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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

■ Economic Forecast

The EC published the Winter 2020 Economic Forecast, based on a set of technical assumptions concerning exchange rates, interest rates and commodity prices. The European executive publishes each year two comprehensive forecasts, in Spring and in Autumn, and two interim forecasts, in Winter and in Summer. According to this analysis, the European economy shall continue on a path of steady and moderate growth, even if uncertainties on the future partnership with the UK remain.

[EC dedicated page](#)

■ VAT

The EC released its report assessing the invoicing rules of Directive 2006/112/EC on the common system of value added tax.

[EC Report – Commission Staff Working Document](#)

■ EU-Vietnam Trade Agreement

The European Parliament approved the EU-Vietnam Trade and Investment Agreements. The trade deal, which will enter into force most likely in early Summer, needs to be officially concluded by the Council and ratified by the Vietnamese National Assembly. This is the most comprehensive trade agreement between the Union and a developing country. The investment agreement has to be ratified by all Member States according to their national procedures.

[EC dedicated page](#)

■ Cambodia Trade

The EC decided to withdraw part of the tariff preferences granted to Cambodia under the EU

Everything But Arms trade scheme and to replace them with the European standard tariffs due to the systematic violations of the International Convention on Civil and Political Rights.

[EC delegated regulation](#)

■ Energy Programme

The EC released its report on the implementation of the European Energy Program for Recovery and the European Energy Efficiency Fund.

[EC Report – Annex – Commission Staff Working Document](#)

■ 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

■ Deposit Guarantee Schemes Directive

The European Banking Authority published its third opinion addressed to the European Commission on the implementation of the Deposit Guarantee Schemes Directive.

[EBA dedicated page](#)

■ Capital Requirements Directive

The European Banking Authority launched a consultation on draft Guidelines on the appropriate subsets of sectoral exposures to which competent or

designed authorities may apply a systemic risk buffer. Contributions can be submitted until 12 May.

[EBA dedicated page](#)

/ Decisions

EC Decision of 13 February – ENI / CDP Equity / Greenit

■ Production of electricity

The EC approved the creation of a joint venture called GreenIT by Eni S.p.a. and CDP Equity S.p.a.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 11 February – SNAM / FSI / OLT

■ Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control over OLT Offshore LNG Toscana S.p.a. by SNAM S.p.a and First State Investments International Ltd.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 07 February – Mitsubishi Corporation / Eneco Group

■ Electric power generation, transmission and distribution

The EC approved the acquisition of Eneco Group N.V. by Mitsubishi Corporation.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 07 February – PSA / SAFT / ACC

■ Manufacture of batteries

The EC approved the creation of a joint venture between PSA and Total.

[Case information](#)

/ From the OJEU

■ Non-opposition to concentrations

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Mitsubishi Corporation / Eneco Groep – Case M.9699 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 51/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Bollore Group / M7 Group – Case M.9416 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 49/06 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Bamesa / Sumitomo / Steel Centre Europe – Case M.9521 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 49/05 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration JD Sports Fashion / Iberian Sports Retail Group – Case M.9668 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 49/04 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Equistone / Heras – Case M.9494 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 49/03 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration MHI / PT – Case M.9591 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 49/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Blackstone / CRH – Case M.9504 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 48/04 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration BP Group / Bunge Group / BP Bunge Bioenergia – Case M.9549 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 48/03 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration IBM / Red Hat – Case M.9205 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 48/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration CVC / Royal Friesland Campina / DMV Fonterra Excipients – Case M.9610 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 48/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Glory / Grenke Bank / Cash Payment Solutions – Case M.9615 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 46/04 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Platinum Equity Group / Biscuit International – Case M.9698 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 46/03 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration CD&R / Anixter – Case M.9656 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 46/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Banco Santander / Allianz Popular – Case M.9602 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 46/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Liberty / Aleris Divestment Business – Case M.9693 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 44/03 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration PTT GC / ALPLA TH / JV – Case M.9593 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 44/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration CMA CGM / CIMC Neocontainer / JV – Case M.9594 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 44/01 – Case information](#)

■ **Prior notification of concentrations**

Prior notification of the concentration Dnata / Alpha LSG – Case M.9700 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 51/14 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration GHT Mobility / Stadtwerke Düsseldorf / Clevershuttle Düsseldorf – Case M.9647 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 51/13 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration ENGIE / Mirova / Predica / JV – Case M.9733 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 48/15 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration SCP / Real – Case M.9703 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 48/14 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration KKR / Dentix Health Corporation – Case M.9748 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 48/13 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Inflexion / ICG / Marston – Case M.9681 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 48/12 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration OLF / Trenitalia / ILSA – Case M.9768 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 46/12 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Acerinox / VDM – Case M.9642 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 46/11 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Bouygues Telecom / Phoenix Tower International / JV – Case M.9729 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 46/10 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Ardian / Groupe Cérélia – Case M.9725 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 46/09 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration EQT / Recover – Case M.9713 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 44/05 – Case information](#)

/ Brussels intern

■ ■ **Digital Policy and Competition**

On 19 February the European Commission is going to release a comprehensive package on digital policy. The intention of the European executive is to create a single market for data. In order to achieve that, the package will cover cross-border data use, data interoperability and standards. The Commission is currently evaluating the European competition rules, in particular those related to horizontal and vertical agreements and of the market definition notice, and it

is planning to launch a sector inquiry with a strong focus on the new markets.

■ ■ **Methane Emissions**

The European Commission is working on a strategic action plan to restrict methane emissions linked to the energy sector, including oil and gas industry.

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