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The European Commission signs the First International Treaty on Artificial Intelligence



Mario Draghi publishes his report on European competitiveness



Google is fined €2.4B by the Court of Justice of the European Union in an antitrust case



Apple is fined €13B by the Court of Justice of the European Union in a state-aid case



Ursula von der Leyen presents her new team to form the College of Commissioners



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05th September 2024, Vilnius (Lithuania)

On behalf of the European Union, the European Commission Vice-President for Values and Transparency signed the Council of Europe <u>Framework Convention on AI</u>.





The objective of the treaty is to ensure that AI systems are no threats to human rights, democracy and the rule of law while enabling innovation.

This work aligns with the efforts of the European Union (EU AI Act), and of other international actors (OECD, G7, G20, UNESCO).

Other signatories of the treaty are the United Kingdom, United States, Japan, Mexico, among others.

COMMISSION SIGNS THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL TREATY ON AI

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09th September 2024, Brussels (Belgium)

Mario Draghi, italian economist and former President of the European Central Bank, shared his 400 pages <u>report</u> on EU competitiveness.



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Made of 170 recommendations, the report revolves around 3 main actions:



Closing the innovation gap with the US and China by keeping European unicorns in Europe and investing in people's skills.



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Joint borrowing as well as public & private investments of €800B per year. This requires an increase of +/- 5% in EU's investment shares.



MARIO DRAGHI'S EUROPEAN COMPETITIVENESS REPORT

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10th September 2024, Luxemburg

Google

COURT & mo JU of proceedings, the Commission found that Google were giving preferential treatment in Google search results to its own shopping services over rival offerings and decided to fine Google.

> The US company brought an action in front of the the EU General Court to annul this decision. But it was dismissed, and Google appealed to the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU).

The 10th September 2024, the CJEU agreed with the Commission's 2017 decision to give Google a fine worth 2,400,000,000 € due to anti-competitive practices.

This case is believed to be a landmark in the history of regulation action, being one of the first case against a major digital company, and strengthening the credibility of the Digital Markets Act (DMA).

GOOGLE FINED €2.4B IN ANTITRUST CASE (C-48/22P)





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10th September 2024, Luxemburg

Back in 2014, the European Commission started investigate the tax rulings that have been



granted to Apple by the Irish tax authorities, in view of a possible state aid, which was confirmed two years later.



In reaction, Ireland and Apple brought an action in front of the EU General Court to annul the Commission's decision. In 2020, they won the

case to strike down the order.

The Commission then appealed to the CJEU. On 10th September 2024, the CJEU confirmed the Commission's 2016 decision that Ireland granted Apple unlawful aid and ordered Ireland to recover up to 13,000,000,000 € from Apple.

Commission's Vice-President Margrethe Vestager said the case was a win for tax justice and fiscal transparency.

APPLE FINED €13B IN STATE AID CASE (C-465/20 P)



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17th September 2024, Brussels (Belgium)

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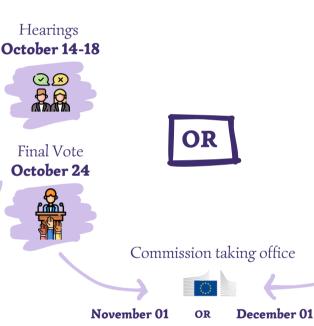
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End November

After Ursula von der Leyen secured a second term as the President of the Commission in July 2024, her first task was to put together her team of Commissioners, which she did on September 17, 2024. Candidates + respective

For MEPs to have an opinion and to confirm or reject the candidates, hearings will take place at the European Parliament in Strasbourg. portfolios in the next 2 pages



One of these two dates will be selected at the Conference Committee Chairs on Tuesday, the 1st of October 2024.

THE NEW COLLEGE OF COMMISSIONERS





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Ursula von der Leyen



EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT

Teresa Ribera Rodriguez

Clean, Just and Competitive Transition Henna Virkunnen



Tech Sovereignty, Security and Democracy



Stéphane Séjourné

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Prosperity and Industrial Strategy



People, Skills and Preparedness

Raffaele Fitto

Cohesion and Reforms

VICE-PRESIDENT



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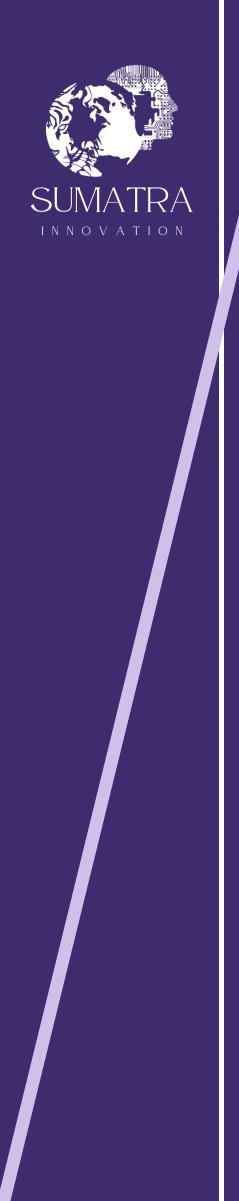
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