**Competition**

Opinion of Advocate General Ms Julianne Kokott of 17.01.2019 in Case C-637/17, Cogeco Communications Inc Vs. Sport TV Portugal, SA, Controlinveste-SGPS, SA and NOS-SGPS, SA -

Re: Reference for a preliminary ruling - Competition - Private enforcement - Directive 2014/104 / EU - Actions for damages under national law for breaches of competition law provisions of the Member States and the EU - Compensation for damage caused by an agreement - Limitation periods for actions for damages under national law - Evidential value of a decision of a national competition authority in the action for damages - Applicability ratione temporis of a directive to facts which took place before its entry into force - Deadline for transposition of the directive

**Non-opposition** to a notified concentration
(Case M.9046 - Taiyo Nippon Sanso/Praxair EEA Business)

**Non-opposition** to a notified concentration
(Case M.8951 - Suzano Papel e Celulose/Fibria Celulose)

**Non-opposition** to a notified concentration
(Case M.9202 - Bain Capital/Oscar Holding)

**Non-opposition** to a notified concentration
(Case M.9191 - SoftwareONE/Comparex)

**Non-opposition** to a notified concentration
(Case M.9201 - Siemens/TUTPL/SPC JV)

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case M.9268 - Macquarie/Jera Power International/Ørsted InvestCo/Swancor/Formosa I Wind Power)

**Belgium** - Notification of a concentration – MEDE CC-19-0004 - GCV StaPal/Groep VDB

CMA clears airport services merger

CMA full text decision on Loxam Group / UK Platforms merger

CMA refers TopCashback / Quidco merger to a Phase 2 investigation

**Romania** - The Competition Council opened an investigation on a possible abuse of dominant position of Delgaz Grid SA

**Romania** - The Competition Council assesses the taking over of Wirom Gas SA by Engie Romania SA

Speech by Ms Margrethe Vestager “Shaping competition policy in the era of digitisation”

**EU competition chief urges tougher China defences** - Yet Margrethe Vestager also argues rules should not be ignored to allow Alstom-Siemens tie-up

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Opinion of Advocate General Wahl of 17.01.2019 in Case C-706/17, Achema AB, Orlen Lietuva AB, AB ‘Lifosa’ Vs. Valstybinė kainų ir energetikos kontrolės komisija (VKEKK) Lietuvos Respublikos energetikos ministerija, UAB, ‘BALTPOOL’

Re: State aid - Concept of ‘State resources’ - Selectivity - Effects on trade - Distortion of competition - Services of general economic interest in the electricity sector - Altmark conditions
Agenda for: 53rd Plenary Meeting of the Trade Contact Group on preparedness of the UK’s departure from the EU of 17.01.2019

Agenda for: 21st Customs Laboratories European Network Plenary Meeting on 13.02.2019

EP legislative resolution of 15.01.2019 on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council implementing the safeguard clauses and other mechanisms allowing for the temporary withdrawal of preferences in certain agreements concluded between the EU and certain third countries


EP legislative resolution of 16.01.2019 on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the EU and the P.R. of China in connection with DS492 EU - Measures affecting Tariff Concessions on Certain Poultry Meat Products

EU imposes safeguard measures on rice from Cambodia and Myanmar (IP/19/427 & Regulation (EU) 2019/67)

European Commission set to adopt definitive safeguard measures on imports of steel (See the Acea Statement) Wall Street Journal 17.01.2019

EU requests bilateral dispute settlement consultations with Ukraine over wood export ban

Negotiations on a new Partnership Agreement between the EU and ACP countries: first round of talks conclude (Memo/19/5903)

EP - Preferential tariffs to help Western Sahara to develop (See the EP Resolution)

Answer given by Ms Malmström - EU-Taiwan BIT - E-005498/2018

Answer given by Ms Malmström - Effects of the tariffs unfairly imposed on Spanish table olives in the USA - E-005529/2018

Trump is leaning towards car tariffs, ally says - Iowa senator insists US president wants pressure EU on farm products Financial Times 17.01.2019

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Government publishes draft UK REACH statutory instrument (See the Impact assessment & RPC report)

Answer given by Ms Bieńkowska - Toxic products - E-005263/2018

Commission welcomes EP's position on InvestEU (IP/19/444 & EP Statement)

Education: new report on the integration of students from migrant backgrounds into schools

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Single Market: Commission welcomes Member States' commitments to terminate all BITs within the EU (See the Achmea judgement & Communication)
**Agenda for: Financial Services Working Party (CBDF) of 24.01.2019**

ESMA reports on accepted market practices under MAR

**Agriculture & Fisheries**

Implementation and impact of key EMFF on the Common Fisheries Policy, and the post-2020 EMFF proposal

**Energy**

Agenda for: Working Party on Energy of 22.01.2019

**Environment & Climate Change**

CO2 emission standards for cars and vans: Council confirms agreement on stricter limits

Pesticides: MEPs propose blueprint to improve EU approval procedure

EEA - More action needed to tackle mixtures of chemicals in Europe’s waters

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Minutes of the Commission Expert Group on Residues of Veterinary Medicines of 14.12.2018

EU to help boost exports of generic pharmaceuticals (See the Full Text)

Meeting documents of the 10th Meeting of the STAMP Expert Group of 03.12.2018

EU consults on revised limits on formaldehyde, aluminium in toys

**Euro, ECB & Economy**

MEPs spell out priorities for the European Central Bank and on banking union

Interview of Sabine Lautenschläger with Politico

**Future of Europe & Brexit**

Irish watchdog urges UK auditors to prepare for 'no deal' Brexit - British firms would need to register as 'third country' auditors without a deal

Theresa May has one last throw of the Brexit dice - She should set aside her vanity and behave as a prime minister not a party leader

Could customs union help May close a Brexit deal? - Adopting the idea could attract Labour support, but deeply anger Eurosceptics and DUP

Brexit crisis/gilts: sound despite fury - The odds are surely narrowing that the UK remains in the EU

**Foreign Affairs**

Judgment of the Court of 17.01.2019 in Case C-168/17, SH Vs, TG in the presence of: UF

Re: Reference for a preliminary ruling – CFSP - Restrictive measures taken in view of the situation in Libya - Chain of contracts concluded for the purpose of issuing a bank guarantee for the benefit of an entity on a list of freezes of funds - Payment of costs under counter-guarantee contracts - Regulation (EU) No 204/2011 - Article 5 - Concept of “funds made available to an entity listed in Annex III to Regulation No 204/2011” - Article 12 (1) (c) - Concept of “claim as security” - Concept of "person or entity acting on behalf of a person referred to in Article 12 (1) (a) or (b)"

HR/VP Federica Mogherini in Malta for the 15th Meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the 5+5 Western Mediterranean Dialogue