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## Main Topics

Law	Bank/Insurance/Tax	Environment	Media/Telecom	Competition/SA
Healthcare	Aviation/Transport	Foreign Trade	Energy Compliance	Food/Tobacco

# Law

## State Aid

The EC launched a public consultation on its draft proposal to prolong until 04 April 2027 the 2014 Guidelines on State aid to airports and airlines, without any other changes. Contributions can be submitted until 05 June 2023.

[EC consultation page](#)

## Anti-corruption

The EC presented its proposal to fight corruption in the EU and worldwide. Under the proposed rules, Member States would need to adapt their criminal codes to harmonise definitions and penalties across the EU. In addition to that, the proposed directive aims to ensure effective investigation and prosecution of corruption and better cross-border cooperation between competent authorities. The High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, with the Commission's support, proposes to complement the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) toolbox of restrictive measures with a dedicated sanctions regime to fight serious acts of corruption worldwide, in case such acts affect the EU's values, interests, security, independence and integrity.

[EC proposal for a Directive](#)

## Green Transition

The Council adopted its position on the proposed directive to empower consumers for the green transition, which will amend the Unfair Commercial Practices Directive and the Consumer Rights Directive. As soon as the European Parliament adopts its position, negotiations with the Council on the final shape of the directive can start.

[Council position](#)

## Digital Services Act

The EC launched a consultation on its delegated regulation on how independent audits should be conducted under the Digital Services Act for Very Large Platforms (VLOPs) and Very Large Online Search Engines (VLOSEs). Contributions can be submitted until 02 June. The regulation will be adopted by the end of the year.

[EC consultation page](#)

## Intellectual Property

Negotiators of the Council and the European Parliament reached a provisional agreement on the regulation for geographical indication protection for craft and industrial products, which will cover products such as glass, textiles, porcelain, cutlery, pottery, musical instruments and furniture. The agreement now needs to be endorsed and formally adopted by both institutions. The agreed text will be available soon.

[EC original proposal](#)

## Chemicals

The EC adopted new rules to prohibit the use and placing on the market of lead in polyvinyl chloride (PVC) articles, including imports.

[EC Regulation](#)

## Ecodesign Requirements

The EC launched a consultation on the revision of the ecodesign requirements for cooking appliances. Contributions can be submitted until 30 May.

[EC dedicated page](#)

## Energy Labelling Requirements

The EC launched a public consultation on the revision of the EU energy labelling requirements for cooking appliances. Contributions can be submitted until 30 May.

[EC dedicated page](#)

## Trade – Ukraine

The implementing regulation extending of one year the suspension of customs duties on imports from Ukraine has been adopted and published in the EU Official Journal. The current regulation, which concerns four agricultural products (wheat, maize, rapeseed and sunflower seed) originating in Ukraine will be in force until June 2024.

[Commission Implementing Regulation](#)

## 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

### Customs Union

The European Court of Auditors published its special report on the EU's customs facilitation programme for reliable traders, so-called Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) programme.

[ECA dedicated page](#)

## **Banking**

The European Banking Authority launched a signposting tool for supervisory reporting to support banks in the compliance process.

[EBA dedicated page](#)

## **Decision**

### **EC Decision of 04 May – ONE / Macquarie / YTI Service activities incidental to water transportation**

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of Yusen Terminal LLC (“YTI”) by MIP III (ECI) AIV, L.P. (“Macquarie”) and Ocean Network Express Pte. Ltd (“ONE”).

[Case information](#)

### **EC Decision of 04 May – Norsk Hydro / Alumetal Aluminium production**

The EC approved the proposed acquisition of Alumetal by Norsk Hydro.

[Case information](#)

### **EC Decision of 03 May – Blackstone / CDPQ / Invenergy / AEP Renewables / AEP Wind Holdings / Trent Wind Farm / Desert Sky Wind Production of electricity**

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of AEP Renewables, AEP Wind Holdings, Trent Wind Farm and Desert Sky Wind Farm by Blackstone, Invenergy and CDPQ.

[Case information](#)

### **EC Decision of 03 May – Ebert HERA Esser Holding / ServiceCo Architectural and engineering activities; technical testing and analysis**

The EC approved the acquisition of sole control of ServiceCo by Ebert HERA Esser Holding GmbH.

[Case information](#)

## **EC Decision of 02 May – Equitix / Cube / River Ridge Treatment and disposal of non-hazardous waste**

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of River Ridge Holdings Limited (“River Ridge”) by Equitix Holdings Limited (“Equitix”) and Cube Infrastructure Managers (“Cube”).

[Case information](#)

## **EC Decision of 02 May – Schüco / Metallinvest / RSFB / AWB Forging, pressing, stamping and roll-forming of metal; powder metallurgy**

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of AWB Aluminiumwerk Berlin GmbH (“AWB”) by Schüco International KG (“Schüco”), Metallinvest Holding GmbH (“Metallinvest”) and RSFB Technologie Ges mbH (“RSFB”).

[Case information](#)

# **From the OJEU**

## **Non-opposition to concentrations**

Non-opposition to the notified concentration HSBC / AXA / INTU MILTON KEYNES – Case M.11027 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 154/03 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration RLBNW / ASM / BETA PURA – Case M.11068 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 154/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration D’Ieteren / PHE – Case M.10687 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 154/01 – Case information](#)

## **Prior notification of concentrations**

Prior notification of the concentration UBS / Credit Suisse – Case M.11111 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 160/08 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration EQT Future / AM Fresh / SNFL / IFG – Case M.10783 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 154/11 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Parks Bottom / Oxford / Accor / The Rimrock Resort Hotel – Case M.11015 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 154/10 – Case information](#)

## Brussels intern

### Artificial Intelligence

The different political groups of the European Parliament agreed on a common position on the AI Act. The vote in the responsible Committee of the Parliament is expected to take place on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

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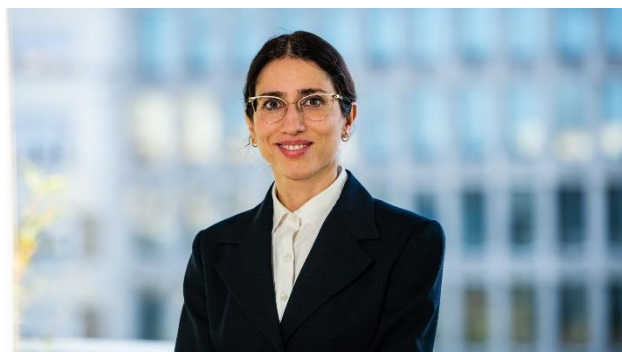
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