

Competition

Prior [notification](#) of a concentration
(Case [M.8681](#) - **Endowment Strategies /Benvic Europe**)

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(Case [M.8727](#) - **CGE/EDPR/TrustWind/ DGE/Repsol/WindPlus**)

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(Case [M.8711](#) - **Macquarie/Oiltanking / Oiltanking Odfjell Terminal Singapore**)

Commission clears **acquisition** of VWR by **Avantor** ([M.8522](#))
[Midday Express 20.11.2017](#)

Commission clears the **creation** of a **JV** in **Ireland** between **APG** and **Hines** ([M.8637](#))
[Midday Express 20.11.2017](#)

Commission clears **creation** of a **JV** between **CDPQ** and **GE** ([M.8670](#))
[Midday Express 20.11.2017](#)

Full text of **Commission decision** to [conditionally approve](#) **acquisition** of **FTE** by **Valeo**

Banks prepare to **settle** over **Brussels forex probe** - *Fines of billions of euros likely on 8 lenders for allegedly rigging \$5.3tn market*
[Financial Times 20.11.2017 p.1](#)

State Aid

Action brought on **6 September 2017** - **Volotea vs. Commission** (Case [T-607/17](#))
Re: Annulment in part, of the State aid decision SA.33983 (2013/C) (ex 2012/NN) (ex 2011/NN) - Italy - compensation to Sardinian airports for public service obligations

Commission confirms **most Greek measures** for **Hellenic Defence Systems** do **not** involve **aid**; orders **recovery** of some **public support** for **civil activities** ([IP/17/4763](#) & [SA.34308](#))

Commission approves **German support scheme** for **solar panels** on **apartment buildings** ([SA.48327](#))
[Midday Express 20.11.2017](#)

Trade & Customs

[Agenda](#) for the **EP INTA Committee meeting** of **22-23.11.2017**

State of play of the **ongoing trade negotiations** with **Mercosur** – See the [legislative train schedule](#)

Setting up a **Union regime** for the **control of exports, transfer, brokering, technical assistance** and **transit of dual-use items** (recast) - See the [Draft report](#) – Amendments: [PE604.677](#) & [PE604.750](#)

[Draft:](#) **Decision No 1/2017** of the **Joint Cariforum–EU Council** established by the **EPA** between the **Cariforum States**, of the one part, and the **European Community** and its **Member States**, of the other part, of **17.11.2017**, concerning the **amendment** of **Annex IX to Protocol I: OCT**

[Draft:](#) **Decision No 2/2017** of the **Joint Cariforum–EU Council** established by the **EPA** between the **Cariforum States**, of the one part, and the **European Community** and its **Member States**, of the other part, of **17.11.2017** as **regards** the **establishment** of a **list of arbitrators**

[Proposal](#) for a **Council Decision** on the **position** to be **taken** on **behalf** of the **Union** within the **Association Council** established by the **Association Agreement** between the **EU** and the **European Atomic**

Energy Community and their **Member States**, of the **one part**, and **Ukraine**, of the **other part**, as regards supplementing **Annex I-A**, and in the **Association Committee in Trade configuration**, on **recalculating the schedule of export duty elimination** set out in **Annexes I-C and I-D** to the **Association Agreement** (See the [Annex](#))

Notice concerning the **definitive anti-dumping duty** imposed on **imports of citric acid** originating in the **P.R. of China** - **Change of address of a company subject to an individual anti-dumping duty rate** and that has [offered an undertaking](#)

Council Decision (EU) [2017/2105](#) of **10.11.2017** on the **position to be adopted on behalf of the EU** within the **Trade Committee** regarding the **amendment of Annex XII of the Trade Agreement** between the EU and its **Member States**, of the **one part**, and **Colombia and Peru**, of the **other part**, **setting out the list of Colombian procuring entities** in **accordance with the provisions of Title VI** ('Government Procurement')

Internal Market & General

The **Council** and the **EP** reached [agreement](#) on an **EU budget for 2018** that **strongly reflects the EU's main policy priorities** ([IP/17/4687](#))

[Report](#) from the **Commission** on the **Urban Agenda for the EU**

Industry

[Agenda](#) for : **Working Party on Technical Harmonisation (Fertilisers)** of **23.11.2017**

[Minutes](#) of the **REACH Committee** meeting of **27 - 28.09.2017**

[Draft](#): **Commission Regulation** (EU) .../... of **XXX** amending [Annex XVII](#) to **Regulation** (EC) No 1907/2006 of the **European Parliament** and of the **Council** concerning the **REACH** as regards **methanol**

Preparation of the **Competitiveness Council** on **30.11** and **1.12.2017**: **EU**

industrial strategy for the future: [Presidency report](#) - [Exchange of views](#) - [Adoption](#)

Agriculture & Fisheries

The **new organic Regulation** ([Memo/17/4686](#), [Factsheet](#) & [Statement](#) by **Phil Hogan**)

[Copa/Cogeca](#): **Cooperatives: success stories** to help farmers overcome **challenges underlined**

Financial Services

[Proposal](#) for a **Council Decision** on the **position to be taken on behalf of the EU**, in the **EU-Switzerland Joint Committee** concerning a **technical revision of the Agreement on direct insurance other than life insurance** (See the [Annex](#))

Capital Markets Union: Commission expert group delivers [recommendations](#) to improve **European corporate bond markets** (see the [Report](#))

ESMA updates its **EMIR Q&A**

ICI warns of **risk from delegation clash** [Financial Times \(fm\) 20.11.2017 p.1](#)

Taxation

New portal launched to teach youngsters about **tax issues**

Italy plans tax crackdown on **US internet groups** - *Levy on services such as advertising on Google and Facebook 'an attack on avoidance'* [Financial Times 20.11.2017 p.4](#)

Employment & Social Policy

Vocational education and training in the **European spotlight: 2nd European Vocational Skills Week** launched ([IP/17/4683](#), Q&A: [Memo/17/4684](#))

Moving forward on the **European Pillar of Social Rights: Commission** seeks to promote **social protection for all** ([IP/17/4709](#), Opening [remarks](#) by Jean-Claude Juncker, see [Etuc](#) reaction)

Taking the European Solidarity Corps forward: Commission [welcomes agreement](#) reached by Youth Ministers (See the [Factsheet](#))

Macron swipes at 'hijacking' of EU funds to fund states' tax policy - French president makes thinly veiled attack on Hungary at Gothenburg summit
[Financial Times 20.11.2017](#)

Energy

Support for setting up an observatory of the building stock and related policies - [Report](#)

Environment & Climate Change

UN climate conference makes progress on [Paris Agreement](#) implementation ([IP/17/4740](#) & [Report](#))

EU countries trigger [entry into force](#) of Kigali [Amendment](#) to [Montreal Protocol](#)

Eurostat monitoring report - How has the EU progressed towards the [Sustainable Development Goals](#)?

Digital & Information Society

[Broadband days](#) – to promote broadband development at local level

Press [statement](#) by Commissioner Věra Jourová, Mr. Lee Hyo-seong, Chairman of the Korea Communications Commission and Mr. Jeong Hyun-cheol, Vice President of the Korea Internet & Security Agency

Europe cycles into the digital age
[Financial Times 20.11.2017 p.9](#)

Data Protection

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on a framework for the free flow of non-personal data in the EU - [Policy debate](#)

Companies face high cost to meet new EU data protection rules - *Businesses rush to*

hire staff and invest in software as privacy regulation looms
[Financial Times 20.11.2017 p.4](#)

Justice, Migrations & Home Affairs

Entry-exit system: [final adoption](#) by the Council

A Europe of equals: European Commission stands up for women's rights in turbulent times ([IP/17/4711](#), [Report on equal pay](#), [EU Action Plan 2017-2019](#) & [Annex](#))

Economy, ECB, Euro

The painful grind to a stronger eurozone
[Financial Times 20.11.2017 p.9](#)

Struggling Greek businesses cling to recovery hopes
[Financial Times 20.11.2017 p.4](#)

Greece probes central bank head over alleged leak
[Financial Times 20.11.2017 p.4](#)

Future of Europe & Brexit

Barnier: UK must provide solution for Irish border
[Financial Times 20.11.2017](#)

Europe Reset: New Directions for the EU
[Financial Times 20.11.2017](#)

After Brexit, the UK's old-fashioned economy will lose its clout
[Financial Times 20.11.2017 p.9](#)

Donald Tusk's spat with Warsaw deepens after 'Kremlin' tweet
[Financial Times 20.11.2017](#)

External Relations & CFSP

5th African Union - EU [Summit](#) on 29-30 November 2017

Leave no child behind - [Joint Statement](#) on the occasion of [Universal Children's Day](#)