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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

■ Carbon Border Levy

The European Parliament adopted a resolution on a WTO-compatible EU carbon border adjustment mechanism. The new mechanism involves all imports of products and commodities covered by the EU Emissions Trading System. The Commission shall present a legislative proposal on a carbon border adjustment mechanism in the second quarter of the year.

[EP resolution towards a WTO-compatible EU carbon border adjustment mechanism](#)

■ State Subsidies – GBER

The EC launched a consultation on the roadmap for the amendment of the General Block Exemption Regulation based on the results of the Fitness Check

and in order to reflect EU priorities such as the Green Deal and the Industrial and Digital Strategies. Contributions can be submitted until 5 April.

[EC dedicated page](#)

■ Financial Markets

A public consultation for the revision of the EU rules on central securities depositories has been launched. Contributions can be submitted until 5 April.

[EC dedicated page](#)

■ Payments Scheme

The EC launched a consultation to assess the need to foster pan-European market initiatives based on instant payments. This exercise will investigate whether new legislation is needed and which policy

options is more appropriate. Contributions can be submitted until 7 April.

[EC consultation page](#)

■ Taxation

The EC launched a public consultation on the revision of the Directive on Administrative Cooperation, which aims to improve cooperation between national tax authorities in particular in emerging areas such as crypto-assets. Contributions can be submitted until 2 June.

[EC consultation page](#)

■ Digital Decade

The EC presented its strategy for the digital transformation of the Union by 2030. In particular, the Commission will work on a legislative proposal for a robust governance framework. Digital transformation of businesses, sustainable digital infrastructure, digitalisation of public services, multi-country financial projects are some of the goals. A digital compass should then monitor Member States' progress.

[EC Communication – 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

■ Energy Networks

The Council of European Energy Regulators published the Report on Regulatory Frameworks for European Energy Networks 2020, which analyses different regulatory systems of electricity and gas networks in the most EU Member States, UK, Iceland and Norway.

[CEER Report](#)

■ Sustainable Finance

A multi-stakeholder task force established by the European Financial Reporting Advisory Group (EFRAG)

released a roadmap for the development of a comprehensive set of EU sustainability reporting standards. A second report proposes reforms to EFRAG's governance structure. The EC will take these two reports into consideration in the preparation of its proposal to strengthen the development of sustainability reporting standards.

[EC dedicated page](#)

/ Decisions

EC Decision of 11 March – Mitsubishi Corporation / Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corporation / Industry One JV

■ Computer programming, consultancy and related activities

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control over a newly created company constituting a joint venture, Industry One Inc. by Mitsubishi Corporation (“MC”) and Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corporation (“NTTC”).

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 10 March – PPG / Tikkurila

■ Manufacture of paints, varnishes and similar coatings, printing ink and mastics

The EC approved the acquisition of sole control of Tikkurila Oyi by PPG Industries Inc.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 09 March – High-performance mobile infrastructure roll-out in Lower Saxony

■ Wireless telecommunications activities

The EC approved a German aid scheme to support the deployment of high-performance mobile networks in the German Land of Lower Saxony.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 08 March – CVC / Vivartia Holdings

■ Manufacture of prepared meals; food service activities

The EC approved the acquisition of Vivartia Holdings S.A. by CVC Capital Partners SICAV-FIS S.A.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 08 March – Nexi / Nets Group

■ Financial service activities

The EC approved the acquisition of Nets A/S by Nexi Spa.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 08 March – Sanacorp Pharmahandel / Leopold Fiebig and Gerda Nüchel

■ Wholesale of pharmaceutical goods

The EC approved the acquisition of sole control over Leopold Fiebig GmbH & Co. KG and Gerda Nüchel GmbH by Sanacorp Pharmahandel GmbH.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 05 March – Eni / Aldro Eys / Instalaciones Md

■ Electric power generation, transmission and distribution; manufacture of gas; distribution of gaseous fuels through mains

The EC approved the acquisition of Aldro Energia y Soluciones, S.L.U. and Instalaciones Martinez Diez, S.L.U., both wholly owned by Aldro Energy Energy, S.L.U., by Eni Spa.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 05 March – Microsoft / Zenimax

■ Publishing of computer games

The EC approved the acquisition of ZeniMax Media Inc. by Microsoft Corporation.

[Case information](#)

/ From the OJEU

■ Non-opposition to concentrations

Non-opposition to the notified concentration SARP / Suez RV Osis – Case M.10079 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 83/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Eni / Aldro EyS / Instalaciones MD – Case M.10178 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 83/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Autolaunch / Beijing Electric Vehicle Co / JVs – Case M.9187 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 82/05 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Mitsubishi Corporation / Arjun Infrastructure Partners / South Staffordshire – Case M.8920 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 82/04 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration CPPIB / TPG / The Torstein Hagen Interest in Possession Settlement / Viking – Case M.10082 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 82/03 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Temasek / Gategrup – Case M.10152 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 82/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Volvo / Daimler / JV – Case M.9857 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 82/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Mississippi Ventures / Parcom / Hema – Case M.10044 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 81/05 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Brookfield / M Finance Capital / ECLA Paris Massy-Palaiseau Companies – Case M.9161 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 81/04 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration SEGRO / PSPIB / Oignies Site – Case M.9285 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 81/03 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration DV4 / ABP / OMERS / Real Estate JV – Case M.8958 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 81/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Ivanhoe Cambridge / PSPIB / JV – Case M.8982 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 81/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration International Flavors & Fragrances / Nutrition & Biosciences – Case M.9827 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 80/04 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration IKB / Hypoport / Fundingport – Case M.10110 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 80/03 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Invitalia / ArcelorMittal / AM InvestCo – Case M.10096 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 80/02 – Case information](#)

■ Prior notification of concentrations

Prior notification of the concentration Deme Concessions / CDC / Occitania Region / Port-La Nouvelle – Case M.10119 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 83/07 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Kronospan Holdings / M Kaindl – Case M.10039 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 83/06 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration CDC / PBB / Capveriant – Case M.10043 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 83/05 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Kingspan Group / Trimo – Case M.9938 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 82/11 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Abu Dhabi Development Holding Company / Louis Dreyfus Commodities and Energy Holdings / Louis Dreyfus – Case M.10090 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 80/06 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration BH Holding / TEDI – Case M.10180 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 78/06 – Case information](#)

/ Brussels intern

■ Vertical Block Exemption Regulation

The European Commission shall present a draft on the updated VBER in May.

■ Digital Taxation

The European Commission is expected to release its proposal on a digital levy after next Council meeting.

■ Sustainable Finance

Members of the European Parliament expressed concerns about the Commission's draft implementing rules on the green finance taxonomy. A revised proposal with a broader definition of transition activities is expected for the coming weeks.

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