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- Healthcare ■ Aviation/Transport ■ Foreign Trade ■ Energy ■ Compliance ■ Food/Tobacco

/ Law

■ Intellectual Property – Standard essential Patents

The EC published a call for evidence and a public consultation on standard-essential patents (SEPs), with the aim to improve the current system. In particular, the Commission intends to improve the enforcement of SEPs and to give guidance on the concept of fair, reasonable and non-discriminatory terms and conditions, with a possible new SEP licensing framework or antitrust guidance. Contributions can be submitted until 9 May.

[EC dedicated page](#)

■ European Defence

The EC released its initiatives in the areas of defence and security, in order to strengthen the competitiveness of the European defence market. More precisely, the Commission intends to stimulate

investments and incentivise the joint procurement of defence capabilities within the Union. It also invites Member States to gradually converge their arms export control practices, in particular for military equipment and technology developed in cooperation. The Commission also presented a roadmap on critical technologies for security and defence. Based on the data of the Observatory of critical technologies, the EC will present to Member States a classified report on critical technologies and risks associated with strategic dependencies affecting security, space and defence by the end of the year.

[EC Communication – EC Roadmap on critical technologies for security and defence](#)

■ Hazardous Substances in Electronics

The EC launched a consultation on the review of the restriction of the use of hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment, with the aim to

increase the efficiency of the current rules and improve their enforcement. Contributions can be submitted until 14 March. The adoption is planned for the fourth quarter of the year.

[EC consultation page](#)

■ Anti-dumping

Commission Implementing Regulation of 16 February 2022 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of certain iron or steel fasteners originating in the People's Republic of China has been published in the EU Official Journal.

[Commission Implementing Regulation 2022/191](#)

■ WTO

The EU filed a case against China at the World Trade Organisation for restricting European companies from going to a foreign court to protect and use their patents. In 60 days the EU can request the WTO to set up a panel if the dispute settlement consultations not lead to a satisfactory solution.

■ 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

■ Energy Wholesale Markets

The Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators published an overview of the main Electricity and Gas Wholesale Markets trends in 2021, as an early publication of its annual Market Monitoring Report.

[Wholesale Electricity Markets Monitoring – Wholesale Gas Markets Monitoring](#)

■ Cloud

The European Data Protection Board launched a coordinated enforcement action on the use of cloud-based services by the public sector. The results will be analysed in a coordinated manner and the supervisory authorities will decide on possible further enforcement actions. The EDPB will publish a report on the outcome of this analysis by the end of the year.

/ Decision

EC Decision of 17 February – FSN Capital VI / Optigroup / Hygas / BFG / TPC

■ Wholesale of clothing and footwear; wholesale of intermediate products; wholesale of other machinery and equipment

The EC approved the acquisition of sole control of OptiGroup AB, BFG Packaging SRL, Hygas B.V. and Trias Productie Holding B.V. ("TPC") by FSN Capital VI.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 17 February – Goldman Sachs / NN Investment Partners Holding

■ Fund management activities

The EC approved the acquisition of NN Investment Partners Holding N.V. (NNIP) by the Goldman Sachs Group Inc.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 16 February – ACE / Mosadex / Pharmalot Compounding

■ Manufacture of pharmaceutical preparations

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of Pharmalot Compounding B.V. by Ace Holding B.V. and Mosadex Holding B.V.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 15 February – Oxford Properties / PineBridge Benson Elliot / Sigma

■ Buying and selling of own real estate

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of Sigma Capital Group Limited by PineBridge Benson Elliot LLP and Oxford Six Limited, part of the Oxford Properties Group.

[Case information](#)

/ From the OJEU

■ Non-opposition to concentrations

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Thermo Fisher / PPD – Case M.10304 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 78/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Andel / Energi Danmark – Case M.10212 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 76/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration EDF / Sojitz Corporation / Nebras Power / Kyuden International Corporation / JV – Case M.10617 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 76/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration OTPP / KKR / Greencollar – Case M.10596 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 74/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Vinci / Lineas / Lusoponte – Case M.10538 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 72/05 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Mitsubishi / Chubu Electric Power Miraiz / MCRE – Case M.10542 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 72/04 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Clearlake Capital Group / STG Partners / Dodge Construction Network – Case M.10599 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 72/03 – Case information](#)

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Non-opposition to the notified concentration ECDC / HPIL / JV – Case M.10540 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 72/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration ICG / CEIT – Case M.10546 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 72/01 – Case information](#)

■ Prior notification of concentrations

Prior notification of the concentration Amazon / MGM – Case M.10349 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 78/05 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Goldman Sachs / Grupo Visabeira / Constructel Visabeira – Case M.10541 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 78/04 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Phoenix / McKesson – Case M.10404 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 76/08 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Macquarie Real Estate / CPG Van Oostrom Beheer / EDGE – Case M.10605 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 76/07 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration IIF International Holding / G+E Getec Holding – Case M.10568 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 75/04 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Lone Star / SPX Flow – Case M.10607 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 75/03 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration GIP / SSE / OTPP / SCOTIA GAS NETWORKS – Case M.10620 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 74/05 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Dassault Systemes International / SZSW / JV – Case M.10514 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 72/09 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the Welput / PSPIB / Alecta / 105 VStreet JV – Case M.10621 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 72/08 – Case information](#)

/ Brussels intern

■ ■ Battery Regulation

The Environment Committee of the European Parliament voted on the amendments to the proposed regulation concerning batteries and waste batteries. The lawmakers generally agreed on the Commission's proposal but they push for higher targets: 70% portable battery collection by 2025 compared to the Commission's original proposal of 65% and 80% by 2030 instead of 70%. The proposal will have to be adopted by the Parliament and the Council.

[Draft report](#)

■ Corporate Sustainability Reporting

At the Competitiveness Council meeting of 24 February European Ministers will discuss the proposal for a directive on corporate sustainability reporting (CSRD). They are expected to agree on a general approach on the proposal. The CSRD proposal requires companies to publish detailed information on sustainability matters and extends existing rules on non-financial reporting.

■ Foreign Subsidies

European Ministers responsible for the internal market and industry will discuss at the Council meeting of 24 February the proposal for a regulation on foreign subsidies distorting the internal market.

[Presidency note](#)

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