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| ■ Healthcare | ■ Aviation/Transport | ■ Foreign Trade | ■ Energy | ■ Compliance |

| ■ Food/Tobacco | | | | |

/ Law

■ Intellectual Property

The EC proposed the first EU-wide framework to protect the intellectual property for craft and industrial products based on the originality and authenticity of traditional practices from their regions.

[EC proposal for a regulation on geographical indications for craft and industrial products](#)

■ Single Market Emergency Instrument

The EC published a consultation to collect views on the problems concerning crisis-related disruptions of the Single Market, with the view to present a mechanism to respond quickly to emergencies and crises. Contributions can be submitted until 11 May. The adoption is scheduled for the third quarter of the year.

[EC dedicated page](#)

■ Financial Markets

The EC launched a targeted consultation to evaluate the adequacy of the European rules on money market funds (MMF). Contributions can be submitted until 13 May and they will feed into the Commission's report that will be submitted to the European Parliament and the Council.

[EC consultation page](#)

■ Sustainable Finance

The Council agreed on its position on the proposal to create environmentally sustainable bonds, one of the main instruments for financing investments related to green technologies, energy efficiency, resource efficiency, sustainable transport infrastructure and research infrastructure. Inter-institutional negotiations with the European Parliament in order to agree on a

final version of the text can now start. The Council's position will be available soon.

[EC proposal for a regulation on European green bonds](#)

■ REACH

Commission Regulation of 8 April 2022 amending Annex XIV to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction

of Chemicals (REACH) has been published in the EU Official Journal.

[Commission Regulation \(EU\) 2022/586](#)

■ 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

■ Cross-zonal Electricity

The Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators published a note on how to monitor the capacity available for cross-zonal electricity trade in a harmonised way, in view of the minimum 70% target of the Clean Energy Package.

[ACER note](#)

/ Decision

EC Decision of 12 April – Central / Signa / Selfridges

■ Retail sale in non-specialised stores

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of SFP Holdings Limited, Selfridges Manchester Limited and SHEL Holdings Europe Limited by Hargr Central Department Store Limited and SIGNA Holding GmbH.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 11 April – HeidelbergCement / Thoma Bravo / Command Alkon

■ Manufacture of cement, articles of concrete

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of Command Alkon Inc. by HeidelbergCement AG and Thoma Bravo LLC.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 11 April – Parker / Meggitt

■ Manufacture of air and spacecraft and related machinery

The EC approved the proposed acquisition of Meggitt by Parker, subject to conditions.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 08 April – Blackstone / Vista / CampusLogic Holdings

■ Insurance, reinsurance and pension funding, except compulsory social security

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of CampusLogic Holdings Inc. by Blackstone Inc. and Vista Equity Partners Management LLC.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 08 April – CPP Investments / Votorantim / JV

[Case information](#)

■ Trade of electricity

The EC approved the creation of a joint venture by CPP Investments of Canada and Votorantim of Brazil.

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■ Non-opposition to concentrations

Non-opposition to the notified concentration CDPQ / Transurban / AustralianSuper / CPP Investments / ADIA / WCX – Case M.10675 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 160/05 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration WAVERLY / TPG / ASIA Healthcare Holdings – Case M.10665 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 160/04 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration CERTAS / ENGIE Solutions / SSEC JV – Case M.10637 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 160/03 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Samsung Biologics / Samsung Bioepis – Case M.10657 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 159/04 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Waterland / Duvenbeck – Case M.10632 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 159/03 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Lone-Star Funds / SPX Flow – Case M.10607 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 159/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Carlyle / Altadia – Case M.10603 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 159/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Santander / Mapfre / JV – Case M.10531 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 157/02 – Case information](#)

■ Prior notification of concentrations

Prior notification of the concentration Macquarie / BCI / Reden Holding and Reden Holding 2020 – Case M.10707 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 160/12 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration PLD / NBIM / Target Asset Bleiswijk – Case M.10716 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 159/12 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration EGERIA / ISOPLUS Group / BRUGG / ISOPLUS JV – Case M.10650 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 157/08 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration HOYA / BOE Vision / JV – Case M.10647 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 157/07 – Case information](#)

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■ Russian Sanctions

The European Commission is working on a proposal for an EU oil embargo on Russia, although there is still no agreement among Member States.

■ Artificial Intelligence

The Presidency of the Council drafted a new compromise text on the AI Act. The Presidency aims to reach a general approach at the Council meeting of 3 June. At the European Parliament, the draft report is scheduled for discussion in May, with a vote in the Committee most likely in October and the plenary in November.

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