

## Competition

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

Prior [notification](#) of a concentration  
(Case [M.8727](#) - **CGE/EDPR/TrustWind/DGE/Repsol/WindPlus**)

Prior [notification](#) of a concentration  
(Case [M.8711](#) - **Macquarie/Oiltanking / Oiltanking Odfjell Terminal Singapore**)

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

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

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

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**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*

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## 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](#))

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## 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 XVI](#) 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**: **2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

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## 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**

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## 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](#)**