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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

■ Work Programme

The EC adopted its 2020 Work Programme with the initiatives that it will take in the coming months. Among the forty three new policy objectives there are proposals for a new European Data Strategy, a new Industrial Strategy for Europe, a new Digital Services Act to reinforce the single market for digital services, a European Climate Law to achieve the 2050 carbon neutrality goal. Together with the Communication the Commission published other documents: a list of new initiatives (annex I), a list of proposals under revision (annex II), a list of priority pending proposals (annex III), a list of initiatives to be withdrawn (annex IV) and a list of envisaged repeals (annex V).

[EC Work Programme – Annex I](#) – [Annex II](#) – [Annex III](#) – [Annex IV](#) – [Annex V](#)

■ 5G Networks

The EC calls on Member States to take by the end of April the necessary steps to implement the set of measures recommended in the 5G toolbox conclusions to address security risks related to the rollout of the fifth-generation of mobile networks and to prepare a joint report on their implementation by June 30th.

[EC Communication – EU Toolbox](#)

■ Brexit

The Council formally adopted the decision on the conclusion of the Withdrawal Agreement of the UK, following the vote of consent of the European Parliament. As of February 1st, the UK will no longer be a member of the European Union; however, until the end of the year the UK will continue to apply the European law. This transition period can be extended

for a period of up to one or two years if both the EU and the UK agree to that before July 1st.

[Withdrawal agreement](#)

/ Politics/General

■ Online Shopping

The EC published the results of an EU-wide screening of e-shops carried out by consumer protection authorities in Member States. In the coming months national authorities will carry out an in-depth investigation of the irregularities identified.

[EC dedicated page](#)

■ Non-Financial Information

The EC launched a consultation on its initiative to modify the requirements to publicly report certain non-financial information. Contributions can be submitted until February 27th.

[EC dedicated page](#)

■ 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](#)

■ Electricity Market

The Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators published three decisions on the framework for implementation of EU-wide trading platforms for electricity balancing.

[ACER decision 1/20 – Annexes – ACER decision 2/20 – Annexes – ACER decision 3/20 – Annexes](#)

■ Energy Networks

The Council of European Energy Regulators published its latest edition of the Report on Regulatory Frameworks for European Energy Networks, which provides a general overview of the regulatory practices in place.

[CEER dedicated page](#)

/ Decisions

EC Decision of 30 January – Gardner Denver / Ingersoll Industrials

■ Leasing of intellectual property and similar products

The EC approved the acquisition of Ingersoll Industrials by Gardner Denver.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 29 January – Film merchandise

■ Leasing of intellectual property and similar products

The EC fined several companies of the Comcast Corporation, including NBCUniversal LLC, for restricting sales of film merchandise products.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 28 January – Compass / Fazer Food Services

■ Restaurants and mobile food service activities

The EC approved the acquisition of sole control by Compass Group PLC over the contract foodservices business of Fazer Food AB.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 27 January – BCP / CD&R Fund X / Brandsafway

■ Specialised construction activities

The EC approved the acquisition of Brand Industrial Holdings Inc. by BCP Acquisitions LLC and Clayton, Dubilier & Rice Fund X L.P.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 27 January – STEAG / OYAK / SET

■ Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply

The EC approved the proposed acquisition of joint control by STEAG GmbH and Ordu Yardimlasma Kurumu over STEAG Enerjji Ticareti ve Hizmetleri A.S.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 24 January – Cinven / Astorg / LGC Science Group

■ Manufacture of basic pharmaceutical products and preparations

The EC approved the acquisition of LGC Science Group Holdings Limited by Astorg Asset Management S.a.r.l. and Cinven Capital Management (VII) General Partner Limited.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 24 January – JD Sports Fashion / Iberian Sports Retail Group

■ Retail sale of clothing, footwear and sporting equipment in specialised stores

The EC approved the acquisition of sole control over Iberian Sports Retail Group SL by JD Sports Fashion Plc.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 24 January – CD&R / ANIXTER

■ Wholesale of information and communication equipment

The EC approved the acquisition of Anixter International Inc. by Clayton, Dubilier & Rice (“CD&R”).

[Case information](#)

/ From the OJEU

■ Non-opposition to concentrations

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Cinven / Astorg / LGC Science Group – Case M.9688 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 31/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Daiwa Securities Group / Aquila Holding / Aquila Capital Holding – Case M.9658 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 30/03 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Associated British Foods / Wilmar International / AB Mauri Yihai Kerry China Investment Holding Company – Case M.9574 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 30/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration CPPIB / OTPP / IDEAL – Case M.9687 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 29/01 – Case information](#)

■ Prior notification of concentrations

Prior notification of the concentration ENGIE / EDP Renovaveis / EDPR Offshore Espana – Case M.9587 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 31/06 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration ENI / CDP Equity / GreenIT – Case M.9709 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 31/05 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration La Voix Du Nord / SIM / Mediacontact / Roof Media – Case M.9680 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 31/04 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Mitsubishi / Wallenius Wilhelmsen / JV – Case M.9712 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 29/13 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Vodafone Italia / Telecom Italia / INWIT JV – Case M.9674 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 29/12 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Eiffage / Atlas Arteria / Blue Atlas / PGGM / APRR / ADELAC – Case M.9708 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 29/11 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Columbia Threadneedle Investments / Brittany Ferries / Condor Hyundai Motor Group / Aptiv / JV – Case M.9638 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 26/03 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Gilde / Proman / Agilitas – Case M.9704 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 26/02 – Case information](#)

/ Brussels intern

■ Industrial Strategy

The European Commission is expected to launch a new Industrial Strategy by the end of March. The strategy will contain a series of comprehensive actions and initiatives to boost the industrial sector; special attention will be dedicated to the next-generation mobile technologies (to go beyond the 5G), to new data-sharing rules (with the revision of competition rules), to the introduction of new standards, to data cloud infrastructure, internet of things and robotics. The Commission intends to work on an appropriate legal framework for the entire online ecosystem, taking into consideration the growing importance of data economy.

■ Online Platforms

The European Commission's Vice President for Values and Transparency said that a regulation on the

activities of online platforms is needed in order to foster transparency and make platforms more accountable.

■ Solvency II

The European Commission will begin the review of the Solvency II Directive in the second half of the year, on the basis of the advice that the European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority will give by the end of June. Special focus will be dedicated on how to secure an adequate level of protection for policyholders while avoiding risks for financial stability.

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