# Competition

**Non-opposition** to a notified concentration (Case <u>M.9258</u> - ANTA Sports Products /FountainVest China Capital Partners GP3/Amer Sports)

Prior <u>notification</u> of a concentration (Case <u>M.9263</u> - **Moma Lieux/Unibail-Rodamco/JV**)

Prior <u>notification</u> of a concentration (Case <u>M.9200</u> - **KKR/Magneti Marelli** 

**Commission** approves **RWE**'s **acquisition** of **E.ON electricity generation assets** (IP/19/1432)

German Athletes and their sponsors obtain further advertising opportunities during the Olympic Games following <u>Bundeskartellamt action</u> - IOC and DOSB undertake to change the advertising guidelines

The **Bundeskartellamt** has <u>no objections</u> to the **acquisition** of **a stake** in **E.ON** by **RWE** 

Italy - ICA opens <u>proceeding</u> into Radiotaxi service in Naples for alleged anti-competitive agreement

Italy - Helicopter-services cartel in Italy fined  $\underbrace{667 \ million}$  over collusion, price fixing

### Trade & Customs

**Agenda** for: <u>Trade Policy</u> Committee (Deputy Members) of **01.03.2019** 

<u>Minutes</u> of the Commission Expert Group on Trade & Sustainable Development of 05.02.2019 <u>Draft</u> - Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) .../... of XXX granting Cape Verde a temporary derogation from the rules on preferential origin laid down in Delegated Regulation (EU) <u>2015/</u>2446, in respect of prepared or preserved fillets of tuna (See <u>Annex 1, Annex 2</u>)

Evaluation - <u>Impact</u> of the EU Colombia/ Ecuador/Peru Trade Agreement since Ecuador joined only in January 2017

WTO - Members consider <u>Thai request</u> for panel to rule on Turkish air conditioner duties

WTO - <u>Proposed agenda</u> for the General Council - 28 February and 1 March 2019

A China-US trade deal is likely to be only

a **truce** - The real frictions are over Beijing's goals of technological dominance

Financial Times 27.02.2019 p.10

Anger over tariffs obscures a shift in global trade patterns - Developed economies that reject globalisation all stand to gain from its next chapter Financial Times 27.02.2019

# Internal Market & Industry

**Agenda** for: <u>Company Law</u> Expert Group of 29.01.2019

EU budget for 2021-2027: Significant progress on the new Space Programme, but not there yet

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### Financial Services

Judgment of the Court of 26.02.2019 in Case <u>C-135/17</u>, **X GmbH** Vs. **Finanzamt Stuttgart – Körperschaften** 

**Re:** Reference for a preliminary ruling - Free movement of capital - Movement of capital between Member States and third countries - Standstill clause - National

legislation of a Member State regarding controlled companies established in third countries - Amendment of that legislation, followed by the reintroduction of the earlier legislation - Income of a company established in a third country derived from the holding of debts owed by a company established in a Member State - Incorporation of that income into the tax base of a taxable person resident for tax purposes in a Member State - Restriction on the free movement of capital – Justification

Capital Markets Union: Council agrees position on <u>easier access</u> to financial markets for <u>SMEs</u>

Capital markets union: <u>political</u> <u>agreement</u> reached on **EU framework** for **covered bonds** (<u>IP/19/1435</u>)

Investment firms: Presidency and EP agree on a <u>new regulatory</u> and supervision framework (<u>IP/19/1436</u>)

<u>Roadmap</u> - Implementing Act on equivalence under EMIR - Japan Financial Services Agency (Feedback period - 26.02.2019 - 26.03.2019)

#### **Taxation**

Judgment of the Court of 26.02.2019 in Joined Cases <u>C-115/16</u>, C-118/16, C-119/16 and <u>C-299/16</u>, N Luxembourg 1, X Denmark A/S, C Danmark I, Z Denmark ApS Vs. Skatteministeriet

**Re:** Reference for a preliminary ruling - Approximation of laws - Common system of taxation applicable to interest nd royalty payments made between associated companies of different Member States - Directive 2003 /49/EC - Beneficial owner of the interest and royalties - Article 5 - Abuse of rights - Company established in a Member State and paying to an associated company established in another Member State interest all or almost all of which is then transferred outside the EU - Subsidiary subject to an obligation to withhold tax on the interest at source

### Environment & Climate Change

<u>Draft</u> - Commission **Regulation** (EU) ../.. of XXX laying down **ecodesign requirements** for **household washing machines** and **household washer-dryers** pursuant to **Directive** <u>2009/125/EC</u> of the **European Parliament** and of the **Council**, amending Commission **Regulation** (EC) No <u>1275/2008</u> and **repealing** Commission **Regulation** (EU) No <u>1015/2010</u>

Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/330 of 11.12.2018 amending Annexes I and V to Regulation (EU) No 649/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the export and import of hazardous chemicals

Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/331 of 19.12.2018 determining transitional Union-wide rules for harmonised free allocation of emission allowances pursuant to Article 10a of Directive 2003/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council

Preparation for the 21st Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean (Naples, 2-5 December 2019) - Information from the Italian delegation

## Health, Food & Products Safety

Rules on border control posts and measures to be taken in cases of <u>non-compliant consignments</u> of animals and goods (Feedback period - 26.02.2019 - 26.03.2019)

An **overview** of **concepts** and **terms used** in the **European Commission**'s **definition of nanomaterial** (See JRC *Report*)

### Digital & Information Society

US urges Europe to exclude Huawei from 5G network builds

Financial Times 27.02.2019

## **Transport & Mobility**

**Agenda** of the **15<sup>th</sup> meeting** of the <u>TEN-T</u> <u>Committee</u> (jointly with CEF Transport Committee) of **25.03.2019** 

**Agenda** of the 17<sup>th</sup> meeting of the TEN-T Committee - <u>Transport Sector</u> of 25.03.

# Justice & Fundamental Rights

**European Commission** publishes practical arrangements for **staff participating** in **European elections** Midday Express 27.02.2019

Free and fair elections: <u>2<sup>nd</sup> meeting</u> of the European elections network

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European Citizens' Initiative: Commission registers 'Europe CARES - Inclusive Quality Education for Children with Disabilities' initiative (IP/19/1417)

### €uro, ECB & Economy

European Semester Winter Package: assessing Member States' progress on economic and social priorities (IP/19/1389 & Memo/19/1368)

**Speech** by <u>Yves Mersch</u>: **Lending** and **payment systems** in **upheaval**: the **fintech challenge** 

**Speech** by <u>Benoît Cœuré</u>: Euro interest rate benchmark reform: achievements and remaining challenges

**ECJ** strikes down **sacking** of **Latvian central bank chief** - Riga's anti-corruption investigation undermined by EU court ruling (See Case C-238/18)

Financial Times 27.02.2019 p.2

### Future of Europe & Brexit

Notice: <u>Implications</u> for **business** and **trade** of a **no deal exit** on **29 March 2019** 

**Basic road connectivity** in the **event** of **no-deal Brexit** - <u>provisional agreement</u> with **Parliament** 

**Europe** is **starting** to turn **French** - France's ideas are gaining ground, particularly with Germany Financial Times 27.02.2019 p.11

**Parliament** should **use** a **delay** to **rethink Brexit** - A softer withdrawal or a second referendum are the only realistic options
Financial Times 27.02.2019 p.10

A **second** Brexit **referendum** is **now essential** - If democracy means anything, it means a country's right to change its mind
Financial Times 27.02.2019 p.11

## Foreign Affairs

**EU** and **Pacific** step up their **cooperation** on **sustainable development** 

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