



SNAPSHOTS OF THE WEEK - Economic and legal interrogations

June 22, 2020

European Union - China Summit

The EU-China Summit has a comprehensive agenda addressing bilateral relations, regional and international issues, the COVID-19 pandemic, and economic recovery. The EU and China are two of the biggest traders in the world. In 2019, China was the third largest partner for EU exports of goods (9 %) and the largest partner for EU imports of goods (19 %).

How the future of the European Union - China bilateral relations looks like?

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Marks 4 years since the British people have voted to leave the European Union after a historic referendum

Following the EU-UK high level meeting of June 15, 2020, the parties noted the UK's decision not to request any extension to the transition period, that will end on 31 December 2020, in line with the provisions of the withdrawal agreement. The Chief Negotiators agreed to intensify the talks in July with a view to concluding and ratifying a deal before the end of 2020.

Will the UK become a global trade hub after 1 January 2021?

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Geneva, Switzerland launches Platform on creative industries

Creative industries have a significant 3% contribution to global gross domestic product, being a powerful emerging economic sector. The Geneva Economic Development Department launches "Creative Alps" - Platform aimed at bringing together the Swiss creative industries and making them visible to revive the sector.

Will the "Creative Alps" Platform deliver on these expectations?

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World Public Service Day

Digitalization, demographic changes, ecology, gender equality, sustainability, urbanisation, data protection and security are some of the current trends in the public service. Public authorities face key challenges: making the public service more flexible, carrying out systems change, bringing structural transformations, using new technologies and protecting data.

How this transition could be effectively managed?

June 24, 2020

European Union' budget 2021

The European Commission proposes an EU budget of €166.7 billion for 2021, to be complemented by €211 billion in grants and approximately €133 billion in loans under Next Generation EU, the temporary recovery instrument aimed at mobilising investments and kick-starting the European economy.

Will the EU draft budget 2021 be adopted swiftly?

June 26, 2020

United Nations Charter has been signed, 75 years ago

Primarily created as an organization aimed at maintaining international peace and stability, the United Nations has been expanding further in various directions and across diverse social systems. From its efforts to contain the decline of multilateralism and to react to the COVID-19 pandemic, the organization attempts to adapt itself to new challenges and is forced to assume new responsibilities.

Will a reform of the United Nations tackle the current challenges?

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