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■ ■ Green Deal Industrial Plan

European Commission President announced a Green Deal Industrial Plan to promote clean technology and industrial innovation. The plan has four key pillars: the regulatory environment, financing, skills and trade. As part of the initiative, the EC will present a so-called Net-Zero Industry Act which will lay down a series of goals to be reached by 2030. In order to boost investment and financing of clean-tech production, the Commission intends to propose a revision of the EU State aid rules, to simplify procedures and accelerate approvals, also with simple tax-break models. As far as Important Projects of Common European Interest (IPCEI) is concerned, the Commission is considering to loosen the requirements for clean tech projects. To avoid fragmentation of the Single Market, the EC is working on a European Sovereignty Fund to support small Member States.

The initiative comes in reaction to US Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) and Chinese subsidies on green technologies. EU Commissioner for Competition already asked EU ministers to comment on a proposed Temporary Crisis and Transition Framework for state aid. A formal consultation on the proposal to amend the EU's state aid law will follow. The EC shall present a first set of proposals on 1 February.

■ Waste Shipments

The European Parliament adopted its position on the proposal to reform the EU rules on waste shipments. The Parliament supports the ban of waste destined for disposal within the EU, with the exception of limited and well-justified cases. Export of hazardous waste and of plastic waste to non-OECD countries would also be banned. Inter-institutional negotiations with the Council will start once EU Member States have agreed on a common position.

[EP text](#)

■ Digital Markets Act Implementation

The competition division of the European Commission (DG Comp) created a new directorate on “Digital Platforms”, headed by Alberto Bacchiega. The new directorate, which will be in charge of the DMA enforcement and standard antitrust investigation in the digital sector, is composed of three enforcement units.

■ Vehicles Emissions

UN Regulation No 49 – Uniform provisions concerning the measures to be taken against the emission of gaseous and particulate pollutants from compression-ignition engines and positive ignition engines for use in vehicles has been published in the EU Official Journal.

[UN Regulation No 49](#)

■ Anti-dumping

Commission Implementing Regulation of 18 January 2023 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of certain aluminium road wheels 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 of the Council has been published in the EU Official Journal.

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2023/112](#)

■ 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

■ Coalition of Trade Ministers on Climate

The European Commission, EU Member States and 26 Countries launched the so-called “Coalition of Trade Ministers on Climate”, the first Ministerial-level global forum on trade, climate and sustainable development. The Coalition aims to provide political guidance and trade strategies with at the centre the fight against climate change and extreme weather conditions. Next meeting will take place in early 2024, in the margins of the WTO Ministerial Conference. The coalition is open to all interested Countries.

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■ European Energy Networks

The Council of European Energy Regulators published its annual Report on Regulatory Frameworks for European Energy Networks. The report, which covers the year 2022, analyses different regulatory systems of electricity and gas networks.

[CEER report](#)

/ Decision

EC Decision of 18 January – Itochu / Tokyo Century / HCM / JV

■ **Financial leasing; other credit granting**

The EC approved the creation of a joint venture by Hitachi Construction Machinery Co. Ltd. (“HCM”), Itochu Corporation and Tokyo Century Corporation.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 18 January – KKR / Serentica Mauritius / Serentica Renewables Singapore JV

■ **Electric power generation, transmission and distribution**

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of Serentica Renewables Singapore Private Limited by KKR

& Co and Serenica Renewables Private Limited Mauritius.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 16 January – Stellantis / Hon Hai Precision Industry / JV

■ **Manufacture of motor vehicles**

The EC approved the creation of a joint venture by Stellantis N.V. and Hon Hai Precision Industry Co. Ltd.

[Case information](#)

/ From the OJEU

■ **Non-opposition to concentrations**

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Action Logement / AG2R La Mondiale / BNP Paribas / JV – Case M.10927 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 20/04 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Valeo / FTE Group – Case M.8102 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 20/03 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration CPPIB / Montagu / Universal Investment / JV – Case M.10940 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 20/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration One Rock Capital Partners / Prefere Resins – Case M.10754 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 18/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Circle K / Schibsted / Elton Mobility – Case M.10903 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 17/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Apollo / Hines / Vi-Ba / Aedes – Case M.10892 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 14/02 – Case information](#)

■ **Prior notification of concentrations**

Prior notification of the concentration Premereni / Suas Clean Energy / JVs – Case M.11019 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 20/08 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Korean Airlines / Asiana Airlines – Case M.10149 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 20/07 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration CNP Group / Sienna Group / ECT Group – Case M.10976 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 20/06 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration ACE Pharmaceuticals Belgium / Febelco / Pannoc Chemie JV – Case M.10967 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 18/08 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Skipjack / Mitsui O.S.K. Lines / International Transportation – Case M.11001 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 18/07 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Proximus / Ethias / JV – Case M.10924 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 18/06 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Cintra / Abertis / Itinere / BIP & Drive – Case M.10561 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 17/08 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Viasat / Inmarsat – Case M.10807 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 14/06 – Case information](#)

/ Brussels intern

■ Right to Repair

The European Commission is planning to present its proposal on Sustainable consumption of goods which intends to promote repair and reuse on 22 March.

■ Customs Reform

The Customs reform (which aims to address modern challenges such as new trade models, growing volumes, technological developments, new geopolitical context and security risks) is also expected to be released by the European Commission on 22 March.

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