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## / Main Topics

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

## / Law

### ■ Digital Services Act

Negotiators of the Council and the European Parliament reached a political agreement on the Digital Services Act, which will introduce binding and EU-wide obligations on giant platforms, social-media sites and other digital services that connect consumers to goods, services or content. The DSA will also update the eCommerce Directive of 2000. The agreement will now be reviewed by lawyer-linguists and then sent for final approval by the two co-legislators, the Council and the Parliament. It will come into force twenty days after its publication in the EU Official Journal and it will start applying fifteen months later. The agreed text will be available soon.

[EC proposal for a Regulation on a Single Market for Digital Services \(Digital Services Act\)](#)

### ■ Sustainable Chemicals

The EC published a Restrictions Roadmap which provides detailed information on the restrictions planned or under development according to the European chemical legislation. The roadmap includes a rolling list of substances that have become a source of concern in the recent years and will be regularly reviewed. This plan shall allow companies to prepare for future restrictions.

[Roadmap](#)

### ■ European Banking Framework

The Council and the European Parliament reached a provisional agreement on the draft regulation to revise the European bank resolution framework. The so-called “Daisy Chain” proposal will introduce targeted adjustments to improve the resolvability of bank institutions. The provisional agreement now needs to

be approved by the two co-legislators. The text will be available soon.

[EC proposal](#)

### ■ Commercial Vehicles

The EC launched a consultation on the European rules on commercial vehicles carrying goods or passengers by road. The aim is to identify regulatory and market failures and to improve the environmental performance of these vehicles. Contributions can be submitted until 19 July.

[EC dedicated page](#)

### ■ Safety Gate

The EC published its annual report on the Safety Gate, the European rapid alert system for dangerous non-food products, which covers the alerts notified in 2021. The Commission also launched a new e-surveillance tool called “web crawler”, which will support national authorities in the detection of online offers of dangerous products.

[Safety Gate](#)

### ■ 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

### ■ EU-India Trade and Technology Council

Representatives of the EU and India agreed to launch the EU-India Trade and Technology Council, a coordination mechanism to deepen cooperation in different fields. The two parties also intend to restart negotiations in the coming months for a comprehensive trade and investment agreement.

### ■ Energy Storage

The Council of European Energy Regulators published a paper on the regulation of long-term energy storage from a sector-coupling perspective, which highlights the possible regulatory aspects for underground gas storage.

[CEER paper](#)

### ■ Electricity

The Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators published its final assessment of the European Wholesale Electricity Market Design with a series of recommendations for policy makers.

[ACER Assessment](#)

### ■ Internet

The EU, the US and several international partners presented a Declaration for the Future of the Internet, setting out vision and principles.

[EC dedicated page](#)

## / Decision

### **EC Decision of 27 April – Gauselmann / Greentube / JV**

#### ■ **Gambling and betting activities**

The EC approved the creation of a new joint venture by Gauselmann AG and Greentube Internet Entertainment Solutions GmbH.

[Case information](#)

### **EC Decision of 27 April – German CHP-surcharge**

#### ■ **Rail transportation**

The EC approved the prolongation until 21 August 2026 of a German scheme to reduce the cogenerated electricity surcharge (“CHP-surcharge”).

[Case information SA.64549](#)

### **EC Decision of 26 April – VUB / Slovenska Sporitelna / Tatra Banka / 365.Bank / CSOB / JV**

#### ■ **Financial service activities**

The EC approved the creation of a joint venture between Vseobecna uverova banka a.s. (“VUB”), Slovenska sporitelna a.s., Tatra banka a.s., 365 bank, a.s and Ceskoslovenska obchodna banka a.s. (“CSOB”).

[Case information](#)

### **EC Decision of 25 April – OCP Group / Koch Industries / Jorf Fertilizer Company**

#### ■ **Manufacture of basic chemicals, fertilisers and nitrogen compounds, plastics and synthetic rubber in primary forms**

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of Jorf Fertilizer Company III S.A. (“JFC III”) by OCP S.A. and by KAES Phosphate Holdings LLC (“KAES”).

[Case information](#)

### **EC Decision of 25 April – Brookfield / Telia Company / Telia Towers Sweden**

#### ■ **Telecommunications activities**

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of Telia Towers Sweden AB by Telia Company AB and by Brookfield Asset Management Inc.

[Case information](#)

## / From the OJEU

### ■ Non-opposition to concentrations

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Telefonica / Pontegadea / Telxius – Case M.10679 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 173/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Central / SIGNA / Selfridges – Case M.10642 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 170/02 – Case information](#)

### ■ Prior notification of concentrations

Prior notification of the concentration AXA / Atalante – Case M.10688 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 172/04 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Swiss Life / Vauban / Wascosa – Case M.10684 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 172/03 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Volkswagen / Trinity / Europcar – Case M.10565 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 172/02 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration VALEO / VSEA – Case M.10682 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 170/08 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Selfinvest / LLG / Selected Car Group JV – Case M.10710 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 170/07 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration CVC / Ekaterina – Case M.10578 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 170/06 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Hal Investments / Royal Boskalis Westminster – Case M.10706 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 170/05 – Case information](#)

## / Brussels intern

### ■ Russia Sanctions

The European Commission is working on a sixth package of sanctions against Russia, which shall be submitted to Member States at the beginning of May. The European executive is considering to target oil, with perhaps a gradual phasing-out or the introduction of special tariffs on exports beyond a certain price cap. However, among Member States there is not consensus.

### ■ Artificial Intelligence

On 11 May, the responsible committees of the European Parliament will debate the draft report on the Commission's proposal for an Artificial Intelligence Act. The vote is then scheduled for the end of October.

### ■ Chips Act

The draft report for the Chips Act shall be released at the end of June. However, the vote is expected not before December.

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