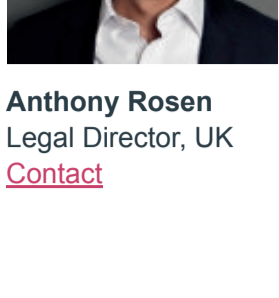


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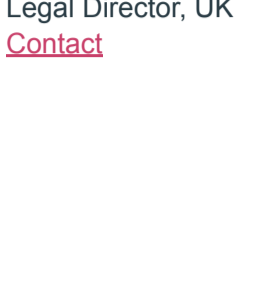


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### The UK's new digital competition regime is on the horizon – are you ready?

The UK's Digital Markets, Competition and Consumer Bill has finally been put before Parliament. The Bill establishes a new digital competition regime that will be overseen by the Digital Markets Unit within the CMA that will use a proportionate approach to tackle the challenges in digital markets. In this article we deal with highlights of the new regime and look into the differences between the Bill and the EU Digital Markets Act.

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### UK competition law powers: sharper teeth, larger fines – New Bill bolsters investigative and enforcement powers of the CMA

On 25 April 2023, the Digital Markets, Competition and Consumer Bill was finally put before Parliament. The Bill aims to increase the level of competition among businesses "both online and on the high street". It brings together a series of reforms across the CMA's competition tools and, notably, where relevant, these tools apply to sector regulators when exercising concurrent competition powers. The four focus areas include (i) merger control, (ii) market inquiries, (iii) investigation powers, and (iv) investigation and enforcement.

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##### The Microsoft/Activision collision - why did the EU and the UK disagree on this deal?

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##### That's a bit OTT: ACCC begins inquiry into wholesale regulation of telecommunications services in Australia

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##### CMA launches review into AI market

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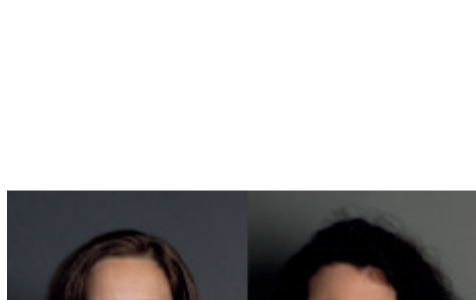
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##### Motor Vehicle Block Exemption Regulation Updates

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### Events, webinars, conferences



#### ERA Summer Course European Antitrust Law

**3 - 7 July**  
Trier, Germany

This course, organised by the Academy of European Law (ERA), will provide participants with an in-depth understanding of the basics of EU antitrust law and a comprehensive update on the latest developments in each field. Participants will have the chance to gain in-depth knowledge through case studies and workshops.

On 7 July, Bird & Bird partner [Hein Hobbelen](#) and counsel [Baptist Vleeshouwers](#) will teach a course on the **European Commission's leniency policy as a key tool in the fight against cartels** and lead a **dawn raid simulation exercise**.

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#### Informa course Competition Law Summer School 2023

**31 July - 4 August**  
Cambridge, UK | Downing College

This all-inclusive residential 5-day course will provide you with a firm understanding of the core principles of EU and UK competition law and economics, and their practical application.

The speaker lineup includes Bird & Bird competition experts:  
[Anne Federle](#) - presenting on Hard Core Cartels: Principles and Practical Examples, on Day 1, Monday 31st July.  
[Dr. Saskia King](#) presenting on 3 August:

- Chair's opening remarks
- A Practical Guide to Merger Proceedings
- Case Study: Mergers
- Navigating the Competition Process

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#### Conference Lear Competition Festival 2023

**26 - 29 September**  
Rome, Italy | WeGil - Largo Ascianghi 5

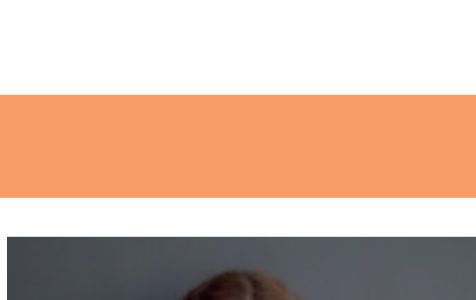
Bird & Bird is proud to be a partner of this unique four-day event in Rome focused on competition law, where participants will be able to gain a deeper understanding of specific antitrust issues through discussions, know-how sessions, networking events and much more.

On 28 September, our Rome-based Competition partner [Dr. Federico Marini Balestra](#) will moderate the plenary session **Antitrust Enforcement, Industrial Concentration and Political Power** with two prominent economists [Andrea Prat](#), Professor of Business and Economics, Columbia University and [Luigi Zingales](#), Professor of Entrepreneurship and Finance, University of Chicago Booth School of Business

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#### Partner appointed as Non-Governmental Advisor to the Danish Competition & Consumer Authority

We are proud to announce that Danish Partner and Co-Head of our international Competition & EU group [Morten Nissen](#) has been appointed as Non-Governmental Advisor to the Danish Competition & Consumer Authority ([Konkurrence- og Forbrugerstyrelsen](#)) in relation to abuse of dominance questions within the International Competition Network (ICN).



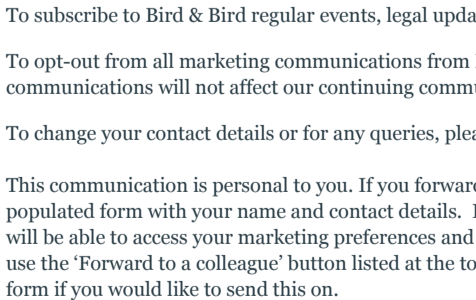
#### Top Competition lawyer in Germany

Congratulations to [Dr. Stephan Waldheim](#) for his recognition in **WirtschaftsWoche** as one of the best Antitrust lawyers of 2023. **WirtschaftsWoche** is one of Germany's most well-known economic weekly newspapers.

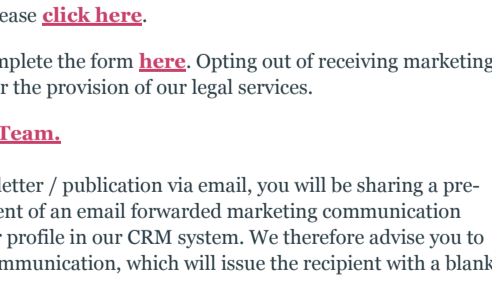
**Bird & Bird** was also recognised as "Top law firm 2023" in this publication.

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