 2020/C 64/10 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Berge / Mitsubishi Corporation / Berge Auto / JV – Case M.9717 has been published.

#### [Document 2020/C 64/09 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Apollo Management / Tech Data Corporation – Case M.9689 has been published.

#### [Document 2020/C 64/08 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Johnson & Johnson / Tachosil – Case M.9547 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 63/04 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Generali / UIR / Zaragoza – Case M.9724 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 63/03 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration ASE / Astelflash – Case M.9731 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 62/08 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration HIG Capital / Lagardere Sports and Entertainment SAS / Lagardere Sports Inc. – Case M.9750 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 62/07 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Macquarie / Aberdeen / Pentacom / JV – Case M.9646 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 60/05 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Savencia / Compagnie des Fromages et Richesmonts – Case M.9690 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 60/04 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration PCG / PCC / JV – Case M.9715 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 60/03 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Gategroup / LSG European Business – Case M.9546 has been published.

[Document 2020/ 60/02 – Case information](#)

## / Brussels intern

### ■ Payments Market

In autumn the European Commission shall release a strategy for an integrated European payments market which aims to facilitate the use of national payment services across Europe. A public consultation will be launched soon.

### ■ Regulation on Privacy and Electronic Communications

On 12 March EU Ministers will discuss the proposed modifications to the proposal for a regulation

concerning the respect for private life and the protection of personal data in electronic communications, which will repeal Directive 2002/58/EC. In particular articles 6 and 8 and the related recitals are concerned.

[Presidency text](#)

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