

Competition

Commission alleges **Telefónica** breached **commitments** given to secure **clearance** of **E-Plus acquisition** ([IP/19/1371](#))

Commission clears the **acquisition** of **joint control** over the **hotel Sheraton Brussels Airport** by **Brussels Airport Company** and **Marriott** ([M.9245](#))
[Midday Express 22.02.2019](#)

Commission approves **creation** of a **JV controlled** by **Engie**, the **CDC**, **Michelin** and the **Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes** region ([M.9256](#))
[Midday Express 22.02.2019](#)

Belgium - Competition Authority has refused to **impose** an [interim measure](#) on the **Royal Meteorological Institute** as requested by **The Great Circle**

CMA full text **decision** on [Caretech/Cambian Group](#) merger

CMA full text **decision** on [PepsiCo/Pipers Crisps](#) merger

CMA publishes [interim order](#) and **directs appointment** of **monitoring trustee** in **Tobii / Smartbox Assistive Technology** and **Sensory Software International** Phase 2 merger investigation

Poland - In **2018**, **UOKiK** granted [228 consents](#) to **mergers** and **acquisitions**

State Aid

New state aid rules: Commission increases **national support** to **farmers** up to **€25,000** ([IP/19/1332](#), see Regulation (EU) [2019/316](#))

Commission endorses **extension** of **Danish seafarer scheme** for **maritime transport** (See [SA.51325](#) & [Guidelines](#))
[Midday Express 22.02.2019](#)

State Aid Weekly e-News - No.7/19 21.02.2019 - Covers from 15 to 21.02.2019

ETS State aid [guidelines](#) – update

Trade & Customs

Agenda for: 13th meeting of the **Customs Expert Group - [Customs Control & Risk Management](#)** section of **15.03.2019**

Informal meeting of [trade ministers](#) of **21-22.02.2019**

Notice from the **European Commission** on **cumulation** between the **EU** and **certain States** belonging to the ‘**ACP States**’ applying an **EPA**, other **ACP States** and the **Overseas Countries and Territories** of the **EU** under the **EPAs** between the **EU** and the **Cariforum States**, the **Pacific States** and the **Eastern and Southern Africa States**

WCO: 18th Meeting of the **Administrative Committee** for the **Istanbul Convention** (27-28.02.2019) – [Coordination](#)

[Draft minutes](#) of the **16th meeting** of the **Joint ACP-EU Ministerial Trade Committee**

Regulation (EU) [2019/287](#) of the **European Parliament** and of the **Council** of **13.02.2019** implementing **bilateral safeguard clauses** and **other mechanisms** allowing for the **temporary withdrawal** of **preferences** in **certain trade agreements** concluded between the **European Union** and **third countries**

Internal Market & Industry

[Report](#) from the **Commission** on the **implementation and functioning of Directive 2014/33/EU of the **European Parliament** and of the **Council** of **26.02.2014** on the **harmonisation** of the **laws of the Member States** relating to **lifts** and **safety components for lifts****

EU Budget for 2021-2027: Commission welcomes **Member States' position** on **InvestEU** ([IP/19/1328](#) & [Partial Mandate](#))

ECHA and **industry** have mapped a **range** of [high-volume chemicals](#) that are **used** as **additives in plastic**

Call for entries: Europe's top patent law firms - *Clients and peers to recommend firms and rate them for specialist expertise*
[Financial Times 22.02.2019](#)

Financial Services

EBA publishes [Handbook](#) on **valuation** for **purposes of resolution**

Transatlantic tensions over dirty money - *The US and EU governments are unhappy with Brussels' money laundering blacklist*
[Financial Times 22.02.2019](#)

Impact of Digitalisation on **International Tax Matters**
[Study for the TAX3 CEP Committee - Feb 2019](#)

Agriculture & Fisheries

Agenda for: Special Committee on Agriculture of **25.02.2019**

Technical measures in fisheries: Council confirms deal with the EP

Energy

ACER to **decide** on the [methodology](#) for **coordinated redispatching** and **countertrading** for **Bulgaria, Greece and Romania**

Russia and Germany in **talks over Nord Stream 2**
[Financial Times 22.02.2019 p.2](#)

Environment & Climate Change

Agenda for: Working Party on the Environment of **26-28.02.2019**

Agenda for: Working Party on International Environment Issues (Biodiversity) of **27.02.2019**

Greenhouse gases — [electronic registry requirements](#) for **hydrofluorocarbons** (Feedback period 20.02.2019 - 20.03.2019)

Health, Food & Products Safety

EU measures in support of [generic pharmaceuticals](#) producers

Rapid Alert System - Weekly Report - Report 8 (Published on: 22/02/2019)

Digital & Information Society

Agenda for: Working Party on Telecommunications & Information Society of **26.02.2019**

Commissioners **Oettinger** and **Gabriel** to attend **Mobile World Congress**
[Midday Express 22.02.2019](#)

Online shopping: Commission and consumer protection authorities call for **clear information** on **prices and discounts** ([IP/19/1333](#))

Mobility & Transport

Minutes of the Sub-group High Level Group on Road Safety of **25.01.2019**

[Making roads safer](#) - EU agrees on **reforms** to strengthen **road infrastructure management**

Evaluation of the Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Directive - Roadmap

Justice, Home Affairs

Brussels battles Bucharest over **commissioner probe** - *Bizarre spat lays bare EU tensions over alleged authoritarian creep*
[Financial Times 22.02.2019 p.3](#)

€uro, ECB & Economy

Annual inflation **down** to **1.4%** in the **euro area** - **Down** to **1.5%** in the EU

Mars or **mercury redux**: the **geopolitics** of **bilateral trade agreements**

[ECB Working Paper Series No.2246 - Feb.2019](#)

The **financial transmission** of **housing bubbles**: **evidence** from **Spain**

[ECB Working Paper Series No.2245 - Feb.2019](#)

Future of Europe & Brexit

Exiting the **EU** - The **Air Services** (Competition) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 and the Explanatory Memorandum

Guidance to **UK** and **Irish Citizens** on their **rights** under the **Common Travel Area arrangements**

No-deal Brexit risks **Eurostar ‘chaos’** at **St Pancras** - *Queues of up to 15,000 people could stretch for a mile in worst-case scenario*

[Financial Times 22.02.2019 p.2](#)

Business fears **rise** for **Brexit** rollover **trade pacts** - *Anger as ministers confirm deals with Japan and Turkey will not be ready*

[Financial Times 22.02.2019](#)

No-deal sets **stage** for **Brexit’s big showdown** - *EU goal will be to make UK pay its €45bn bill and agree backstop*

[Financial Times 22.02.2019 p.2](#)

The **European Commission** has **no choice** but to be **political** - *Criticisms of Brussels’ efforts to work with members over budget issues are misguided*

[Financial Times 22.02.2019](#)

Foreign Affairs

EU-League of Arab States Summit to **start** in **Egypt**

EUCAP Sahel Mali: mission extended until **14.01.2021**, **€67 million** budget adopted (See Decision (CFSP) 2019/312)