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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

Patent Package

The European Parliament adopted several reports for the patent package: four reports on supplementary protection certificates and the report on standard essential patents. Inter-institutional negotiations with the Council on the final shape of the law will soon start.

[EP adopted texts](#)

Reporting Requirements

The European Parliament adopted its report on the proposal for a regulation as regards certain reporting requirements, which will amend the 2013 rules. The proposal aims to simplify and eliminate certain reporting obligations in the area of the approval and market surveillance of agricultural and forestry vehicles and two- or three-wheel vehicles and quadricycles.

[EP report](#)

Environmental Crime

The European Parliament adopted the compromise agreement reached last November with the Council on the proposal for a directive on the protection of the environment through criminal law. The new rules will revise the 2008 directive and will define minimum types and levels of sanction for environmental crime and will expand the list of offences covered. Next step is formal adoption by the Council, then the directive will be published in the EU Official Journal. It will enter into force on the twentieth day following its publication; Member States will have two years to transpose the rules into their national systems.

[Directive on the protection of the environment through criminal law](#)

Waste Shipments

The European Parliament endorsed the agreement reached with the Council on new rules regarding waste shipments. Under the new regulation, plastic waste exports to non-OECD countries will be prohibited, while those to OECD countries will be subject to stricter conditions. An enforcement group to improve cooperation within the Union will be established. The Council will formally adopt the text in the coming weeks, then it will be published in the EU Official Journal.

[Regulation on shipments of waste](#)

Environmental Data

The EC is collecting feedback on its “GreenData4All” initiative, which aims to improve environmental geospatial data sharing in the public and private sectors. Contributions can be submitted until 25 March.

[EC dedicated page](#)

Trade Remedies

Commission Implementing Regulation of 26 February 2024 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of hand pallet trucks and their essential parts originating in the People's Republic of China 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 \(EU\) 2024/670](#)

Instant Payments

The Council adopted the regulation on instant credit transfers in euro, which aims to make instant payments fully available in euro to consumers and businesses in the EU and in the EEA countries. The regulation will soon be published in the EU Official Journal, and it will come into force after a transition period.

[Regulation on instant credit transfers in euro](#)

Capital Markets Union

The Council adopted the new rules that will amend the alternative investment fund managers directive, which governs managers of hedge funds, private equity funds, private debt funds, real estate funds and other alternative investment funds in the EU. The text will soon be published in the EU Official Journal and enter into force twenty days later.

[Directive on delegation arrangements, liquidity risk management, supervisory reporting, the provision of depositary and custody services and loan origination by alternative investment funds](#)

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

Rule of Law

The European Court of Auditors published its review of the European Commission's annual rule of law report, which provides an assessment of the significant rule of law developments in all Member States.

[Dedicated page](#)

Decision

EC Decision of 29 February – Bain Capital / Eleda Group Engineering activities; construction of civil engineering projects

The EC approved the acquisition of sole control of Eleda TopCo AB and its subsidiaries by Bain Capital Investors LLC.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 29 February – Cinven / Barentz Wholesale of chemical products

The EC approved the acquisition of sole control of Barentz Holding B.V. by Cinven Limited.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 28 February – Swiss Life / DigitalBridge / InfraBridge Investors Nile

Trade of electricity; other software publishing

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of InfraBridge Investors Nile S.a.r.l. by Swiss Life Holding AG and DigitalBridge Group Inc.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 27 February – Blackstone / Vista / Adapt2 Trade of electricity; other software publishing

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of Adapt2 Solutions Inc. (“Adapt2”) by Blackstone Inc. (“Blackstone”) and Vista Equity Partners Management LLC (“Vista”).

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 27 February – MEIF7 / Infracapital / LMI Transport via pipeline; distribution of gaseous fuels through mains; manufacture of instruments and appliances for measuring; construction of utility projects for electricity

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of Last Mile Infrastructure (Holdings) Limited (“LMI”) by Macquarie European Infrastructure Fund 7 (“MEIF7”) and Trinity SLP 2 LP.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 26 February – Permira / HG / GGW Activities of insurance agents and brokers

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of GGW Group GmbH by Permira Holdings Limited and Hg Capital LLP.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 23 February – Allianz / PIMCO / Silver Point / Incora Specialized wholesale

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of Wesco Aircraft Holdings Inc. by Allianz SE and Silver Point Capital L.P.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 23 February – RRF – ArcelorMittal (Bremen & Eisenhüttenstadt) Steel production

The EC approved a German measure funded under Recovery and Resilience Facility to support ArcelorMittal Bremen and ArcelorMittal Eisenhüttenstadt in decarbonising part of their steel production processes.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 23 February – CMA CGM / Bolloré Logistics Freight air transport; sea and coastal freight water transport; warehousing and storage

The EC approved the proposed acquisition of Bolloré Logistics SE by CMA CGM S.A., subject to conditions.

[Case information](#)

From the OJEU

Non-opposition to concentrations

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Wendel / IK Partners – Case M.11359 has been published.

[Document C/2024/1895](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration TA Associates / Warburg Pincus / Exercite Group – Case M.11369 has been published.

[Document C/2024/1900](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Bridgepoint / Nexity Lamy and Oralia Partenaires – Case M.11447 has been published.

[Document C/2024/1803](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Santander / Stellantis / Opel Bank Assets / FCA Bank Assets / JV – Case M.10727 has been published.

[Document C/2024/1751](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of concentrations

Prior notification of the concentration DPI / PI / JV – Case M.11334 has been published.

[Document C/2024/1916](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Petronord / Petrocargo / Hempelmann Wittemöller – Case M.11217 has been published.

[Document C/2024/1915](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration SFH / Existing Shareholders / Argal – Case M.11378 has been published.

[Document C/2024/1917](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration IP / EV Asset Holding / IPLANET JV – Case M.11373 has been published.

[Document C/2024/1815](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration DigitalBridge / Equitix / Freedom Fibre / VX Fiber / Lilaconnect – Case M.11487 has been published.

[Document C/2024/1809](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Quattror / Massimo Zanetti Beverage Group – Case M.11477 has been published.

[Document C/2024/1808](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration KKR / Veritas / Cotiviti – Case M.11454 has been published.

[Document C/2024/1807](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration HPS / Berlin Brands Group – Case M.11474 has been published.

[Document C/2024/1806](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Blackrock / Canadian Solar / Recurrent Energy – Case M.11490 has been published.

[Document C/2024/1798](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration AGCO / Trimble / Trimble Solutions JV – Case M.11382 has been published.

[Document C/2024/1797](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Mitsubishi / KDDI / Lawson (JV) – Case M.11430 has been published.

[Document C/2024/1754](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration BNP Paribas Cardif / BCC Vita – Case M.11402 has been published.

[Document C/2024/1749](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Mitsui / Osaka Gas / RWE KK / JV – Case M.11475 has been published.

[Document C/2024/1747](#) – [Case information](#)

Brussels intern

Artificial Intelligence Act

The agreement reached by the negotiators on the Artificial Intelligence Act shall be endorsed by the European Parliament in plenary on 13 March. Following this vote, the Council will have to officially adopt it. Then the text will be published in the EU Official Journal and will enter into force twenty days afterwards.

Industrial Emissions Directive

The European Parliament is expected to adopt the text agreed with the Council on the proposal for a directive on industrial emissions during its plenary session of mid-March. Final step will be the official adoption by the Council in the following weeks.

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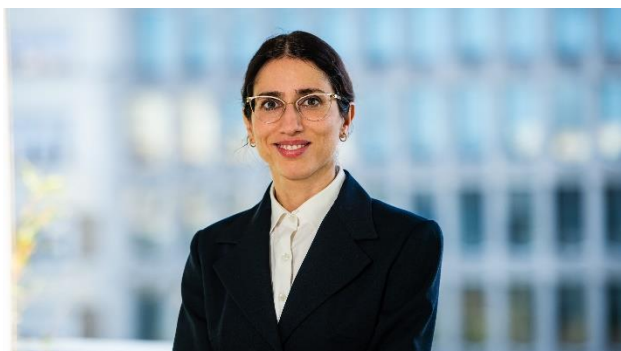
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