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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

### ■ ■ EU Green Deal Investment Plan

The EC presented the European Green Deal Investment Plan, which aims to attract public and private investment over the next decade for the transition to a green, climate-neutral and competitive economy. Together with the communication, the Commission also released the proposal for a regulation establishing the so-called Just Transition Mechanism, that will provide tailored financial and practical support for the regions most affected by the transition. The relevant committees of the European Parliament and the Council will now deal with the Commission proposal; both the Parliament and the Council will have to agree on a final text.

[EC Communication – EC Proposal for a Regulation establishing the Just Transition Fund – Amendments to the Common Provisions Regulation](#)

### ■ WTO Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures

Representatives of the EU, US and Japan agreed on a proposal to limit industrial subsidies among WTO members and they also discussed about ways to address forced technology transfers practices.

[Joint statement](#)

### ■ Pesticides

The EC decided not to renew the approval of a neonicotinoid called thiacloprid, since it presents health and environmental concerns.

[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](#)

# / Politics/General

## ■ State Aid in Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery

The EC published a consultation on the draft regulation that prolongs by one year the validity of the existing European State aid rules applicable to agriculture, forestry, fishery and aquaculture sectors, including the block exemption regulations. Contributions can be submitted until February 20<sup>th</sup>.

[EC dedicated page](#) – [EC dedicated page](#)

## ■ ■ ETS State Aid Guidelines

The EC launched a public consultation on the draft revised EU Emission Trading System State Aid Guidelines, in the context of the system for greenhouse gas emission allowance trading post-2021. The draft guidelines aim to shorten the number of sectors eligible for compensation, lower the compensation rate to 75% in the new period, exclude compensation for non-efficient technologies and make compensation conditional upon decarbonisation efforts by the companies concerned. Contributions can be submitted by March 10<sup>th</sup>.

[EC consultation page](#)

## ■ Climate Law

The EC launched a public consultation to collect feedback for the further development of its roadmap for a European Climate Law. Contributions can be submitted until February 6<sup>th</sup>.

[EC dedicated page](#)

## ■ European Electronic Communications Code

The EC launched a consultation on the review of the existing Procedural Recommendation related to

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notifications under internal market procedures in electronic communications. Contributions can be submitted until March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

[EC dedicated page](#)

## ■ Big Data in Banking Sector

The European Banking Authority published a report on the recent trends of Big Data and Advance Analytics (BD&AA) in the banking sector and on the key considerations in the development, implementation and adoption of BD&AA.

[EBA dedicated page](#)

## ■ Gas Network Codes Functionality Platform

The Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators and the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Gas (ENTSO-G) launched a public consultation on the Network Codes Functionality (FUNC) issue. Contributions can be submitted until February 14<sup>th</sup>.

[Consultation](#)

## ■ Clean Energy Package

The Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators launched three public consultations on the implementation of the Clean Energy Package; in particular on the geographical scope of system operation regions, the methodology for identifying regional electricity crisis scenarios and the methodology for short-term and seasonal adequacy assessment. The Agency will issue two decisions by March 6<sup>th</sup>.

[ACER dedicated page](#)

## ■ Work Program ACER

The Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators published its 2020 Work Program.

[ACER Work Program](#)

## ■ Work Program CEER

The Council of European Energy Regulators published its Work Program for 2020.

[CEER Work Program](#)

# / Decisions

## EC Decision of 16 January – GLORY / Grenke Bank / Cash Payment Solutions

### ■ Activities auxiliary to financial services

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of Cash Payment Solutions GmbH (“CPS”) by Glory LTD. and Grenke Bank AG.

[Case information](#)

## EC Decision of 16 January – Thoma Bravo / Sophos Group

### ■ Computer programming activities

The EC approved the acquisition by Thoma Bravo LLC of Sophos Group plc.

[Case information](#)

## EC Decision of 14 January – Synthomer / Omnova Solutions

### ■ Manufacture of chemicals

The EC approved the proposed acquisition of Omnova by Synthomer, subject to conditions.

[Case information](#)

## EC Decision of 13 January – PTT GC / ALPLA TH / JV

### ■ Manufacture of chemicals and plastics

The EC approved the acquisition of ENVICCO Limited by PTT Global Chemical Public Company Limited (“PTT GC”) and ALPLA TH Recyclingbeteiligungsgesellschaft m.b.H.A.

[Case information](#)

## EC Decision of 13 January – Abbvie / Allergan

### ■ Manufacture of basic pharmaceutical products and preparations

The EC approved the proposed acquisition of Allergan by AbbVie, subject to conditions.

[Case information](#)

# / From the OJEU

## ■ Non-opposition to concentrations

Non-opposition to the notified concentration BNP Paribas / Ageas / Koninklijke Belgische Touring Club / Optimile – Case M.9635 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 16/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration BlackRock Group / Raffles / Kellas Group – Case M.9667 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 15/03 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration GlaxoSmithKline / Pfizer Consumer Healthcare Business – Case M.9274 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 15/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration American Securities / Lindsay Goldberg / AECOM Management Services – Case M.9636 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 15/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Recruit / MUBK / JV – Case M.9555 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 12/04 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration KKR / Axel Springer – Case M.9463 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 12/03 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Pon Tyre Group / Gilde Fund V / Gundlach Automotive Corporation – Case M.9653 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 12/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration DA Agravis Machinery / Konekesko Eesti / Konekesko Latvija / Konekesko Lietuva / Konekesko Finnish

Agromachinery Trade business – Case M.9163 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 8/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Faurecia / SAS – Case M.9629 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 8/01 – Case information](#)

#### ■ Prior notification of concentrations

Prior notification of the concentration Assa Abloy / Agta Record – Case M.9408 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 16/05 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration CMA CGM / CIMC Neocontainer / JV – Case M.9594 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 13/09 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Volvo Cars / AB Volvo / World of Volvo JV – Case M.9417 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 8/05 – Case information](#)

## / Brussels intern

### ■ EU Collective Redress Rules

Representatives of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission had a first meeting for the negotiations of a new directive on representative actions for the protection of collective interests of consumers, which will repeal Directive 2009/22/EC. Next trilogue will be on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. The European Parliament only agreed on a negotiating position few weeks ago, while the Council approved its text last November, after months of deadlock. The proposed legislation aims at addressing the concerns raised by mass harm scandals with cross-border implications.

### [EP legislative resolution](#)

### ■ ePrivacy Regulation

The debate among EU Member States on the proposed regulation over the last three years has not been successful; therefore the European Commission will most likely present a new draft of the ePrivacy Regulation in the first quarter of the year.

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