**Competition**

**Non-opposition** to a notified concentration (Case M.8380 - CPPIB/Apax/GL)

**Non-opposition** to a notified concentration (Case M.8120 - Hapag-Lloyd/United Arab Shipping Company)

**Non-opposition** to a notified concentration (Case M.8199 - Bunge/European Oilseed Processing Facilities)

Prior **notification** of a concentration (Case M.8293 - 3i/APG/ATP/EISER Infrastructure Portfolio)

Prior **notification** of a concentration (Case M.8305 - Rockwell Collins/B/E Aerospace)

**Commission** re-adopts **decision** and fines air cargo carriers €776 million for price-fixing cartel (IP/17/661)

**Commission** clears creation of JV between Mabanol Bitumen and H&R Refining (M.8329)  
*Midday Express 17.03.2017*

**Commission** clears acquisition of Consolis by Bain Capital (M.8367)  
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**Commission** clears acquisition of joint control over SwissSign by SBB and current owner Swiss Post (M.8365)  
*Midday Express 17.03.2017*

**Commission** clears Macquarie's and National Grid's acquisition of four gas distribution networks in the UK (M.8358)  
*Midday Express 17.03.2017*

**CMA** revokes **initial enforcement order** made to Stanley Black & Decker

CMA **final report** on acquisition by Diebold of Wincor Nixdorf

Secretary of State issues **European intervention notice** in 21st Century Fox's **proposed acquisition** of remaining Sky shares  
*Financial Times 16.03.2017 p.13 & 14*

**Speech** by Ms Vestager: “Algorithms and competition”

Slovak Republic: AMO SR **imposed** a fine on an undertaking for non-notified merger and its implementation  

Slovak Republic: AMO SR **approved** the merger of Hans Wilms Beteiligungs-GmbH and nkt cables automotive, s.r.o.

**State Aid**

Authorisation for State aid pursuant to Articles 107 and 108 of the TFEU - Cases where the **Commission** raises **no objections**  
*OJ C 83 17.03.2017 p.1 & 12*

Commission confirms no aid in concession deals for Greek regional airports (IP/17/664)

**Commission** clears Belgian support to long-term operation of 3 nuclear power reactors Tihange 1, Doel 1 and Doel 2 (IP/17/662)

**Trade & Customs**

**Compatibility** with WTO law of the new methodology proposed by the **Commission** for protection against dumped and subsidised imports from countries not members of the EU
Commissioner Malmström welcomes Parliament’s approval to stop trade in minerals financing armed conflicts (IP/17/622)

Mnuchin says US is seeking to avoid trade wars

Wall Street Journal Europe 17.03.2017

January 2017 – Euro area international trade in goods deficit of €0.6 bn - €16.2 bn deficit for EU28

Internal Market & General

Weekly Calendar from 20 to 26 March 2017

How can Sustainable Development Goals be ‘mainstreamed’ in the EU’s Better Regulation Agenda?

CEPS Policy Insights – No.2017/12

Financial Services & Taxation

ESMA - Summary of conclusions - SMSG meeting of 9 February 2017

How close are we to a Capital Markets Union?

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Industry, Competitiveness, SMEs

January 2017 compared with December 2016 - Production in construction down by 2.3% in euro area - Down by 1.5% in EU28

ECHA - Consultation on 8 substances for harmonised classification and labelling

Agriculture & Fisheries

EU imports of organic products from Norway and Iceland to resume (IP/17/627)

Energy


Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/460 of 16.03.2017 establishing a network code on harmonised transmission tariff structures for gas

Focus on Spain: the Energy Union tour


Mapping and analyses of the current and future (2020-2030) heating/cooling fuel deployment (fossil/renewables) (See the Summary, Report 1, Report 2, Report 3 & 4, Report 5 & Data set)

Setback for Brussels challenge to Nord Stream 2 - Lawyers and German watchdog reject bid to bring pipeline under EU energy law umbrella

Financial Times 16.03.2017

Environment & Climate Change

Proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the EU, at the 8th Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants regarding the proposals for amendments of Annexes A and C

Health, Food & Products Safety

EFSA: Workshop Report on integrated approach for testing and assessment of developmental neurotoxicity

Scientific motivations and criteria to consider updating EFSA scientific assessments

EFSA: Public consultation on the draft Scientific Opinion of the PPR Panel "Investigation into experimental toxicological properties of plant protection products having a potential link to Parkinson’s disease and childhood leukaemia"
EFSA: **Outcome** of the public consultation on the terms of reference for the development of a guidance document on “Harmonisation of risk assessment methodologies for human health and ecological risk assessment of combined exposure to multiple chemicals”

EFSA: **Scientific Opinion** on an application by Dow AgroSciences LLC (EFSA-GMO-NL-2011-91) for the placing on the market of **GM herbicide-tolerant soybean** DAS-68416-4 for food and feed uses, import and processing

EFSA: **Re-evaluation of glycerol** (E 422) as a food additive

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**Digital & Information Society**

VP Ansip and Commissioner Jourová travelling to Hanover for **CeBIT 2017**

**BEREC** opinion on phase II investigation into the market for wholesale high-quality access provided at a fixed location in the Netherlands

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**Transport & Mobility**

10 years of **EU Air Safety List** - achievements and room for improvements

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**Justice & Home Affairs**

**Joint Statement** by Julian King, Commissioner for the Security Union and Marco Minniti, Italian Minister of Interior

The European Commission and Member States consumer authorities ask social media companies to comply with EU consumer rules (**IP/17/631** & **Common Position**)

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**Euro, ECB & Economy**

Speech by Peter Praet: The ECB's monetary policy: past and present

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**Macroeconomic effects of secondary market trading**

*ECB Working paper no. 2039*

**Eurogroup chief** becomes **casualty** of **Dutch election** - Labour loss could cost Dijsselbloem his post despite seeing eurozone through crises

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IMF pressured in **Washington** over **Greek bailout** - Conservatives in US Congress say Europeans should solve the crisis on their own

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**Future of Europe & Brexit**

**Broken Europe is down but not out** - Politicians should not blame bad things on Brussels while taking all the credit

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**UK expats in Spain** bite **Brexit bullet** - Britain’s departure from EU pushes some to switch Spanish citizenship

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The **parallels** between **Brexit** and **Scottish independence**

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**Foreign Affairs**

EU scales-up its **response** to famine and drought affected countries in Horn of Africa with an additional €165 million (**IP/17/671**)

**Arctic**: ban oil drilling and mitigate tensions, urge MEPs

MEPs welcome **2016 reform efforts** in Montenegro

**Defence**: MEPs urge member states to show political will and join forces

EU says **Balkans** would benefit from a **single market** - Brussels recommends trade bloc to stabilise region as tensions increase

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**Kiev** hits **5 Russian banks** with sanctions - Move follows Putin’s order for lenders to recognise passports from breakaway republics

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