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/ Law

■ ■ Renewable and Low-Carbon Fuels

The EC launched a consultation to seek views on the establishment of a new industrial alliance on boosting the supply and affordability of renewable and low-carbon gaseous and liquid fuels. Interested parties can submit their contributions until 30 November. The results of this exercise will feed into the preparation of the alliance. In the Commission's intention, all modes of transport, especially the aviation and waterborne sectors, need to have easier access to renewable and low-carbon fuels.

[EC consultation 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

The EU Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators and the Council of European Energy Regulators released the new edition of the Energy Retail and Consumer Protection Volume of the 2020 Market Monitoring Report (MMR). The volume focuses on retail market competition, retail prices and consumers.

[Report](#)

■ Grid Connection Network Codes

The EU Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators published an updated analysis on the implementation of the Grid Connection Network Codes.

[ACER Report](#)

■ Banking – Machine Learning

The European Banking Authority published a discussion paper on machine learning used in the context of internal ratings-based models to calculate regulatory capital for credit risk. Interested parties can submit their feedback until 11 February 2022.

[EBA Discussion Paper](#)

■ Digital Economy and Society Index

The EC published the results of the Digital Economy and Society Index (DESI) for the year 2021, which outlines the progress made in the area of digitalisation, in particular with regard to capital, broadband connectivity, the integration of digital technologies and digital public services.

[EC dedicated page](#)

/ Decisions

EC Decision of 10 November – Goldman Sachs / Eneos / Nippo

■ Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of Nippo by Eneos and Goldman Sachs.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 10 November – CDP / Macquarie / Open Fiber

■ Telecommunications

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of Open Fiber Spa by CDP Equity Spa and Macquarie Group Limited.

[Case information](#)

Decision of 09 November – German Umbrella Scheme

■ Trade fairs

The EC approved a German federal umbrella scheme to compensate companies active in trade fairs and congress sector for damage suffered due to the coronavirus outbreak.

[Case information SA.64494](#)

EC Decision of 09 November – CPP Investments / BC Partners / Ceramtec

■ Manufacture of other technical ceramic products

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of CeramTec Topco GmbH by Canada Pension Plan Investment Board ("CPP Investments") and BC Partners LLP.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 09 November – Genstar Capital / TA Associates / 20-20 / Compusoft

■ Software publishing

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control by Genstar Capital Partners LLC and TA Associates Management LP of the combination of 20-20 Technologies Inc, currently solely controlled by Genstar Capital and Compusoft AS, currently solely controlled by TA Associates.

[Case information](#)

ECJ Decision of 10 November – Google

■ Web portals

The General Court confirmed the decision of June 2017 of the European Commission regarding the abuse by Google of its market dominance in general search.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 08 November – Bain Capital / ITP Aero

■ Manufacture of air and spacecraft and related machinery; repair and maintenance of aircraft and spacecraft

The EC approved the acquisition of sole control of Industria de Turbo Propulsores S.A.U. ("ITP") by Bain Capital Investors LLC.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 08 November – Swiss Life Holding / Gelsenwasser / Infrareal

■ Combined facilities support activities

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of Infrareal GmbH by Gelsenwasser AG and Swiss Life Holding AG.

[Case information](#)

/ From the OJEU

■ Non-opposition to concentrations

Non-opposition to the notified concentration BNP Paribas / CDC / Immobiliere de la Laine – Case M.10395 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 458/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration PAI PARTNERS / PASUBIO – Case M.10389 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 458/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration ifm electronic / Endress+Hauser Group Services / Automation24 / Process+Lab Devices Online – Case M.10018 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 455/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Alta Percier / Bridgepoint / Latour / Primonial – Case M.10400 has been published.

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[Document 2021/C 451/04 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Silver Lake / BV / Clubessential Holdings – Case M.10481 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 451/03 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Apollo Management / Reno de Medici – Case M.10413 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 451/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Swiss Life Holding / Vauban Infrastructure Partners / Aves One – Case M.10470 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 451/01 – Case information](#)

■ Prior notification of concentrations

Prior notification of the concentration CVC / PANZANI – Case M.10455 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 458/14 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Veolia / Suez – Case M.9969 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 453/05 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration NN / Metlife Greece / Metlife Poland – Case M.10447 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 453/04 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration PTTGC / Allnex – Case M.10432 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 453/03 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Derichebourg Environement / Groupe Ecore Holding – Case M.10249 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 453/02 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Thermo Fisher / PPD – Case M.10304 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 451/07 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Silver Lake / CVC / Sphinx / Rac JV – Case M.10492 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 451/06 – Case information](#)

/ Brussels intern

■ Central Clearing

The European Commission will propose an extension of the equivalence decision for UK-based central counterparties at the beginning of next year. In the meantime, the European executive is working on measures to make EU-based CCPs more attractive to market participants.

■ Digital Markets Act

The Council shall agree on a common position on the proposal for a Digital Markets Act by the end of November. The other co-legislator, the European Parliament, is expected to adopt its position on 13 December. The next step is for the European Parliament and the Member States in the Council to negotiate the final legislative text on the basis of their common positions.

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