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- General ■ Bank/Insurance/Tax ■ Enviroment ■ Media/Telecom ■ Competition/SA
- Healthcare ■ Aviation/Transport ■ Foreign Trade ■ Energy ■ Compliance ■ Food/Tobacco

/ Law

■ Vertical Block Exemption Regulation

In the context of the ongoing review of the Vertical Block Exemption Regulation, the EC launched a targeted consultation on the proposed guidance relating to information exchange in the context of dual distribution, to be added to the Guidelines on Vertical Restraints. Contributions can be submitted until 18 February. The new rules are expected to enter into force on 1 June.

[EC consultation page](#)

■ Standardisation Strategy

The EC published its Standardisation Strategy which aims to address standardisation needs in strategic areas, improve the governance of the European system, support innovation and enhance European leadership in global standards. Regarding this last point, the Commission will work through the High-Level

Forum to set up a new mechanism with EU Member States and national standardisation bodies to share information and inform future standardisation priorities. Together with the strategy, the EC presented a proposal for an amendment to the Regulation on standardisation, a report on its implementation and the annual Union work programme for European standardisation.

[Standardisation Strategy – EC proposal for a Regulation amending Regulation 1025/2012 – EC report on the implementation of Regulation 1025/2012 – 2022 Work Programme](#)

■ Taxonomy

The EC approved in principle the Complementary Climate Delegated Act on climate change mitigation and adaptation covering certain gas and nuclear activities, which will be added into the EU Taxonomy. Once translated into all official EU languages, the

Complementary Delegated Act will be formally transmitted to the European Parliament and the Council for their scrutiny. The two co-legislators will have four months to scrutinise the document. Afterwards, if they do not object it, the act will enter into force and apply as of 1 January 2023.

[EC Delegated Regulation – Annex I – Annex II – Annex III](#)

/ Politics/General

■ State Aid – European Commission

The EC appointed Ben Smulders as new Deputy Director-General for its State Aid Policy Department in the Directorate-General for Competition.

■ Banking

The European Banking Authority launched its central database for anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing (AML/CFT).

[EBA dedicated page](#)

■ Energy Taxation

The European Court of Auditors released its report where it assesses the link between energy taxes, carbon pricing and energy subsidies and the EU climate objectives.

■ 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](#)

[ECA Report](#)

■ REMIT

The Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators published the REMIT Quarterly.

[REMIT Quarterly](#)

■ European Energy Networks

The Council of European Energy Regulators published the report on regulatory frameworks for European Energy Networks, which analyses the different regulatory electricity and gas systems in 2021 in several European countries.

[CEER Report](#)

/ Decision

EC Decision of 01 February – Bain Capital / Hellman & Friedman / Athenahealth Group

■ Data processing, hosting and related activities; web portals

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of Athenahealth Group Inc. by Bain Capital Investors LLC and Hellman & Friedman LLC.

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[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 31 January – Flughafen Berlin Brandenburg GmbH

■ Air transportation

The EC approved German measure for the recapitalisation of Flughafen Berlin Brandenburg GmbH.

[Case information SA.63946](#)

EC Decision of 31 January – South32 / KGHM / Sierra Gorda

■ Manufacture of basic precious and other non-ferrous metals; mining of metal ores

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of Sierra Gorda by South32 and KGHM.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 31 January – MIRA / OTPP / PGGM / BCI / OMERS / AIMCO / Puget

■ Manufacture of gas; distribution of gaseous fuels through mains

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of Puget Holdings LLC by Macquarie Infrastructure and Real Assets Inc.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 28 January – Gategroup / LSG European Business

■ Passenger air transport; service activities incidental to air transportation

The EC partially waived the commitments made by Gategroup to obtain clearance of its acquisition of Lufthansa's LSG European Business.

[Case information](#)

/ From the OJEU

■ Non-opposition to concentrations

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Deutsche Post DHL Group / JF Hillebrand Group – Case M.10472 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 54/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Genstar Capital / TA Associates / 20-20 / Compusoft – Case M.10385 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 54/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration SK Capital Partners / Seqens – Case M.10503 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 49/06 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Telekom Deutschland / IFM Investors / JV – Case M.10548 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 49/05 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration SPIE / Strukton Services – Case M.10581 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 49/04 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration S&P Global / IHS Markit – Case M.10108 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 49/03 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified Apmh Invest / Unilabs – Case M.10585 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 49/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Allianz / Intelsat – Case M.10491 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 49/01 – Case information](#)

■ Prior notification of concentrations

Prior notification of the concentration Goldman Sachs / NN Investment Partners Holding – Case M.10480 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 62/05 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Carlyle / Warburg Pincus / Duravant – Case M.10562 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 62/04 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration ACE / Mosadex / Pharmalot Compounding – Case M.10567 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 56/03 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Eurazeo / PSPIB / FST Hotels – Case M.10609 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 56/02 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Lear Corporation / Interior Comfort Systems Business of Kongsberg Automotive Group – Case M.10512 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 55 I/01 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration FSN Capital VI / Optigroup / Hygas / BFG / TPC – Case M.10577 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 54/06 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Oxford Properties / Pinebridge Benson Elliot / Sigma – Case M.10604 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 54/05 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration State Street / BBH (Investor Services Business) – Case M.10499 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 54/04 – Case information](#)

/ Brussels intern

■ EU-US Energy Council

Next week representatives of the EU and US will meet to discuss the most urgent topics related to energy, in particular the diversification of energy supply.

■ EU-US Trade and Technology Council

Representatives of the EU and US are supposed to meet in May for the Trade and Technology Council meeting. Main topics are export controls, foreign investment screening, artificial intelligence standards and semiconductor supply chains.

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