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Main Topics

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■ Healthcare	■ Aviation/Transport	■ Foreign Trade	■ Energy	■ Compliance	■ Food / Tobacco

LAW

■ Digital Single Market

The European Commission published the Mid-term Review of its Digital Single Market Strategy, a Commission's top priority. The European executive has proposed all the initiatives set out in the strategy adopted in May 2015 and calls for a rapid adoption of the proposals still under discussion by the co-legislators, the Council and the EP, in order to complete the strategy by 2018. In the report the Commission has also identified three main areas where the EU institutions should intervene: data economy, cyber-security and online platforms.

On data economy, the Commission is preparing a legislative initiative on the cross-border free flow of non-personal data for this Autumn and an initiative on accessibility and reuse of publicly funded data for next Spring.

With regard to cyber-security, the European executive will review the Cyber-security Strategy by September.

Finally, on online platform, the Commission will present an initiative to address unfair contractual clauses and trading practices in platform-to-business relationships by the end of the year.

Together with the Mid-term Review, the Commission also released the Europe's Digital Progress Report 2017 which includes analysis on telecom market and regulatory developments in each Member States.

[EC dedicated page](#)

■ e-Commerce Sector Inquiry

The EC published the final report of its e-commerce sector inquiry which aimed at identifying possible competition concerns in the European market. The document confirms the conclusions of the preliminary report of last September. The Commission launched the inquiry in May 2015 in the context of its Digital Single Market Strategy. The European executive will use information gathered in the course

of the inquiry as the basis for enforcement action against specific businesses.

[EC Report – Dedicated page](#)

■ Franchising in the Retail Sector

The Committee on the Internal Market of the EP adopted its report on the functioning of franchising in the retail sector, calling on the European Commission to draft guidelines reflecting best practices of the sector. The final text will be available soon.

[Draft report](#)

■ Air Transport

The Council reconfirmed the mandate to the Commission to negotiate a clarification to the EU-US air transport agreement to remove any time limit on the possibilities for airlines to lease aircraft along with their crew.

[EC dedicated page](#)

■ Financial Services

The Council approved the programme to promote the involvement of consumers in policymaking in the area of financial services for the period 2017-2020. The EP already gave its consent to the programme.

[Regulation on establishing a Union programme to support specific activities enhancing the involvement of consumers and other financial services end-users](#)

■ 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

■ Company Law

The EC launched a public consultation on how to improve EU company law. Contributions can be submitted until 6 July.

[EC consultation page](#)

■ Payment Services Directive II

The European Banking Authority launched a consultation on its draft Guidelines on security measures for operational and security risks under the revised Payment Services Directive II. Contributions can be submitted until 7 August.

[Consultation paper](#)

■ Payment Account Directive

The European Banking Authority published its final draft Technical Standards on the standardised terminology for services linked to a payment account and the standardised formats and common symbol of the fee information document and the Statement of Fees.

[EBA dedicated page](#)

■ Recovery and Resolution Plans

The European Banking Authority launched a public consultation on its draft Regulatory Technical Standards on the eligibility criteria to determine whether institutions should be subject to simplified obligations when drafting their recovery and resolution plans. Contributions can be submitted until 8 August.

[Consultation paper](#)

■ Solvency II

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

[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 April.

[EIOPA dedicated page](#)

■ Renewables

The Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators and the Council of European Energy Regulators published their White Paper on Renewables in the Wholesale Market. Energy regulators call for EU legislators to bring Renewable Energy Sources fully into the market in the clean energy transition.

[White Paper “Renewables in the Wholesale Market”](#)

DECISIONS

EC Decision of 10 May – SGID / Hellenic Republic / IPTO

■ **Transmission of electricity**

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of the Greek Independent Power Transmission Operator S.A. (“IPTO”) by the Hellenic State and the State Grid International Development Limited (“SGID”).

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 10 May – KKR / Telefonica / Telxius

■ **Telecommunications**

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control over Telxius Telecom S.A. by KKR & Co. L.P and Telefonica S.A.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 10 May – Carlyle / CITIC / McDonald’s / McDonald’s China

■ **Restaurants and mobile food service activities**

The EC approved the acquisition of McDonald’s China Management Limited by McDonald’s Corporation and The Carlyle Group, jointly with CITIC Capital and CITIC Limited.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 10 May – KKR / CDPQ / USI Insurance Services

■ **Activities of insurance agents; activities auxiliary to insurance and pension**

The EC approved the acquisition of indirect joint control of USI Insurance Services by KKR & Co. L.P and Caisse de depot et placement du Quebec.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 10 May – Linde / PJSC Power Machines / JV

■ **Manufacture of non-domestic cooling and ventilation equipment**

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of Linde Power Machines LLC by Linde AG and PJSC Power Machines.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 05 May – Strabag / Rohöl-Aufsuchungs AG / JV

■ **Production of electricity; construction of civil engineering projects**

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control by Strabag SE and EVN AG over the joint venture Projektgesellschaft Geoenergie Bayern Projekt Garching a.d. Alz GmbH & Co. KG.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 05 May – Toyota Industries Europe / Vive

■ **Manufacture of lifting and handling equipment**

The EC approved the acquisition of Vanderlande by Toyota.

[Case information](#)

FROM THE OJEU

■ Non-opposition to concentrations

Non-opposition to the notified concentration 3i / APG / ATP / Eiser Infrastructure Portfolio – Case M.8293 has been published.

[Document 2017/C 148/03](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Tech Data / Avnet's Technology Solutions – Case M.8248 has been published.

[Document 2017/C 148/02](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration DCC Group / Butagaz – Case M.7680 has been published.

[Document 2017/C 146/03](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Boehringer Ingelheim / Sanofi Animal Health Business – Case M.7917 has been published.

[Document 2017/C 146/02](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration EDF / CDC / RTE – Case M.8270 has been published.

[Document 2017/C 146/01](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Nissan / Mitsubishi – Case M.8099 has been published.

[Document 2017/C 145/02](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Petrol / Geoplin – Case M.7936 has been published.

[Document 2017/C 145/01](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Siemens / Gamesa – Case M.8134 has been published.

[Document 2017/C 143/03](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration BMW / Daimler / Ford / Porsche / JV – Case M.8376 has been published.

[Document 2017/C 143/02](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Bain Capital / MKM Building Supplies – Case M.8432 has been published.

[Document 2017/C 143/01](#) – [Case information](#)

■ Prior notification of concentrations

Prior notification of the concentration BC Partners / PSC / Shawbrook – Case M.8471 has been published.

[Document 2017/C 148/05](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Bain Capital / Sealed Air Diversey Care division and food hygiene and cleaning business – Case M.8466 has been published.

[Document 2017/C 145/13](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Hellman & Friedman / Allfunds Bank – Case M.8448 has been published.

[Document 2017/C 145/12](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Shangai Shenda / IAC ST & A business – Case M.8450 has been published.

[Document 2017/C 143/08](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Qualcomm / NXP Semiconductors – Case M.8306 has been published.

[Document 2017/C 143/07](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Macquarie / Universities Superannuation Scheme Limited / Offshore wind assets of UK Green Investment Bank plc – Case M.8346 has been published.

[Document 2017/C 143/06](#) – [Case information](#)

BRUSSELS INTERN

■ Cross-border Portability

On 17 May the European Parliament will vote on its report on the proposal for a Regulation on ensuring the cross-border portability of online content services in the internal market.

■ Spectrum Policy

A group of 13 Member States have expressed their doubts on the Commission's proposal on radio spectrum. The countries which are ready to reject it are: Austria, Croatia,

Czech Republic, Estonia, France, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia, Sweden and the UK.

■ Electronic Communications Code

In June the Council will discuss the progress report on the proposal for a directive establishing the European Electronic Communications Code.

[Presidency text](#)

■ Safety and Market Surveillance

The European Commission plans to launch a new legislative initiative to strengthen the enforcement of EU product rules by the end of the year, since the Consumer Safety and Market Surveillance Package of 2013 is still blocked in the Council.

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