

**Competition**

Non-opposition to a notified concentration (Case [M.9186](#) - **The Carlyle Group/Marriott International/Penha Longa**)

**Directive** (EU) [2019/1](#) of the **European Parliament** and of the **Council** of **11.12.2018** to **empower** the **competition authorities** of the **Member States** to be **more effective enforcers** and to **ensure** the **proper functioning** of the **internal market**

**Commission** clears **acquisition** of **eight property companies** by **NN Group, Allianz Group** and **NRP** ([M.9210](#))

[Midday Express 14.01.2019](#)

Answer given by **Ms Vestager** - **Italian state railway's purchase offer** for **Alitalia: the 'new' company, economic discontinuity** and **poor management** - [P-005965/2018](#)

**German watchdog** deals **new blow** to **Alstom-Siemens deal** - *Concessions offered not enough to allay 'serious doubts', says competition authority*  
[Financial Times 14.01.2019 p.2](#)

EU steps up **merger scrutiny** amid **split** over **China** - *Rare debate on how to foster 'European champions' as deadline for deals approval looms*  
[Financial Times 12-13.01.2019 p.2](#)

**Bundeskartellamt** - List of [Notified Merger Projects](#) - 11.01.2019

**Poland** - UOKiK [has fined](#) **PKS** for carving up **local passenger-transport market**

**CMA** - **Response** by **Experian Limited** to the [provisional findings](#) ([Annexes](#)) and to the [remedies notice](#) in the **merger process** with **Credit Laser Holdings** (Clearscore)

**State Aid**

**Commission** approves **reintroduction** of **Croatian bank resolution scheme** ([SA.51814](#))

[Midday Express 14.01.2019](#)

Answer given by **Ms Vestager** - **Written observations** by the **Commission** about **state aid in court** in **Latvia** - [E-005859/2018](#)

**Trade & Customs**

**Revised Agenda** for: **Working Party** on [Customs Union](#) of **15.01.2019**

**Working Party** on [Trade Questions meeting documents](#) - **2<sup>ND</sup> semester 2018** - **Austrian EU Presidency**

**Working Party** on [GSP meeting documents](#) - **2<sup>ND</sup> semester 2018** - **Austrian EU Presidency**

**Notice** concerning the **anti-subsidy measures** in **force** on **imports** of **certain rainbow trout** originating in **Turkey: change of name** of a **company** subject to the **countervailing duty rate** for **cooperating non-sampled companies**

**Council Decision** (EU) [2019/52](#) of **20.12.2018** authorising the **opening** of **negotiations** for an **agreement** amending the **existing tariff rate quota** for **poultry meat** and **poultry meat preparations** and amending the **existing tariff regime** for **other poultry cuts**, set out in **Annex I-A to Chapter 1** of the **Association Agreement** between the **EU** and its **Member States**, of the **one part**, and **Ukraine**, of the **other part**

**Commission Implementing Decision** (EU) [2019/54](#) of **09.01.2019** concerning the **validity** of certain BTIs

DG Trade website - [New database](#) of all **anti-subsidy investigations** by the EU

US to seek **comprehensive agriculture access** in EU trade talks  
[EU Briefing 11-14.01.2019](#) (Reuters)

WTO - **Philippines** launches [safeguard investigation](#) on **ceramic floor** and **wall tiles**

## Internal Market & Competitiveness

[Information note](#) on **Strategic Forum** on **Important Projects** of **Common Interest**

[Guidelines](#) related to the **Pressure Equipment Directive** [2014/68/EU](#) (PED)

[Summary](#) of EU Member States and EEA EFTA States' **assessment** and **review** of the **functioning** of **market surveillance activities** according to **article 18(6)** of **Regulation** (EC) No [765/2008](#) for the **period 2014-2016**

DiscoverEU gives **14,500 more young people** the **chance** to explore Europe  
([IP/19/302](#) & Q&A : [Memo/19/324](#))

## Financial Services

**Stronger supervision: Banking supervisors** agree on a **cooperation mechanism** for **combatting money laundering** (See the [Proposal](#) & more [information](#))  
[Midday Express 14.01.2019](#)

UCITS - **Fund fees** eat a **quarter** of **retail investor returns**  
[Financial Times \(fm\) 14.01.2019 p.3](#)

**Fund giants** gain **reprieve** from **EU money market rules** - *Regulators forced to provide two-month extension at last minute*  
[Financial Times \(fm\) 14.01.2019 p.2](#)

US clash over **EU privacy rules** stymies **European hedge funds** - *SEC is not registering continental asset managers over concerns about GDPR*  
[Financial Times 14.01.2019](#)

## Taxation

**Agenda** for: **High Level Working Party** ([Taxation](#)) of **31.01.2019**

**Brussels** pushes to end **national vetoes** on **taxation** - *EU commission's initiative likely to trigger opposition from member states*  
[Financial Times 14.01.2019](#)

## Energy

**Proposal** for a **Directive** of the **European Parliament** and of the **Council** on **common rules** for the **internal market** in **electricity** (recast) - **Analysis** of the [final compromise text](#) with a **view to agreement**

**Proposal** for a **Regulation** of the **European Parliament** and of the **Council** on the **internal market** for **electricity** (recast) - **Analysis** of the [final compromise text](#) with a **view to agreement**

**Commission** welcomes **Francesco La Camera** as **newly elected Director-General** of the **International Renewable Energy Agency** (IRENA)  
[Midday Express 14.01.2019](#)

**Germany** struggles with **dirty energy** in **climate change battle** - *Plan to end use of brown coal raises fears over costs and job losses*  
[Financial Times 14.01.2019 p.2](#)

## Environment & Climate Change

**Towards a Global Pact** for the **Environment: First substantive session** of the **ad hoc open-ended working group** (AHOEWG) established pursuant to **General Assembly resolution 72/277** (Nairobi, 14-18 January 2019) - **EU coordination**

**Agenda** for: **Working Party** on the **International Environment Issues** ([Biodiversity](#)) of **21.01.2019**

**Council Decision** (EU) [2019/53](#) of **20.12.2018** on the **position** to be **taken** on **behalf** of the EU at the **Conference** of the **Parties** to the **Rotterdam Convention** regarding **compliance procedures**

## Health, Food & Products Safety

Draft - Commission **Regulation** (EU) .../... of XXX amending Annex VI to **Regulation** (EC) No 1223/2009 of the **European Parliament** and of the **Council** on **cosmetic products**

## Euro, ECB & Economy

**Third quarter** of **2018** - EU28 current account surplus €38.7 bn - €49.3 bn surplus for trade in services

**November 2018** compared with **October 2018** - Industrial production down by 1.7% in euro area - Down by 1.3% in EU28

## Future of Europe & Brexit

Joint letter by **President Juncker** and **President Tusk** to **Prime Minister May**

**May** warns **Eurosceptics** that **MPs** could '**block Brexit**' - Failure to leave EU would cause 'catastrophic harm' to UK democracy, PM will say  
Financial Times 14.01.2019 p.1

A **post-Brexit UK** must be **competitive** above **all** - Ensuring the competition regulator is in good shape is a top priority  
Financial Times 14.01.2019 p.8

The EU should **kill off** the **UK's chance** of delaying **Brexit** - For Theresa May's deal to pass, Brussels must remove the option of stalling Article 50  
Financial Times 14.01.2019 p.9

## Foreign Affairs

**Commission** Implementing **Regulation** (EU) 2019/51 of **11.01.2019** amending Council **Regulation** (EC) No 1210/2003 concerning **certain specific restrictions** on **economic** and **financial relations** with **Iraq**

Declaration by the **H.R.** on **behalf** of the **EU** on the **unilateral decision** by the **Government** of **Guatemala** to **withdraw** from the **CICIG Agreement** with the **UN**

**EU businesses** see **no end** to **sanctions** against **Russia** - Companies delay investments after military tensions in Azov sea  
Financial Times 14.01.2019 p.4