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DIGITAL

Digital Markets Act: rules for digital gatekeepers to ensure open markets enter into force

The EU Digital Markets Act (DMA) has entered into force. The law, proposed in 2020 and passed in March this year, aims to combat unfair practices in the digital economy. The DMA establishes a list of rules and obligations for gatekeepers, companies with a solid economic and intermediary position in the market. Now in force, the DMA has entered the implementation phase, which will last until May 2023. The Commission reports that it has already been in contact with industry stakeholders to ensure effective compliance with the new rules for the internal digital market.

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Make crucial traffic data available digitally, European Parliament Transport Committee says

The Parliament's Transport Committee says data on speed limits, roadworks, or accidents should be available in digital format to ensure road users are safer and better informed. MEPs have voted on new intelligent road transport systems rules to boost digitalization in the transport sector, connect different mobility apps better, and ensure wider data sharing. All in all, making mobility safer, more efficient, and more comfortable.

ENVIRONMENT

Zero emission vehicles: first 'Fit for 55' deal will end the sale of new CO2 emitting cars in Europe by 2035

The Parliament and the Council have agreed to achieve zero-emission road mobility for new cars and light commercial vehicles by 2035. The agreement, of a provisional nature, marks the first step towards adopting the 'Fit for 55' legislative proposals tabled in July 2021 by the Commission. The measure, focused on reducing CO2 emissions, reflects the EU's intentions to adopt concrete legislation to achieve more ambitious targets currently set out in the EU Climate Law.

ENERGY

EU Recovery: secure and green energy for households and enterprises

The Budget and Economic and Monetary Affairs committees have approved the inclusion of RePowerEU measures in recovery and resilience plans. The adoption of this measure, designed to encourage energy independence and accelerate the green transition, will affect all EU countries that submit an amended recovery and resilience plan. The new resilience plans should include energy saving and diversification measures, reducing energy vulnerabilities and investments to address energy poverty in vulnerable households.

ECONOMY

Payments: Commission proposes to accelerate the rollout of instant payments in euro

The Commission has adopted a legislative proposal to make instant payments available to all citizens and businesses with bank accounts in the EU and EEA countries. The proposal aims to ensure affordable, secure and processed without delay transfers throughout Europe. With this proposal, the Commission seeks to increase confidence in instant payments and remove frictions in the process of instant euro payments.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

State aid: Commission prolongs and amends Temporary Crisis Framework

The Commission has adopted an amendment to the State aid Temporary Crisis to allow MS to continue aid to the economy in the context of the war in Ukraine. The amendment extends and introduces additional flexibility for liquidity support to energy utilities for trading activities. The adoption of the new amendment introduces new measures aimed at supporting demand reduction, in addition to clarifying the evaluation criteria for recapitalization support measures.

