

Competition

Non-opposition to a notified concentration (Case [M.8425](#) - **Safran/Zodiac Aerospace**)

Non-opposition to a notified concentration (Case [M.8399](#) - **CWS-boco/Rentokil Initial Target Businesses**)

Prior notification of a concentration (Case [M.8888](#) - **Apollo Management / Cyprus Cooperative Bank**)

Antitrust: Commission approves Greek measures to ensure fair access to lignite-fired electricity generation for PPC's competitors ([IP/18/3401](#))

Commission clears the creation of JV Fujitsu Client Computing Limited, by Fujitsu and Lenovo ([M.8765](#))
[Midday Express 17.04.2018](#)

CMA opens competition investigations in musical instruments and equipment sector

Romania – The Competition Council assesses the taking over of Betty Ice by Unilever

Romania – The Competition Council sanctioned 5 medical centers and 2 stem cells banks

Romania – The Competition Council authorized the taking over of Covi Construct 2000 SRL by Ligatne Ltd.

Romania – The Competition Council launches a public consultation with the commitments proposed by Glebi Holdings for taking over A&D Pharma

Trade & Customs

Agenda for: 75th Customs Code Committee - General Customs Legislation of 20.04.2018

Agenda for : Meeting of the Market Access Advisory Committee of 18.04.2018

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/582 of 12.04.2018 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No [1352/2013](#) establishing the forms provided for in Regulation (EU) No [608/2013](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning customs enforcement of intellectual property rights

Council Regulation (EU) 2018/581 of 16.04.2018 temporarily suspending the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties on certain goods of a kind to be incorporated in or used for aircraft, and repealing Regulation (EC) No [1147/2002](#)

Trade: European Commission proposes signature and conclusion of Japan and Singapore agreements ([IP/18/3325](#), [Remarks](#) by VP Katainen & Commissioner Malmström)

- Key elements of the EU-Singapore trade and investment agreements (See the [Proposal](#) and [Annex 1](#) & [Annex 2](#))

- Key elements of the EU-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement

EU kicks off Asian trade pacts with 'defence of open and fair trade'
[Financial Times 18.04.2018](#)

Speech by Cecilia Malmström on Viking traders, open societies and using EU trade to shape the world in Uppsala

Anti-corruption provisions in EU free trade and investment agreements: Delivering on clean trade

[Study - EP Inta Committee - January 2018](#)

[Answer](#) given by Ms Malmström: **Negative effects of anti-dumping measures against ceramic crockery from the P.R. of China** - [E-000859/2018](#)

[Answer](#) given by Ms Malmström: **Lesser duty rule** - [E-000676/2018](#)

[Answer](#) given by Ms Malmström: **Ratification of CETA by the national parliaments** - [E-001059/2018](#)

[Answer](#) given by Ms Malmström: **EU-Japan versus Switzerland-Japan trade agreements** - [P-000646/2018](#)

[Answer](#) given by Mr Moscovici: **Trade between the EU and Western Sahara** - [E-000727/2018](#)

[Answer](#) given by Mr Moscovici: **Missing tariff revenue from Western Saharan imports** - [E-000551/2018](#)

WTO - Agenda of the [Dispute Settlement Body](#) meeting of 27.04.2018

New Zealand PM [pushes](#) for EU trade deal

EU cranks up **pressure for exemption from Trump's steel tariffs** - 'We are under no circumstances negotiating anything under pressure, under threat'

[Financial Times 18.04.2018](#)

Internal Market & General

Outcome of the 3614th Council meeting [General Affairs](#) of 17 April 2018

Reform of Political Party Funding: Commission welcomes [swift agreement](#) by EU legislators ([IP/18/3376](#))

EU and Argentina reinforce [cooperation](#) in **marine research and innovation**

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Juncker Plan set to mobilise €284 billion of investment across the EU

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Better, safer roads in Western Greece and new economic opportunities thanks to cohesion policy

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Taxation

Commission kicks off [Fair Taxation Roadshow](#) tomorrow

[Answer](#) given by Mr Moscovici: **Impact study of the channelling of funds through tax havens** - [E-001022/2018](#)

[Answer](#) given by Mr Moscovici: **EU VAT Directive - animal vaccinations and medication** - [E-001213/2018](#)

Agriculture & Fisheries

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the definition, presentation and labelling of spirit drinks, the use of the names of spirit drinks in the presentation and labelling of other foodstuffs and the protection of geographical indications for spirit drinks - [Mandate](#) for the negotiations with the European Parliament

Agriculture: the Commission approves new geographical indication from the United Kingdom ([Lough Neagh Pollan](#))

Energy & Environment

Agenda for: Working Party on [Energy](#) on 24.04.2018

Business asks Brussels to set exacting CO2 targets for trucks

[Financial Times 18.04.2018](#)

Digital & Information Society

[EU Coordinated response](#) to **Large Scale Cybersecurity Incidents and Crises** - the way ahead (continuation) - **discussion**

New EU rules to make parcel delivery more affordable signed into law

[Midday Express 18.04.2018](#)

Data Protection

[Recommendation](#) on the **approval** of the **Controller Binding Corporate Rules form**

[Recommendation](#) on the **approval** of the **Processor Binding Corporate Rules form**

Facebook returns to **facial recognition** in **Europe** despite **qualms**
[Financial Times 18.04.2018](#)

Justice, Home Affairs, Migrations

Integration of migrants: Commission and OECD publish [check list](#) to support **local, regional and national authorities** ([IP/18/3321](#) & [Factsheet](#))

Security Union: Commission facilitates **access to electronic evidence** ([IP/18/3343](#) & [FaQ](#) : [Memo/18/3345](#))

Security Union: Commission presents **new measures** to deny **terrorists and criminals** the **means and space** to **act** ([IP/18/3301](#) & [FaQ](#) : [Memo/18/3344](#))

MEPs urge **member states** to reach **agreement** on [tackling](#) **migration crises**

EU to tighten **rules** on **money laundering** after **Latvia scandal**
[Financial Times 18.04.2018 p.2](#)

Brexit

Brussels seeks **emergency powers** to **prepare for hard Brexit**
[Financial Times 18.04.2018](#)

Brexit Britain slides down **Europe's economic league table**
[Financial Times 18.04.2018](#)

Future of Europe

[Report](#) by **President Donald Tusk** to the **EP** on **March European Council meetings**

Macron tells **MEPs** to defend **Europe's 'unique identity'** -

[Financial Times 18.04.2018 p.4](#)

Emmanuel Macron's call for **reform** and **plea for democracy**
[Financial Times 18.04.2018 p.8](#)

Why Juncker's fate is **tied up** with **Selmayr**
[Financial Times 18.04.2018](#)

Euro, ECB & Economy

Eurogroup statement on the [updated draft budgetary plans](#) of **Austria** for **2018**

Commissioners participate in **IMF /World Bank spring meetings** with **G20 Finance Ministers** in **Washington**
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March 2018 - Annual inflation up to **1.3%** in the **euro area** - Up to **1.5%** in the **EU**

Feb. 2018 compared with **Jan. 2018** - [Production in construction](#) down by **0.5%** in **euro area** - Down by **0.8%** in **EU28**

Who benefits from the **corporate QE?** A **regression discontinuity design approach**
[ECB Working Paper No.2145 – April 2018](#)

Countercyclical capital regulation in a **small open economy DSGE model**
[ECB Working Paper No.2144 – April 2018](#)

Angela Merkel snubs **Emmanuel Macron** on **plan for EU monetary fund** -
[Financial Times 18.04.2018](#)

External Relations

Enlargement package: Commission publishes reports on the **Western Balkans partners** and **Turkey** ([IP/18/3342](#), [2018 Report on Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Turkey, Serbia, FYR of Macedonia, Kosovo, Albania](#))

Albania and Macedonia recommended to start **EU membership talks**
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