

Competition

Non-opposition to a notified concentration (Case [M.9232](#)- Ivanhoe Cambridge / Macquarie/RHP Manager/RHP Platform)

Non-opposition to a notified concentration (Case [M.9244](#) - OMERS/Altice/SFR FTTH)

Non-opposition to a notified concentration (Case [M.9255](#) - Swiss/Montagu/Real estate property)

Commission approves the **acquisition of joint control** of Andromeda, Nireus and Selonda by Amerra and Mubadala, subject to conditions ([IP/19/1228](#) – [M.9110](#))

Commission authorises the **acquisition of joint control** of a photovoltaic park by Engie and the BPCE group ([M.9269](#))
[Midday Express 18.02.2019](#)

Competition Enforcement in the Pharmaceutical Sector of 28.01.2019

CMA imposes **another penalty** on Electro Rent for **failure to comply** with interim measures

CMA update of register of **advisory** and **warning letters** for 2018

CMA board meeting minutes of 16.01.2019

Altmaier urges EU to protect **tech** from **Chinese rivals** - *Germany spearheads effort with France to reform competition law after Alstom-Siemens veto*
[Financial Times 18.02.2019 p.3](#)

Trade & Customs

TRIPS Council launches new notification system, discusses **incentives** for **technology transfer**

China's new trade offer is better than a **tariff war** - *Xi Jinping's plan would turn the country into a deficit economy*
[Financial Times 18.02.2019](#)

Internal Market & Industry

Indicative programme - Competitiveness Council of 18 and 19 February 2019

EU steps up **efforts to keep unsafe products off the internal market**
Agenda of the REACH Committee meeting of 07.03.2019

Note launching the **written consultation** of the **Fertilisers Regulatory Committee** on the **draft Commission Regulation** amending **Regulation (EC) No 2003/2003** of the **European Parliament** and of the **Council** relating to **fertilisers** for the **purposes** of adapting **Annexes I and IV**

REACH: Commission imposes **strict conditions** over the **use of hazardous chemicals** used in **automotive, aerospace and medical sectors**
[Midday Express 18.02.2019](#)

Financial Services

ESMA to recognise three UK CCPs in the event of a **no-deal Brexit**

ESMA issues **positive opinion** on short selling ban by BaFin

Taxation

Agenda for: **Joint Transfer Pricing Forum** of 07.03.2019

Agenda for: **High Level Working Party (Taxation)** of 28.02.2019

Energy

Agenda for: Working Party on [Energy](#) of 19.02.2019

[Proposal](#) for a **Council Decision** on the **position** to be **taken** on **behalf** of the EU within the **EU-Ukraine Association Council** amending [Annex XXVII](#) to 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**

Transforming the power sector: New [report](#) about integrating renewable energy

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Environment & Climate Change

Agenda for: Working Party on International Environment Issues ([Climate change](#)) of 21.02.20

EU Foreign Ministers [welcome](#) vision for **climate neutral Europe**, call for strengthened **global response to climate change** (See conclusions on [Climate diplomacy](#) adopted by the Council)

[Answer](#) by Mr Arias Canete - **European strategy for full decarbonisation - [E-006 282/2018](#)**

[Report](#) from the **Commission** on the **exercise** of the **delegation** conferred on the **Commission** pursuant to **Regulation (EU) No [995/2010](#)** of the **European Parliament** and of the **Council** of **20.10.2010** laying down the **obligations** of **operators** who place **timber** and **timber products** on the **market** (the EU Timber Regulation)

Health, Food & Products Safety

Proposal for a **Regulation** of the **European Parliament** and of the **Council** on the **transparency** and **sustainability** of the **EU risk assessment** in the **food chain** amending **Regulation (EC) No [178/2002](#)** [on *general food law*], **Directive [2001/18/EC](#)** [on the *deliberate release into the environment of GMOs*], **Regulation (EC) No [1829/2003](#)** [on *GM food and feed*], **Regulation (EC) No [1831/2003](#)** [on *feed*

additives], **Regulation (EC) No [2065/2003](#)** [on *smoke flavourings*], **Regulation (EC) No [1935/2004](#)** [on *food contact materials*], **Regulation (EC) No [1331/2008](#)** [on the *common authorisation procedure for food additives, food enzymes and food flavourings*], **Regulation (EC) No [1107/2009](#)** [on *plant protection products*] and **Regulation (EU) No [2015/2283](#)** [on *novel foods*] - **Analysis** of the [final compromise text](#) with a **view to agreement**

[Report and Executive summary](#) - **Towards a fairer and more effective measurement of access to healthcare across the EU**

Commissioner for Health and Food Safety Vytenis Andriukaitis in Turin, Italy

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Digital & Information Society

Proposal for a **Regulation** of the **European Parliament** and of the **Council** concerning the **respect for private life** and the **protection of personal data** in **electronic communications** and repealing **Directive [2002/58/EC](#)** (Regulation on Privacy and Electronic Communications) ([Revised Text](#))

Digital Single Market: the European High Performance Computing Joint Undertaking launches [first calls](#) for **expressions of interest**

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Commission and Member States discuss next steps to foster development and use of artificial intelligence

[Midday Express 18.02.2019](#)

Transport & Mobility

Agenda for: Working Party on [Land Transport](#) of 18.02.2019

Aerodynamic lorry cabs to be [rolled out](#) from **September 2020** - **Council** approves **provisional deal**

Proposal for a **Directive** of the **European Parliament** and of the **Council** on the **interoperability** of **electronic road toll systems** and facilitating **cross-border exchange of information** on the **failure to**

pay **road fees** in the **Union** (recast) - [Outcome](#) of the **EP's first reading**, (Strasbourg, 11 to 14.02.2019)

[Report](#) from the **Commission** on the **implementation** in the **period** from **1.01.2015** until **31.12.2016** of **certain provisions** of **Regulation** (EC) No [1071/2009](#) establishing **common rules** concerning the **conditions** to be **complied** with to **pursue** the **occupation** of **road transport operator** (see the [Annex](#))

ECB, Euro & Economy

Credit, financial conditions and the **business cycle in China**

[ECB Working Paper Series – 2244 – Feb.2019](#)

Monetary policy transmission to **mortgages** in a **negative interest rate environment**

[ECB Working Paper Series – 2243 – Feb.2019](#)

Future of Europe & Brexit

Brexit preparedness: Commission intensifies “no-deal” customs preparedness outreach to EU businesses ([IP/19/901](#))

Ensuring [basic air connectivity](#) in the event of no-deal Brexit – Council sets its position

Basic [road connectivity](#) in the event of no-deal Brexit - Council agrees its position

EU says UK will struggle to match its free trade deals -Agriculture commissioner warns that a

no-deal Brexit would cause jump in UK food prices

[Financial Times 18.02.2019](#)

What Britain should do after a no-deal Brexit - *The UK must draw up a post-industrial economic strategy for the long term*

[Financial Times 18.02.2019 p.9](#)

Australia to fast-track UK trade pact in event of no-deal Brexit - *Minister pours cold water on British ambition to join TPP*

[Financial Times 18.02.2019](#)

UK-Japan trade talks sour after ministers' letter - *Tokyo baffled at UK foreign and trade ministers' tactics on eve of meeting*

[Financial Times 18.02.2019 p.2](#)

Foreign Affairs

Indicative programme - [Foreign Affairs Council](#) of 18 February 2019

- Council adopts conclusions on [Yemen](#)
- Council adopts conclusions on EU priorities in [UN human rights](#) fora in 2019
- [Sahel](#): EU takes further steps to better support the security of the region

Lorenzo Natali Media Prize for outstanding journalism in development ([IP/19/1149](#))