

Competition

[Non-opposition](#) to a notified concentration (Case [M.9017](#) - **SK Capital Partners /Schenectady International Group**)

[Non-opposition](#) to a notified concentration (Case [M.9214](#) - **MUFG HD/Akamai/JV**)

Commission [Report](#) finds active competition enforcement contributes to **affordable and innovative medicines** ([IP/19/741](#))

Commission approves creation of JV between **Aunde and Brose** ([M.9174](#))
Midday Express 28.01.2019

[Answer](#) given by **Ms Vestager - Joint selling of TV rights - Champions League** - [E-005421/2018](#)

Too little too late, or just in time? - *Margrethe Vestager faces a tough political choice whether to allow a Siemens-Alstom union*
[Financial Times 28.01.2019](#)

Vestager forced to reassess Siemens-Alstom merger - *Two companies submit revised plans in attempt to secure approval ahead of deadline this week*
[Financial Times 28.01.2019](#)

Belgium – Notification [CC-19-0007](#) – **Gaby Consulting / Power Holding NV**

CMA [final decision](#) in Rentokil Initial / Cannon Hygiene merger (See the [Appendices & Summary of final report](#))

CMA publishes [remedies implementation timetable](#) in investment consultants market investigation

Romania - The **Competition Council [sanctioned](#) 3 companies on woog market for rigging the bid**

State Aid

Commission approves €36 million Polish investment aid to LG Chem's electric vehicles batteries plant ([IP/19/744](#))

Trade & Customs

Agenda for: 29th meeting of the Customs Expert Group - [General Legislation Section](#) of 14.02.2019

Agenda for: 16th meeting of the Customs Expert Group – [Origin](#) of 06.02.2019

Agenda for: Commission Expert Group on [Trade & Sustainable Development](#) of 05.02.2019

Minutes of 25th meeting of the Customs Expert Group, Tariff & Statistical Nomenclature Section, [HS/WCO Coordination Sector](#) of 17.01.2019

[Agreement](#) in the form of an Exchange of **Letters** between the **European Union** and the **Kingdom of Norway** on the **cumulation of origin** between the **European Union**, the **Swiss Confederation**, the **Kingdom of Norway** and the **Republic of Turkey** in the **framework of the Generalised System of Preferences** (See Decision (EU) [2019/116](#) on the Conclusion)

Council Decision (EU) [2019/117](#) of 21.01.2019 on the **position** to be taken on **behalf** of the **EU** within the **Joint Council** established under the **EPA** between the **EU** and its **Member States**, of the one part, and the **SADC EPA States**, of the other part, as **regards the adoption of the Rules of Procedure for dispute avoidance and settlement and the Code of Conduct for arbitrators and mediators**

Council **Decision** (EU) [2019/118](#) of **21.01.2019** on the **position** to be taken on behalf of the EU within the **Trade and Development Committee** established under the EPA between the EU and its **Member States**, of the one part, and the **SADC EPA States**, of the other part, as **regards** the **establishment** of a **list of arbitrators**

Safeguards in FTAs: Council [adopts](#) **horizontal framework** for **bilateral measures**

[Answer](#) given by Ms Malmström- **Anti-dumping measures** against **deep-frozen European potatoes** - [P-006387/2018](#)

[Answer](#) given by Mr Hogan - **Impact** of the **Economic Association Agreement** with **South Africa** on the **Spanish citrus fruit sector** - [E-005381/2018](#)

DG Azevêdo meets [ministers](#) in Davos: **discussions** focus on **reform; progress** on **e-commerce** (See Digital Europe [Statement](#))

Lighthizer calls for **'enforceable'** **e-commerce rules** as **China** joins **WTO** talks

[Financial Times 28.01.2019](#)

Internal Market & Industry

Agenda of the EP [IMCO Committee](#) of **29.01.2019**

Agenda for: **Meeting** of the **Coreper** ([Part.1](#) & [Part.2](#)) of **25.01.2019**

[Minutes](#) - **Internal Market for Products (IMP) - Working group on accreditation and conformity assessment** of **19.01.2019**

Summary of **European Commission Decisions** on **authorisations** for the placing on the **market** for the **use** and/or for **use of substances** listed in **Annex XIV to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006** of the **European Parliament** and of the **Council** concerning the **REACH (1,2-dichloroethane)**
[Answer](#) given by Ms Bieńkowska - **E-invoicing** in the EU - [E-005140/2018](#)

Financial Services

Agenda for: **Working Party** of **Financial Services** ([Covered Bonds](#)) of **01.02.2019**

Commission launches [targeted consultation](#) on the **global role** of the **euro** in **foreign exchange markets**

ESMA - [Competent Authorities](#) **Responsible** for the **Authorisation** and **Supervision** of **Central Securities Depositories (CSDs)**

ESMA - [Designated Authorities](#) to notify **opening** of **insolvency proceedings**

ESMA - [Designated Payment](#) and **Securities Settlement Systems**

Energy

ACER - [Public consultation](#) on the **amendments** to the **determination** of **capacity calculation regions**

Poland aims to break **dependence** on **Russian gas** - *Warsaw boosts LNG options and Baltic pipe project in drive to become regional hub*
[Financial Times 28.01.2019 p.16](#)

Environment & Climate Change

Agenda for: **Working Party** on the [Environment](#) of **29-31.01** & **01.02.2019**

13th Meeting of the **Conference** of the **Parties** to the **Ramsar Convention on Wetlands** (Ramsar COP 13) (Dubai, UAE, 22-29 October 2018) – [Statements /Speaking points](#) by the **EU Member States**

Outcome of the **38th meeting** of the **Standing Committee** of the **Convention** on the **Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats** ([Bern Convention](#)) (*Strasbourg, 27-30.11.2018*) - [Report](#) by the **Presidency** and the **Commission**

[Convention](#) on **Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution (CLRTAP): 38th Session** of the **Executive Body (EB 38)** (Geneva, 10 – 14.12.2018) - [Statements](#) by the **EU** and its **Member States**

Stimulating the **market** for **clean vehicles: Council** [ready](#) to start **talks** with **Parliament**

Ship [inspection organisations](#) – Member states approve **agreement** with EP on **amendment** related to **Brexit preparedness**

Health, Food & Products Safety

[Answer](#) to a written question - **Laboratory accreditation** for verifying **food product quality** - [E-005460/2018](#)

[Answer](#) to a written question - **Endocrine-disrupting chemicals: the Commission's comprehensive framework** and review report of the **Cosmetics Regulation** - [E-005887/2018](#)

Digital & Information Society

Agenda for: **Working Party** on [Telecommunications & Information Society](#) of **29.01.2019**

[Answer](#) given by Ms **Gabriel** - **Infringement** of the **EU telecom framework and Regulation (EU) 2015/2120** - [E-004796/2018](#)

China's EU envoy hits out at Huawei security 'slander'
[Financial Times 28.01.2019 p.1](#)

5G: Can Europe match the US and China?
[Financial Times 28.01.2019 p.7](#)

Data Protection & Cybersecurity

Data Protection and Brexit - Is your organisation prepared? - *Guidance to help businesses and charities continue to comply with data protection law after 29 March.*

ECB, Euro & Economy

Agenda of the EP [ECON Committee](#) of **28-29.01.2019**

Mind the gap: a multi-country BVAR benchmark for the **Eurosystem projections**

[ECB Working Paper Series No.2227 - Jan.2019](#)

When losses turn into loans: the cost of undercapitalized banks

[ECB Working Paper Series No.2228 - Jan.2019](#)

Future of Europe & Brexit

[Answer](#) given by **President Juncker** - **Judicial extraterritoriality** - [E-005332/2018](#)

[Answer](#) given by **President Juncker** - **Brexit** and the **political responsibility** of the EU's **representatives** - [E-005580/2018](#)

Do **not underestimate** **EU integration drive** - *The treaty signed by France and Germany sets a significant agenda*
[Financial Times 28.01.2019 p.9](#)

Foreign Affairs

[Declaration](#) by the **H.R.** on behalf of the **EU** on the **situation in Venezuela**