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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

### ■ Offshore Renewable Energy

The EC released its Strategy on Offshore Renewable Energy, which proposes to increase Europe’s offshore wind capacity from its current level of 12 GW to at least 60 GW by 2030 and to 300 GW by 2050. As part of the strategy the Commission also aims to promote cross-border cooperation between Member States on long term planning and deployment to promote the scale-up of offshore energy capacity.

[EU Strategy – EC Staff Working Document](#)

### ■ CO2 Vehicle Emissions

The EC launched its initiative to update the rules for monitoring and reporting data on the CO2 emissions of cars and light vans. Contributions can be submitted until 14 December.

[EC dedicated page](#)

### ■ Climate Target Plan

The EC launched two public consultations on the review of the Renewable Energy Directive and the Energy Efficiency Directive. Consultations will run until mid-February and are part of the preparatory work to deliver on new 2030 emissions reduction target.

[Renewable Energy Directive consultation](#) – [Energy Efficiency Directive consultation](#)

### ■ Aviation

The EC extended by one year the temporary measures introduced last May and due to expire on 31 December 2020 to ease the financial pressure on aviation operators and ground-handlers. The Commission will continue to monitor the situation.

[EC dedicated page](#)

### ■ US Tariffs

The Council approved a mini tariff package of mutual concessions with the US. The measures will apply with retroactive effect from 1 August 2020 for five years. Now the European Parliament will have to adopt the position in an upcoming plenary session, then the regulation can be formally adopted by the Council and published in the Official Journal of EU.

[EC proposal for a Regulation on the elimination of customs duties on certain products – Annex](#)

### ■ Trade and Sustainable Development

The EC launched a new complaints system for reporting market access barriers and breaches of trade and sustainable development commitments in the European trade agreements and under the Generalised Scheme of Preferences.

[EC dedicated page](#)

### ■ Semester Package

The EC presented its autumn economic policy package and policy recommendations for the euro area. Now

the Council and Eurogroup will have to discuss and endorse the package.

[EC dedicated page](#)

### ■ European Industrial Strategy

The Council adopted a set of conclusions to help European industries to recover from the pandemic crisis. In particular, the economic recover should be based on green and digital transition. The Council stresses the importance of a fully functioning and strengthened Single Market, including in the services sector; and an effective level playing field for European businesses. Member States call on the Commission to define key performance indicators for monitoring the industrial strategy and competitiveness by the end of March 2021 and to present an update of its New Industrial Strategy.

[Council conclusions](#)

### ■ 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

### ■ Auditors' Report on EU Merger Control and Antitrust Proceedings

The European Court of Auditors (ECA) released its first report on the Commission's role as an enforcer in the areas of merger and antitrust. In particular, in this audit ECA examined how effectively the Commission detected and enforced infringements. The report underlines that the European watchdog made good use of its enforcement powers, however some challenges remain, such as limited resources, lengthy proceedings, new enforcement problems in digital

markets and the real deterrent effect of record-breaking fines.

[ECA Report](#)

### ■ REMIT

The Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators published the 22<sup>nd</sup> edition of its REMIT Quarterly.

[ACER dedicated page](#)

## ■ Energy

The Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators launched a public consultation to assess the possibility of setting a cap for multipliers used to calculate reserve prices applied to day-ahead and within-day capacity products in comparison with the reference prices applied to yearly capacity products. Contributions can be submitted until 09 December.

[ACER consultation page](#)

## ■ Banking

The European Banking Authority published its Report on the benchmarking of national loan enforcement frameworks across EU Member States.

[EBA Report](#)

## ■ Banking Stress Test

The European Banking Authority published the final methodology, draft templates and template guidance for the 2021 EU-wide stress.

[EBA dedicated page](#)

# / Decisions

## EC Decision of 18 November – MassMutual / MVC Capital

### ■ Financial service activities, except insurance and pension funding

The EC approved the acquisition of sole control of MVC Capital by MassMutual.

[Case information](#)

## EC Decision of 18 November – Voith / PCSH / TSA

### ■ Manufacture of railway locomotives and rolling stock; manufacture of electric motors; manufacture of bearings and driving elements

The EC approved the acquisition of Traktionsysteme Austria GmbH by Voith Austria GmbH, controlled by Voith GmbH & Co. KGaA, and by PCS Holding AG.

[Case information](#)

## EC Decision of 16 November – ENGIE / Silver Lake Partners / Hall des Lumieres JV

### ■ Beverage serving activities; support activities to performing arts

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control over a newly created joint venture by Endeavor Operating Company LLC, ultimately controlled by Silver Lake Partners, and Culturespaces USA Inc, ultimately controlled by ENGIE SA.

[Case information](#)

## EC Decision of 17 November – Prezero International / Suez Nordic

### ■ Waste collection, treatment and disposal activities; materials recovery

The EC approved the acquisition of SUEZ Nordic AB by PreZero International GmbH, belonging to the Scharz Group.

[Case information](#)

## EC Decision of 16 November – Sazka Group / Öbag / Casinos Austria

### ■ Gambling and betting activities

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control over Casinos Austria Aktiengesellschaft by SAZKA Group a.s. and Österreichische Beteiligungs Aktiengesellschaft.

[Case information](#)

## / From the OJEU

### ■ Non-opposition to concentrations

Non-opposition to the notified concentration SAZKA Group / ÖBAG / Casinos Austria – Case M.9882 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 395/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration BlackRock / Koninklijke Vopak / US Gulf – Case M.9999 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 394/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Altor Fund Manager / Stena / Gunnebo – Case M.9935 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 393/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Warburg Pincus / Vista Equity Partners Management / Infoblox – Case M.9975 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 392/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Hutchinson / PFW Aerospace – Case M.9584 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 389/01 – Case information](#)

### ■ Prior notification of concentrations

Prior notification of the concentration AP1 / AP3 / AP4 / Telia Carrier Entities – Case M.10019 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 395/05 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Platinum Compass / OTPP / EDPL – Case M.10033 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 395/04 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration SKN / Lothar Group / NORDTEAM JV – Case M.10025 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 394/05 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Premier Oil / Chrysaor Holdings – Case M.10022 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 394/04 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Tata Consultancy Services Netherlands / Postbank Systems – Case M.10036 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 394/03 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration FSI / WTI / MEL – Case M.10031 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 393/09 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Lone Star / McCarthy & Stone – Case M.10027 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 393/08 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Vattenfall / Engie / GASAG – Case M.9990 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 393/07 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration HMM / CMA CGM / DIF / TTIA – Case M.9997 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 393/06 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Groupe Credit Agricole / Groupe Generali / Europ Assistance France / Viavita – Case M.9974 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 392/05 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration PSPIB / Tishman Speyer / Carre Saint Germain – Case M.10056 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 392/04 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration ORIX / Cambourne / ORIX India Wind / GEH Assets – Case M.10011 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 389/05 – Case information](#)

## / Brussels intern

### ■ ■ State Aid and Economic Recovery

In the coming weeks the European Commission shall provide guidance for Member States on key investments to stimulate the economic recovery from the pandemic.

### ■ ■ E-Privacy

EU Member States did not find an agreement on the draft proposed by the German Presidency for a new ePrivacy regulation. The presidency is now working on a new text to be presented before the end of the year. However, finding an agreement does not seem to be an easy task.

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