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/ Main Topics

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

/ Law

■ ■ ■ State Aid for Climate, Environment and Energy

The EC formally adopted the new Guidelines on State aid for climate, environmental protection and energy (CEEAG). The revised rules:

- broaden the categories of investments and technologies that Member States can support to cover new areas (such as clean mobility infrastructure and resource efficiency) and all technologies essential for the Green Deal (renewable hydrogen, electricity storage, decarbonising production processes);
- introduce new aid instruments such as contracts for difference;
- establish safeguards such as a public consultation requirement above certain thresholds;

- set up a simplified assessment of cross-cutting measures under a single section of the Guidelines.

In particular with regard to the topic of clean mobility, the new guidelines introduce stricter requirements for vehicles to be considered as “clean”; detailed guidance to Member States to design their support measures and so facilitate the uptake of zero and low-emission vehicles and the roll-out of the necessary infrastructure; a new section on aid for the deployment of recharging and refuelling infrastructure for all transport modes.

[EC dedicated page](#)

■ ■ Mobility Transition

The EC launched a consultation on its plan for the green and digital transition of the mobility ecosystem, covering automotive, waterborne and rail supply, in order to tackle climate change and reduce emissions.

Contributions can be submitted until 31 March and the results will feed into the EU industrial strategy. A jointly plan will be finalised in the coming months.

[EC Staff Working Document – EC consultation page](#)

■ Waste Management

The EC invites interested parties to submit feedback on the revision of the EU waste framework, with the aim to improve waste management by reducing mixed waste and increasing the re-use or recycling. Contributions can be submitted until 22 February. The Commission plans to adopt a directive in the second quarter of next year.

[EC consultation page](#)

■ VAT in the Digital Age

The EC launched a consultation on the Commission's action plan on how to tackle tax fraud and on whether the current VAT rules are adapted in the digital age. The action plan announces a legislative proposal which will cover VAT reporting obligations, VAT treatment of the platform economy, single EU VAT registration. Contributions can be submitted until 15 April.

[EC consultation page](#)

■ World Trade Organisation

The EU launched a case at the WTO against China for its discriminatory trade practices harming exporters in Lithuania, but also in other EU countries.

[EU request for consultations](#)

■ Anti-dumping

Commission Implementing Regulation of 24 January 2022 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of certain tube and pipe fittings, of iron or steel, originating in the People's Republic of China, as extended to imports of certain tube and pipe fittings, of iron or steel consigned from Taiwan, Indonesia, Sri

Lanka and the Philippines, whether declared as originating in these countries or not, following an expiry review pursuant to Article 11(2) of Regulation (EU) 2016/1036 of the European Parliament and of the Council has been published in the EU Official Journal.

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2022/95](#)

Notice of initiation of an expiry review of the anti-dumping measures applicable to imports of certain stainless steel tube and pipe butt-welding fittings, whether or not finished, originating in the People's Republic of China and Taiwan has been published in the EU Official Journal.

[Document 2022/C 40/01](#)

■ Data Protection in Law Enforcement

The EC launched a consultation on the report regarding the application of the Law Enforcement Directive on the protection of personal data processed by competent authorities for preventing, investigating, detecting or prosecuting criminal offences and executing criminal penalties. Contributions can be submitted until 21 February.

[EC dedicated page](#)

■ Chargers for Electronic Devices

The Council agreed on a negotiating mandate for the common charger proposal, which aims to harmonise charging interfaces and fast charging technology. Inter-institutional negotiations will start once the European Parliament agrees its position.

[EC proposal](#)

■ 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

■ Banking

The European Banking Authority published its final draft implementing technical standards on Pillar 3 disclosures on Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) risks.

[EBA dedicated page](#)

■ Digital Rights and Principles

The EC published a declaration of rights and principles that will guide the digital transformation in the EU, providing also a guide for policy makers and companies when dealing with or developing new technologies. The declaration will now be discussed by the European Parliament and the Council.

[EC dedicated page](#)

/ Decision

EC Decision of 27 January – Meta (Formerly Facebook) / Kustomer

■ Computer programming, consultancy and related activities; telecommunications activities; web portals; advertising

The EC approved the proposed acquisition of Kustomer by Meta, subject to conditions.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 27 January – Voith Group / Voith Hydro

■ Installation of industrial machinery and equipment

The EC approved the acquisition of sole control of Voith Hydro Holding GmbH & Co. KG and its general Voith Hydro Holding Verwaltungs GmbH by the Voith group of companies.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 25 January – Telekom Deutschland / IFM Investors / JV

■ Telecommunications

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of GlasfaserPlus GmbH by Telekom Deutschland GmbH and IFM Investors Pty Ltd.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 25 January – ICG / CEIT

■ Specialised construction activities

The EC approved the acquisition of sole control of J.F. Hillebrand Group AG and its direct and indirect subsidiaries by Deutsche Post AG, trading as Deutsche Post DHL Group (“DPDHL”).

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 25 January – ICG / CEIT

■ Specialised construction activities

The EC approved the acquisition of sole control of CEIT Spa by the Intermediate Capital Group plc (“ICG”).

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 25 January – Prince / Ferro

■ Manufacture of paints, varnishes and similar coatings

The EC approved the acquisition of Ferro by Prince, subject to conditions.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 24 January – PSA / TIL / PNIT

■ Sea and coastal freight water transport; support activities for transportation

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of Pusan Newport International Terminal Co. Ltd. (“PNIT”).

by PSA International Pte. Ltd. ("PSA") and Terminal Investment Limited Sarl.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 24 January – Refresco Group / Hansa-Heemann

■ Manufacture of soft drinks; production of mineral waters and other bottled waters

The EC approved the acquisition of sole control of Hansa Heemann by Refresco.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 24 January – SPIE / Strukton Services

■ Electrical installation

The EC approved the acquisition of Strukton Services B.V. by SPIE Nederland B.V.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 24 January – Mabanaft / H&R/ P2X

■ Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products; manufacture of refined petroleum products; wholesale of solid, liquid and gaseous fuels and related products

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of P2X-Europe GmbH & Co. KG ("P2X") by Mabanaft GmbH & Co. KG and H&R GmbH & Co. KGaA.

/ From the OJEU

■ Non-opposition to concentrations

Non-opposition to the notified concentration MABANAFT / H&R / P2X – Case M.10448 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 44/05 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration PSA / TIL / PNIT – Case M.10545 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 44/04 – Case information](#)

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 24 January – Telefonica and Portugal Telecom

■ Telecommunications

The EC re-adopted a decision against Telefonica and Pharol (formerly Portugal Telecom) and imposed a fine for entering into a non-compete agreement.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 21 January – Allianz / Intelsat

■ Satellite telecommunications activities

The EC approved the acquisition of sole control of Intelsat Holdings S.A. by Allianz SE.

[Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration SIBUR / TAIF – Case M.10371 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 44/03 – Case information](#)

■ Prior notification of concentrations

Prior notification of the concentration KKR / Körber / Körber Supply Chain Software Management – Case M.10592 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 44/12 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration CVC / ETHNIKI – Case M.10301 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 44/11 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration KKR / GIP / CYRUSONE – Case M.10569 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 40/02 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Chevron / Neste Base Oil – Case M.10526 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 38 I/03 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration OTPP / KKR / Greencollar – Case M.10596 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 38 I/02 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration EDF / Sojitz Corporation / Nebras Power / Kyuden International Corporation / JV – Case M.10617 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 35/04 – Case information](#)

/ Brussels intern

■ Data Governance Act

The European Commission is expected to release its Data Governance Act which aims to boost the sharing of industrial data in sectors such as transport and healthcare on 23 February. It is not certain yet if the topic of access to in-vehicle data will be covered by the act.

■ Motor Vehicle Block Exemption Regulation

The European Commission intends to prolong the existing Motor Vehicle Block Exemption Regulation until 31 May 2028 and to introduce targeted updates to the Supplementary Guidelines, in particular with regard to the in-vehicle data. Interested parties will be consulted in the second quarter of the year.

■ Alternative Fuels Infrastructure

The rapporteur Mr Ertug, the lawmaker responsible for handling the proposal at the European Parliament, intends to boost ambition on charging infrastructure targets and he is also in favour of establishing concrete sanctions for countries that fail to meet the targets. A position that is not sure can be accepted by the majority of Member States at the Council, which are advocating for more flexibility. The two co-legislators, the European Parliament and the Council are still working on their positions based on the European Commission's proposal. The lead committee of the European Parliament is expected to discuss and vote its

draft report in May, while the discussion in plenary is scheduled for July.

■ CO2 Emissions for Cars

The Environment Committee in charge of the proposal amending Regulation 2019/631 as regards strengthening the CO2 emission performance standards for new passenger cars and new light commercial vehicles is expected to vote its draft report in May. Discussion and vote in plenary will follow in June.

■ EU Emissions Trading System

The Environment Committee in charge of the proposal for a revision of the EU ETS for the European Parliament is expected to discuss its draft report on 10 February and to vote on the text in May. The discussion in plenary is scheduled for June.

■ Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism

The Environment Committee in charge of the proposal establishing a carbon border adjustment mechanism for the European Parliament is expected to discuss its draft report on the proposal on 02 February and to vote on it in May. The discussion and vote in plenary session is foreseen for June.

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