

Competition

Non-opposition to a notified concentration
(Case [M.8747](#) - **Bolloré/APMM/CIT**)

Prior **notification** of a concentration
(Case [M.9240](#) - **Siemens Project Ventures /Veja Mate Offshore Project**)

Prior **notification** of a concentration
(Case [M.9170](#) - **EPIC SNCF Mobilités /Ceetrus/JV**)

CMA publishes **decision** to impose **penalty** on **Ausurus** and **EMR**

Ireland - **CCPC** to **carry out a phase 2 investigation** of **Berendsen(Elis)/Kings Laundry** merger

Latvia - The **Competition Council** took a **decision** to **prohibit** **SIA MAXIMA Latvija** to **use the commercial premises** in the **centre** of the **capital Riga**

Romania - **E.On's Delgaz Grid** faces **dominance-abuse** probe

EU rail merger's fate hangs on **coming China threat** - *Siemens-Alstom tie-up sold as vital for matching Beijing – but watchdog not convinced*
[Financial Times 11.01.2019](#)

State Aid

State Aid Weekly e-News - [No.1/19](#)
- Covers from 21.12.2018 to 10.01.2019

EU opens probe into **Nike's Dutch tax arrangements** - *Competition watchdog investigating whether footwear maker breached state aid rules*
[Financial Times 11.01.2019 p.11](#)

Trade & Customs

Agenda for: **Working Party** on **Customs Union** of **15.01.2019**

Agenda for: **EP Inta Committee** on **23-24.01.2019**

Agenda for: **Trade Policy Committee (Steel, textiles & other industrial sectors)** of **16.01.2019**

Minutes of **CLEN – SAMANCTA technical meeting** of **14-15.11.2018**

The **Agreement** between the **EU** and **Japan** for an **Economic Partnership**, signed in **Tokyo** on **17 July 2018**, will **enter into force** on **1 February 2019**

Draft Opinion by **MEP Doru-Claudian Frunzulica** on the **proposal** for a **Council decision** on the **conclusion** of the **FTA** between the **EU** and the **Socialist Republic of Viet Nam**

Draft Opinion by **MEP Doru-Claudian Frunzulica** on the **proposal** for a **Council decision** on the **conclusion** of the **Investment Protection Agreement** between the **EU** and its **Member States**, of the **one part**, and the **Socialist Republic of Viet Nam**, of the **other part**

EU: Postpone vote on **Vietnam FTA**
[Human Rights Watch Press Release - 10.01.2019](#)

Speech by **Cecilia Malmström** in **Washington D.C.**

Report by **Iuliu Winkler** - **Agreement** in the **form** of an **Exchange of Letters** between the **Union** and the **P.R. of China** in **connection** with the **WTO dispute settlement** proceedings **DS492** **Measures** affecting **Tariff Concessions** on **Certain Poultry Meat Products**

WTO - Thailand [appeals](#) compliance [panel report](#) regarding Thai measures on imported cigarettes

German business calls for tougher stance on China - *BDI wants protection for companies from Beijing's 'state dominated economy'* (See the [BDI Paper](#))
[Financial Times 11.01.2019 p.3](#)

France to keep European audiovisual sector [out](#) of post-Brexit UK-EU FTA

Internal Market & Competitiveness

[Agenda](#) for: The High Level Working Group on Competitiveness and Growth

- Single Market project and the productivity of digital investments of industries ([Note](#))
- Coordinated Plan on Artificial Intelligence / Impact of AI on the competitiveness of EU industry ([Note](#))
- Single Market project, next steps/ Competitiveness check-up ([Note](#))

Juncker Plan: new [Venture Capital Fund](#) to benefit Portuguese start-ups (See [factsheet](#))

Financial Services

[Capital Markets Union](#): European Supervisory Authorities [report](#) on costs and performance of retail investment products

ESMA report finds [investment product performance](#) highly impacted by charges

ESMA - Summary of [Conclusions Board of Supervisors](#) meeting of 07.11.2018

EBA publishes [report](#) on cost and performance of structured deposits

EP committee wants big boost to the consumer protection powers of EU financial supervisory authorities (See [Beuc Statement](#))

Taxation

[Agenda](#) for: Working Party on [Fiscal Counsellors/Attachés](#) from the Permanent Representations of 21.01.2019

Employment & Social Policy

European Commission launches [public consultation](#) on EU [rules](#) guaranteeing equal pay between men and women

Work pensions: revamped rules on [occupational pension funds](#) will apply as of 13 January 2019

Energy

[Agenda](#) for: Working Party on [Energy](#) on 15.01.2019

[Report](#) from the Commission - Energy prices and costs in Europe (See Annexes [1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [4](#), [5](#), [6](#), [7](#), [8](#), [9](#), [10](#) & [11](#))

[Agenda](#) for: Meeting on [energy labelling](#) expert groups of 30.01.2019

Environment & Climate Change

[Agenda](#) for: Working Party on the [Environment](#) on 14 & 17.01.2019

Minutes of the 85th Meeting of the [CITES Scientific Review Group](#) of 03.12.2018

Health, Food & Products Safety

[Draft](#) - Commission Regulation (EU) .../... of XXX amending [Annex III](#) to Regulation (EC) No [1925/2006](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards trans fat, other than trans fat naturally occurring in fat of animal origin

[Draft](#) - Commission Regulation (EU) .../... of XXX amending [Annex III](#) to Regulation (EC) No [1925/2006](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards Yohimbe (Pausinystalia yohimbe (K. Schum) Pierre ex Beille)

Commission Regulation (EU) [2019/37](#) of 10.01.2019 amending and correcting Regulation (EU) No [10/2011](#) on plastic materials and articles intended to come into contact with food

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) [2019/39](#) of **10.01.2019** amending **Regulation** (EC) No [1235/2008](#) **laying down** detailed **rules** for **implementation** of **Council Regulation** (EC) No [834/2007](#) as **regards** the **arrangements** for imports of **organic products** from **third countries**

Rapid Alert System - [Weekly Report](#) - **Report 2** (Published on: 11/01/2019)

Digital & Information Society

Agenda for: Working Party on Telecommunications & Information Society of [15.01](#) & [17.01.2019](#)

Justice, Home Affairs & Migration

Judgment of the Court of 10.01.2019 in Case [C-97/18](#), **ET**

Re: Reference for a preliminary ruling - Judicial cooperation in criminal matters - Principle of mutual recognition of confiscation orders - Framework Decision 2006/783/JHA - Article 12(1) and (4) - Law governing the execution - Law of the executing State authorising recourse to imprisonment for the non-execution of the confiscation order - Conformity - Law of the issuing State also authorising recourse to a term of imprisonment - Lack of effect

Orban calls for anti-migrant takeover of EU institutions - *Hungarian PM's support for Salvini-Kaczyński alliance at odds with EPP mainstream*
[Financial Times 11.01.2019 p.3](#)

Euro, ECB & Economy

Speech by [Yves Mersch](#): **Tenth anniversary** of the **euro** in **Slovakia**

Attenuating the forward guidance puzzle: implications for optimal monetary policy

[ECB Working Paper Series No.2220 - Jan.2019](#)

First release for the **third quarter** of **2018**
- **Business investment rate** **up** to **23.3%** in the **euro area** - **Business profit** share down to **40.3%**
- **Household saving rate** **up** to **12.3%** in the **euro area** - **Household investment rate** stable at **9.1%**

ECB considered downgrading economic outlook in December - *Minutes from last month's meeting highlight policymakers' difficult balancing act*
[Financial Times 11.01.2019 p.3](#)

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Future of Europe & Brexit

Remarks by **President Donald Tusk** at the **opening ceremony** of the **Romanian Presidency**

EU and Romanian leaders spar at launch of bloc presidency - *Tense start lays bare union's growing internal dispute over alleged authoritarian creep*
[Financial Times 11.01.2019](#)

The **Protocol 1** to the **EEA Agreement** ([Amendment](#)) (EU Exit) **Regulations 2018**