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Main Topics

Law	Bank/Insurance/Tax	Environment	Media/Telecom	Competition/SA
Healthcare	Aviation/Transport	Foreign Trade	Energy Compliance	Food/Tobacco

Law

Anti-coercion Tool

The Council approved the regulation on the protection of the Union and its Member States from economic coercion by third countries. The new law is intended to act as a deterrent but, as a last resort, the EU will be able to impose countermeasures on a third country. The regulation shall be published in the EU Official Journal by the end of November and it will enter into force 20 days after its publication.

[Regulation](#)

Net-Zero Industry Act

The Industry Committee of the European Parliament adopted its draft report on the Net-Zero Industry Act. The Parliament in plenary is expected to endorse the report at its November plenary session. Inter-institutional negotiations for a final shape of the legislation will then start. The draft report will be available soon.

Digital Services Act

Amazon, LinkedIn, TikTok, Pinterest, Snapchat, Zalando and Bing have published their transparency reports, which include, among others, information concerning content moderation on the platforms' services.

[EC dedicated page](#)

European Green Bonds

The Council adopted a regulation creating a European green bond standard. The new law will also establish a registration system and supervisory framework for external reviewers of European green bonds. The regulation will soon be published in the EU's Official Journal and it will start applying 12 months after its entry into force.

[Regulation on European Green Bonds](#)

CO2 Emission Standards

The Environment Committee of the European Parliament voted on the draft report on the proposal to strengthen the CO2 emission performance standards for new heavy-duty vehicles. The Parliament in plenary is expected to adopt the report during the second plenary session of November. Then inter-institutional negotiations on the final shape of the regulation will start. The draft report will be available soon.

Packaging and Packaging Waste

The Environment Committee of the European Parliament adopted its draft report on the proposal for a regulation on packaging and packaging waste which will replace the current Directive. The Parliament in plenary is expected to vote on the report during the second session of November.

[Draft report](#)

Right to Repair

The Internal Market Committee of the European Parliament adopted its position on the proposal to strengthen the right to repair and promote sustainable consumption. The draft report needs to be endorsed by the Parliament in plenary, most likely at the end of November. Once the Council adopts its position, inter-institutional negotiations on the final text can begin. The draft report will be available soon.

Energy Labelling

The EC is collecting feedback on its commission implementing regulation setting requirements for the functioning of the European Product Registry for Energy Labelling (EPREL) system, managing the product database for products covered by the Labelling Regulation 2017/1369. Contributions can be submitted until 21 November.

[EC dedicated page](#)

EU Customs Code

The EC launched two initiatives to collect feedback on its initiative to adapt certain rules set out in the implementing act stemming from the Union Customs Code (UCC) to digitalize the proofs for the customs status of EU goods and clarify certain aspects of the transit procedures. Contributions can be submitted until 21 November. The second initiative relates to certain rules of the delegated regulation with the aim to simplify customs formalities for electronic cargo sensor devices and clarify rules on proof. Contributions can be submitted until 20 November.

[EC dedicated page](#) – [EC dedicated page](#)

Wind Power

The EC published its action plan which contains a series of measures to support the European wind power industry.

[Action plan](#)

Clean Technologies

The EC adopted a communication to promote and support the development of clean technologies by reinforcing the Single Market, ensuring a level-playing field, supporting research and innovation and expanding relationships with external trade partners.

[EC dedicated page](#)

Distance Contracts for Financial Services

The Council adopted the new directive on distance contracts for financial services, which will repeal Directive 2002/65/EC. The directive will soon be published in the EU Official Journal and will enter into force on the twentieth day following its publication.

[EC dedicated page](#)

Benchmarks Regulation

The EC is collecting feedback on the revision of the Benchmark Regulation, in particular on its scope and third-country regime. Contributions can be submitted until 21 November.

[EC dedicated page](#)

Intelligent Transport Systems

The Council adopted new rules on the deployment of intelligent transport systems (ITS), which will revise and extend the scope of the 2010 directive, taking into account the latest technological developments on connected and automated mobility, on-demand mobility applications and multimodal transport. The new directive will be published in the EU Official Journal in the coming weeks and will enter into force the twentieth day after its publication. Member States will have 24 months after the entry into force to comply with the new provisions.

[Directive amending Directive 2010/40/EU on the framework for the deployment of Intelligent Transport Systems in the field of road transport and for interfaces with other modes of transport](#)

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

MiCA

The European Banking Authority (EBA) and the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) published a consultation paper on two draft joint guidelines covering suitability assessment of members of the management body, and suitability of shareholders and members with qualifying holdings of issuers of asset referenced tokens (ARTs) and of crypto-asset service provider (CASPs). Contributions can be submitted until 22 January.

[Dedicated page](#)

Energy Union

The EC released the State of the Energy Union Report for the year 2023, which analyses the state of play in the implementation of the Energy Union.

[Dedicated page](#)

Decision

EC Decision of 26 October – Iberdrola / BP / JV Service activities incidental to land transportation

The EC approved the creation of a joint venture by Iberdrola S.A. and BP p.l.c.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 23 October – Arcelik / Whirlpool Emea MDA Manufacture of electronic domestic appliances

The EC approved the acquisition of sole control of the major domestic appliances business in Europe, Middle East and Africa of Whirlpool Corporation by Arcelik A.S.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 20 October – APG / Platinum Compass / INA / PT Rafflesia

Service activities incidental to land transportation

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of PT Rafflesia Investasi Indonesia (“PT Rafflesia”) by the Investment Authority of Indonesia (“INA”), APG Asset Management N.V. (“APG”) and Platinum Compass B 2018 RSC Limited (“Platinum Compass”).

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 20 October – Teleperformance / Majorel Computer programming, consultancy; information service activities; other information technology activities

The EC approved the acquisition of sole control of Majorel Group Luxembourg S.A. by Teleperformance SE.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 20 October – Georg Fischer / Uponor Manufacture of plastic plates, tubes, pipes and other plastic products; wholesale of hardware

The EC approved the acquisition of sole control of Uponor Oyj by Georg Fischer AG.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 20 October – AustralianSuper / DigitalBridge / PSP / Vantage EMEA

Data processing, hosting and related activities; computer facilities management activities

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of Vantage Data Centers Europe S.a.r.l. (“Vantage EMEA”) by AustralianSuper, DigitalBridge Group Inc. and Public Sector Pension Investment Board (“PSP”).

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 20 October – Farfotech / Richemont / YNAP Information technology and computer service activities; retail sale of clothing; data processing; web portals

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of YOOX Net-a-porter Group Spa (“YNAP”) by la Compagnie Financiere Richemont SA and Farfotech Limited.

[Case information](#)

From the OJEU

Non-opposition to concentrations

Non-opposition to the notified concentration General Atlantic / L Catterton / Dogmates – Case M.11268 has been published.

[Document C/2023/575](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Australiansuper / DigitalBridge / PSP / Vantage EMEA – Case M.11292 has been published.

[Document C/2023/561](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Concentrix / Webhelp – Case M.11132 has been published.

[Document C/2023/559](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration APG / Platinum Compass / INA / PT Rafflesia – Case M.11305 has been published.

[Document C/2023/558](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration ALD / Leaseplan – Case M.10638 has been published.

[Document C/2023/478](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration KKR / Infracapital / Zenobe Energy – Case M.11297 has been published.

[Document C/2023/438](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Deutsche Bank / Munich Re / Weltec Holding JV – Case M.11265 has been published.

[Document C/2023/429](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration KKR / Telefonica / Pangeaco – Case M.11243 has been published.

[Document C/2023/426](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of concentrations

Prior notification of the concentration Norwegian / Strawberry / Loyaltyco JV – Case M.11289 has been published.

[Document C/2023/571](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration TA Associates / Warburg Pincus / Epassi – Case M.11269 has been published.

[Document C/2023/476](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Dachser / Dachser & Fercam Italia – Case M.11252 has been published.

[Document C/2023/469](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Kanton Graubünden / Swiss Energy Infrastructure / RePower – Case M.11266 has been published.

[Document C/2023/468](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Renault / Meinauto-Group – Case M.11254 has been published.

[Document C/2023/432](#) – [Case information](#)

Brussels intern

Artificial Intelligence

Negotiators of the European Parliament, the Council and the European Commission will meet again on 6 December for another round of inter-institutional negotiations on the proposed legislation on artificial intelligence, the so-called AI Act. Negotiators hope to finalise the discussions and achieve an agreement.

EU-China Competition Week

Representatives of the EU and China discussed their cooperation on competition law and enforcement, with a special focus on vertical mergers and on the EU State aid procedures.

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