EU CORONAVIRUS RESPONSES

HEALTH

• Answer given by Ms Kyriakides to a MEP written question – EU mandate to procure vaccines against the SARS-CoV-19 virus
• EMA starts rolling review of Novavax’s COVID-19 vaccine (NVX-CoV2373)

STATE AID

• Answer given by Ms Vestager to a MEP written question – Portugal’s rescue of TAP – Transportes Aéreos de Portugal

ECONOMY

• Covid-19 recovery: how the main EU instrument will work – See the EP Statement

MOBILITY

• Council Recommendation (EU) 2021/132 of 2 February 2021 amending Recommendation (EU) 2020/912 on the temporary restriction on non-essential travel into the EU and the possible lifting of such restriction

COMPETITION

• Prior notification of a concentration (Case M.10067 – ElringKlinger/Plastic Omnium New Energies/EKPO Fuel Cell Technologies/ElringKlinger Fuelcell Systems Austria)
• Prior notification of a concentration (Case M.10125 – GBL/Canyon)
• Prior notification of a concentration (Case M.10128 – Stirling Square Capital Partners/TA
• **Non-opposition** to a notified concentration (Case **M.10040** – M Group Services/Skanska Infrastructure Services)

• **Commission clears acquisition of Dorel by the Cerberus Group (M.10086)** – *Midday Express*

• **Italy** – **C12358** – Acquisition by Cellnex Italia S.p.A. of CK Hutchison Networks Italia S.p.A.

• **Norway** – *Survey* shows that several companies use monitoring algorithms

• **Portugal** – The PCA Board adopted a non-opposition decision on the merger **3/2021** – Edify / Ligier Développement

• **Portugal** – The PCA Board adopted a non-opposition decision on the merger **2/2021** – SAUR / Criar Vantagens

• **Portugal** – The PCA Board adopted a decision of inapplicability of the merger **1/2021** – Graco BV / Hi-Tech

• **Romania** – The Competition Council assesses the taking over of some farms by Premium Pork Commercial

• **Romania** – *Activity Report* of the Competition Council – 2020 –

• **The Netherlands** – ACM sees **risks associated** with paid ranking for consumers and competition

• **Nvidia-Arm antitrust probes, Australia vs Google, bargain retailers** – The EU and the UK are set to open probes into Nvidia’s $40bn acquisition of chip designer Arm – *Financial Times*

**STATE AID**

• **Answer** given by Ms Vestager to a MEP **written question** – ‘Digital bonus’ under the State aid rules

**TRADE & CUSTOMS**

• **Judgment of the Court of 4 February 2021 in Case C-324/19**, eurocylinder systems AG Vs. Hauptzollamt Hamburg-Stadt,


• **Judgment of the Court of 4 February 2021 in Case C-760/19**, JCM Europe (UK) Ltd Vs. Commissioners for Her Majesty’s Revenue and Customs, Re: Reference for a preliminary ruling – Customs union – Common Customs Tariff – Combined Nomenclature – Tariff classification – Headings 8472 and 9031 – Bank note validator and cash boxes – Device intended to be integrated in a host device and connected to an external control centre – Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/1760 – Validity

• **Report** from the Commission on the implementation of Regulation (EC) No 428/2009 setting up a Community regime for the control of exports, transfer, brokering and transit of dual-use items

• **Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 654/2014 concerning the exercise of the Union’s rights for the application and enforcement of international trade rules** = **Outcome** of the written procedure completed on 3 February 2021 = Adoption of the legislative act = Approval of the joint declarations

• Report of the 35th round of negotiations on the EU-China Comprehensive Agreement on Investment

• **Answer** given by Executive VP Dombrovskis to a MEP **written question** – The imposition of 25 % tariffs on items imported from the United States

• **Global Trade Today is Global Value Chains** – See ECIPE **Policy Paper**

**INTERNAL MARKET & INDUSTRY**

• **Dangerous substances** – List of authorisation decisions taken by the EEA EFTA States in accordance with Article 64(8) of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (REACH) in the first half of 2020

• **European Construction Sector Observatory** – Policy fact sheet
  – **Austria** – Construction Fit – Thematic Objective 2, 4, 5 & Occupational Health and Safety
  – **Germany** – Good Construction Initiative – Thematic Objective 2 & Occupational Health and Safety
  – **Finland** – Zero Accidents in the Construction Industry 2020 – Thematic Objective 2 & Occupational Health and Safety
  – **Ireland** – BeSMART.ie for Construction – Thematic Objective 2, 4 & Occupational Health and Safety
  – **Poland** – ‘Construction Site! Stop the Accidents!’ Initiative – Thematic Objective 2 & Occupational Health and Safety

• **Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions programme**: €100 million to support around 1,200 researchers in Europe – **Midday Express**

**FINANCIAL SERVICES**

• ESMA updates **Q&As** on MiFID II and MiFIR market structures topics

• ESMA **provides** input to the Commission on improvements for ELTIF

• ESMA – **Opinion** on position limits on ICE Endex NCG natural gas contracts

• **Opening speech** by President von der Leyen at the ETUI-ETUC Conference: ‘Towards a new socio-ecological contract’

• EIOPA’s Board of Supervisors **agrees** on changes to the PRIIPs key information document

**TAXATION**

• Agenda for: 23rd meeting of the **Administrative cooperation** in the field of direct taxation of 04 February 2021

• Convention on the elimination of double taxation in connection with the adjustment of profits of associated enterprises (Arbitration Convention) – List of **independent persons** of standing

**ENVIRONMENT**

• Agenda for: Working Party on International Environment Issues (Biodiversity) of 08 February 2021 & (Climate change) of 10 February 2021

• Minutes of the 6th meeting of the **Access and benefit sharing** (ABS) Consultation Forum of 14 January 2021
• Minutes of the 20th Meeting of Group of Experts of the competent CITES Management Authorities of 04 December 2020
• Working Documents – 5th meeting of the Environmental Compliance and Governance Forum of 22 January 2021
• Advanced digital technologies can play a crucial role in making Europe’s waste management systems more circular and sustainable – see EEA Statement
• How the EU wants to achieve a circular economy by 2050 – see the EP Statement

HEALTH, FOOD & PRODUCT SAFETY

• Presentation of the opinion by the Expert Panel – Hearing on public procurement in healthcare systems
• Beating cancer: MEPs react to the EU Plan for joint action – See the EP Statement & the Communication & Annex
• EFSA’s scientific advice to inform harmonised front-of-pack labelling and restriction of claims on foods
• EFSA – ONE – Health, Environment, Society – Conference 2022
• EFSA – Scientific Opinion on the assessment of the control measures of the category A diseases of Animal Health Law: African Horse Sickness
• EFSA – Commodity risk assessment of Persea americana from Israel
• EFSA – Scientific Opinion on Flavouring Group Evaluation 13 Revision 3 (FGE.13Rev3): furfuryl and furan derivatives with and without additional side-chain substituents and heteroatoms from chemical group 14
• EFSA – Scientific Opinion on Flavouring Group Evaluation 67, Revision 3 (FGE.67Rev3): consideration of 23 furan-substituted compounds evaluated by JECFA at the 55th, 65th, 69th and 86th meetings
• Food safety: Norway complies with European standards on ready-to-eat foods – see EFTA-ESA Statement
• EU Cancer Plan rightly puts healthy diets centre stage – see Beuc Statement

DIGITAL SINGLE MARKET

• Commission opens infringement procedures against 24 Member States for not transposing new EU telecom rules – IP/21/206

TRANSPORT

• Road safety – easy installation of alcohol interlocks in vehicles – Draft delegated regulation – Feedback period: 03 February 2021 – 03 March 2021

ECB, EURO & ECONOMY

• ECB extends bilateral euro liquidity lines with non-euro area central banks
• Volume of retail trade up by 2.0% in euro area
• Euro area annual inflation up to 0.9%
• Industrial producer prices up by 0.8% in the euro area
BREXIT

- EU-UK deal: next steps in Parliament’s scrutiny
- ECON Opinion & EMPL Recommendations on the proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part, and, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, of the other part, and of the Agreement between the European Union and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning security procedures for exchanging and protecting classified information
- Joint statement by European Commission Vice-President Šefčovič and the UK Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster Gove
- PM urges EU action to ease Brexit tensions in Northern Ireland – BBC News

FUTURE OF EUROPE

- Conference on the Future of Europe – revised Council position

EXTERNAL RELATIONS

- Russia: Declaration by the High Representative on behalf of the European Union on the sentencing of Alexi Navalny
- New START extension: Declaration by the High Representative on behalf of the European Union
- Commissioner for Crisis Management in Kabul: EU steps up humanitarian assistance with €32 million – IP/21/362
- Answer given by HP/VP Borrell to a MEP written question – The creation of a new EEAS StratCom unit dedicated to Iran