**Competition**

Non-opposition to a notified concentration
(Case M.9104 - Bain Capital Private Equity/Esure Group)

Non-opposition to a notified concentration
(Case M.9096 - Vallourec Tubes/Bpifrance Group/Vallourec Umbilicals)

Commission approves acquisition of GitHub by Microsoft (IP/18/6155 & M.8994)

Commission clears acquisition of joint control of certain industrial gas and helium assets of Linde and Praxair by Messer and CVC (M.9059)

Commission clears the acquisition of control over Avolon by ORIX Aviation Systems and Bohai (M.9103)

**Trade & Customs**

Agenda for: Trade Policy Committee (Deputy Members) of 26.10.2018

Minutes - Meeting of the Customs Code Committee - Data Integration & Harmonisation section of 17.09.2018

Minutes of the 75th meeting of the ACP-EU Subcommittee on Trade Cooperation of 19.10.2018

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1579 of 18.10.2018 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty imposed on imports of Certain pneumatic tyres, new or retreaded, of rubber, of a kind used for buses or lorries, with a load index exceeding 121 originating in the P.R. of China and repealing Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/163

Report from the Commission - 15th Report overview of Third Country Trade Defence Actions against the EU for 2017

European Commission welcomes Member States' support to settle WTO dispute with the United States (See the Council' Statement)

EU and Japan discuss economic cooperation at the 1st High-level Industrial, Trade and Economic Dialogue (IP/18/6160)

**State Aid**

Action brought on 15.08.2018 - Danske Slagtermestre vs. European Commission (Case T-486/18)

Re: Annullment of Commission Decision on State aid case SA.37433(2017/FC)

Commission approves €200 million in public support for renewable energy for self-suppliers of electricity in France (IP/18/6168 & SA.49180)

Roadmap - Government support for export insurance (short-term credit insurance) – extension of EU rule
EU and Singapore forge closer economic and political ties (IP/18/6139)

WTO suffers collateral damage from Trump and China - With its rule book undermined by Beijing and its judicial arm criticised by the US, can the body restore its reputation?
Financial Times 22.10.2018

Kudlow accuses China of refusing to engage on trade - Trump's top economic adviser lowers expectations of truce in tariffs war
Financial Times 22.10.2018

Internal Market & Competitiveness

Agenda of the EP Plenary session of 22-28.10.2018

EU supports breakthrough wind energy technology in Portugal with €60 million loan granted by the EIB under InnovFin to Windplus

Financial Services & Taxation

ESAs write to EFRAG on the endorsement process of IFRS 17 insurance contracts

Report from the Commission on the activities of the IFRS Foundation, EFRAG and PIOB in 2017

Agenda for: Working Party on Tax Questions (Indirect Taxation - Digital) of 25.10.2018

Agriculture & Fisheries

Agriculture: Latest report shows income increase in the EU farming sector

Health, Food & Safety Products

Appeal brought on 27.07.2018 by Bayer CropScience AG against the judgment of the General Court of 17.05.2018 in Case T-429/13: Bayer CropScience AG Vs. European Commission (Case C-499/18 P)

Agenda - Joint meeting of the EU Physical Activity Focal Points Network and of the High Level Group on Nutrition and Physical Activity (Luxembourg, 25.10.2018)

Agenda - Joint meeting of the High Level Group on Nutrition and Physical Activity and the Platform for Action on Diet, Physical Activity and Health (Luxembourg, 26 October 2018)


EFSA - Evaluation of confirmatory data following the Article 12 MRL review for pendimethalin

EFSA - Scientific Opinion on Flavouring Group Evaluation 200, Revision 1 (FGE.200 Rev.1): 74 α,β-unsaturated aliphatic aldehydes and precursors from chemical subgroup 1.1.1 of FGE.19

EFSA - Scientific Opinion of Flavouring Group Evaluation 411(FGE.411): 2-(4-methylphenoxy)-N-(1H-pyrazol-3-yl)N-(thiophen-2-ylmethyl)acetamide from chemical group 30 (miscellaneous substances)

Digital & Information Society

Agenda for: Working Party on Telecommunications & Information of 26.10.2018

Roadmap - Cooperative, Connected and Automated Mobility (CCAM)

Answer by VP Ansip: Problem with so-called geoblocking - P-004420/2018

Cyber-Security & Data Privacy

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the respect for private life and the protection of personal data in electronic communications and repealing Directive 2002/58/EC (Regulation on Privacy and Electronic Communications) - Examination of the Presidency text
Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on a framework for the free flow of non-personal data in the EU (first reading) - Adoption of the legislative act

Justice & Home Affairs

Poland must immediately suspend the application of the provisions of national legislation relating to the lowering of the retirement age for Supreme Court judges (See Court Press Release No.159/2018 - Order in Case C-619/18)

Financial Times 19.10.2018

Transport & Mobility

2018 No. 1088 - Exiting the EU – Civil Aviation - The Airports (Groundhandling) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018

ECB, Euro & Economy

Provision of deficit and debt data for 2017 - second notification - Euro area and EU28 government deficit both at 1.0% of GDP - Government debt at 86.8% and 81.6% respectively

Future of Europe & Brexit

Brexit worries puts stockpiling on companies’ agenda - Warehousing and financing will test businesses’ efforts to keep supply chains moving

Financial Times 19.10.2018

Foreign Affairs

Council Decision (EU) 2018/1582 of 15.10.2018 on the position to be taken on behalf of the Union within the Joint Committee established by the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Partnership and Cooperation between the EU and its Member States, of the one part, and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, of the other part, as regards the adoption of the rules of procedure of the Joint Committee, and the establishment of subcommittees and the adoption of their terms of reference

Remarks by President Donald Tusk at the EU-ASEAN leaders’ meeting

The EU adopts new actions to enforce rule of law in Jordan bringing the overall support to the country to nearly €2 billion (IP/18/6151 & the factsheet)

EU-Republic of Korea Summit: building on a well-established partnership (IP/18/6146 & factsheet - Opening remarks by President Donald Tusk)

Commission launches online tool to measure how well Europe and Asia are connected (IP/18/6144)

US fears Russia will help Iran evade oil sanctions - Warning comes as Trump administration tries to halt Tehran’s crude exports

Financial Times 19.10.2018