EU CORONAVIRUS RESPONSES

HEALTH

- MEPs urge EU countries to be transparent about their COVID-19 vaccine supplies
- COVID-19: MEPs want to ensure developing countries’ access to vaccines
- Answer given by Ms Kyriakides to a MEP written question – Cost of COVID vaccines for Romania
- Answer given by Ms Kyriakides to a MEP written question – The Commission’s joint procurement of the vaccine against COVID-19 – financing, distribution and branding
- EMA reviewing data on monoclonal antibody use for COVID-19
- EMA COVID-19 assessments ‘OPEN’ to non-EU regulators

STATE AID

- COVID-19: Commission approves Austrian scheme for package travel organisers and facilitators of linked travel services affected by coronavirus outbreak (SA.60521) – IP/21/415
- Commission approves second €4.9 billion Swedish guarantee scheme to support economy in context of coronavirus outbreak (SA.61486) – Midday Express

EMPLOYMENT

- Answer given by Mr Schmit to a MEP written question – Compliance with COVID-19 preventive measures at the workplace

TAXATION

the application of the Principles of Subsidiarity and Proportionality

**FINANCIAL**

- Coronavirus Response: Commission takes stock of implementation of financial sector relief measures for consumers and businesses – [Midday Express](#)

**MOBILITY**

- **Draft** – [Regulation](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 95/93 as regards temporary relief from the slot utilisation rules at Community airports due to the COVID-19 pandemic (first reading) – Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption of the legislative act – Decision to derogate from the 8-week period provided for in Article 4 of Protocol 1 on the role of national parliaments in the EU
- **Draft** – [Regulation](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down specific and temporary measures in view of the COVID-19 outbreak concerning the renewal or extension of certain certificates, licences and authorisations and the postponement of certain periodic checks and periodic training in certain areas of transport legislation, for reference periods subsequent to those referred to in Regulation (EU) 2020/698 (first reading) – Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption of the legislative act – Decision to derogate from the 8-week period provided for in Article 4 of Protocol 1 on the role of national parliaments in the EU

**COMPETITION**

- **Non-opposition** to a notified concentration (Case [M.10085](#) – Clearlake Capital Group/Siris Capital Group/Endurance/Web.com)
- **Non-opposition** to a notified concentration (Case [M.9679](#) – United Group/Bulgarian Telecommunications Company)
- **Prior notification** of a concentration (Case [M.10115](#) – PAI Partners/Apleona Group)
- **Prior notification** of a concentration (Case [M.10132](#) – Blackstone/B&J/Applegreen)
- **Prior notification** of a concentration (Case [M.10001](#) – Microsoft/Zenimax)
- **Summary of** Commission Decision of 29 September 2020 relating to a proceeding under Article 101 of the TFEU and Article 53 of the EEA Agreement (Case AT.40299 – Closure Systems) – [Opinion](#) of the Advisory Committee on restrictive agreements and dominant positions – [Final Report](#) of the Hearing Officer
- Commission clears the acquisition of joint control over Molslinjen by EFMS ([M.10120](#)) – [Midday Express](#)
- Commission clears acquisition of the personal care business of Domtar by American Industrial Partners ([M.10145](#)) – [Midday Express](#)
- Commission clears acquisition of joint control over Ecom Express Private by Partners Group and Warburg Pincus ([M.10131](#)) – [Midday Express](#)
- Speech by Margrethe Vestager at [Conference](#) on “Competition Policy Contributing to the European Green Deal”
- Germany – Bundeskartellamt imposes [fines](#) on steel forging companies
• Finland – The continuous development of algorithms requires ensuring the functioning of competition and the interests of consumers
• Malta – Notification of a concentration between salesforce.com, inc. (California, United States) and Slack Technologies, Inc. (California, United States)
• Malta – Notification of a concentration between Entain plc (Douglas, Isle of Man), through its subsidiary bwin Holdings (Malta) Limited (Valletta, Malta), and Enlabs AB (Sigtuna, Sweden)
• UK – The CMA is investigating the completed acquisition by Veolia Environnement S.A. of a minority shareholding in Suez S.A. and the anticipated voluntary public takeover bid by Veolia Environnement S.A. for the remaining share capital of Suez S.A.

STATE AID

• Authorisation for State aid pursuant to Articles 107 and 108 of the TFEU – Cases where the Commission raises no objections
• Commission opens in-depth investigation into Romanian support measures in favour of CE Oltenia (SA.59974) – IP/21/424
• Answer given by Ms Vestager to a MEP written question – Follow-up to Written Question E-001737/2020 on the recovery of illegal State aid in Bulgaria
• Answer given by Ms Vestager to a MEP written question – Fair distribution of financial support to airports

TRADE & CUSTOMS

• Agenda for: Export Credits Group of 11 February 2021
• Agenda for: Customs Union Working Party of 09 February 2021
• Minutes of the EP INTA Committee of 27 & 28 January 2021
• Notice of initiation of a partial interim review of the countervailing measures applicable to imports of certain rainbow trout originating in the Republic of Turkey (CN codes ex 0301 91 90, ex 0302 11 80, ex 0303 14 90, ex 0304 42 90, ex 0304 82 90 and ex 0305 43 00)
• Establishment of a Multilateral Investment Court – EU Trade stakeholders meeting
• Executive Vice-President Dombrovskis takes part in High-Level Dialogue on Trade and Investment – Midday Express
• Carbon levy on EU imports needed to raise global climate ambition – see the EP Statement
• The EU is an uncertain trade ally for Biden – There are plenty of tricky transatlantic issues that could derail co-operation – Financial Times

INTERNAL MARKET & INDUSTRY

• EU invests almost €7 million in European world-class supercomputing in Portugal – Midday Express

FINANCIAL SERVICES

• Agenda for: Working Party on Financial Services (NPLs) of 08 February 2021
• The three European Supervisory Authorities publish Final Report and draft RTS on disclosures under SFDR
AGRICULTURE & FISHERIES

- Judgment of the Court of 4 February 2021 In Case C-640/19, Azienda Agricola Ambrosi Nicola Giuseppe, Azienda Agricola Castagna Giovanni, Azienda Agricola Castellani Enio Nereo e Giuliano Ss, Azienda Agricola De Fanti Maria Teresa, Azienda Agricola Giacomazzi Vilmare, Azienda Agricola Iseo di Lunardi Giampaolo e Silvano Ss, Azienda Agricola Mastrolat di Mastrotto Franco e Luca Ss, Azienda Agricola Righetti Michele e Damiano, Azienda Agricola Scandola Stefano e Gianni, Azienda Agricola Tadiello Roberto, Azienda Agricola Turazza Mario, Azienda Agricola Zuin Tiziano, 2 B Società Agricola Srl, Azienda Agricola Fracasso Claudio, Azienda Agricola Pozzan Mirko Vs. Agenzia per le Erogazioni in Agricoltura (AGEA), Ministero delle Politiche agricole e forestali
  Re: Reference for a preliminary ruling – Agriculture – Common organisation of markets – Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 – Milk quotas – Surplus levies – Milk used to produce cheeses with a protected designation of origin (PDO) intended for export to non-EU countries – Exclusion – Article 32(a), Article 39(1) and (2)(a), Article 40(2) and Article 41(b) TFEU – Principles of proportionality and non discrimination – Validity

- Opinion of the Advocate General Campos Sanchez-Bordona of 4 February 2021 in Case C-830/19, C.J. Vs. Région Wallonne

ENERGY

- Commission Staff Working Documents – Assessment of the final national energy and climate plan of Italy, Ireland, Croatia, Greece, Latvia, Slovakia, Malta, Luxembourg, Poland, Slovenia, Romania, Portugal, Lithuania, Sweden

ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE

- Agenda for: Working Party on the Environment of 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 of February 2021
- Ocean governance: EU joins the International Coral Reef Initiative to protect marine ecosystems – Midday Express
- Preventing chemical pollution requires a new approach for designing safe and sustainable products – See EEA Statement

HEALTH, FOOD & PRODUCT SAFETY

- Mandate – European solidarity in public health emergencies
- Mandate – Supporting the mental health of health workforce and other essential workers
- Rapid Alert System for dangerous non-food products – Weekly Report – Report 5 (Published on: 05/02/2021)

DIGITAL SINGLE MARKET
• Keynote speech by President von der Leyen at the ‘Masters of Digital 2021’ event
• Agenda for: Horizontal Working Party on cyber issues of 09 February 2021
• Answer given by the Council to a MEP written question – Regulating data tracking tools: the Digital Services Act and ePrivacy Regulation

ECB, EURO & ECONOMY

• Eurosystem agrees on common stance for climate change-related sustainable investments in non-monetary policy portfolios – See ECB Statement
• 2020 EGOV Annual Activity Report – In-Depth Analysis – EP ECON Committee
• Thematic Digest: “When and how to deactivate the SGP general escape clause?” – Briefing – EP ECON Committee

BREXIT

• BEIS publishes updated policy paper on trading electricity with the EU
• Brussels pushes back on UK bid to rewrite Northern Ireland protocol – European Commission VP Maros Sefcovic says Britain should commit to what it agreed in Brexit treaty – Financial Times

FUTURE OF EUROPE

• 3rd Revision of the List of meetings taking place between 1 and 28 February 2021

EXTERNAL RELATIONS

• Belarus: Joint Statement by HR/VP Josep Borrell and Neighbourhood and Enlargement Commissioner Olivér Várhelyi on the 7 February Day of Solidarity with Belarus
• Message by President Charles Michel at the event celebrating the first “International Day of Human Fraternity”
• Turkey: Statement by the Spokesperson on the detentions of students and developments around Boğaziçi university
• Facts and figures about EU-Russia Relations
• Answer given by HR/VP Josep Borrell to a MEP written question – Remarks by the EU High Representative Josep Borrell at the meeting of of Foreign Affairs Ministers of 19 November 2020
• Answer given by HR/VP Josep Borrell to a MEP written question – Further provocation by Turkey directed at Greece with the issuing of a new NAVTEX