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

/ Law

■ State Aid Temporary Crisis Framework

The EC is consulting Member States on its draft proposal for a State aid Temporary Crisis Framework to support the economy of the Union mitigating the damage caused by the Russian invasion of Ukraine and the effects of the economic sanctions taken in response. Member States could be allowed to grant temporary liquidity support (guarantees or subsidised loans) to all companies affected and aid for additional costs due to rising energy prices. The Commission has given high priority to the file.

[EC dedicated page](#)

■ Energy – Russian Dependence

The EC presented its plan to reduce the EU's dependence from Russian fossil fuels by two thirds before the end of 2022, as part of a strategy to become

independent from Russia before 2030. The plan also sets out a series of measures to mitigate the impact of rising energy prices and to accelerate the energy transition. The European Commission shall publish by April a legislative proposal requiring gas storage across the EU to be filled up to at least 90% of its capacity by 1 October each year. In addition to that, the European executive continues its investigation into the gas market for some concerns about potential distortions of competition by certain operators.

[EC Communication RePowerEU “Joint European Action for more affordable, secure and sustainable energy”](#)

■ Anti-dumping

Commission Implementing Regulation of 9 March 2022 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of certain aluminium foil originating in the People's Republic of China following an expiry review pursuant to Article 11(2) of Regulation 2016/1036 of the

European Parliament and the Council has been published in the EU Official Journal.

[Commission Implementing Regulation 2022/402](#)

Commission Implementing Decision of 3 March 2022 concerning exemptions from the extended anti-dumping duty on certain bicycle parts originating in the People's Republic of China pursuant to Commission Regulation 88/97 has been published in the EU Official Journal.

[Commission Implementing Decision 2022/403](#)

■ 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

■ Artificial Intelligence

Opinion of the European Central Bank of 29 December 2021 on a proposal for a regulation laying down harmonised rules on artificial intelligence has been published in the EU Official Journal.

[Opinion CON/2021/40](#)

/ Decision

EC Decision of 09 March – Carlyle Group / Macquarie Group / HYCC

■ Manufacture of industrial gases; manufacture of other inorganic basic chemicals

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of HYCC Holding B.V. by Nobian Industrial Chemicals B.V. and Norgh Holding Company Limited.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 04 March – Lone-Star Funds / SPX Flow

■ Manufacture of machinery and equipment n.e.c.

The EC approved the acquisition of sole control of SPX Flow Inc. by Lone Star Funds.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 04 March – Macquarie Real Estate / CPG Van Oostrom Beheer / EDGE

■ Real estate activities

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of EDGE Real Estate B.V. by Macquarie Real Estate Management Limited and C.P.G. van Oostrom Beheer B.V.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 04 March – Goldman Sachs / Grupo Visabeira / Constructel Visabeira

■ Construction of utility projects for electricity and telecommunications; electrical installation; repair of communication equipment; engineering activities and related technical consultancy

The EC approved the acquisition of Constructel Visabeira S.A. by Goldman Sachs Group Inc. and Grupo Visabeira S.A.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 04 March – P66 / H2 EE / JV

■ **Retail sale of automotive fuel in specialised stores**

The EC approved the creation of a new joint venture by Philipps 66 and H2 Energy Europe AG.

/ From the OJEU

■ **Non-opposition to concentrations**

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Eurazeo / PSPIB / FST Hotels – Case M.10609 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 115/04 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Advent / Permira / McAfee – Case M.10570 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 115/03 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Macquarie Real Estate / CPG Van Oostrom Beheer / EDGE – Case M.10605 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 115/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration IIF International Holding / G+E GETEC HOLDING – Case M.10568 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 115/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Dassault Systemes International / SZSW / JV – Case M.10514 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 113/01 – Case information](#)

[Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration GIP / SSE / OTPP / Scotia Gas Networks – Case M.10620 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 111/01 – Case information](#)

■ **Prior notification of concentrations**

Prior notification of the concentration WATERLAND / DUVEBECK – Case M.10632 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 114/07 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration WAVERLY / TPG / ASIA Healthcare Holdings – Case M.10665 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 114/06 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Generali France / La Medicale – Case M.10611 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 111/04 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration CERTAS / ENGIE SOLUTIONS / SSEC JV – Case M.10637 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 111/03 – Case information](#)

/ Brussels intern

■ **Batteries Directive**

Environment Ministers of the EU Member States aim to reach a general approach on new rules for batteries and waste batteries at the Council meeting of 17 March.

■ **Cyber-security**

EU Member States are in favour of reinforcing the European cybersecurity capacity, including establishing a new Emergency Response Fund and increasing EU funding to face large-scale cyberattacks.

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