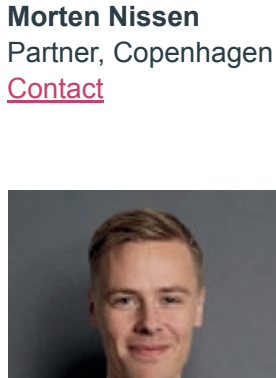


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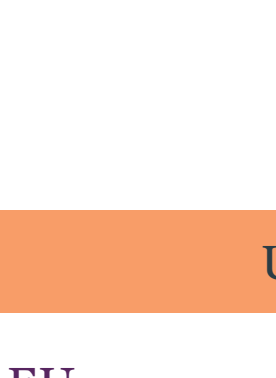


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New guidance from the European Commission on abuse of dominance – Key changes and implications

The European Commission announces new guidance on abuse of dominant positions.

With its amended guidance on enforcement priorities, the European Commission aims to reduce the importance of the 'as-efficient-competitor test' in abuse of dominance cases and to establish lower thresholds for intervening against exclusionary conduct.



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Events, webinars, conferences



Business-to-Consumer Webinar

Consumer Enforcement

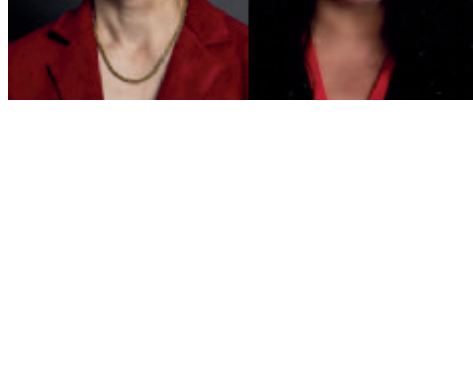
Wednesday 24 May | 16 - 17 BST

Join [Pauline Kuipers](#) and [Dr. Saskia King](#) for the third in Bird & Bird's International Business-to-Consumer series of webinars, covering the latest developments in consumer law enforcement.

This webinar will explore:

- EU development of consumer law and EU developments
- Update on consumer enforcement in the UK
- We will end with a Q&A session to make sure we have covered all areas that are important to your business.

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Conference

Antitrust Private Enforcement: Lessons for Poland

Tuesday 30 May

Warsaw | Centrum Konferencyjne Zielna

Join this upcoming conference on Private Enforcement of Competition Law, organised by our Polish office in cooperation with the **Centre for Antitrust and Regulatory Studies of the Polish Competition Law Association**. Distinguished academics and practitioners will share insights on how private enforcement is progressing in selected EU jurisdictions and discussing the key challenges that its growth faces in Poland. Topics that will be discussed include discovery, economic evidence collection and claim financing.

The keynote address will be delivered by **Jan Szczygowski** of the European Commission's Legal Service.

All panels will be held in English.

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Informa course

Competition Law Summer School 2023

31 July - 4 August

Cambridge | 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.

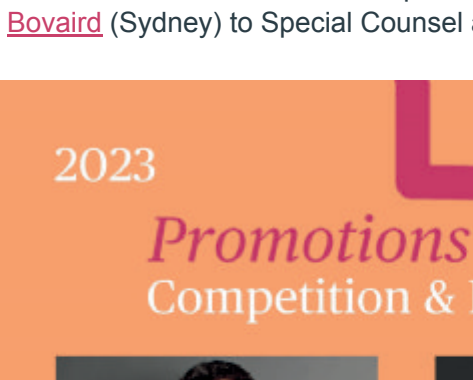
The speaker lineup includes Bird & Bird competition experts:

[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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Event summary, recordings and slides

Competition law and sector regulation in the telecom and pharmaceutical sectors

This hybrid seminar organised in collaboration with the **Centre for a Digital Society of the European University Institute (EUI)** took place in Bird & Bird's Brussels office on 22 March.

Two panels discussed the topics of:

- Net neutrality and fair sharing in the telecom sector
- Excessive pricing in the pharmaceutical sector

The keynote speech by **Paul Csiszár**, **Director of DG Competition, European Commission** at the end of the seminar was followed by a networking reception.

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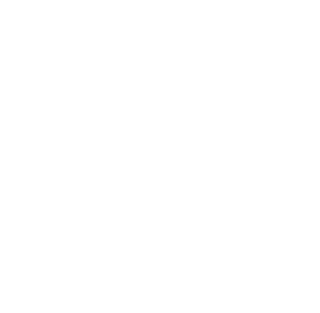
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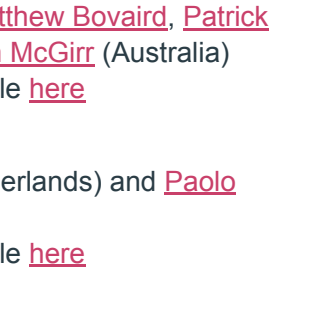
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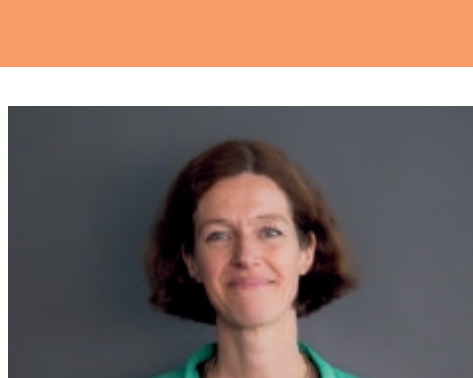
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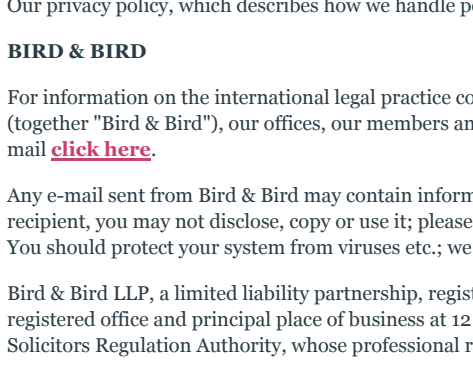
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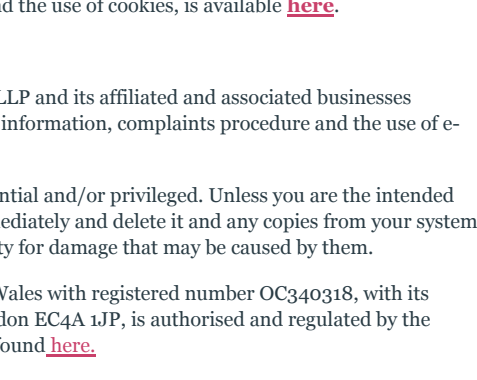
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