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**Policy Update  
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# Focus Page

## High-Level Policy Developments

Following the Regulation (EU) 2019/10201 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 March 2019 on market surveillance and compliance of products, The European Commission has:

- published a [recommendation](#) in the context of COVID-19 threat regarding the authorisation of personal protective equipment (PPE);
- drafted also an implementing regulation on the procedures for the designation of Union testing facilities.

# Energy and Environment

- ✓ **COP26:** 19 countries, including the United States, commit to stop financing fossil fuels abroad by the end of [2022](#).
- ✓ **Fit for 55:** The European Commission published a set of legislative proposals called "[Fit for 55 Package](#)".
- ✓ **Circular economy:** Commission extends [EU Ecolabel](#) to all cosmetics and pet-care.
- ✓ **European Green Deal:** EU Single Market is the key to unlock the [Green Deal](#).
- ✓ **Climate-proofing of infrastructure projects:** The European Commission has published [new technical guidance on climate-proofing of infrastructure projects](#) for the period 2021-2027.



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# Digitalisation

- **No Green Deal without digital:** By 2030, [digital](#) technologies have the potential to help other industries save 20% of global CO2 emissions.
- **Digitalisation of the energy sector:** The Commission has opened an online [questionnaire](#) to gain stakeholder feedback.
- **Digital sovereignty:** The European Commission has kick-started [two new Industrial Alliances](#): the Alliance for Processors and Semiconductor technologies, and the European Alliance for Industrial Data, Edge and Cloud.



# Artificial Intelligence

- ❖ The European Parliament leads the way on the first set of EU [rules](#) for Artificial Intelligence.
- ❖ The European Parliament's Special Committee on Artificial Intelligence in a Digital Age has published a [Briefing on the data challenge for the European Union](#).
- ❖ The European Commission published a new [report](#) titled "National Strategies on Artificial Intelligence: A European Perspective".

# Cybersecurity

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- The European Commission adopted the delegated act to the [Radio Equipment Directive](#) which lays down new legal requirements in the design and production of wireless devices.
- MEPs strengthen EU-wide requirements against [threats](#).
- COVID pandemic emphasizes the need for greater [transatlantic cooperation](#) against cyber attacks.

# Trade

- **EU and Member States:** The Commission publishes the first comprehensive [report](#) on Implementation and Enforcement of EU Trade Agreements.
- **EU and world trade:** European Parliament posted the EU's position in world trade.
- **EU-U.S.:**
  - ✓ ended the [dispute](#) over steel and aluminium tariffs;
  - ✓ the Commission launches [consultation](#) platform for stakeholder's involvement to shape transatlantic cooperation.



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# Food

- ❑ **Transformation:** The Food Industry to go [carbon-neutral](#).
- ❑ **Food system:** New EU farm to fork [strategy](#) to make our food healthier and more sustainable.
- ❑ **Food irradiation:** The European Commission has adopted its [evaluation](#) of the EU legal framework on food irradiation.
- ❑ **Sustainable food system:** The European Commission is expected to unveil a legislative [proposal](#) for a regulation to set up an EU sustainable food system framework.
- ❑ Marketresearch.biz has published the **Pesticides** Market Research Report.





# Product Compliance and Safety

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- **Product Safety:** Revision of the [Toy](#) Safety Directive and [Cosmetic](#) Products Regulation.
- **Contribution of standards:** CEN and CENELEC released a new policy paper highlighting the role of the [standards](#) in the fight with climate change.
- **Standardisation:** [BusinessEurope](#), [ANEC](#) and [DigitalEurope](#) published their position papers on the European Commission's Standardisation Strategy Roadmap.



# Medical Devices and Health

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- European Parliament and the Council made a [deal](#) on the stronger role for **EU medicines regulator**.
- **Medical devices:** the Medical Device Coordination Group (MDCG) has issued [Guidance for notified bodies, distributors and importers on certification activities](#).



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