**Competition**

*Non-opposition* to a notified concentration (Case **M.9117** - Saudi Aramco/Arlanxeo)

Commission seeks feedback on commitments offered by Disney in pay-TV investigation (*IP/18/6346, Communication & AT.40023*)

EU competition rules on vertical agreements – evaluation roadmap

Bundeskartellamt has cleared the merger between Karstadt Warenhaus and Galeria Kaufhof

Siemens willing to make Alstom merger concessions - Chief executive Joe Kaeser willing to compromise should regulators quash deal (*Financial Times 09.11.2018 p.14*)

CMA - Musical instruments and equipment: suspected anti-competitive agreements 50565-2

**State Aid**

Commission notice amending the EU Guidelines for State aid in the agricultural and forestry sectors and in rural areas 2014 to 2020

Authorisation for State aid pursuant to Articles 107 and 108 of the TFEU - Cases where the Commission raises no objections (*OJ C406, 09.11.2018 p.1 & 13*)

State aid - France - SA.47867 (2017/FC) - Alleged aid to Ryanair at Montpellier airport - Invitation to submit comments pursuant to Article 108(2) of the TFEU

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**Commission** approves €15 million public support to promote shift of freight traffic from road to waterways in Sweden (*Midday Express 09.11.2018*)

Commission approves French public funding for the extension of the Lyon district heating network and the construction of a biomass boiler (*Midday Express 08.11.2018*)

**Trade & Customs**

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) **2018/1684** of 8.11.2018 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of lever arch mechanisms originating in the P.R. of China following an expiry review pursuant to Article 11(2) of Regulation (EU) **2016/1036** of the European Parliament and of the Council

Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the relevant agreements under Article XXI GATS with Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, the Separate customs territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu (Chinese Taipe), Columbia, Cuba, Ecuador, Hong Kong China, India, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, the Philippines, Switzerland, and the United States, on the necessary compensatory adjustments resulting from the accession of the Czech Republic, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Malta, the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Slovenia, the Slovak Republic, the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden to the European Union

JETRO 60th anniversary symposium - Remarks by DG Azevêdo
DG Azevêdo and Prime Minister Abe discuss easing global tensions and strengthening WTO

Answer to a written question by Ms Malmstrom

China exports to US grow despite Trump’s tariffs - Imports from US shrink, strengthening Beijing’s resolve to resist concessions

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Internal Market, Industry, SMEs

Weekly Calendar from 12.11 to 18.11.2018

EU agencies Eurofound, EU-OSHA, Cedefop: Council approves the provisional agreement with the European Parliament.

Classification in relation to air permeability for rooflights of plastic and glass and roof hatches (Draft delegated regulation and Annex)

Commission welcomes 3 new members to the Governing Board of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (See the factsheet)

Social innovation for the young: Commission announces winners of EU competition

Making certain key products and services accessible across the EU: Statement by Commissioner Thyssen following the provisional agreement between the EU institutions

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Agenda for: Financial Counsellors Working Party Meeting of 13.11.2018

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 as regards the procedures and authorities involved for the authorisation of CCPs and requirements for the recognition of third-country CCPs - Presidency Compromise Text


2014 as regards prudent valuation for supervisory reporting

Roadmap - Amendments to the implementing rules on solvency applicable to insurers (Draft delegated regulation and Annex 1 & 2)

ESMA launches call for evidence on periodic auctions for equity instruments

ESMA updates Q&A on ESMA’s temporary product intervention measures

ESMA renews binary options prohibition for a further 3 months from 2 January 2019

ESMA proposes a regulatory change to support the Brexit preparations of counterparties to uncleared OTC derivatives

EU plans reprieve to derivatives deals to avoid Brexit chaos - Regulators will allow temporary exemptions to prevent disruption to thousands of uncleared derivatives contracts

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Taxation

Agenda for: Fiscal Counsellors/Attachés from the Permanent Representations of 16.11.2018

The EU list of non-cooperative jurisdictions for tax purposes – Report by the Code of Conduct Group (Business taxation) suggesting amendments to the Annexes of the Council conclusions of 5 December 2017, including the de-listing of one jurisdiction

Agriculture & Fisheries

Dairy market: skimmed milk powder stocks reduced by half (IP/18/6361)

EU Farm Policy - Evaluation of the impact of the CAP on habitats, landscapes and biodiversity

Energy

Polish gas deal aims to break Russian stranglehold

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**Health, Food & Products Safety**

**Agenda** for: Working Party on Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices of 13 & 14.11.2018

EFSA - *Food safety*: simplified approach to make *food donations* easier


**Digital & Information Society**

Digital Single Market: Council adopts new rules on free flow of non-personal data and on audiovisual media services (See the factsheet)

**Justice & Home Affairs**


Security Union: Commission proposal for a stronger eu-LISA Agency adopted (IP/18/6324)

**Data Privacy & Cybersecurity**

Data brokers and credit scorers accused of GDPR breaches - Campaign group Privacy International files complaints and calls for EU investigation (Financial Times 09.11.2018 p.14)

**ECB, Euro & Economy**

Decision (EU) [2018/1625](#) of the ECB of 8.10.2018 amending Decision [ECB/2007/7](#) concerning the terms and conditions of TARGET2-ECB (ECB/2018/24)


Mario Draghi defends ECB in fiery hearing in Irish parliament (Financial Times 09.11.2018)

**Rome** bet on **state benefits** rise draws

**Brussels** ire - Italy proposes lifting payments to poor and unemployed to as much as €780 per month (Financial Times 09.11.2018)

**Future of Europe & Brexit**

**Impact** of Brexit on Welsh freight and haulage industries examined - Welsh Affairs Committee examines evidence on Brexit impact to freight and road haulage industries

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