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## LAW

### ■ Telecommunications

The Committee of Permanent Representatives of the Council approved a provisional agreement on the European Electronic Communications Code and on a revised remit for the Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communication (BEREC). The agreed texts must now be submitted for legal and linguistic review. Following this finalisation, they will have to be formally adopted by the European Parliament and the Council and published in the EU's Official Journal. Publication is expected for the end of the year. Member States will then have two years to transpose the Directive on the Electronic Communications Code into national law; an additional one-year transition period will apply to the harmonised end-user provisions. While, the regulation on the Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communication will enter into force 20 days after publication. The new Code will broaden the scope of the framework to include also new communications tools, the so-called over-the-top services.

[Final compromise texts of the Proposal for a Directive establishing the European Electronic Communications Code and of the proposal for a Regulation on BEREC](#)

### ■ Flow of Data

The Committee of Permanent Representatives of the Council approved the proposal for a Regulation on a framework for the free flow of non-personal data, following a provisional agreement on the text reached with the European Parliament on 19 June. The regulation will remove any restrictions based on the geographical location for storing or processing non-personal data, unless such restrictions are justified on grounds of public security. The text is now under legal and linguistic finalisation, then it will have to be formally adopted by the Parliament and the Council. Following adoption, it will be published in the Official Journal of the EU and it will apply six months after publication.

[Final compromise text on the proposal for a Regulation on a framework for the free flow of non-personal data](#)

## ■ Copyright Reform

The European Parliament rejected the report on the proposal for a Directive on Copyright in the Digital Single Market, which was adopted by its Committee on Legal Affairs on 20 June. A new debate and vote on the draft is likely to take place at the plenary sitting on 10-13 September. Lawmakers have the possibility to present new amendments before next vote. The draft contains two controversial issues: a neighbouring right for press publishers of 5 years (article 11) and obligations for online content sharing service providers (article 13).

[EP report on the proposal for a Directive on Copyright in the Digital Single Market](#)

## ■ Governance of Energy Union

The Committee of Permanent Representatives of the Council endorsed the provisional agreement reached on 20 June on the proposal for a Regulation on a Governance of the Energy Union. The new rules will define how Member States will collaborate in order to reach EU clean energy goals on renewables, energy efficiency and greenhouse gas emissions. Co-legislators agreed to set reference years, trajectories and timetable in order to reach these goals. The

proposal calls for EU Member State to prepare national energy and climate plan for the period 2021-2030, that must be submitted by 31 December 2018. The regulation can now be sent to the European Parliament for final approval. The vote in plenary is expected for this October; then it will have to be formally adopted by Council. The regulation will enter into force 20 days following its publication in the Official Journal of the EU.

[Final compromise text](#) – [European Commission's statements](#)

## ■ Withdrawal of Proposals

The EC published the list of 15 pending legislative proposals that have been formally withdrawn, in line with the Inter-institutional Agreement on Better Law-making.

[List of withdrawn proposals](#)

## ■ 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

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## ■ Antitrust – Draft Passing-on Guidelines

The EC launched a consultation on draft guidelines to help national courts estimate the share of price increases caused by a cartel that are passed on to indirect purchasers and final consumers. Contributions will help to finalise the guidelines and can be submitted until 4 October.

[EC consultation page](#)

## ■ Patent Licensing

The EC created a group of experts on the licensing and valuation of standard essential patents and opened a call for applications for membership. Applications can be submitted until 20 August.

[EC Decision](#)

## ■ Steel Tariff Rate Quota

The EC proposed to introduce provisional safeguard measures on steel under the form of a Tariff Rate Quota. In the coming weeks the new measures will be formally adopted and will enter into force.

## ■ Car Imports

The EU submitted its formal comments to the US Department of Commerce in the framework of the on-going investigation on the impact of automotive imports on the US national security. The EU has also requested to participate in the public hearing organised by the Department of Commerce on 19 and 20 July.

[EU Comments](#)

## ■ FinTech

The European Banking Authority published two reports based on its FinTech Roadmap: a report on the impact of FinTech on incumbent credit institutions' business models and a report on the prudential risks and opportunities arising for institutions from FinTech.

[EBA Report on the prudential risks and opportunities arising for institutions from FinTech](#) – [EBA Report on the impact of FinTech on incumbent credit institutions' business models](#)

## ■ Solvency II

The European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority published technical information on the relevant risk free interest rate term structures (RFR) with reference to the end of June.

[EIOPA dedicated page](#)

The Authority also published the technical information on the symmetric adjustment of the equity capital charge for Solvency II with reference to the end of June.

[EIOPA dedicated page](#)

## ■ Banking

The European Banking Authority published an update to its Implementing Technical Standards on benchmarking of internal approaches. The ITS include all benchmarking port-

folios that will be used for the 2019 benchmarking exercise.

[EBA dedicated page](#)

## ■ European Energy Regulators

The Council of European Energy Regulators launched a public consultation on the draft 3D Strategy and related Work Programme for 2019. The 3D Strategy sets the overall policy strategy for European energy regulators for the period 2019-2021. Contributions can be submitted until 10 August.

[CEER dedicated page](#)

## DECISIONS

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### EC Decision of 05 July – Advent International / Zentiva

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#### ■ Manufacture of basic pharmaceuticals products and preparations

The EC approved the acquisition of sole control over Zentiva group, currently owned by Sanofi, by Advent International Corporation.

[Case information](#)

### EC Decision of 05 July – Otary / Eneco / Electrabel / JV

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#### ■ Production of electricity

The EC approved the restructuring of ownership over two offshore windfarms in Belgian waters. The transactions entails the creation of a joint venture between Otary RS NV, the Eneco group and the Engie group.

[Case information](#)

### EC Investigation of 04 July – Aide présumée en faveur de Ryanair à l'aéroport de Montpellier

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#### ■ Air transport

The EC opened an in-depth investigation to assess whether marketing agreements concluded between the Association for the Promotion of Touristic and Economic Flows and Ryanair at the airport of Montpellier are in line with EU rules.

[Case information](#)

### EC Decision of 04 July – MEC / Mitsui / SDPSK / JV

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#### ■ Real estate activities

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control over Sime Darby MIT Development Sdn Bhd by Mitsubishi Estate Co. Ltd ("MEC"), Mitsui & Co. Ltd and Sime Darby Property (Sungai Kapar) Sdn Bhd ("SDPSK").

[Case information](#)

### EC Decision of 04 July – HPS / MDP / HAPS

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#### ■ Activities of insurance agents and brokers

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control over Health and Protection Solutions Limited ("HAPS") by HPS Investment Partners and Madison Dearborn Partners ("MDP").

[Case information](#)

### EC Decision of 03 July – Apollo Management / Generali Belgium

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#### ■ Life insurance; real estate activities

The EC approved the acquisition of sole control over Generali Belgium S.A. by Athora Holding Ltd., controlled by Apollo Management L.P.

[Case information](#)

### EC Decision of 03 July – JIC / TAHL / Australia Nature's Care Biotech

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### ■ Manufacture of basic pharmaceutical products and preparations

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control over Australia Nature's Care Biotech Co. Ltd. ("ANCB") by China Jianyin Investment Limited ("JIC") and Tamar Alliance Health Limited ("TAHL").

[Case information](#)

### EC Decision of 03 July – Tronox / Cristal

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### ■ Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products

The EC approved the acquisition of Cristal by Tronox, subject to conditions.

[Case information](#)

### EC Decision of 02 July – Total / Direct Energie

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### ■ Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply

The EC approved the acquisition of Direct Energie by Total.

[Case information](#)

### EC Decision of 02 July – Partners Group / CPPIB / GlobalLogic

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### ■ Computer consultancy activities

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control over GlobalLogic Holdings Limited by Partners Group AG and Canadian Pension Plan Investment Board ("CPPIB").

[Case information](#)

### EC Decision of 29 June – Silver Lake / ZPG

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### ■ Computer programming; data processing

The EC approved the acquisition of ZPG by Silver Lake Group.

[Case information](#)

### EC Decision of 29 June – TEVA / PGT OTC Assets

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### ■ Manufacture of basic pharmaceutical products and pharmaceutical preparations

The EC approved the acquisition of part of the over-the-counter business of the joint venture PGT by Teva Pharmaceuticals Industries Ltd.

[Case information](#)

## FROM THE OJEU

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### ■ Non-opposition to concentrations

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Intermediate Capital Group / Minimax Viking – Case M.8943 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 235/05](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Thyssen ALFA / Max Aicher Recycling / Noris Metallrecycling – Case M.8893 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 235/04](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration AMP Capital / Aena Internacional / Luton Airport – Case M.8923 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 235/03](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Kennedy Wilson / AXA / JV – Case M.8882 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 235/02](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration The Priceline Group / Momondo Group Holdings – Case M.8416 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 233/02](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Malakoff Mederic / Ilmarinen – Case M.8931 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 230/01](#) – [Case information](#)

### ■ Prior notification of concentrations

Prior notification of the concentration Eurocar / Bonaldi – Case M.8963 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 235/09](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration RWA / ZG / HGD JV – Case M.8925 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 234/07](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Lindsay Goldberg / Coveris Rigid – Case M.8946 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 234/06](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Liberty House Group / Aluminium Dunkerque – Case M.8939 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 233/10](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Puig / BSH / Noustique – Case M.8891 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 233/09](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Partners Group / Techem – Case M.8980 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 232/06](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Knauf / Armstrong – Case M.8832 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 232/05](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Whirlpool / Elica / Elica PB India Private Limited – Case M.8997 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 230/09](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Oetker / Henkell / Freixenet – Case M.8880 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 230/08](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration PPF Group / Telenor Target Companies – Case M.8883 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 230/07](#) – [Case information](#)

## BRUSSELS INTERN

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### ■ Plastics

The Environment Committee of the European Parliament is expected to vote on the draft report on a European strategy for plastics on 10 July.

### ■ Emission Performance Standards

On 9 October the Environment Council is expected to agree a general approach on the proposal for a regulation setting new emission performance standards for passenger cars and vans .

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