

regulation made simple





Competition law applies horizontally in all sectors, in addition to any applicable sector-specific regulation.

Antitrust and merger control cases abound in the telecoms and media sectors, with significant cases also occurring in the postal sector. In the telecoms sector, antitrust interventions could even increase as EU policy potentially moves away from the sector-specific regulation of significant market power (SMP).

The rise of the digital economy is challenging traditional antitrust approaches and alleged killer acquisitions by big tech companies of nascent competitors raise questions about the effectiveness of EU and national merger control rules.

We track and analyse all of these developments, allowing clients to prepare for the business risks and commercial opportunities presented by antitrust and merger control rules, and to draw comparisons with developments in other countries.

Topical coverage

EU and national level

Abuses of dominance (article 102 TFEU), including excessive pricing and other exploitative abuses, discrimination, exclusive dealing and rebates, margin squeeze, predatory pricing, refusal to supply, self-preferencing, tying and bundling, unfair trading conditions, other exclusionary abuses and other unilateral abuses going beyond article 102 TFEU

Anticompetitive agreements (article 101 TFEU), including horizontal agreements between competitors, such as network co-investment and sharing, and vertical agreements between firms at different levels of the supply chain, such as online sales restrictions in distribution agreements

Merger control, including horizontal mergers between competitors and non-horizontal mergers







Geographic scope

EU-level and national level in 31 countries: EU-27 plus Norway, Serbia, Switzerland and the UK

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Sectors

Telecoms, Media, Digital Economy and Postal



Deliverables

Database

• Antitrust & Mergers Database - A user-friendly database explaining around 600 national and EU antitrust & merger control cases. Our clear and concise summaries are written in English, giving you a quick and cost-effective way to grasp complex issues and draw comparisons with your own local circumstances.

The database is updated with new or amended case summaries and source documents on a continuous basis.

News alerts

• Flash Messages - News alerts on significant other antitrust and merger control developments across the covered sectors, such as sector inquiries and new or amended rules.

Monitoring

- Trackers Explaining the application of key antitrust & merger control concepts in the four sectors covered by the service.
- Public documents Access to EU legislation and other official documents relevant to antitrust & merger control.

Client support

• Enquiry - Our analysts are there to help you locate information from our reports or to provide additional research, subject to certain conditions.

All deliverables are updated on a regular basis or when a major development occurs, and clients are notified via email alerts.



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